

THE VISITOR

May, 2010

Wedgewood United Methodist Church

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Pastor=s Column

Outside my window the sun is shining, the birds are singing, and the trees are turning green. The daffodils, tulips, and cherry trees are in full bloom. Everything is alive. How do we know it is alive? It is growing. Only dead things don=t grow.

Is your \$10 growing? I am excited about sharing the ways we have made our money grow when you bring it back on May 16.

How about you? Are you growing? Are you growing more in love with God each day? Are you growing in your knowledge of God and how you should be living your life for God? Are you growing a bigger heart of love, stronger muscles for justice, a clearer mind for wisdom, open hands for helping? We all need to grow. If we don=t, we are dead in our faith.

This is the season of new life. How are you showing and growing in God=s love? *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.* (2 Corinthians 9:10)

Rev. Karen

How to Use a Worship Bulletin *from **A**The Unofficial United Methodist Handbook**@***

Many United Methodist congregations offer a printed resource called a bulletin to assist worshippers. The bulletin may contain the order of the service, liturgical information, music listings, the day=s Bible Readings, and important community announcements.

1. **Arrive early.** A few extra minutes before worship will allow you to scan the bulletin and prepare for the service.
2. **Receive the bulletin from the usher.** Upon entering the worship space, an usher will give you a bulletin. Sometimes bulletins are stacked near the entrance for self-service.
3. **Review the order of worship.** When seated, open the bulletin and find the order of the service, usually printed on the first or second page.
4. **Determine if other worship resources are required.** The order of worship may specify additional hymnals, song sheets, Bible, or other external supplies required during the service.
5. **Notice when we are seated or standing.** We stand at certain times such as singing and sometimes when the scripture is read. These times are marked with an A*@ in the bulletin. Times of standing or sitting are an important physical participation in worship that helps you focus on the meaning behind the action. Those who are not physically able to stand can still join in the spirit, if not the posture, of the moment.

6. **Fill out the pew pad or clipboard.** Fill it out completely. Print legibly. Pass it to your neighbor.
7. **Reflect on bulletin artwork.** Covers often feature a design that corresponds to the season of the church year or the day=s Bible verses. Examine the artwork and make a mental note of its connection to the lessons or sermon.
8. **Track your worship progress.** The bulletin will guide you through the liturgy, hymns, and lessons as you worship and let you know where you are at all times. The order of service can serve as an informal clock. This is particularly important if you know what time a line forms at your favorite restaurant.
9. **Watch for liturgical dialogues.** The bulletin may contain spoken parts of the liturgy not found in the hymnal or on the screen. The worship leader=s parts are the plain writing. The congregation=s responses are printed in boldface type.
10. **Identify the worship leaders and assistants.** The names of ushers, musicians, greeters, readers, leaders, and pastor are listed on the back of the bulletin. Greet these people by name following the service. Make good eye contact.
11. **REVIEW THE PRINTED ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Community activities, prayer requests, calendars, and updates are listed on the bulletin insert. Scan listings during the spoken announcements or alas, when the sermon is irretrievably boring.
12. **Make good use of the bulletin after the service.** You may take the bulletin home with you. If you do not want to take it home, please put it in one of the blue recycling bins around the church. **DO NOT** leave your bulletin in the pew. If you wish, you can collect your church bulletins at home. It does not take long to gather an impressive collection of church bulletins. When you remodel, these can be used to paper the den.

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## **Update on Pictorial Directory**

Did you get your picture taken for the new directory? If not, you still have a chance to submit one. Bring a picture to church and give it to Rev. Karen by May 9 and it will be included.

## **From the Prayer Vigil**

The prayer vigil was a wonderful time of devotion for those who participated. People had an opportunity to write in a journal as they rotated through the stations. For the next few months, we will include some of the things that were written, but omit details that might identify individuals.

*Lord, forgive me for being selfish in my prayers, asking only for what benefits me, not what glorifies you.*

*Heavenly Father, Please heal the young person in my family that is so lost and feels so alone. Let him know that we are there - you and I - we will see him through with your mighty power to heal the weak.*

*Dear God, Please help me be the kind of person that others see good in. Help me lead my life for you. Let the worries that control me be handed over and trusted in you. Forgive me for all the wrong I've done. Help me to be a kind loving mom, wife, friend, and daughter. Amen.*

*Father Almighty, be with our nation - that all the people will come together in love to work out our problems. Set aside the anger within us and help us see your love in all we do.*

*Lord, take away my addiction.*

*Father, my prayers are for my daughter. Please heal her.*

*I pray for Christian love in all hearts,  
for humility for those who are rich and in power, that they would share their*

*wealth with the poor and sick,  
for those without food, good health, addicted persons, sick persons, lost souls,  
lonely souls, hard hearts, cold hearts.  
Warm their hearts, feed their bellies, heal their minds.  
Give them your peace.*

*Lord, help in my life as I travel down this path. It seems sometimes that the older I  
get the scarier this becomes. Help me Lord, to be where you want me to be.*

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

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
At the Akron Zoo

Registration at 8:00 am B Walk begins promptly at 9:00 am  
Entry fee: \$4.00 for adults, children will be paid for

Please remember May 15<sup>th</sup> is our Walk-a-thon for Kids for Open M at the Akron Zoo. This is open to all children=s Sunday School Classes. I need to get an estimate of how many will be attending. I have sign up sheets in each classroom as well as one on the table in the Gathering Area. Parents B Please be sure to sign up on one of these sheets with the number of adults and the number of children who will be attending. If you still need pledge sheets there are extras on the coffee table by the mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Mensch.

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You are Invited!!!

What: Family Celebration

Who: All men, women & children

Where: Family Life Center

When: May 22nd at 6:30 pm

Sponsored by: the UMW & UMM of Wedgewood

Watch the May bulletins for more information.

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With Sympathy. . . .

Wedgewood United Methodist Church extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Kay Merrick. Kay passed away April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **God Sighting**

My sister and I recently had an opportunity to visit a friend who winters in Florida. Admittedly, I am a nervous flyer. But the draw of escaping from the gray, cold, gloomy Ohio weather, even for a little while, overrode my fear of flying. As usual, I was nervous and we boarded and took our assigned seats. I continued my ritual of saying a silent prayer for a safe flight. Then it struck me. Why am I so afraid? If I trust in God to direct my life, shouldn't I trust in Him in this instance as well?

There was one empty seat on the plane and it happened to be a window seat next to me. As the last passenger boarded, he looked for the only vacant seat next to me. He smiled as he excused himself to step in front of us. We lifted off and my sister and I talked about a conversation she had with friends about good works, and if that was enough to get you into heaven. As the flight progressed, our fellow passenger interrupted to say he couldn't help but overhear our conversation and told us his story. He is a businessman owning a window replacement company. He flies to Florida often to work out of his office there. He told us he had it all, a million dollar business, fancy sports cars, an expensive home, all he could have ever imagined he wanted. But, he was an alcoholic. And his judgment in choosing a business partner was not good. The partner undertook some shady business deals and everything he owned was on the line when they were prosecuted. He lost it all but somehow managed to maintain a small portion of the business that was not touched in bankruptcy. The Lord allowed him to start over, in all areas of his life. He dedicated his life to Christ, right there at the courthouse and gave thanks.

He was able to rebuild his business back to a profitable one again and enlisted associates that he knew, through his church, are Godly people. The million dollar home isn't important any longer, nor the fancy cars. He values his wife, who stuck with him during his alcoholic tirades and business failures and has two beautiful children. And he was joyful! He shared with me a book he was going to read on the flight and thought I might want to read it.

Before we knew it we were touching down in Orlando, the smoothest and best flight I have ever had.

What are the chances this man would be seated right next to me when I most needed his message? A **God sighting** indeed!

Submitted by Sue Williams

### **Thank You**

*Our family would like to thank you for the delicious meals we received at the time of Jacoby's birth. We would like to specifically thank the two families who prepared and delivered the food to our house. Jacoby is growing everyday and is a strong and healthy baby boy. Thank you for your support and kindness.*

*Joe, Jenna & Jacoby Schadle*

*Thank you Wedgewood, for your prayers, calls, love and concern at the time of Art's brief hospital stay. Considering the phone calls we received, the prayer line@ works. We love our church family.*

*Art & Helen Campbell*

*Thank you so much for the support I received during the time of my back problem. The calls, cards, prayers and concern were very much appreciated and a pick-me-upper.*

*Ted Wood*

*Thank you to my wonderful church family for the food, cards and prayers while I was in the hospital. A special thank you to Rev. Karen for her several visits and reading material. Sheila and I appreciate all the calls and verbal concerns*

*while I=m in the healing process.*

*Paul Green*

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Did You Know?

Wedgewood Church recently hosted the Tri-Fires District Scouting Awards Banquet. At the banquet Wedgewood received the AChartered Partner of the Year Award@ for all they do to support Scouting. Also, Chris Engelhart received the AScout Master of the Year Award@ and Pam Varga received the ACub Leader of the Year Award.@ Congratulation to all!!

Richard Hamilton needs another usher (male or female) for his team. His team ushers in April, August and December. If you would like to serve as an usher, please see or call Richard.

SENIOR SUNDAY

On Sunday May 23rd we will recognize our High School Seniors at both Worship Services. This year we have 5 seniors. They are:

Becca Beckwith B graduating from Ellet

Josh Green B graduating from Ellet

Amanda Smoot B graduating from Springfield

Shane Stout B graduating from Ellet

Carmen Tenney B graduating from Ellet

Congratulations and good luck to each of these fine young graduates.

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### **Sacrament of Baptism**

On April 18<sup>th</sup> Cullen Michael McKeel received the Sacrament of Baptism. Cullen was presented by his parents, Jason and Dawn McKeel.

## **Welcome to our Newest Members**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our church family: Bob & Pat Skinner and Zachary Seeley. On April 18<sup>th</sup> they joined by Confession of Faith.

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Ten Dollars Give-Away Update

We are coming to a close on our challenge to be Agood and faithful servants@.

On May 16th bring your original ten dollars and any profit you may have made to church to turn in. We will have envelopes on May 9th and May 16th for you to put your money in, tell us how you multiplied it, where you would like it spent and how difficult or easy it was to live this scripture lesson.

Even if you just bring your ten dollars back, I am sure it has made you think about being a Christian, following the scriptures, and remaining faithful. Thanks to the entire congregation for trying this experiment. Remember B the servant=s reward was being invited into the house to share his master=s joy! We have the same invitation to share our Master=s house and joy!

Serving the Church in May

9:30 Service

Greeters

2 Jane Bowser & Donna Werner
9 Bill & Dolores Clifford
16 Hulda Somerville & Belinda Guest
23 Carole & Leonard Boden
30 Becky Green-Pallotta, Josh & Angelo

Liturgists

2 Dale Helsel
9 Lois Jean Wood
16 Mark Duhon
23 Curt Minier
30 Richard Hamilton

Nursery

2 Dawn McKeel & Erin Ingham
9 Irene Spellman & Dolores Clifford
16 Dottie Ranson & Eleanor Recob
23 TBA

Ushers

Paul Green
Paul Blum
Steve Varga
Jason Elijah

30 Jean McGaffick & Diane Huth

Toddler Room

- 2 Star Elijah
- 9 Heather Herbst
- 16 Jennifer Richmond
- 23 Helen Smith & Pam Boothe
- 30 TBA

Altar Flowers

- 2 OPEN B Would you like this date?
- 9 Kathy & Mike Summers B In honor of Pat Miner, in memory of Mary Summers & in celebration of Madison=s 13th birthday.
- 16 Bob & Helen Riggle B In celebration of their 64th anniversary.
- 23 OPEN B Would you like this date?
- 30 Tom & Karen Hartley B In celebration of John=s graduation & their anniversary.

Chris Engelhart
Josh Green

Children=s Time

23 TBA

Acolytes

- 2 Amanda Lugenbeal & Kelley Pratt
- 9 Alex Dutton & Sydney Dutton
- 16 Casey Oliver
Madison Summers
- 23 Megan Wytrzyaszczewski & Anna Suncire
- 30 Sarah Tucker & Alex Biege

Serving the Church in May

11:30 Service

Head Usher

Denise Markland

Scripture Reader

2 Jenny McKeel

9 Jerry Brunner

16 Joey Brunner

23 Mike Engelhart

30 Sue Newberry

Children=s Church

2 Shelly Biege

9 Jenny Falls

16 Becky Cooper

23 Nancy Messenger

30 Marcy Venarge

Nursery

2 Diane Rembiesa

9 Wendy Shepherd

16 Debbie Engelhart

23 Charlene McKeel

30 Kenetha Tenney

Children=s Helpers

2 Jessica Biege

9 Pam Varga

16 Alex Biege

23 Jenna Messenger

30 Nick Varga

Children=s Time

23 TBA

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**GOD SIGHTING B Weekly Readings**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> B** Judges 11:1-Ruth 4:22, John 1:1-4:54, Psalms 101:1-105:36, Proverbs 14:13-27

**May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> B** 1 Samuel 1:1-14:52, John 5:1-7:53, Psalms 105:37-109:31,

Proverbs 14:28-15:7

**May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> B** 1 Samuel 15:1-28:25, John 8:1-11:54, Psalms 110-117,

Proverbs 15:8-23

**May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup> B** 1 Samuel 29:1-2 Samuel 12:31, John 11:55-16:33,

Psalms 118:1-119:80, Proverbs 15:24-16:5

**May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 3 B** 2 Samuel 13:1-21:22, John 17:1-Acts 1:26, Psalms 119:81-121:8, Proverbs 16:6-18

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                 | Monday                                                           | Tuesday                    | Wednesday                                                                                                | Thursday                                         | Friday                                                                       | Saturday                                                                                                                          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                  |                            |                                                                                                          |                                                  |                                                                              | 1<br>8:00 Men=s Breakfast<br>10:00 AFM B Ordering<br>10:00 Mission Work Day<br><i>Fellowship Hall in Use</i><br><i>FLC in Use</i> |
| 2 <i>2 Kings 4:42-44</i><br>9:30 Worship Service<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>11:30 Children=s Musical<br>12:30 Praise Band<br>1:45 Softball B Airport#1                                  | 3<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>11:00 Prayer Group<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts  | 4<br><br>7:00 Craft Time   | 5<br>9:00 Weight Watchers<br><br>6:00 Friendship Dinner<br>6:30 Children=s Choir<br>7:00 Weight Watchers | 6<br>10:00 Hand Chimes<br><br>6:30 Girl Scouts   | 7<br>4:30 Spaghetti Dinner<br><br>6:15 Softball B Colonial Salt<br>7:30 CODA | 8<br>10:00 AFM B Ordering<br><br><i>Fellowship Hall in Use</i>                                                                    |
| 9 <i>2 Kings 4:42-44</i><br><i>Mother=s Day</i><br>9:30 Children=s Musical<br>10:45 S. School & Mini Bazaar<br>11:30 Worship Service                                                   | 10<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>11:00 Prayer Group<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts | 11<br><br>6:30 SPRC        | 12<br>9:00 Weight Watchers<br>6:00 Friendship Dinner<br>6:30 Adult Choir Dinner<br>7:00 Weight Watchers  | 13<br>10:00 Hand Chimes<br><br>7:00 Venture Crew | 14<br><br>6:15 Softball B Margaret Pk #2<br>7:30 CODA                        | 15<br>8:00 Akron Zoo Walk<br>10:00 AFM B Pick Up                                                                                  |
| 16 <i>Mark 8:31-38</i><br>9:30 & 11:30 W. Service<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>12:30 Praise Band<br>3:00 Softball B Airport #1                                                            | 17<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>11:00 Prayer Group<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts | 18<br>11:00 Craft Time     | 19<br>9:00 Weight Watchers<br>6:00 Friendship Dinner<br>7:00 Finance Committee<br>7:00 Weight Watchers   | 20<br>10:00 Hand Chimes<br><br>6:30 Girl Scouts  | 21<br><br>7:15 Softball B Margaret Pk #2<br>7:30 CODA                        | 22<br>10:00 Puppet Practice<br><br>6:00 Family Celebration                                                                        |
| 23 <i>Rev. Sally Nelson-Olin</i><br><i>Senior Sunday</i><br>9:30 & 11:30 W. Service<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>12:30 Praise Band<br>1:45 Softball B Airport #1<br>4:00 Mt. Top Training | 24<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>11:00 Prayer Group<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts | 25<br><br>6:30 Ad. Council | 26<br>9:00 Weight Watchers<br><br>6:00 Friendship Dinner<br>7:00 Weight Watchers                         | 27<br>10:00 Hand Chimes<br><br>7:00 Venture Crew | 28<br><br>7:30 CODA                                                          | 29                                                                                                                                |
| 30 <i>Job 42:10-17</i><br>9:30 & 11:30 W. Service<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>12:30 Praise Band<br>3:00 Softball B Airport #1                                                            | 31 <i>Memorial Day</i><br><br>OFFICE CLOSED                      |                            |                                                                                                          |                                                  |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                   |

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

## **Birthdays this month**

1 Sean Merideth  
2 Ryan Dadich  
2 Jill McKinney  
2 Alexandra Dutton  
3 Adam Gannon  
3 Mary Brown  
3 Carl Andrei, Jr.  
4 Pete Wining  
5 Allison Kranek  
6 Ruby Tengea  
8 Steve Heller  
8 Becky Green-Pallotta  
9 Ken Shepherd  
10 Madison Summers  
10 Sheila Green  
10 Tyler Harrison  
13 Jim Yee  
13 Joan Kennedy  
16 Susan Newberry  
16 Angelo Pallotta  
17 Gerry Hanna  
17 Ava Skrapics  
17 Dave Merideth  
18 Lou Gardner  
18 Tom Thornton  
18 Krista Williams  
20 Amanda Smoot  
20 Marian McKee  
21 Dave Messenger  
22 Arthur Campbell  
22 Holly Reimer  
24 Dennis Thornton  
24 Pat Gbur  
24 Lauren Pratt  
24 David Haverstick, Jr.  
25 Wilson Fry  
26 Dawn Belacic

26 Jenna Messenger  
29 Wilma Riffle  
29 Zarah Belacic  
29 Hannah Palmer

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## **Directory Changes**

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