

# The VISITOR

February, 2010

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## Pastor=s Column

When I think about February I think about two big things that will be going on this month: The Winter Olympics and Valentine=s Day. I love to watch the Olympics - the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. I also think it is pretty cool that we have a holiday to celebrate our love for others. We need the red of the hearts in the middle of white and gray, cold and dreary February weather. What if we combined the two and had an Olympics of Love?!!!

What kind of events would we have? The couple with the happiest marriage. The most loving family. The most acts of kindness. Maybe we could measure people based on 1 Corinthians 13 and compare the scores: *Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous, conceited, or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.* It would be a difficult thing to measure, but the results might be interesting. I wonder how you would score. I wonder how I would score.

One of my favorite Bible verses is Hebrews 10:24 which says, *Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.* @ I love the idea of challenging each other to show more love, act more loving, and grow in love with Christ and one another. Maybe we could be coaches to each other in love. We could try to outdo others in love. We could help each other be loving in every possible way.

Of course, God has already won the Love Olympics. No one can top the love of God or what he has done for us. But we can work at living up to his example. And stimulate one another to show as much love as possible to everyone.

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

### **The Offering for Haiti**

When natural disasters strike, United Methodists have historically been very generous in giving their money and time for recovery. Wedgewood is no exception to this rule. Even though our congregation and many of the people in it are struggling financially, the giving for **the offering for Haiti** has been wonderful. The first Sunday after the earthquake \$465 was given. More money has come in the weeks following.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief follows the Red Cross into a disaster area and stays until the lives of the people are back to normal. We will stay in an area rebuilding for years after the natural disaster has occurred, sending money and mission teams. Because the administrative costs for UMCOR are paid through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, every penny given for disaster relief goes for that purpose. We can be confident that our **offering for Haiti** is being used for disaster relief and only disaster relief. Our generous support of the Haitian people through the money given is one more thing that is **GOOD AT WEDGEWOOD**.

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### **Service of Ashes & Communion**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. We will begin our Lenten Season with a Service of Ashes & Communion on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. During this service we speak to God, and ask Him to speak to us. We take communion which reminds us of the sacrifice made on our behalf. Our foreheads are marked with ashes to remind us that we come from dust and ashes and will return to dust and ash. Life is short compared to eternity. Ash Wednesday gives us a chance to remember where we will be spending eternity.

## **February Bible Study**

Beginning Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rev Karen will lead a Bible Study on Christianity's Family Tree. This is a sequel to last year's study on the major world religions. We will look at eight different Christian denominations and faith traditions and answer questions such as: Why do Orthodox Christians use icons? What is the "baptism in the Holy Spirit" for Pentecostals? Why do Roman Catholics focus on the Eucharist? What do Lutherans teach us about salvation? What do Presbyterians teach us about God's power? How can Episcopalians deepen our prayer life? What can Baptists teach us about living for Christ?

We will look at the faith traditions of Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism in this eight week study. No books are necessary. Come with an open mind and a willingness to learn and respect other faith traditions. The study will meet at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings through March.

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## **East Akron Cluster Lenten Services**

Hymn Sings at 7:00 - Worship Service at 7:30

The host church will serve refreshment after the service

### **February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Host: Clearview  
Preacher: Nan Morgan  
Choir: Mogadore  
Sp. Music: Sawyerwood

### **February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Host: Goodyear Heights  
Preacher: Anne Fisher  
Choir: Lakemore  
Sp. Music: Wedgewood

### **March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Host: Lakemore  
Preacher: Joyce Williams  
Choir: Wedgewood  
Special Music: Clearview

Host: Family of Faith  
Preacher: Sam Martin  
Choir: South Arlington  
Special Music: Mogadore

### **March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Host: Mogadore  
Preacher: Ronn Shultz  
Choir: Goodyear Heights  
Sp. Music: Sawyerwood

### **March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Host: Wedgewood  
Preacher: Valerie Stultz  
Choir: Family of Faith  
Sp. Music: S. Arlington

### **March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**The We Care Program . . . .**

is up and running! However, we need more volunteers to make the program a success and to not overburden those who have already volunteered. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Making & delivering a meal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Making a caring phone call
- \_\_\_\_\_ Being a special friend to someone in need (*You=ve been through a similar situation & are willing to talk about it.*)  
Please specify the situation: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Babysitting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Giving a ride to someone to & from church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Doing home tasks such as laundry & dishes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Doing outdoor tasks

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address or phone #

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Please put this form in the offering plate or give it to Rev. Karen or Julie Veronna.

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**Angel Food Ministries**

**Order Dates**

- Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> B 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> B 9:00 to 10:00 am
- Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> B 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> B 9:00 to 10:00 am

**Distribution Date**

- Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> B 10:00 to noon
- Relay of Renewal

Preaching & Praying for the City of Akron  
Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> B 4:00 to 5:30  
at  
Akron First UMC  
Bishop Hopkins will take part in the relay preaching  
The Wedgewood Praise Band will be playing

On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> Akron area churches and all who are nurtured by the City of Akron will gather at Akron First UMC Church from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Six preachers will run the race of Relay Preaching. Bishop Hopkins will be part of the preaching team. A fired up team will lead us in prayer for the city. Come dressed to run the race of faith for a city whose United Methodist tradition has brought literally millions to Christ over the generations. Come ready to pray for the future of our churches and the City of Akron. Come ready to be inspired by the old, old story of the difference that the love of Jesus can make in our lives, the lives of those we love and the lives of those whom we do not yet know.

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### ***Thank You***

*We thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and support. God truly works wonders and your prayers have helped us so much.*

*In Christian Love,  
Charles & Joyce Fast*

*A great big thank you to my Wedgewood friends for all your support as I journeyed through chemo & radiation. Every card, prayer, visit, smile and word of encouragement helped me to successfully complete this trip. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God Bless you all.*

*Lois Jean Wood*

### **Scouting: B**

**A word from your Chartered Organization Representative**

February marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting. Scouts have touched so many people=s lives. From Presidents to everyday people, many have been involved in Scouting in one way or another. For the past 8 years Wedgewood has given a safe haven to boys and their families; a place to come and learn and have fun. Our Cub Master, Doug Merideth, came to me 8 years ago and wanted to start a Cub Pack so that when Sean was old enough he would have a place to join. Then five years ago when 4 boys from the Cub Pack were ready to join a Boy Scout Troop we started Troop 48, that had been dormant in our church for 33 years. Today 3 out of the 4 boys are still in the troop and are getting ready to do their Eagle Projects. As of today Troop 48 has 12 boys in the troop. In November we started a Venture Crew that is Co-Ed. Wedgewood has benefited by having Scouting at the church. We have had families from Scouts join the church. The Scouts have been very active in the Ellet Community by hosting Blood Drives and being in the Ellet parade. I as your representative want to say a big thank you, from all of us in the Scout program, to all of you at Wedgewood. You have given us many blessings and I pray many more to come. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Pam Varga

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### **Cleaning Buckets**

We will be making 20 cleaning buckets (*formerly know as flood buckets*) to take to Annual Conference in June. To make it easier this year, there is a board outside the Narthex with a list of items we need. Items are listed on individual slips of paper. Please take the item or items you want to purchase from the board and after you purchase the items, put them in one of the buckets. This way we will avoid a lot of one item. A full list of cleaning bucket contents is also available next to the item board outside the narthex. You may also donate cash instead of purchasing items, as it will be used to buy items we do not get and to help pay the transportation costs.

*Serving the Church in February*

*9:30 Service*

***Greeters***

- 7 Karen Lake & Joyce Hardman
- 14 Scout Sunday
- 21 Mike & Kathy Summers
- 28 Sue Newberry & Elayne Kozy

***Nursery***

- 7 Dawn McKeel & Erin Ingham
- 14 Irene Spellman & Dolores Clifford
- 21 Dottie Ranson & Eleanor Recob
- 28 TBA

***Toddler Room***

- 7 Star Elijah
- 14 Heather Herbst & Jennifer Richmond
- 21 Michelle Jenson & Megan Mills
- 28 Helen Smith & Pam Boothe

***Altar Flowers***

- 7 Open B Would you like this date?
- 14 Jim Oliver, Lori, Becky & Pam B In  
memory of Carol Oliver & The McGaffick  
family B In memory of Tom McGaffick.
- 21 OPEN B Would you like this date?
- 28 OPEN B Would you like this date?

***Liturgists***

- 7 Pat Minier
- 14 Scout Sunday
- 21 Kathy Summers
- 28 Jane Bowser

***Ushers***

- Ted Wood
- Art Campbell
- Curt Minier
- Bill Northcraft
- Jack Mensch
- John Ferguson

***Children=s Time***

- 14 Scout Sunday

***Acolytes***

- 4 Austin Croft &  
Megan Wytrzyaszczewski
- 14 Sarah Tucker &  
Casey Oliver
- 21 Alex Biege &  
Anna Suncire
- 28 Sydney McGaffick &  
Sydney Dutton

**Ash Wednesday B February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30**

**Liturgist** B Susie Armbrust

**Greeters** B Jean McGaffick & Cindy Scheck

**Acolytes** B Madison Summers & Alex Dutton

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***Serving the Church in January***

***11:30 Service***

***Head Usher***

Denise Markland

14 Scout Sunday

21 Alex Biege

***Children=s Church***

7 Shelly Biege

14 Jenny Falls

21 Becky Cooper

28 Nancy Messenger

14 Wendy Shepherd

21 Debbie Engelhart

***Children=s Helpers***

7 Jessica Biege

14 Pam Varga

21 Alex Biege

28 Jenna Messenger

***Scripture Reader***

7 Joey Brunner

28 Shelly Biege

***Nursery***

7 Diane Rembiesa

28 Charlene McKeel

***Children=s Time***

14 Scout Sunday

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## February, 2010

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                                | Tuesday                                                               | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday                                                                                                                           | Friday                                                 | Saturday                                                                                          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>11:00 Prayer Group</p> <p>7:00 Cub &amp; Boy Scouts</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>5:30 Basketball</p> <p>7:00 Craft Time</p>                | <p>3</p> <p>9:00 &amp; 7:00 W. Watchers<br/>5:30 Dinner<br/>6:00 Teen Choir<br/>6:30 Adult &amp; Girls Study &amp; Tutoring<br/>6:45 Children=s Choir<br/>7:15 Kid=s Club<br/>8:15 Open Gym</p>  | <p>4</p> <p>6:00 AFM - Order Taking</p> <p>6:30 Scouts</p>                                                                         | <p>5</p> <p>4:30 Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>7:30 CODA</p> | <p>6</p> <p>8:00 Men=s Breakfast<br/>9:00 AFM - Order Taking</p>                                  |
| <p>7 <i>Genesis 1:1-9</i></p> <p>9:30 &amp; 11:30 W. Service<br/>10:45 S. School &amp; New Members<br/>12:30 Praise Band<br/><i>Fellowship Hall in Use</i><br/>2:00 Bowling</p> <p>6:00 YF</p>                                        | <p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>11:00 Prayer Group</p> <p>7:00 Cub &amp; Boy Scouts</p>  | <p>9</p> <p>5:30 Basketball</p> <p>6:30 SPRC</p>                      | <p>10</p> <p>9:00 &amp; 7:00 W. Watchers<br/>5:30 Dinner<br/>6:00 Teen Choir<br/>6:30 Adult &amp; Girls Study &amp; Tutoring<br/>6:45 Children=s Choir<br/>7:15 Kid=s Club<br/>8:15 Open Gym</p> | <p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fellowship Hall in Use</i></p> <p>6:00 AFM - Order Taking</p> <p>7:00 Venture Crew</p> | <p>12</p> <p>7:30 CODA</p>                             | <p>13</p> <p>9:00 AFM - Order Taking</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Parlor in Use</i></p>  |
| <p>14 <i>Scout Sunday</i></p> <p>9:30 &amp; 11:30 W. Service<br/>10:45 S. School &amp; New Members<br/>12:30 Praise Band<br/><i>Fellowship Hall in Use</i><br/>2:00 Bowling</p>                                                       | <p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>11:00 Prayer Group</p>                                  | <p>16</p> <p>11:00 Craft Time</p> <p>5:30 Basketball<br/>6:30 UMW</p> | <p>17 <i>Psalms 4</i></p> <p>7:30 Service of Ashes &amp; Communion</p>                                                                                                                           | <p>18</p> <p>6:30 Scouts<br/><i>FLC in Use</i></p>                                                                                 | <p>19</p> <p>7:30 CODA</p>                             | <p>20</p> <p>10:00 AFM - Distribution</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Parlor in Use</i></p> |
| <p>21 <i>2 Peter 3:8-13</i></p> <p>9:30 &amp; 11:30 W. Service<br/>10:45 S. School &amp; New Members<br/>12:30 Praise Band<br/><i>Fellowship Hall in Use</i><br/>2:00 Bowling</p> <p>7:00 Lenten Service B Clearview</p>              | <p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>11:00 Prayer Group</p> <p>7:00 Cub &amp; Boy Scouts</p> | <p>23</p> <p>5:30 Basketball</p> <p>6:30 Ad. Council</p>              | <p>24</p> <p>9:00 &amp; 7:00 W. Watchers<br/>5:30 Dinner<br/>6:00 Teen Choir<br/>6:30 Adult &amp; Girls Study &amp; Tutoring<br/>6:45 Children=s Choir<br/>7:15 Kid=s Club<br/>8:15 Open Gym</p> | <p>25</p> <p>7:00 Venture Crew</p>                                                                                                 | <p>26</p> <p>7:30 CODA</p>                             | <p>27</p>                                                                                         |
| <p>28 <i>Psalms 12:1-8</i></p> <p>9:30 &amp; 11:30 W. Service<br/>10:45 S. School, Fellowship &amp; New Members<br/>12:30 Praise Band<br/><i>Fellowship Hall in Use</i><br/>2:00 Bowling<br/>7:00 Lenten Service – Gooduear Hgts.</p> |                                                                                                                       |                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                    |                                                        |                                                                                                   |

*Ellet Good Neighbors Food Drive: During the month of February we will be collecting peanut butter, tuna fish and any canned food.*

**Birthdays this month**

- 1 Bill Northcraft
- 2 Bonnie Koellner
- 3 Marjorie Schuck
- 3 Ryan Davis
- 3 Julia Sager
- 3 Andrew Mensch
- 4 George Barron
- 5 Brittany Cross
- 5 Angela Witwer
- 6 Dorothy Toth
- 7 Angel Thornton
- 7 Jerry Coen
- 8 Megan Verrona
- 8 Michael Flanders
- 9 Joanne Cooper
- 10 Russell Eckard
- 10 Devon Sager
- 11 Ron McCune
- 12 Andrew Jefferys
- 13 Rua Lee Blum
- 14 Ed Daniel
- 15 Alexander Falls
- 16 Edythe Kerst
- 16 Amanda Lugenbeal
- 16 Heather Herbst
- 18 Rick McCullough
- 18 Shirley Northcraft
- 20 Steve Hanes
- 21 Donna Berringer
- 22 Donelle Howland
- 22 Charlie Reimer
- 25 Kayla Dadich
- 26 Rick Stout
- 26 Audra Pratt

- 26 Jennifer Croft
- 27 Pam Kenepp

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**God Sightings**  
**Learning to Experience God**  
**Every Day**

**Weekly Readings**  
**February 5<sup>th</sup> B March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> B February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Exodus 21:22 - 33:23  
Matthew 24:1 - 27:14  
Psalms 29:1 - 33:11  
Proverbs 7:6 - 8:36

**February 12<sup>th</sup> B February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Exodus 34:1 - Leviticus 7:27  
Matthew 27:15 - Mark 3:30  
Psalms 33:12 - 37:11  
Proverbs 9:1 - 10:4

**February 19<sup>th</sup> B February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Leviticus 7:28 - 18:30  
Mark 3:31 - 8:10  
Psalms 37:12 - 41:13  
Proverbs 10:5 - 16

**February 26<sup>th</sup> B March 4**

Leviticus 19:1 - Numbers 3:51  
Mark 8:11 - 12:17  
Psalms 42 - 47  
Proverbs 10:17 - 25

