

The Ripple _____ March 2010

Stonybrook United Methodist Church



Love God

Love Others

Serve the World



From our youth pastor

Dear Stonybrook Family,

As Pastor Tom Wilson and John Hahn, Chair of Staff Parish Relations, have recently shared, the District Conference has been diligently working to find the next senior pastor to lead Stonybrook. Soon, this person will be appointed and announced. I am very excited about what this change will bring because while this is the end of one chapter in the life of this church, it is just the beginning of another. I believe that God has amazing plans for Stonybrook and through the support and guidance of the new Senior Pastor, I am confident in the potential of this church body and truly believe that you can continue to do great ministry in His name.

As the season of change is upon Stonybrook, so too it has come for me. On June 20th, I will serve as your Associate and Youth Pastor for the last time. I have been blessed with the new opportunity to serve as the Senior Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Fairborn, Ohio. My family and I are very excited for this new appointment and the plans God has for us as we prepare for this new position. At the same time, this move is bittersweet as we prepare to leave Stonybrook and the wonderful friends and church family we have come to love. Stonybrook has been a wonderful blessing to my family, to my ministry, and to me. My experiences here have allowed me to grow and develop in preparation for this next opportunity from our Lord and Savior and I thank you for walking with me on this journey.

I have many fond memories from my time with you which I will treasure always. From the blessings of new friendships, the joy of new life, and the celebration of saints going Home, we have claimed the hope and promise of the eternal Kingdom of God. Together we have wrestled with God in new and sacred ways as we continue to learn who He is, what He has planned for us, and what it means to be a follower of Christ. You have allowed me to stumble before you, to walk with you, and to lead you on the path to His understanding. I am forever grateful that during these seasons, I was able to walk with you.

As my time comes to a close, I believe with all my heart that this is God's will for Stonybrook, for my family, and for me. Thank you

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March Sermons

- Mar. 7** **3rd Sunday in Lent**
"Nailed by Greed"
Holy Communion
- Mar. 14** **4th Sunday in Lent**
Girl Scout Sunday
- Mar. 21** **5th Sunday in Lent**
- Mar. 28** **Palm Sunday**
"Nailed by Fear"
- Apr. 1** **Holy Thursday**
Chancel Choir cantata
- Apr. 2** **Good Friday**
Noon and 7 pm
"A Hollow Victory"
- Apr. 4** **Easter**
"Freed by Grace"

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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for giving me the greatest gift you could ever give a pastor, the gift of caring for and loving my family. I will continue to hold you and the work you are doing for His Kingdom in prayer. I would humbly ask that you consider us in your prayers as well and the ministry and service we are called to in this next season at St. Luke's UMC.

Your Servant in Christ,
Aaron D. Chivington

A LONG GOOD-BYE

Aaron's recent announcement that he will be leaving his position as Stonybrook's Associate Pastor to become the Senior Pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Fairborn, Ohio comes as sad news for the loss of one who has been a most gifted leader of youth. His obvious love for youth and young adults has been a special gift to this church. His development of the contemporary worship serve will be a lasting legacy for this church's ministry.

But we can also rejoice for Aaron. It has been clear to me in the short time I have worked with him that he is clearly prepared to be a Senior Pastor. The West Ohio Conference cannot afford to limit the use of such gifts. There are too many demands for such talents in leading congregations in strategic places like Fairborn, places that are close to a university, a military base, and homes of young families. It is a great opportunity for him and I pray for his every success, even as I know that he, Ali, and their children will be dearly missed.

Pastor Tom



Spaghetti Dinner - Jan 30, 2010

SPOTLIGHT.....

Coming all the way from Temple, AZ, is Ryan Gear, who came to Stonybrook to fill the staff position of Spiritual Growth and Outreach leader.

Ryan was originally from the town where President Warren Harding lays in his memorial-Marion, Ohio. He grew up with five brothers and one sister.

Mr. Vernon's Nazarene College has a warm spot in his heart, as he earned a BA in religion there. BUT the best part of his heart is he met his future wife, Hannah, there. Currently he is furthering his career by attending Ashland Theological Seminary, to obtain a Masters of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling.

His wife, Hannah is a fifth grade teacher at the Gahanna Christian Academy. She has traveled in 49 states and hopes in the future to add the state of Alaska-to make a grand total of visiting 50 of the United States.

If any spare time is available Ryan does enjoy playing his guitar, picking up good reading material to read, and is looking forward to being on the Stonybrook' soft ball team this summer. TV? Both Hannah and Ryan are devoted followers of "Dancing with the Stars."

Ryan's job description of the church is that he leads the small group ministry and cast vision for a multi-faceted plan to do outreach in the community, sermons, the website, Momentum, foreign mission, The Journey, serving those in need, etc. are all ways of doing outreach. He works with the Outreach Committee (he states these members deserve all the credit for the Free Store and Related ministries in our community. They were doing great ministry before he came here to serve the church and they still continue to amaze him).

What does he like about Stonybrook? *"I love this congregation of Stonybrook; I appreciate the intelligence of the people and their willingness to serve in many ways. I feel more comfortable and at home here than in any other congregation that I have served."*

~ Bereavement Dinners ~

As a means to show our love and concern for Stonybrook families following the death of a loved one, under the organization of the UMW the congregation offers to provide a meal for families on the day of services. We are in need of a few people to help us with this service.

There are two ways you might help with this. One is through the donation of food, usually desserts. The other way involves helping set up, serve or clean up the meal for the family. We have two menus that we most often offer to the families—cold cuts with appropriate side dishes or lasagna with the usual salad and bread. And always desserts.

We have a coordinator and some experienced members who will oversee each meal. Since most services are during the daytime this limits anyone who is employed during the day. It also means that you need to be fairly flexible as to the time schedule since we usually have about 2 or 3 days notice. The number of people who are needed each time varies from 4 to 8 depending on the menu and number of people being served. If you are interested in this type of service, please be aware that sometimes we don't have a meal for months so you might not be called to serve often but you will not have been overlooked.

If this is a way you think you could serve, please let Liz Dillon know in what specific way you would be able to participate.

Liz Dillon

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The following notice was received from the West Ohio Conference Office affording you an opportunity to experience hands-on-ministry with victims of future disasters. If you'd like to be a part of this training and qualifying for a place on future response teams, send in your reservation quickly.

Disaster Early Response Team Training

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 13, 2010

at Hope United Methodist Church, 5980 Wilmington Pike, Dayton OH 45459

(Exit 7 from I-675, turn toward Bellbrook. Church on immediate left before coming to Sugarcreek Plaza.)

Early response teams assist survivors of natural disasters to return to safe, sanitary and functional homes. Come join us in learning to practice what Jesus preached. Roger Thatcher and Jim Rodgers will be giving the UMCOR certified course to all who wish to attend. Certificate of completion and I.D. badges will be issued. This I.D. badge will be required to participate in disaster early relief ministry. If you are interested in attending this class, please send registration form with check to Julie Bassett at the West Ohio Conference.

All participants must provide a copy of the state fingerprint background check to the conference office prior to issuance of ID badges.

Course registration: \$25.00 per person

How to register: Online at the *West Ohio Conference* web site www.westohioumc.org at the top right of the page is a red tab that says "*Events Registration*".

Or, you may also register by mail.

Print the registration form below, fill out, and mail with check to Julie Bassett her address is below or mail to Leo Scholl, 5513 Royalwood Drive, Dayton, OH 45429.

Registration Form:

Name: _____

Address : _____

City : _____ **State :** ____ **Zip :** _____

Email : _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to :

West Ohio Conference - United Methodist Church (ERT in memo line)

Mail to: West Ohio Conference UMC, 32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington, OH 43085-3585

Attn: Julie Bassett 1-800-437-0028, put her name on front and rear of envelope

Class starts at 9:00 am. Class limited to first 35 students! Coffee and donuts available, starting at 8:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember Our Church Family

Wedding

Rohan Ramdeholl and Kim Lefevre

Anniversaries

Chris and Catherine Stickrod
John and Jeanette Gregory
Bob and Jean Kreisel
Steve and Lisa McDavid
Michael and Brenda Conner
Barry and Barbara Rhymer
Mark and Valerie Serfozo

Birth

Madelyn born to Tim and Mary Fuchs.
Charlie and Abbi are the happy siblings.

Baptism

Emma LeeAnn daughter of
Josh and Lori Motzer

Deaths

Prayers for:

Ron and Dee Krigbaum and Bryan and Karen Dawson in the death of Ron's twin brother.
Steve and Caren Lefevre and family in the death of Steve's father.

Stonybrook ASP update

We have reserved 5 teams for the week of July 18th – 24th. Teams are 2 adults, 5 youth. \$140.00 deposit reserves spot, total cost \$400.00. Contact Jill Clutter jclutter@wideopenwest.com, or Steve Lefevre fancolt@hotmail.com, for information.

Address Change

Will Ryan
127 Winding Valley Dr
Delaware, OH 43015

UMCH February feature

This month's featured item for the United Methodist Children's Home are Night Lights, dish soap, and all-purpose cleaners/disinfectants.

For more information please contact Jane Gibbs at 855-1168.

United Methodist Men's News:

- **Weekly Prayer Meeting and Breakfast:**

Thursday Mornings
from 7:00 – 8:00 AM
at the Church;
breakfast on the third
Thursday each month.
Led by Alan Evans.



- **Weekly Bible Study:**

Saturday Mornings from 8:00 – 9:00 AM at the Church. Led by Jim Hall.

One Great Hour of Sharing March 14

With the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, the United Methodist Committee on Relief rebuilds lives and communities around the world. People like Angie Willcore, a registered nurse for Ganta UM Hospital in Liberia and head of the community-based HIV/AIDS counseling team, live out the command to act justly, love, show mercy, and walk humbly with God. You help UMCOR keep its promise that 100% of your designated gift goes to specific causes (like the recent Haiti Relief). Please consider a generous gift.

SUBMIT RIPPLE ARTICLES:

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

THE STRANGER

A few years after I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our town. From the beginning, dad was fascinated with this newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary "instructors" mom taught me good from evil, and dad taught me to obey. BUT the stranger, he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know about politics, history, or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to our first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but we didn't mind.

Sometimes, mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)



(To be continued in the next Ripple.)