

Nashville United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 399
Nashville Ohio

Newsletter

June 2017

*Happy Father's Day to
all of our dear dads!*

*Dads come in all
flavors from plain to
fancy.*

*Recognize the specialty
of your earthly and
heavenly father on this
special day.*

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3:12 Projects

The Three Rivers district of the East Ohio Conference has a mission project called 3:12 open to all churches in the Three Rivers District. Church members work on small repair projects for homeowners. Participation is open to anyone age 12 or older. The district also has applications available for persons needing house repairs. Repairs have included homes of elderly, ill persons, nonprofit organizations and churches. More info is available by calling the office at 740-622-8880. There does not appear to be any information about this project on their website. From Three Rivers District Spring conference 4/23/2017

Missions Committee

We have had an unusual amount of people needing help with gasoline, food, utilities, and heating fuel this year. Our church's Outreach Fund is down to \$162. It is funded by our Christmas Eve offering. We started the year with over \$1,500. If you are led to give to this fund mark an envelope or your check for Outreach Fund. Email from committee chairperson.

Trustees

Trustees are currently working on replacing a couple old aluminum frame windows in the parsonage. They are also looking into getting estimates to replace the basement level carpeting. Minutes of meeting 4/26/2107

New address: Ann Fry

5554 Satinwood Dr.

Columbus, OH 43229

Annual Conference is June
11-15 at Lakeside

See the District newsletter for
more information

Who's Who and Who's In Charge of What?

Committee Chairs

Ad Council - Laurie Etwiler
Lay Leader – Lee Smetzer
Mission - Janice Tope
Outreach – Hazel Taft
Worship – Shirley Pringle
Fellowship – Deanna Wheatley
Discipleship – Beth Gordon & Louise Taillon
Membership Secretary – Darlene Fox
Trustee - Lee Smetzer
PPR – Tom Lang
Treasurer – Chuck Wyatt
Finance – Leo Tope
Financial Secretary – Sue Weimer

Graduating

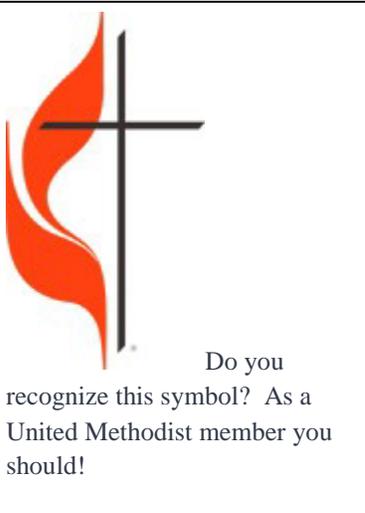
Austin Kurtz's grad party is June 3rd from 4pm till the bonfire goes out. The address is 11898 TR 252, Glenmont, OH 44628. All church members are invited.

United Methodist Church Media Center

The media center offers an extensive collection of worship, Sunday school and small group curriculum, as well as equipment resources. They have an online catalog available through the conference website. Resources may be reserved up to a year in advance. There is a fee to the church but it is nominal in light of the cost of materials. Check it out at East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. From Three Rivers District Spring conference 4/23/2017

Message from the Pastor

I want to share with all of you a devotion that comes from James MacDonald, who has done some amazing Bible Studies that we have completed in the Sunday school class that I teach. The topic of this devotional is something that all of our dedicated church congregation needs to hear. Especially during what I call the "Lean Summer Months." Summer is the time for people to vacation and miss a



couple of Sundays, here and there. But the problem is that the Church still needs each week, all of our offerings for the ministries that it does, and the operating cost to keep the Church open. So read this with open minds and open hearts beloved.

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. -2 Corinthians 9:6

"The Grace of Giving" - True or false: Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The answer: *true*, but don't go looking for the verse in the Gospels. Tucked away near the end of the book of Acts, we learn from a first-hand witness that it was Jesus who coined that familiar phrase. This important concept of generosity is woven throughout Scripture. Proverbs 11:24 says, ***"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."*** Second Corinthians 9:6 repeats, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."
God flows grace to the generous heart!

Some people look at other's lives and wonder, "Why don't I have what they have?" and "Why doesn't God answer my prayers like He answers theirs?" They may speculate on all the horizontal reasons, but I can tell you why. The flow of God's blessing into their lives has been plugged up by their own stinginess. They are not experiencing the grace of giving.

One of the most important decisions you make as a believer is to give your tithes and offerings to the Lord's work. I know that people abuse and twist this for their own advantage, but that doesn't give us the luxury to ignore what God's Word says. God knows what you give. Every time that offering plate comes down the aisle, He sees you take that huge step of faith, cheerfully giving what you can. But His blessing is stopped up if you sit there fearfully, miserly withholding saying, "How will I get by?" or "If I give to God who's gonna take care of me?" I'll tell you who—*God will!* Do you think you can out-give God? Do you think He will ever disappoint you? No—He's waiting to give back to you. He may bless you financially, or in answered prayer, or in health and strength. But no one can out-give God.

The Old Testament closes with the passage in which God welcomes you to put His generosity to the test. Malachi 3:10 says, *“Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”*

I so long for you to experience however God would desire to bless you. It is more blessed to give than receive. I challenge you in Jesus' name to experience God's grace that flows to the generous heart. May all of us enjoy God's blessings in our lives, and may we all be a blessing to His church and give from a joyful heart!

In His grip, *Larry*

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