

# The Ripple \_\_\_\_\_ June 2010

Stonybrook United Methodist Church



**Love God**

**Love Others**

**Serve the**



## Family Matters

I can hardly believe that it has already been one month since we arrived to serve and lead the people of Stonybrook. Within this first month I have already met some awesome people and learned some great history about our church. There are so many things that I have discovered in my short stint here, but the one thing that has become quite clear to me is that we are all a part of God's family. Creating a loving church family has been consistently mentioned. The apostle Paul illustrates the importance of family in *Galatians 6:10, Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.* It is obvious that as we

live out our faith it should be first demonstrated among the members in our family. Now this could either be your biological family or your church family. Regardless of the two they both matter to God. One of the closest institutions to the heart of God is the family. God created family to be in constant fellowship, to exist with healthy relationships and ultimately to be a blessing to future generations.

When I personally think about family I'm reminded of the significant role that it played in my formative years. One thing about the family in my community was there was always a deep sense of compassion and

kinship that created an extended family. **Now this understanding of family was quite different and it transcended blood and culture.** In my community, family was rooted in relationships and grounded in love. Here's what made you family; **if you ate dinner at someone else's home more than three times, if someone changed your diaper more than five times, and if someone wiped your nose more than ten times... well guess what, THAT'S FAMILY!**

I believe in order to build a strong vibrant faith community it must begin with a clear understanding of family. When I speak of family I'm not just talking about the typical nuclear family that consists of mom, dad and 2.5 kids and a dog named *SPOT*...unfortunately that's no longer the norm. So in spite of your present family structure God wants to begin to use a group of ordinary people who know the **deep value of love, the desperate importance for others and the strong development of clear communication.** Once we begin to live out these values daily...then and only then will we be able reflect the Kingdom of God here on Earth.

To make this vision a reality we are kicking off a new message series entitled, "*Family Matters.*" We will be highlighting relevant topics such as:

**June  
Sermon Series**

***Family Matters* -  
Loving Your  
Church Family**

### **Our Mission**

Love God, Love Others,  
Serve the World

### **Our Goal**

Building Intimate, Passionate,  
Growing Relationships with God,  
through Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World.

### **Our Purposes**

#### **F.E.A.S.T.**

Fellowship,  
Evangelism,  
Adoration,  
Service,  
Teaching

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## SPOTLIGHT ON.....

Brian Belair started his life in Akron, Ohio. At the age of five years old, he and his family's next move came in 1971. The clan found its way to Gahanna. The reason for this move was for his father to help manage a furniture store in this area-called Love Furniture. This business eventually became known as Belair's Fine Furniture.

Brian graduated from Gahanna Lincoln High School in 1983. He went to The Ohio State University, where he majored in voice and music education. He later earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education (BME).

One day he spotted this gal whose first name was Beth-who showed up at the Magic Water's Theatre in Bainbridge, Ohio.

Brian and this Beth were married right after she graduated from the other college down in Southern Ohio known as Ohio University. Brian stated during their dating time- "I think we were responsible for some gas shortages during Beth's college career, as we spent many weekends driving up and down Route 33 to visit each other."

The Belair family increased from husband and wife to four children. First to appear was Emma (now 12), the next bundle of joy was Bobby (now 8), followed by Anna (now 6), and finally to round out the brood is Greta (now 4). So one can say there is never a dull moment at this household.

After college, Brian's first job was teaching elementary and middle school general music at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Whitehall. He also taught there and in other Catholic schools for nine years. Besides teaching school, Brian took on a full time job as a tech director at the Leo Yassenoff Jewish Center's theatre. Needless to say, it was a drain on him with so many hours spent working, and not much time left to spend with his family. About that time his brother Mike told him about a job opening at the OSU. He went from teacher and theatre manager to a computer security developer/engineer. He has been at OSU for ten years.

Favorite foods? Anything Beth cooks he likes. In fact he likes almost everything to eat.

At present, Brian is working on finishing the basement of the Belair house. You know-stuff like running electric, plumbing, dry walling and so on.

We have seen Brian play Sir Harry in the Gahanna Community Player's version of the play "Once Upon a Mattress."

In sports he is a huge fan of the Buckeye football and the Olympics.

Concerning Stonybrook-he loves the people here at the church, and enjoys singing in the choir along with that young lady-Beth- his wife!!!

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## Family Matters (continued from page 1)

- **Creating unity in the family**
- **Cultivating effective communication in the family**
- **Celebrating differences in the family**

These are just a few of topics that we will be discussing. So I invite you to bring someone who you know will benefit from this series, and if you haven't been here in a while, that's ok because you are always *welcomed to come back home!* We will begin this practical and powerful series on **June 6** and conclude on **July 11**.

Hey I'm looking forward to seeing you real soon and remember that in God's eyes...*Family Matters!*

*Pastor Mike*

## Summer Adult Sunday School Offerings

Stonybrook has three excellent Adult Sunday School classes going on this summer. Each of these classes are eager to welcome new members, so now is a good time to check them out.

**Lamplighters** -This quarterly study presents stimulating lessons that explore the biblical message and how to apply it to daily life. The Summer Quarter will begin by studying “Christian Commitment in Today’s World” The study will explore the nature, foundation and marks of commitment as they apply to Christians in today’s world. Scripture for these lessons will be found in First and Second Thessalonians and Philipians.

Leader: Roger Jones

Meets in Library Every Sunday from 11:00 – 12:00

**Upper Room** - You may recognize the “Upper Room” as a United Methodist daily devotional booklet. In this class, you are invited to discuss these short devotional messages, along with the Bible passages upon which they are based. Bring your coffee cup and join us for thought-provoking discussions aimed at applying the Bible to our daily lives.

Leaders are Karen Barnes, Dale Beck and others.

Meet in Multi-Purpose Room B Every Sunday from 11:00 – 12:00

**The Faith Club** This book details the true story of how three women, a Muslim, a Christian & a Jew, confront and work through age-old differences among their religions. This book is an easy introduction to what Muslims, Jews, and Christians believe, how those beliefs influence the ethics, morals and values of individuals. What really works about this book is that it allows us to hear how faith plays out for three real people thrust into a situation where they have to explain themselves to each other. It is also a wonderful guide for those who genuinely want to understand faith traditions other than their own and still have friends they cherish at the end. In mid-June, this class will select a new book, and continue meeting throughout the summer.

Leader: Ruthie McCully

Offered the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:30-10:30 in room 105

***Coming to a classroom near you this Fall!*** We plan to restart and re-energize Disciple 4 this Fall as we begin a 10 week study of Revelation; another of the Beth Moore series is planned; some new classes are under consideration; and a couple continuing classes are scheduled.

## ~ Columbus Cancer Clinic partners with LifeCare Alliance ~

LifeCare Alliance supports a number of programs for senior citizens but also some that are available to the general public. Meals on Wheels is one familiar to us.

One of those was introduced to many of us by a speaker at a UMW meeting in April. The Columbus Cancer Clinic, which became affiliated with Life Care Alliance in 2005, has served central Ohio since 1921.

“The Columbus Cancer Clinic provides helping hands to the community, assisting those affected by cancer and those wishing to be screened. The Clinic educates the public about cancer prevention and the benefits of early detection; offers affordable, accessible screening examinations, mammograms and tests; and provides home care support services. All clients can receive needed services, regardless of ability to pay.”

Each week a list of people and families affected by cancer are included in a bulletin insert. It would seem in this time of economic difficulty that these people could benefit from services offered by the Columbus Cancer Clinic. The Clinic’s phone is 614-278-3130 or 614-278-3143. The email address is [lifecarealliance.org](http://lifecarealliance.org).

## Pastor Aaron's last sermon June 20

Please join us June 20th for Pastor Aaron's last sermon, with a luncheon party to follow the 11:00 service. If you would like to contribute to the Love Offering for the Chivingtons, please mark your check or envelope with "Pastor Aaron Love Offering" and place it in the offering plate or bring to the church office by June 5th. Jeanne Schwarz will be collecting cards, letters, photos, and videos. There will be an agape box at the Welcome Center for the collection or you can email them to her. Please RSVP for Aaron's farewell luncheon party to [jeanne.schwarz@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.schwarz@gmail.com) or call 614-342-0258. For those unable to attend the luncheon, there will be a receiving line following the 8:00 and 9:30 services.

## Servants of God:

### Giving of our time and talents at Stonybrook

When you give of your time and talents at Stonybrook, you are not only serving the people of Central Ohio but you are serving God by showing your love to others through offering your time and talents. In short, you are a servant of God at Stonybrook. We would like to start spreading these stories of serving to others within our community. Please send your story on why you are a servant at Stonybrook Church by email at [jimandamyhall@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jimandamyhall@columbus.rr.com) or you may place your story in the Ripple mailbox located in the church office. We plan on using some of them in various ways to let the family of Stonybrook know why others in their church family should use their time and talents to be *Servants of God* too.

## UMW Gathering June 3rd

Everyone is invited to join the United Methodist Women Thursday, June 3rd. We'll enjoy a pot luck supper with meat (chicken from Krogers) and drinks provided. Bring what you'd like to add to the meal!

The program follows at 7:00 pm in Wesley Hall. The speaker will be the founder of *Rehab's Hideaway*, a safe place for those who have been victims of Human Trafficking. We hope to see everyone at the supper and most informative program!

## UMCH Mission Week July 12-16

The United Methodist Children's Home featured item for the month of June is financial support to help with their Mission Week, July 12 - 16, 2010. The money is needed to purchase paint and supplies for painting their Cottages, for window repair or replacement, for landscaping, etc. They also need volunteers to help in this effort. The various groups (small and otherwise) of the Church may want to consider this as a local mission project. Financial gift checks should be made out to the United Methodist Children's Home and placed in an envelope marked UMCH. The envelopes can be placed in the offering plates, turned in to the Church office, or given to Jane Gibbs. Volunteers should contact Debbie Lewis at 614-885-5020, Ext. 563 or with email to [DLewis@UMCHohio.org](mailto:DLewis@UMCHohio.org).

## Celebrate Graduation Sunday - June 6th

**DON'T FORGET>>>>GRADUATION SUNDAY, June 6<sup>th</sup>, is almost here!** If you or someone in your family will be graduating this spring, or know of someone who has graduated in the last year, we want to celebrate with you. Please give us your name and address so we can make sure you have all the details for that Sunday. We don't want to miss anyone!

Please indicate the name you want included on June 6<sup>th</sup> either on the attendance pads on Sunday, call the church office, 471-0252, or email Barb at [barb.dodson@stonybrookumc.org](mailto:barb.dodson@stonybrookumc.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Remember Our Church Family

### Birth

Hudson Russell born (2/15/10) to  
Craig Jr. and Margie Belair  
Proud grandparents Craig and Gail Belair

### Baptism

Alexander Jorel son of  
Christopher and Nicole Miracle  
Audrey Claire daughter of  
Phil and Stephanie Rode

### Deaths

Prayers for:

Cynthia Rowe and Family in the  
death of Dan Rowe

**The Fall GriefShare series** will meet Tuesday evenings in the chapel September 21 through December 21st from 7:30 -9:00 pm.

GriefShare is a program for those who are grieving the death of someone close to them.

If you have any questions call Erma Lewis 866-1015

Thank You for your gift of \$3,712.06 through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church. Because of your support, UMCOR is able to address not only immediate needs, but also the long-term recovery of those whose lives have been shattered. Your contribution is helping UMCOR to be in Haiti for as long as it takes to understand the people's needs, and work to create a sustainable integrated infrastructure and address the psychological impact to a traumatized nation.

Thank you for you thoughts and prayers during this time, and for your generous support. 100 percent of your gift is helping our neighbors in need in Haiti.

**THANK YOU** - The NNEMAP Food Pantry would like to thank you so much for your continued support and recent generous donation of \$100.00.

### Address Changes

Randy & Charlotte Walk      Jeff & Pam Brown  
554 Summer Tree Loop      1820 N. Columbus St.  
Marysville, OH 43040      Lancaster, OH 43130

Pastor Mike and Jeannette Bowie  
995 Ridge Crest  
Gahanna, OH 43230

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** Beginning June 6th, our SBK Worship/Sunday School schedule will change, just for the summer.

At 9:30 am, children will begin in the service and be dismissed to Wesley Hall, following the Pastoral Prayer. All ages together (3yrs.-5th grade) will enjoy a large group lesson, drama, music and fun!

11:00 am Sunday School will be in the Children's Ministry wing, two classes: PreK-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade. We will return to our divided ages, large/small groups in the Fall.

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards during and after my surgery. You were a big part of my successful surgery and recovery.  
Sandy Conklin (daughter of Barb Dodson)

Please...**DO NOT REMOVE** anything from the church, including items from the kitchen, without checking with the church office first. Thank you.

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To Jim Hall at jimandamyhall@columbus.rr.com  
(Please include "Ripple" in the subject line)  
or drop them off in the church office  
"Ripple" mailbox.

**Deadline is 2nd Sunday of the month.**

Article format: Any text editor.

Picture format: tiff if possible, but not necessary

**Sunday Schedule**

7:00 Morning Prayer - Sanctuary  
8:00 Traditional Worship/Communion - Sanctuary  
9:30 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30 Children's SBK - Wesley Hall  
9:30-10:30/10:45-11:45 Adult Classes  
11:00 Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary  
11:00 Children's Church School - Downstairs

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# News from the Church Mouse

I, The Church Mouse, have the privilege to give congratulations to the new confirmands who joined Stonybrook. They are:

Olivia Hester daughter of Ken and Heidi Hester

Josh Gregory son of Tom and Karie Gregory

Rebecca Weaver daughter of Gary and Jane Weaver

