

Tower Talk



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Dear Friends,

There I was, seated at my assigned seat, pen in hand, ready to take notes from the first speaker of the day at a special event hosted by Ohio Health. Just as the program was about to begin, waiters dressed in white shirts and black pants stationed themselves around the room. “How odd,” I thought, “for waiters to come out just as the program begins.” I was all set to hand one of them my breakfast plate when the song *We are Family* by Sister Sledge began to play over the speakers. The waiters were not waiters at all – they were dancers! They began to dance. Ordinary people just got up from their seats all around the room and began to dance together. It began with about a dozen “waiters,” and soon, it was a mob – all dancing to a choreographed routine. It was an amazing experience. Everyone was drawn into the experience – clapping in rhythm to the music, or joining to dance in place. It was the perfect choice of a song to remind the participants that day of their role as members of the Ohio Health Family.

This experience has inspired me to invite us into a time of thinking about what it means to be the Family of Faith in the weeks following Easter. These are the themes we will explore:

- We Are the Family of Faith
- We Ask Questions
- We Tell Stories
- We Belong
- We Grow Up
- We Remember What We Know
- We Say What We See
- We Celebrate (Pentecost)

Following the lectionary readings, we will explore the implications of these characteristics for our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. Along the way, we will welcome new members into the church, including this year’s confirmation class. We will celebrate with our members who are graduating and we will celebrate the power and energy of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Though we aren’t much given to dancing in worship, we are, in a sense, a flash mob every Sunday. Ordinary people come and sing and pray together as one – and we’ve saved a place for you. Come and see – maybe we will dance!

Happy Spring!
Pastor Deb Stevens



Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 am and 11:00 am

Sermon Series: We Are the Family of Faith

Sunday, May 1

Holy Communion

Pastor Deb Stevens, preaching
We Ask Questions

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32, Psalm 16,
1 Peter 1: 3-9, **John 20: 19-31**

Sunday, May 8

Festival of the Christian Home Native American Awareness Sunday

We Tell Stories

Pastor Deb Stevens, preaching
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41,

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19,
1 Peter 1: 17-23, **Luke 24: 13-35**

Sunday, May 15

Fourth Sunday of Easter

We Belong

Pastor Deb Stevens, preaching
Acts 2: 42-47, **Psalm 23**,

1 Peter 2: 19-25, **John 10: 1-10**

Sunday, May 22

Confirmation Sunday

We Grow Up

Pastor Megan Croy, preaching
Acts 7: 55-60, Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16,

1 Peter 2: 2-10, John 14: 1-14

Sunday, May 29

Graduation Sunday

We Remember What We Know

Pastor Deb Stevens, preaching
Acts 17: 22-31, Psalm 66: 8-20,

1 Peter 3: 13-22, **John 14: 15-21**

Sunday, June 5

Ascension Sunday

We Say What We See

Pastor Deb Stevens, preaching
Acts 1: 1-11, Psalm 47,

Ephesians 1: 15-32, Luke 24: 44-53

Worship & Spiritual Vitality

Are You Aware? Native American Sunday, May 8

Native American Sunday will be observed on May 8. This is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of the United Methodist Church. Fifty percent of the collected offering is used locally to nurture Native American mission and, provide scholarships, for United Methodist Native Americans. The remaining funds are distributed between the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships and the Native American Urban Initiative of the Board of Global Ministries. In 2007, \$367,000 was collected Churchwide for Native American Sunday; in 2008, \$401,000 ; in 2009, \$351,000; and in 2010, \$325,000. Your generous contribution to this special offering can make a difference in 2011.



Graduation, Sunday, May 29th

Calling all graduates. Graduation Sunday is May 29th. Graduates will be recognized during the 11am worship service. If you are graduating from high school or receiving a post-secondary degree, please email Megan at mcroy@north-broadway.org or contact the church office at 268-8626. We will hold a special reception to honor the graduates after worship on May 29th. High school graduates are asked to provide a senior picture.

Confirmation

It has been an amazing year with our confirmands. It is hard to believe we are already at the month of May. I have learned much about these seven intelligent and wonderful young people, and I hope they have learned some things also. In addition to covering the curriculum that comes along with confirmation, we have been able to visit a Jewish Synagogue as well as serve a breakfast and worship together at the UMC For All People. The former gave us a connection to our "Old Testament roots," while the latter was an amazing experience with urban ministry! We will attempt to get connected with our "New Testament roots" by visiting the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on May 1st at 9:30 am. This will replace "class" that day, and leads me to our May calendar.

- ◆ May 1st: Visit Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
- ◆ May 8th: Our last class with the curriculum
- ◆ May 15th: Confirmation Retreat
- ◆ May 22nd: Confirmation Day!

A special thanks goes out to Pastor Megan for her trust, guidance, and support. Please remember to keep our confirmands, mentors, parents, and myself in your prayers as we head into the final month of confirmation.

May God Bless You,
Jim Pence

Adult Education

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 am
Everyone is welcome to join these Adult Sunday School classes.

Discovery Class: Rm. 203
Leadership is shared by members of the class who discuss biblical, theological and social concerns.
Facilitator: Shari Veleba.

May 1: Tell Us Your Story
– (Guests TBD)

May 8: Religion & Science
– Jeff Sharp

May 15: Planning for Summer

The Forum: Simpson Memorial Chapel
This class features speakers and discussion on a variety of topics and social issues. Team Leader: Jeff Caswell.

May 1: Faith and community in the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Part 2, led by Lucy and Jeff Caswell

May 8: Amy-Jill Levine video

New Life: Rm. 201
Bible Study. International Lesson Series.

May 1: The Christ Hymn,
Philippians 2:1-11

May 8: Heavenly Worship,
Revelation 4:1-2, 6b-11

May 15: Thankful Worship,
Revelation 7:9-17

May 22: All Things New,
Revelation 21:1-8

May 29: Tree of Life,
Revelation 22:1-9

Prayer Shawl Ministry:
Rm. 300
Meets the third Sunday of the month, May 15. Coordinator: Susan Scherer

Study Continued & Next Steps for NBUMC

The group which began a study of *Unbinding the Gospel* during Lent will continue with the study and with working on next steps for North Broadway. Join Pastor Deb and others at 7 p.m. on May 4.

You can join the group even if you didn't participate during Lent. Pastor Deb still has a couple of books for purchase, or they are available at Cokesbury. The group has read through Chapter 7.

Book Club

Everyone is welcome to join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2pm in room 111 as we discuss the following book:

- ◆ May 24 *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff

Contact Susan Scherer at 268-8626 or sscherer@columbus.rr.com

April & May Upper Room Disciplines

\$.75 Regular Print

\$1.10 Large Print

Daily devotionals written by laity and clergy from around the world. They are available at the top of the ramp.

Market Day

Order forms due by noon on Wed., May 18 and pick up is Mon., May 23 4:30-5:30pm.
Contact: Karen Tocci at 795-0380 or ktocci@me.com
www.marketday.com
Sale number 21498

Community Garden

Can you help water, weed, or deliver produce to the Community Resources Center or donate seedlings? Get involved. We're also looking for established groups and classes at the church to consider sharing among their members the task of watering the garden on the night of their regular meetings at the church. Contact: Noah Blundo at 614-352-3310 and noah.blundo@gmail.com.



NBUMC will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

For emergency assistance, call 268-8626 ext. 100 and leave a message with your name and phone number. A member of the clergy staff will return your call.

Email Notifications

Please update your records if your email has changed. Sign the note pad or email tcloudner@north-broadway.org.

Tower Talk is a free monthly publication for the members and friends of North Broadway United Methodist Church.

Email: tcloudner@north-broadway.org
June/July 10 Tower Talk
Deadline Monday, May 16

Mission, Justice, Outreach

Community Resources Center May Collection

This month we are collecting pasta and pasta sauce. Toiletry items -including soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and razors - are always welcome, as they aren't covered by food stamps.

When you're shopping in the next few weeks, please consider picking up some additional pasta/sauce or toiletries and donating them to this local mission. Please place your items in the grocery cart located just inside the Narthex on the left. Thank you, North Broadway members and visitors, for caring to share.

Questions? Contact Jill Short at jillshort@insight.rr.com or 885-1422 or Elaine Hairston at ebhairston@gmail.com or 848-7786.



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COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTER

Memorial Day 5K Walk/Run for the Community Resources Center

Support CRC on Monday, May 30th by ...

- ♦ participating in the 5K Walk/Run
- ♦ staffing the NBUMC table
- ♦ cheering on the walkers and runners.

The event starts at 9:00 am in the Whetstone Park parking lot by the casting ponds. Monies raised help CRC stock the food pantry and provide children, senior

and other services to the community. NBUMC is one of the sponsors and will have a booth at the event. Monies for the sponsorship were paid from Sharon Antle's memorial funds. To walk or run in the 5K event, look on the CRC website or contact CRC at 268-3539 .



BREAD

People of Faith Building Power to Justice
Nehemiah Action-Focus: Crime and Violence-Monday, May 2

BREAD has researched the Crime and Violence focus issue, determined action steps, and invited those public officials with the authority to implement the requested action steps. The officials come before us to commit to implementing the requested actions and to be accountable by coming back periodically to report progress.

We will gather for a cookout in the parking lot at 5pm before going down to Veterans Memorial starting at 6pm. Transportation from the church will be available.

To join us, contact Marty Mortalnd or Lin Vietz or any Justice Ministry Network member so that you have a free ticket.

www.breadcolumbus.org

Community Resources Center Benefit "Cinco de Mozart's"

Austrian Food with A Mexican Twist
Thursday, May 5
6-8:30pm

Live music by The Paul Love Trio, a delicious Mozart's European dinner, drinks and desserts
\$45/individual
\$80/couple

SERRV

The SERRV shop is in need of both new and familiar volunteers to help order, display and organize merchandise and to play shopkeeper on occasion. We will meet to organize the SERRV ministry team on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 pm in the church office. Lisa Klein is organizing this team to set fundraising goals and increase the visibility of the SERRV shop in the community. Please contact Lisa at lklein624@yahoo.com or 447-9629 if you are interested in lending a little time and talent to this fun and valuable ministry.

We are deeply indebted to Alice Haarup for her many years of devotion and dedication to the SERRV shop. We want to express our appreciation by making sure that this ministry continues and grows stronger in the future.

Congregational Care

UMW

Circle of Light: Monday, May 9, 6:30 pm. Dinner out at Bravo Lennox Center.

The Sue Henry Circle: Wednesday, May 11 at 11:30 for lunch and a program in the Wood Dining Room of Wesley Glen. Esme Masters will give a Memorial Program. Leader: Marie Dennison

Birchwood Circle: Tues., May 10, at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 111. Susan Scherer will present a fascinating and informative program on communication.

McCurdy Circle: Tues. May 11, at 1 pm. Rm.111. Program: "Making Peace with Mother Earth". Prayer and Self Denial Offering taken. Leader: Lucille Somerville.

DIVA's

The DIVA's met recently to plan their year with fun and inspiring activities, since that is what we are all about: Doing Inspiring and Valuable Activities.

On May 6th, the DIVA's will be stuffing goody bags for The Marsha Donner Mother's Day Brunch, an event hosted by the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless.

June and July meeting dates have been set for Friday June 24th and July 22nd, respectively. Check the church weekly and on-line calendar for time and location.

Contact Marni Hall at marnihall@sbcglobal.net or Shari Veleba at sveleba@yahoo.com if you are interested in getting involved in DIVA activities.

UMW Luncheon

at

Wesley Glen

Noon on June 8 at Wesley Glen 8th floor auditorium.

Melonie Buller from the Columbus Mennonite Church will speak about Finding Peace.

RSVP to Kris Fout, 873-8555, by June 2.

Cost of Lunch \$8.00

Do you like to play softball?

Sign up for the CoRec and Men's teams. The CoRec season starts on 5/1. No games on 5/8, 5/29 & 7/3. Games are at 2, 3:15 or 4:30 at Fancyburg Park. The playoffs are on 8/7 with a rainout day on 8/14. There is a \$15 fee to play.

The men's season starts on 5/5. No game on 6/30. Games are at 6:15 or 7:20 and there are days when we will play two games. Our first two games are at McCord Park. The remaining games are at Perry Park. The playoffs are on Saturday, July 30 at park in Hilliard TBA later. It is a double elimination format. The rainout day is 8/6. There is a \$30 fee to play. 12-14 players are needed.

Contact Kyle Hostettler at hostettler_kyle@yahoo.com or 614-282-0101 to play on either team.



Spring Gala

Wednesday, May 4th, from 6:00-7:30. Come join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Featuring our silent auction with items from many local businesses including dining, entertainment, automotive, gift baskets, and much more!

The Week of The Young Child Update

The week of April 11-16 is set aside to celebrate young children with the National Week of The Young Child. Some of the fun activities children participated in were a parade, listening to a high school jazz band, pajama day, and our incredible Art Show. Spend some time this week with the special children in your lives and celebrate your own Week of The Young Child!

Summer Camp

We are currently enrolling for our summer camp programs. Discovery Camp is a part time camp for preschool aged children ages 3-5 years. Each camp is 2 weeks, Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 12 pm, and features a fun theme. Themes this year include- Digging Up Dinosaurs, Saddle Up, Creepy Crawlers, Lights! Camera! Action!, and Out there in Outer Space. Curiosity Camp is for children ages 20 months - 3 years old. This 6 week camp is offered Monday - Thursday, and campers can sign up for one to four days each week. This year's theme is Fun with our Senses! For more information, please stop by the NBCC office or call us at 262-6222.

Faith Formation

North Broadway UMYF provides a safe environment for 7th -12th graders to develop as Christian Leaders through

Unity

Mission

Youth matters

Faith

SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

4:00-4:45 pm Youth Handbells
(7th-12th grade in room 210)

4:45-5:45 Youth Choir
(7th-12th grade choir room)

5:45-6:15 pm UMYF Dinner (\$2)

6:15-8 pm UMYF Program
(MS room 302, HS room 301)

Sunday, May 1st: X-rated Bible Stories We will look at the stories of the Bible that your Sunday School teachers never taught you and examine their relevance in our lives.

Saturday, May 7th: 9am-noon, Skill builder Remember we expect all work camp participants to attend 2 out of 3 skill builders. We will meet at the church.

Sunday, May 8th: No UMYF (Mother's Day)

Saturday, May 14th, 9am-12pm
Skill builder for those planning to attend work camp. This will also be youth group for the week.

Confirmation Retreat, Noon Saturday, May 14th - 12:15pm Sunday, May 15th. This is an important retreat for all confirmands. We will write faith statements and finish our work for the year as well as enjoy some time together on retreat. If you are attending the skill builder beforehand, please pack a lunch.

Sunday, May 15th: No UMYF this week.

Sunday, May 22nd: End of Year Party Pastor Megan's house. Dress appropriately and bring a towel for water activities.

Sunday, May 29th: Graduation Sunday
Graduates will be recognized at the 11am worship service followed by reception after church. All youth are encouraged to attend this special worship service.

Safe Sanctuary Training
May 1st 4-5:30pm and May 11th 6:30-8pm will be safe sanctuary training. Please try to attend one of these if you have not been safe sanctuary trained in the past 3 years and are interested in volunteering with children and/or youth for work camp, vacation bible school or Sunday school.

Memorial Tournament Potty Patrol:
Mon., May 30-Sun., June 5
Each night a team of 4-5 youth and 2-3 adults will meet at church around 6:30 pm to travel to Muirfield to clean the bathrooms. Helping with this fundraiser can significantly reduce the cost of this year's mission/work trip. Contact Megan to sign up to help on any of the following dates: May 30, 31, June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Summer Camp 2011

Are you ready for fun, spending time with friends, and growing in your Christian faith? West Ohio Conference Camps are available for those entering 1st grade through college, as well as family camp. NBUMC is offering scholarships for anyone who attends one of these camps. Register at www.westohiocamps.com

Camp brochures can be picked up from Pastor Megan or Elementary Sunday School Teachers.



Pastor Megan and the children from Kids Own Worship lining up for Palm Sunday Procession

Young Adult Fellowship (especially for college, 20's 30's and beyond):

Community Faith Study: Monday, May 2: Instead of meeting for our typical Bible Study we will be attending the BREAD meeting at Vet's Memorial. Look for the article on page 4 for more information.

BW 3's Gathering: Monday, May 16th, 630pm- We will have our monthly gathering at the Graceland BW3's. Feel free to come alone or with a friend and don't be afraid to join us a little late.

Vacation Bible School/ Mission Squad 2011

Dates and Times

August 8-11, Preschool VBS, ages 3-5
Monday-Thursday, Morning 9:00-11:30 am

August 7-11, Sunday-Thursday,
Evening 5:30-8pm

VBS— ages 3 thru entering 5th grade 2011-2012
Mission Squad— entering 6, 7, 8th in 2011-2012

Early Registration: April 16-July 1-No fee

VBS –Island Odyssey



Open to all children from age 3 by August 1, 2011 to those entering 5th grade in 2011-2012 school year. Must be potty trained.

Join us for Island Odyssey- **“and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”(Isaiah 52:10B)** We will make connections between the biblical world and the 21st century world, between biblical islands and islands in the Caribbean, South Africa, and the South Pacific. We will teach the good news through Bible stories, music, art, foods, crafts, movement and folklore.

Session 1: Hearing the Right Voice
Session 2: Going the Right Way
Session 3: Being True to Who You Are
Session 4: Seeing Who Jesus Is
Session 5: Spreading the Good News

Mission Squad

Entering 6th, 7th, 8th grade in 2011-2012

Pre-teens will meet at church and will do various mission projects throughout the community as well as helping with VBS.



Vacation Bible School/ Mission Squad

How will you get involved?

Why not come along for the fun? Volunteers are needed in all sorts of capacities. Youth are welcome to help out as well. This is a great way to serve the children of our community...and you might even learn something along the way. North Broadway United Methodist Church requires that all volunteers who work with children have attended the Safe Sanctuary Training. Dates available for training are May 1, 4-5:30pm or May 11, 6:30-8pm. Please contact Pastor Megan.

Volunteer Opportunities...

Crew Leader: (Must be entering 11th gr)
Crew Assistant: (Must be entering the 9th gr.)
Crafts,
Decorating
Drama/Music,
Kitchen/Dinner or Snack
Opening/Closing
Mission Squad-some off site programming



Contact
Terese Loudner at
268-8626 or
tloudner@north-broadway.org

Register for VBS &
Mission Squad at
www.north-broadway.org
or at church.



Dated material
Return Service Requested

Church Family

Bereavement: love, prayers and sympathy to... Vera Zikmund, 235 Webster Park Ave, 43214, upon the death of sister, Lillian Black, on March 23rd in Pittsburgh.

Megan Croy & Evan Large, 96 E N. Broadway, 43214, upon the death of grandfather and great grandfather, James E. Machunas, on April 7 in Defiance.

Steve Barker, 442 Midgard Rd, 43202, upon the death of his father, Floyd L. Barker, on April 8 in Lancaster.

Mary & Jim Boardman, 6000 Riverside Dr. #B312, Dublin 43017; **Barbara Schneider**, 3766 Atwood Terrace, 43224 upon the death of sister and aunt, Ruth Cilles on April 9.

The family & friends of **Glenn Warren**, who died on April 10.

Congratulations to... Anna Moore & Bill Knowlton who were married in Canal Winchester on March 25.

Rachel Gaunce, who had

the lead role in the musical *Once on the Island* at Whetstone High School.

Sarah Bertsch, 7th grader at Clintonville Academy who played a clarinet solo (accompanied by Jayne Lyn Canaday) for the first time at the OMEA Contest at Dublin Jerome High School. She received a I=superior rating, the highest rating.

Allie Webb, who was named to the fall semester Dean's List at the College of Wooster.



Youth Musical & Silent Auction Volunteers & Performers
Diana Byrum, Andy Hall, Rick Byrum, Sally Wiggers



Corey Hilt and Emily Knipe

Caitlin McNaughton, Sarah Bertsch,
Amanda Brennan