

CHURCH NEWS MARCH 2018

Nashville United Methodist Church

Nashville, Ohio

Junior Choir!!

Something new for the kids!!

Junior choir will be led by Carly, Jaimie and Shari. They will be praising the Lord through music! Practice will be Wednesday nights from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm, beginning the first of March. They plan to perform at least once a month for the Sunday Worship.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Janice Tope will be leading confirmation class for children during morning Sunday School starting the first of March.

The Noah's Ark Class will be studying the Easter Story during the month of March and begin learning about the Authority of the Bible in "The Bible Tells Me So."

And the church is working on a Safe Sanctuary Policy to keep all of these children safe while they are in our church. A Safe Sanctuary policy protects any vulnerable person from harm by having policies in place to protect both the vulnerable persons and our volunteers. Beth Gordon is leading the church in getting this done.



EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 1 THIS YEAR. CHOOSE FROM TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 10:30 OR SUNRISE SERVICE AT 7:30, OR ATTEND BOTH.

Trustees are planning to make some repairs at the parsonage. It seems the main bathroom has been a bit neglected over the years and now needs a makeover. Not a cosmetic one, but a serious one. There is a soft spot in the drywall near the bathtub. The bathtub does not have a shower and most families nowadays like to take showers. The old bathtub and tile will need to be removed so a tub with a shower can be put in. The vanity is about 45 years old and has seen better days. The drawers are warped and the wood peeling. Since repairs are needed to the wall, the trustees will make all of the repairs at once. Any prayers or help or donations toward this project will be appreciated.

Are you counting your blessings or your money?

Some of us will be getting a tax refund this year. That is always nice and is a great time to reflect on your many blessings. Don't forget to share your blessings with your church. Your church cannot sustain itself without the assistance of every person who blesses its door.

It costs a great deal to maintain a building for church services and other community events. Giving so far this year has not kept up with expenses.

It is fairly certain that a huge windfall of funds is not going to plop down into the collection plate and save the church from making heavy decisions about finances. Please consider your blessings received this past year and consider sharing part of your tax refund to continue the church's work of sharing Jesus with everyone.

On Saturday, January 28, 2018, several church members traveled to Roscoe UMC to attend a Leadership Training. Workshops included effective church culture, active shooter church safety, young adults and youth, the single board model, and several others.



Lunch Bunch on the 4th Wednesday of every month. March lunch bunch will be Ham and beans. April and May will be pot luck.

Cleanliness is important

The church will be looking for either a custodian/janitor or a cleaning service. The current janitor has put in notice to resign. If any members are interested in the janitor job or know of a cleaning service that we should investigate, please contact a member of the trustees – Lee Smetzer, Leo Tope, Sue Weimer, Bev Wachtel, Craig Houin, Vince Wheatley or Laurie Etwiler

***FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT* Three Rivers District UMW Spring Meeting**

Saturday, April 7, 2018 -- 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Canal Lewisville UMC (198 E. Church St, Coshocton)

[Just off US 36, 1 mile east of Walmart & Career Center]

Guest speaker is a missionary from Haiti who helps children suffering from aids. Come hear how she has to practice all the fruits of the spirit in her daily walk.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 24, 2018

Registration Fee: \$7.00 includes lunch **Mail to:** Martha Stuller 1 Fairway Dr, Mt. Vernon OH 43050

Make check payable to: **Three Rivers District UM Women.** More info available in the district newsletter.



Letter from Larry

Now that we have 2017 in the history books, and we have made it through the first couple of months of 2018, I believe it's time to re-evaluate the direction that we are moving toward as a church and as a disciple of Christ. We have spent a lot of time and energy moving toward becoming a church that will teach and mature disciples for the transformation of the world. We have a number of people in the church, that have been involved in understanding what a disciple of Jesus Christ means and what we are called to do as a disciple in this world.

One of the on-going themes of this, teaching a new lifestyle as a disciple is, "to be a disciple of Christ each day of our lives, we must determine who or what we value the most". Many people in our world today value things or other people much more than God. If we value other things more than God, we will not have a desire to place Him as "number one" on our priority list. Jesus continually stressed to His disciples the importance of a daily movement of placing God above all other things in our life. He referred to this movement as "carrying your cross daily". *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."* (Luke 9:23).

Way too often people in the Church don't see the need to take this daily walk, because they haven't assessed where they are at, in their relationship with God and His Church. This way of thinking for a believer will cause many problems in their individual lives and the life of the church they attend. From irregular attendance in worship to worldliness and indifferences in their lives. The truth that must permeate in each of us as believers is, the more we delight in God's presence, the more fruitful we will be in our Christian life! On the other hand, the more we allow the world to take precedence in our lives the more we separate ourselves from our true source of life, God! The hard-nosed fact about a daily walk in maturing as a disciple is, we will never grow spiritually unless we see the need to grow! As Christ-followers, we are called to grow spiritually daily. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on this law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither." - Psalm 1:2-3.

My friends in Christ, the truth of the matter is, the more we delight in God's presence in our life, the more fruitful we will become! On the other hand, the more we allow those of the world, who ridicule God, to affect our thoughts and attitudes, the more we separate ourselves from our source of nourishment for our soul. So, to grow spiritually as a disciple of Christ each day there are three things we must do:

- 1) Stay connected to God through reading His Word.
- 2) Stay connected to other believers in Christ.
- 3) Stay connected to Christ's call for all disciples to make other disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20).

When Jesus Christ returns, may we all be found so deeply connected to Him, that there will be no question of who we love and serve!!

In His grip, Larry