

# The VISITOR

April, 2010

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## Pastor=s Column

HE IS RISEN! Such a simple statement and yet it holds all the wonder and mystery of eternity. We can never fully comprehend the miracle of Christ=s resurrection. But we are so very thankful for his sacrifice for us and his gift of new life. We don=t have to be chained up in the tombs and addictions of our old lives. Every day that we rise to serve him, he makes us new.

HE IS RISEN! We sing it and say it on Easter morning, celebrating the most wonderful day in the history of the earth. Because Christ rose from the dead we are also freed from death and, even worse, from the fear of death. He is alive and he has given us the gift of eternal life with him. So we are no longer slaves to things or to people or to fear. We are set free in Christ to live boldly - to live large - to live with him in charge.

HE IS RISEN! It is the greatest sentence in the English language. Because it eliminated the sentence of sin and death in our lives. When we accept Jesus, our RISEN Savior, we are no longer under the law of judgment. Instead, we are under the blanket of Christ=s love and grace. Sin is conquered. Death is an illusion. LIFE is ours - the gift of our Savior on Easter. Do not hoard this good news because the whole world needs to know it. Tell everyone about the miracle, the joy, of the resurrection. *How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?* (Hebrews 2:3)

HE IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

*Rev. Karen*

*Holy Week Services and Activities*

*Maunday Thursday Communion B* Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30. We will be joining Sawyerwood UMC for a Worship & Communion Service at 7:30 at Sawyerwood. (956 Mohawk Trail, Akron, OH 44312)

*Tenebrae Service* - Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30. This service will be a powerful service reminding us of Christ=s sacrifice. Easter will be more meaningful if you have taken the time to attend this service. Sawyerwood UMC will join us for this service. (Nursery will be provided.)

*Easter Egg Hunt & Continental Breakfast* - Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Continental Breakfast at 9:00 is sponsored by the Boy Scouts (Muffins, donuts, juice & coffee) & the Egg Hunt begins at 11:00. Don=t miss this wonderful Easter tradition. Each age group, birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, has their own area so little ones do not have to compete with big kids. Please bring a bag or basket and your camera.

*Easter Sunrise Service* - led by the youth & begins at 7:30. You are invited to come and witness AGod=s Masterpiece.@

*Easter Breakfast* - Immediately following the Sunrise Service.

*Easter Brunch* B Severed between the 9:30 & 11:30 Services for those who did not make it to the earlier breakfast.

*Easter Worship Services* - 9:30 & 11:30. Share in this time of celebration as we remember that because he lived, we also live.

*Come and share in the special services and activities of the church during Holy Week, the most sacred time of the Christian year.*

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**Congratulations to . . . .**

Joe & Jenna Schadle on the birth of their son, Jacoby Michael. Jacoby was born on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **What=s Good at Wedgewood**

Every Wednesday there are consistently 10 girls that meet in the Sr. High Youth room for **Bible Study and Puppet Practice**. The Study is led by Cindy Scheck along with helpers, Jill McKinney and Becca Beckwith. The Study we are using is a DVD series called *AGirls of Grace*, led by the contemporary singing group Point of Grace. Some of the topics included: Controlling our tongue, Becoming who you really are, Choosing great coaches and cheerleaders, Peer pressure, and Beginning to look a lot like Jesus. After the DVD there is some great discussion on what it=s like to be a young *girl of grace* in today=s society. Along with the series we look up scripture in the Bible, write them on 3x5 index cards, and are memorizing them!

We are also practicing songs with our Puppets which are being used as a ministry. We have visited the lovely people of Greenview Inn Assisted Living and they just love us! We plan on visiting other Assisted Living Homes in the near future. The Puppets have also sang at the Birthday Party for Jesus, Vacation Bible school, and the Easter Sunrise Service. The **Girl=s Bible Study and Puppet Ministry** is just one more thing that is Good at Wedgewood!

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## **It is time to think about Summer Camp**

Julie Lutt, Director of Camp Wanake, will be here on April 11 to speak to parents about the camping program. Parents and other interested persons will meet in the Fellowship Hall between the worship services. Scholarships are available from the church, the District, and the Conference, for anyone who would like to send their child to church camp but is concerned about the costs.

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## Pictorial Directory

Olan Mills is coming back. If you were unable to have your picture taken in January now is the time to sign up to have it taken. Pictures will be taken April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 9:30. There is no cost to have your picture taken and each family pictured will receive a free directory and 8x10 portrait. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

### **CAN YOU HELP SAVE A LIFE? Please Consider Becoming An Organ Donor**

Currently, in our church, two members are waiting for kidney transplants. They are Karen Lake and Don Armbrust. Anita Myers had a liver transplant several years ago thanks to the kindness of a stranger who decided to be an organ donor.

Donating your organs can save or help as many as 50 people, giving them a second chance at a regular life. In Ohio, at any given time, nearly 3,000 people are waiting for a life-saving transplant.

You can make your wishes known on your drivers license and by discussing this with your family. A website for more information is [www.donatelifehio.org](http://www.donatelifehio.org)

#### Family Notification Card

Dear Family,

I want you to know about my discision to become an organ, eye and tissue donor. Upon my death, if I am a candidate for donation, I ask that you honor my wishes. It is important to me that others are given the oppportunity to live full and productive lives.

I wish to donate the following:

any needed organs and tissue

only the following organs and tissue: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for honoring my commitment to donate Life through organ, eye and tissue donation.

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

DonorSignature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TEN DOLLAR ! TEN DOLLAR !  
TEN DOLLAR GIVE-AWAY AT WEDGEWOOD!**

***AWell done you good and faithful servant! @, said his master. AYou have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness! @  
(Matthew 25:21)***

Have you always wanted to invent something?

Have your own business?

Use your hobby to earn cash?

Then be sure and be at Wedgewood on April 11<sup>th</sup>!

We will be giving away fresh, crisp ten dollar bills that Sunday. They are to

be used to finance your own personal Abusiness@ or Acompany@.

You could market an invention, sell some craft items, write a cookbook, record a CD, produce a video, do lawn work, babysit animals, sell cookies, jelly, jams, pies, cakes! The possibilities are endless.

Now for the catch B you need to be a Agood and faithful servant@ - you are to return your ten dollars on May 16<sup>th</sup> along with any profit you make. You can then designate where you would like the profit to go: missions, general operating expenses, building fund, memorial fund, youth, music, etc.

Will you double your money? Triple? Or maybe ten times as much?

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### Wedgewood Friendship Dinners

It=s that time of year again! Wedgewood Friendship Dinners will be starting April 7<sup>th</sup> at Farmer Boy. The dinners will be held every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please sign the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Reservations are made on a week to week basis, so please sign up each week if you will attend that week. The dinners are a great way to make new friends and reconnect with old ones.

**You are Invited!!!**

**What:** Family Celebration

**Who:** All men, women & children

**Where:** Family Life Center

**When:** May 22, 2010 at 6:30 pm

**Sponsored by:** the UMW & UMM of Wedgewood

Watch the Sunday Bulletins &  
May Newsletter for more information.

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### **1B Mile Open M Walk for Kids**

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

At the Akron Zoo

All Children=s Sunday School Classes

*(Preschool, Early Elementary & Upper Elementary)*

Registration at 8:00 am B Walk begins promptly at 9:00 am

Entry fee: \$4.00 for adults, children will be paid for.

We will be collecting PLEDGES.

Any amount would be great: \$1, \$5, \$10

*(If your child has not received a pledge sheet, please see  
or call Kelli Mensch)*

More information will be given in the coming weeks.

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### **Mission Work Day**

We will be having a mission work day at Redeemer United Methodist Church in Cuyahoga Falls on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am until we are done. Redeemer only has a congregation of about 22 people, so they need our help! We will have various projects such as cleaning up, painting, and

doing repairs. If you are interested in helping, please sign the sheet in the Narthex. You can come for part of the day or the whole day.

### **A Word From the YF**

Again this year we are off to Mt. TOP, located in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. We are going June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup> and will build, repair and help the people of this small community. As you know in the past we asked for support of this mission through our successful fundraiser of selling ABricks. Through your generous giving the Youth are able to go, serve, and give of their time.

This year we are going to continue to do the ABrick sale and what we call a Amail-a-thon. You will be receiving a letter in the mail to purchase a brick for yourself, a youth or in memory of someone. As the bricks come in we will build our house (between the two youth rooms) showing the visual support. Without the love, prayers and support of the congregation we would not be able to go. Thank you in advance for your support.

Marty, Cindy & the Youth Mission Team

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### **Thank You**

*The Mission Committee wants to thank Curt Minier for collecting and compiling the Acme Tapes. We received \$442.71 this year from all the tapes you brought in. This money goes to purchase Acme Gift Cards for those that need food, and also other mission needs in our local church. Thanks to everyone who brought in tapes to make this mission possible.*

*Kerrol Graham & Julie Verrona*

*Thank you so much for the wonderful baby gifts! The baby afaghan is beautiful and it keeps Dominic nice and warm. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.*

*Mike, Angie & Dominic Armbrust*

*I want to thank you all for the Valentines Day package you sent me! I made*

*short work of . . . the whole thing. Also, thank you for the valentine=s note inside! I appreciate the time and effort you all put into the package. The mail center is across campus from my apartment, and there is a certain satisfaction in walking across campus with a package, enticing the envy of my class mates. One of the thing I would change about the universe is that the better something tastes, the more beneficial it would be for your health. Unfortunately this is not true, so I=ve been offsetting the deliciousness of the package=s contents with banana/peach/strawberry smoothies. I look forward to seeing you all again sometime post graduation!*

*Ryan Carris*

*Thank you all so much for the loving support I received at the time of my hospital stay and recovery at home. I appreciated all the calls, cards, prayers and word of encouragement. Thank you also to Rev. Karen for the visits. Through prayer, God truly works wonders!*

*Mary Brown*

*On behalf of the Shiffler and Boothe families I would like to say thank you for all the visits, prayers, lovely cards and condolences given to us at the time of our mom, Jane Shiffler=s, passing. Thank you, Rev. Karen for the eulogy, Judy McCune for the music and the UMW for the lovely dinner after the Memorial Service. I am blessed to belong to a wonderful church and to know what a wonderful family I have at Wedgewood.*

*Pam Booth*

*Thank you, my Christian brothers and sisters for your prayers, phone calls and cards. The prayers were felt and appreciated and the calls and cards were a pick-me upper.*

*Jim Leib*

*Thank you for all your prayers and support for our newest addition, Jacoby Michael. We appreciate the rose on the alter, the beautiful baby blanket, the color book and Rev. Hartley=s visit. We are adjusting well to our new son and everyone is happy and healthy.*

*Jenna, Joe & Jacoby Schadle*

## Did you Know?

We need volunteers in the Nursery and Toddler Room on Sunday mornings. The Nursery needs 2 volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 9:15 until 11:30 and the Toddler Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 9:15 to 11:30. If you would like to volunteer in the Nursery please, see or call Dawn McKeel and to volunteer in the Toddler Room please, see or call Heather Herbst.

The Nursery is for infants to steady walkers (about 18 months) and children from 18 months until they are potty trained should go to the Toddler Room.

Casey Oliver's art work was on display at the Akron Summit County Public Library March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> as part of the Akron Public School Art in the Middle School Display. This display is an exhibit of Middle School art created by artistically talented students. Congratulations, Casey.

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**Clearview UMC . . .**

invites you to a Swiss Steak dinner on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm., with the proceeds going to OPEN M's Walk for Kids. Last year they raised over \$2,000 for the Walk for Kids, which was

twice what they thought they could do! This year they are trying to exceed that amount. They are challenging other churches to walk the Walk and help OPEN M reach or exceed their goal of \$30,000. Swiss steak dinner ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 4-11, and free for children under age 4. You can purchase tickets at the door the night of the dinner. Clearview's address is 1733 Massillon Road in Springfield Township.

Clearview, also has two other fundraisers scheduled to benefit the Walk at CiCi's Pizza in the Target Plaza on S. Arlington Road. These events are on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm., and on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 7 pm.

***Serving the Church in April***  
***9:30 Service***

***Greeters***

4 Mark, Becky & Krissa Duhon  
11 John & Brenda Ferguson  
18 Irene Spellman & Edee Franks  
25 Paul & Rue Blum

***Liturgists***

4 Diane McCullough  
11 Dave Ranson  
18 Marissa Summers  
25 Rue Blum

***Nursery***

4 Dawn McKeel & Erin Ingham  
11 Irene Spellman & Dolores Clifford  
18 Dottie Ranson & Eleanor Recob  
25 TBA

***Ushers***

Richard Hamilton  
Tony Suncire  
Jason Bartley  
Mike Wytryszczewski  
Irene Spellman

***Toddler Room***

- 4 Star Elijah
- 11 Heather Herbst & Jennifer Richmond
- 18 TBA
- 25 Helen Smith & Pam Boothe

***Altar Flowers***

- 4 LILIES B
- 11 Ed Herbruck & Family B In celebration of granddaughter, Bonnie & Greg=s wedding.
- 18 OPEN B Would you like this date?
- 25 OPEN B Would you like this date?

***Children=s Time***

- 25 Paul Green

***Acolytes***

- 4 Madison Summers & Anna Suncire
- 11 Alex Biege & Sydney Dutton
- 18 Sydney McGaffick & Sean Merideth
- 25 Bethany Witwer & Abbey Suncire

***Good Friday Service B April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30***

***Greeters*** B Pam Varga & Becky Cooper

***Liturgist*** B Jerry Coen

***Acolytes*** B Casey Oliver & Alex Dutton

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***Serving the Church in April  
11:30 Service***

***Head Usher***

Denise Markland

***Children=s Church***

4 Shelly Biege  
11 Jenny Falls  
18 Becky Cooper  
25 Nancy Messenger

***Children=s Helpers***

4 Jessica Biege  
11 Pam Varga  
18 Alex Biege  
25 Jenna Messenger

***Scripture Reader***

4 Elayne Kozy  
11 Devon Sager  
18 Dan Falls  
25 Julia Sager

***Nursery***

4 Diane Rembiesa  
11 Wendy Shepherd  
18 Debbie Engelhart  
25 Charlene McKeel

***Children=s Time***

25 Paul Green

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***GOD SIGHTING B Weekly Readings***

***April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>*** B Deuteronomy 21:1-32:52, Luke 9:51-12:59,  
Psalms 74:1-78:64, Proverbs 12:11-24

***April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>*** B Deuteronomy 33:1-Joshua 12:24, Luke 13:1-17:37,  
Psalms 78:65-84:12, Proverbs 12:25-13:6

***April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>*** B Joshua 13:1-24:33, Luke 18:1-21:28, Psalms 85-89,  
Proverbs 13:7-23

***April 23<sup>rd</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>*** B Judges 1:1-10:18, Luke 21:29-24:53, Psalms 90-100,  
Proverbs 13:24-14:12

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 Hand Chimes 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:30 Service at Sawyerwood	2  7:30 CODA 7:30 Tenebrae Service	3 8:00 Men=s Breakfast 9:00 Continental Breakfast 11:00 Easter Egg Hunt
4 7:30 Sunrise Service 8:30 Breakfast 9:30 W. Service 10:30 Brunch & S. School 11:30 W. Service	5 OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 Prayer Group  7:00 Cub & Boy Scouts	6  5:30 Basketball  7:00 Craft Time	7 9:00 & 7:00 W. Watchers 6:00 Teen Choir 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:45 Children=s Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	8 10:00 Hand Chimes  7:00 Venture Crew	9 4:30 Spaghetti Dinner  <i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>  7:30 CODA	10 10:00 AFM B Ordering  <i>Wedding</i>
11 <i>Luke 19:11-27</i> 9:30 W. Service 10:45 S. Sunday & New Members 11:30 W. Service 12:30 Praise Band 2:00 Softball Practice	12 OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 Prayer Group  7:00 Cub & Boy Scouts	13  5:30 Basketball	14 9:00 & 7:00 W. Watchers  6:00 Teen Choir 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:45 Children=s Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	15 10:00 Hand Chimes  6:30 Girl Scouts	16  7:30 CODA	17 10:00 AFM B Pick Up
18 <i>Psalms 104:1-15</i> 9:30 W. Service 10:45 S. Sunday 11:30 W. Service 12:30 Praise Band 2:00 Bowling Banquet 2:00 Softball Practice	19 OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 Prayer Group  7:00 Cub & Boy Scouts	20 11:00 Craft Time  5:30 Basketball 6:30 UMW	21 9:00 & 7:00 W. Watchers  6:00 Teen Choir 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:45 Children=s Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	22 10:00 Hand Chimes  7:00 Venture Crew	23  7:30 CODA	24
25 <i>Mike Sager</i> 9:30 W. Service 10:45 S. Sunday 11:30 W. Service 12:30 Praise Band  <i>FLC in Use</i>	26 OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 Prayer Group  7:00 Cub & Boy Scouts	27  3:00 - 9:30 Pictures  5:30 Basketball 6:30 Ad. Council	28 9:00 & 7:00 W. Watchers 6:00 Teen Choir 3:00 - 9:30 Pictures 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:45 Children=s Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	29 10:00 Hand Chimes  3:00 - 9:30 Pictures	30  Softball Game 7:30 CODA	

Rev. Karen will be on vacation from April 20<sup>th</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office for your pastoral needs.

This month we will be collecting assorted canned goods for Ellet Good Neighbors



## **Birthdays in April**

2 Brooke Cross  
2 Tammy Shepherd  
3 Steven Cooper  
3 TA Wood  
3 Dan Monroe  
3 Jason Bartley  
5 Ruth Furbee  
5 Sarah Goehler  
6 Marla Zwoll  
7 Melissa Erskine  
7 Michelle Mannion  
7 Aleczander Jenson  
7 Mike Messenger  
8 Lois Bunn  
10 Elizabeth Heilman  
10 Rob Berringer  
10 Megan Wytrzyaszczewski  
11 Brandon Stout  
12 Zachary Belacic  
12 Kathy McCabe  
14 Mary Pratt  
15 Hulda Somerville  
15 Pat Jarvis  
17 Sydney Jett  
18 Donald Armbrust  
20 David McCune  
20 Mark Yankulov  
20 Stacey Greenwald  
20 Rosemary Hill  
20 Kenneth Massey  
22 Dwain Jett  
22 Shelly Biege  
22 Julie Verrona  
23 Debbie Myers  
23 Niki McGaffick  
23 Charles Fast  
25 Rachel Monroe  
25 Merry Myers  
25 Donald Hall

25 Jordan Stewart  
26 Pat Sabo  
27 Anita Myers  
27 Hannah Saloiye  
29 Cindy Scheck

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## **Jelly Bean Prayer**

RED is for the blood He gave.  
GREEN is for the grass He made.  
YELLOW is for the sun so bright.  
BLACK is for the sins we made.  
WHITE is for His grace He gave.  
PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow.  
PINK is for our new tomorrow.

*A bag full of jelly beans,  
colorful and sweet,  
is a prayer,  
is a promise,  
is a special treat..*