



**Cornerstone
Connection**

Small groups here at the church are about ready to start. The next 2 start up meetings are Oct 10 and Oct 24th. Both meetings will be held right after the 2nd service. A lite lunch will be provided. If this is not a good time for you.... its OKAY... let us know you are interested. The small groups will be meeting at different times on different days. We will make sure you are contacted by a small group leader, with a group that better fits your schedule. Come and learn more about the new group program at the church. We are looking forward, using past experiences to make this a positive growth and relationship ministry.

[Cornerstone Connection] - its all about relationships - **come and get connected.**

Hello Lafayette Church!

Inspiring Young Minds

would like to **PRAISE GOD** for all the blessing He has and is bestowing on us. Ms. Morgan, Ms. Bonnie and I all have the blessing of feeling His presence around us when the children say innocent prayers or recite bible stories and relate them to their lives! We would also to give thanks for passing yet another annual inspection by state licensing. **GOD IS GOOD!!!** Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Christian Ed. News:

We will be working on a new project during our Children's Church time (*10:30 service*) for grades K-5. All attendees will earn points for attendance, bringing their Bible, memorizing scripture and bringing a friend.

Instead of receiving personal gifts for their points, they will be earning these points to buy gifts for others.

Gifts will range from food pantry items for our church families to food, animals, mosquito netting, etc. that they can buy for others in either our country or overseas. There will be a selection of items that they can choose from. We will be keeping track of each student's points and they can redeem them whenever they want.

Hopefully, each of the students will become more involved in missions and helping others as well as become more aware of scripture and the Bible.

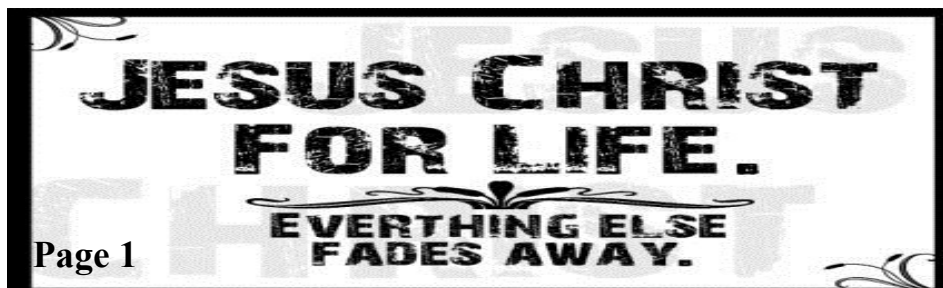
We hope to see all of the children in Children's Church!

Also, we welcome **Samantha Workinger** who will be helping each Sunday during Children's Church with the pre-k-1st graders. Thanks, Sam!



On another note (get it?) from Dam Oberholtzer

We can use more singers in our choir! Choir practice is Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and we only sing the last Sunday of each month at the 8:30 service. Come and join in the fun and fellowship as we praise our Lord!



Greetings from your Lay Leader.....



Greetings to my brothers and sisters in CHRIST!!

Yes, October is here and soon we will be **"awed"** by the smells and colors that come with Autumn....

I can not believe it has been three and a half months ago, while attending annual conference in Lakeside, that God whispered something **powerful** into my ear. I know that **He** was urging us to provide another opportunity at **Lafayette United Methodist Church** for His people to come together for a **personal, reflective prayer and healing service**. You see, the theme of Annual Conference was **Hope and Healing**. It really **grabbed my attention**. We know there can be **no Hope without Healing**. And there can be no Healing without acknowledging there is something that needs to be healed.... **HOW OFTEN DO WE SWEEP UNRESOLVED ISSUES** under the Carpet and never deal with them??? Being human, the answer is **OFTEN!!**

However...

Being **GOD ... Our Father will never give up on us.. He** speaks loudly and persistently. **He** wants us to bring **ALL** our questions and pain to **Him**. This is exactly how the prayer and healing service we are having **tonight** was formulated. A few servant leaders prayed together and the result is what **God** is offering to you **tonight**. I strongly urge you to attend. It is after all... **HIS personal invitation**... Your presence has been requested. Will you turn down the opportunity, to grow ever closer in the sacred relationship you have, with our **GREAT TRIUNE GOD??**

Looking forward to being with all of my brothers and sisters **tonight**... Basking in His Comforting and Uplifting Presence... **Together!!**

In His Great Love

Your sister,
Bonnie

From The Pastor



I know you've been noticing the changing colors of the trees as the seasonal change – **Fall** - makes its entrance onto the stage of life. As I glance out my window this morning, I notice the **fog** covering those **beautiful colors** of the leaves on the trees around the house. I know they are there. However they obscured by the **menacing fog**. This brings to mind how **menacing sin** within our lives can cover the **beautiful colors** of the **Divine Life** living within us and wanting to burst forth its colors. This **Divine Life** wants to make its way onto the stage of life each and every day in us and through us.

Is sin covering the **beautiful life dwelling within you?** 1 John 1:9 states, **"if we confess our sins, He will forgive us and cleanses us from all unrighteousness."** This is a promise that you can **take to the bank**. He has removed the fog and continues faithfully to be the cleansing agent **THROUGH HIS BLOOD** to keep the fog from His eternal purpose, which is to have Himself expressed through His people, and by His authority, bring to bear His eternal Kingdom here on earth. **He wants His trees to burst forth in their ever-changing (transformational journey) onto the stage of life.**

Let your colors shine—**don't let them be covered by the fog of life. Straightway in Christ**—move on in your life in the moment; in and through **Him**. Follow your **Captains** lead be a light to this world in the essence of the brilliance of the majesty of our **King!**

Pastor John



OUTREACH NEWS: October 10th is **Mission Sunday** and we will again start to collect for **Operation Christmas Child**. We have some of the Shoeboxes partially filled; there will be a table in the Narthex with Shoeboxes and a list of items you can include in the Shoebox. As always you can make monetary contributions toward this wonderful project. The Shoeboxes collected then shipped to children (boys and girls) ages 2 through 14, may be the only Christmas present they receive. If you would like to help with the Shoeboxes or any other Mission Projects, you can contact **Ann Kenski** or **Lynette Broggni**. Helping hands are always welcome.

October 10th is also the **Seville CROP walk** starting at 2pm from Stan Hope Park across the street from the **Seville United Methodist Church**. Funds are collected by pledges and donations for those participating in the walk. Any donations of canned goods will be donated to the food pantries. Checks can be made payable to CWS (Church World Service) 25% of the money collected stays in local food pantries. Pledge/Contribution envelopes can be found on the information table in the Narthex.

November 20th is our church Community Thanksgiving Dinner from 4 to 6pm. Actual sign up sheets will be out by October 24th **HOWEVER** if you want to jump start how you can help, **Lynette Broggni** is coordinating table set up, serving and decoration schedule. **Roger Broggni** is in charge of the kitchen and food preparation. Last year we asked people to donate and cook a turkey (s) for the meal. If you know where and how you can serve please contact **Lynette at 330-769-7525**

The next Missions meeting is scheduled on **Thursday October 28th at 10am** at the church. Please join us if you have the time.

October Birthdays.....



October 6th—Lauren Clutter
October 11th—Linda Bertram
October 14th—Betty Oldfield
October 15th—Tom Pavlescak
October 17th—Jim Dalton
October 21st—Ramona Murray

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary for this month please contact the office with any correction or addition.

Don't miss the "Time and Talent" Auction!

Oct. 17th There is an auction of both **Time and Talent**. The youth will be furnishing a carry-out (or eat-in) lunch for \$5.00. (Lasagna and all the fixings Mmm) The auction will be in the **Lance Room** following church. The Finance Committee still needs your "time" and "talents" that you wish to be auctioned. A box will be in the entryway for people to submit their "gifts".

Thanks

More Outreach News.....

There is a **Community Bulletin Board** in the entryway between the double doors of the church. Community events and announcements are posted there sooo, remember to take a look and see what else is happening in the community.

Halloween is right around the corner so there is information on **family friendly locations** with mazes and hayrides.

GFS Marketplace has a program called **Fun Funds™** Enroll in the program and shop at **GFS**. Qualifying purchases are recorded and when a certain amount is reached, **GFS** sends the church a check. This is another way to help raise money for the church. Enrollment can be by card (forms by the newsletter) Or you can enroll on line and then ask for your card the next time you shop at **GFS**. Enrollment forms and information about on line enrollment will be in the cart with the newsletters. Remember anyone can shop at **GFS**—They have some **REAL GREAT Bargains!**

THANK YOU EVERYONE!



Your Trustees....

Just in case you were wondering we thought we would let you know who your Trustees are at Lafayette United Methodist Church. They are (in no certain order)

Bob Davis
Roy Delaney
Dave Babcock
Mary Albrecht
Ray Cool
Megan McKee
Randy Moore
Matt Strehle
Ted Workinger

This way, if you have a question for a Trustee...you'll know who to complain to...uh I mean go to.

Speaking of the Trustees...

The Trustees are scheduling another Inside the Church clean-up. Men, women, kids whoever wants to help CAN help. This is going to happen most likely sometime in January. Keep an eye open for more information to come.

Finance Committee News...

The Finance Committee Meeting will be held the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning in October.

Linda Bertram is retiring as church treasurer. Her retirement is effective December 31st 2010. So, the Finance Committee is in need of someone to become treasurer. If you feel led to take on this job for the church please let someone from the finance committee know.

ALSO, THANK YOU Linda for your service to the church. We appreciate all of your hard work!



"I've stopped expecting you to make leaps of faith, but it would be nice to see a hop now and then."

A man walked into.... A church having a "healing" service. He walked right up to the alter and the minister shouted. "What are you here about today son?" The man said, "my hearing." The minister put a finger in each one of the mans ears and prayed and prayed. "Hallelujah and Amen" shouted the people of the church. The minister violently pulled his fingers out of the mans ears and said, "what do you think about your hearing now son?" "I still don't know sir," replied the man. **"My hearing isn't until next Wednesday."**

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