

# THE CHIMES

## Please, No Explanations Inside the Church

### Pastor's Word

*If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God. - I Corinthians 14:28*

At the base of the Kidron Valley in Jerusalem is the Church of All Nations. It was built in the 1920's over the foundations of earlier churches. The church, like all the others, was built over the rock where Jesus prayed the night before his trial and crucifixion. The church is a mandatory stop on any Holy Land tour, situated as it is right beside the Garden of Gethsemane.

Every day, people from all over the world visit the church, almost all of whom come in groups led by an official tour guide. The guides are trained and licensed by the Ministry of Tourism and they know their stuff. In my several trips to the Holy Land, I've always been impressed with the breadth of their knowledge and eagerness to tell what they know.

But there is a sign outside the front doors of the Church of All Nations posted just for the tour guides. It says, "Please, No Explanations Inside the Church." That's because, at most sites which Holy Land pilgrims visit, the guide is expected to tell about why they are there. It's a history and biblical and cultural lesson every time. Imagine three or four or more guides talking at the same time to their own groups. It can be exhausting.

There's no chance of that happening inside the Church of All Nations. When you walk inside the church, you just look around. You're on your own to walk to the front or kneel and pray just inches from that ancient rock. Or you can just sit in a pew and listen to the shuffle of feet of your fellow pilgrims who have come for the same reason as you have come.



And maybe you'll hear the voice of God say something just for you.

There are times when I think a sign like that - "Please, No Explanations Inside the Church" - ought to be posted outside every church door everywhere. At least once in a while. If the church has been good at anything over the years, it's been pretty good at talking. We talk when we preach, teach, hold meetings, and make pronouncements to each other and to the world. Yeah, I know, we have to. All those regular parts of our church life depend a great deal on our talking.

But, once in a while, the church could be a place where a person just might be able to hear the voice of God, unhindered by our "explanations," don't you think?

I know people who come to church on Sunday mornings early just to sit in a quiet sanctuary. Some stay a little while after the service and listen to the organ postlude; it's a time of prayer for them. Once in a while, someone comes into the church in the middle of the week, in the middle of the day and just sits in the sanctuary. Just to listen and pray. We try not to disturb them.

Maybe that's better than posting a sign on the front doors of the church. Some folks have already posted a sign on the doors of their souls that says, "No Explanations Right Now. It's Time to Listen." And so they make a way to do what their hearts are asking them to do.

I think the church and the world would be better off if more of us did just that: listened and worshiped and stayed off the explaining. At least once in a while?



MAY

2012

**\*Sunday Worship & Program Opportunities**

- 8:30 A.M. The Chapel Worship Service**
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School for all ages**
- 10:45 A.M. Worship Service**
- 11:10 A.M. Cherub & Wesley Choirs**
- 5:15 P.M. Ringers For Christ**
- 6:00 P.M. UMYF Snack Supper**
- 6:30 P.M. UMYF**

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

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|  |  | 1<br>7p UMW Unit | 2<br>Childcare available<br>5:30p Halleluia Bells<br>6:30p Chancel Bells<br>7:30p Chancel Choir | 3<br><b>National Day of Prayer</b> | 4 | 5 |
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| 6<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br><b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>Good Samaritan Offering</b><br>12p Coffee Hour<br>12p Music Camp mtg<br>*schedule above | 7<br>7p Boy Scouts<br>7p Cub Scout Dens | 8<br>6:30p Finance<br>7p Admin Council | 9<br>Childcare available<br>5:30p Halleluia Bells<br>6:30p Chancel Bells<br>7:30p Chancel Choir | 10 | 11<br>CWU<br>12p lunch<br>AASC | 12 |
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| 13<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br><b>Mother's Day</b><br>5p CRC Visitations<br>*schedule above | 14<br>6:30p Education Com.<br>7p Cub Pack Mtg.<br>7p Boy Scouts<br>7:30p Christian Outreach | 15<br><b>Chimes Deadline</b><br>7p May Smyth Cir. | 16<br>1:30p Congregational Care Committee<br>Childcare available<br>5:30p Halleluia Bells<br>6:30p Chancel Bells<br>7:30p Chancel Choir | 17<br>7p Prayer Shawl | 18 | 19 |
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| 20<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br><b>Food Pantry Sunday</b><br>*schedule above | 21<br>12:30p Dorcas Cir.<br>7p M&M Circle<br>7p Boy Scouts<br>7p Cub Scout Dens | 22<br>6:30P Trustees<br>7p Worship Co.<br><b>7p SPRC</b> | 23<br>Childcare available<br>5:30p Halleluia Bells<br>6:30p Chancel Bells<br>7:30p Chancel Choir | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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| 27<br><b>Day of Pentecost</b><br>5p CRC Visitations<br>*schedule above | 28<br><b>Memorial Day Observance</b><br>Office closed | 29<br>5:30p Community Dinner-ANC<br>7p UMW Executive Bd. | 30 | 31 |  |  |
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\*\*\* **Deadline for Copeland Oaks Communion/Lunch, Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Again, it is time to express thanks to all who volunteered to deliver Delphin violets to some 30 of our visitation members during Easter Week. As important as the flowers were the visits by caring church members which are greatly appreciated by those who are unable to worship with us in the holy season of Easter. Committee members who deserve special thanks are Rev. David and Mildred Hostetler and Jane Helwig and, as well, Pettie Shields for her usual cooperation and hard work.

Our new service of providing greeters at the north and west entrances to our building is underway and we appreciate those who have agreed to give of their time for this important task. While we're passing out expressions of appreciation, we certainly don't want to overlook our faithful attendees at the Welcome Center each Sunday. Amazingly, this service has been in existence for more than 10 years now and several of the original greeters are still passing out warm handshakes and friendly smiles to all.

The semi-annual **Communion Service at Copeland Oaks** is scheduled for **11 a.m., Thursday, June 7, 2012** in the Chapel there with the Rev. Chris Martin delivering the message and presiding over the serving of the sacred elements. Lunch, at a cost of \$8.00 per person, will follow. **The deadline for reservations is Sunday, May 27, 2012.** Please let the church office know by then if you plan to join us for lunch.

LADIES – Please remember to wear, on **May 13<sup>th</sup>**, the pins that were distributed a few years ago commemorating Mothers' Day.

Peg Williams, Chairperson



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 Sheryl Lain       | 18 Wiley Keith Reed, Sr. |
| 2 Sheryl Dean       | 18 Philip Helsel         |
| 4 Stephen Diser     | 18 Paul Helsel           |
| 4 Kathy Brienza     | 19 Mary Jane Bingle      |
| 5 Ben Castellucci   | 20 Thelma Greiner        |
| 6 Wayne Jenkins     | 20 Becky Gard            |
| 8 Victor Lee        | 22 Kayla Handy           |
| 10 Todd Skivolocki  | 22 Diane Thomas          |
| 11 Owen Davidson    | 24 Phyllis Messenheimer  |
| 11 Joseph George    | 25 Dorothy Taylor        |
| 12 Amy George       | 27 Martha Reed           |
| 14 Ben Bolog        | 28 Louise Coldwell       |
| 17 Shirley Carberry |                          |

### NOTES FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

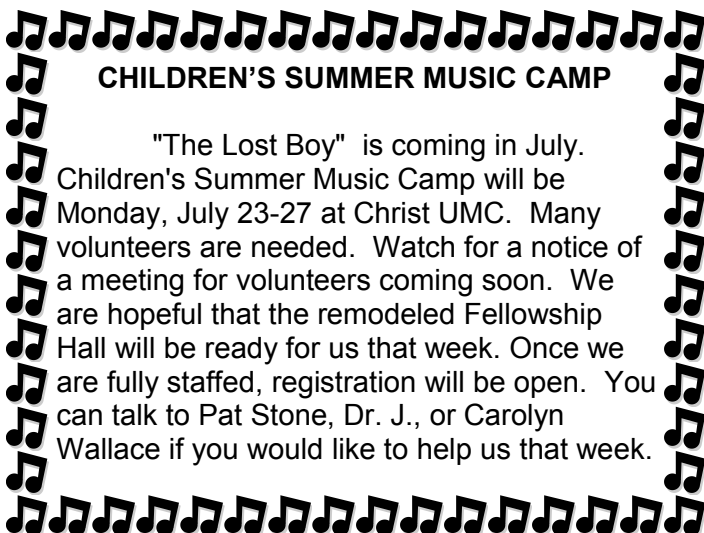
The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter statements were run through April 12 rather than through March 31, the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Therefore it will show that you possibly are under paid on your pledge. I apologize for the confusion on the statements. If you would like a new statement run please let me know.

When paying you Capital Campaign pledge it is preferred that you write a separate check from your normal pledge as they get deposited into two different accounts.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. ~ Julie Greiner

### CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

We recognize a need in our community by collecting funds, food, personal and household items to help the Salvation Army in its outreach. The Christian Outreach Committee reminds you that there is always a shopping cart in the Lounge for donations, and that the third Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. **May 20<sup>th</sup>** will be the next date for donations of non-perishable food items, paper and cleaning products, and cash donations to be counted for delivery to the Salvation Army. **In April, 56 items and \$55.00 were collected.** Your response for this much needed community program is appreciated. Thank You!


**CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSIC CAMP**  
 "The Lost Boy" is coming in July. Children's Summer Music Camp will be Monday, July 23-27 at Christ UMC. Many volunteers are needed. Watch for a notice of a meeting for volunteers coming soon. We are hopeful that the remodeled Fellowship Hall will be ready for us that week. Once we are fully staffed, registration will be open. You can talk to Pat Stone, Dr. J., or Carolyn Wallace if you would like to help us that week.

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMISSION

"We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20

We had a great meeting on April 16, celebrating member Dee Carli's 84th birthday. We thank God for her life and her service!

We are planning to continue our support of the Red Bird Missionary Conference, as it is one of the poorest areas of the country. Chris and Thom Denman are no longer serving, but Rev. Jamie Brunk and his wife, Sue, are serving three churches. Hopefully, we will be able to resume our fellowship lunches as soon as the construction is finished. The support has changed; we no longer have a covenant relationship with certain people. We just give to Red Bird as a whole.

Victor Lee has initiated the idea of a mission trip to Red Bird. Some members of our congregation have expressed an interest in participating. The trip will most likely be sometime next summer. (2013) Members who are not able to participate in the trip will have the opportunity to donate items for the thrift shop, or household items.

We again thank everyone for your continued support of our fifth Tuesday community dinners at the Alliance Neighborhood Center. The United Methodist Women have graciously offered to sponsor two dinners again this year. Our next dinner is Tuesday, May 29, and there is a sign-up sheet on the Opportunity Board.

Another opportunity to serve our community is the Alliance, Ohio mission trip, sponsored by First Baptist Church. This will take place June 18 - 22. This is not the best week for our church, as that is the week of Annual Conference. However, we are hopeful that some of our members will be able to help with the projects. Also, we are hoping to provide a lunch for the workers, perhaps with the help of another church. Again, there is a sign-up sheet on the Opportunity Board.

Thank you for supporting Beatrice G'Banga through our fifth Sunday Noisy Can offering. We appreciate the children helping with this endeavor.

Thank you, too, for your generous support of Denise Whitehair's family in their recent tragedy. Please continue to pray for the family as they work through changes.

Our quarterly Good Samaritan Offering will be taken on May 6. Remember, the Alliance of Churches now disperses these funds, alleviating our church office of much responsibility. Thank you, everyone. And, of course, we appreciate your ongoing support of the Salvation Army through our Chuck Wagon on the third Sunday. Thank you to the Sandifers for faithfully delivering the items and monetary donations!

Finally, our big summer project is our third annual Carnival in the Parking Lot, scheduled for July 7 from noon to 3:00. We are going to contact other neighborhood churches to see if they would like to help. Jamie Greiner once again will chair the event, but she needs lots of help with games and food. There is a sign-up sheet on the Opportunity Board. Also, if anyone has suggestions regarding the format of the carnival, please talk to Jamie or another member of Christian Outreach.

May God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity!

Susie Buckel, chairman

"How can I use my influence to tell the story of Christ?"

**DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE 2012 CHIMES WILL BE  
TUESDAY MAY 15, 2012.**

**ANY ARTICLES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE, MIGHT NOT BE PUBLISHED.  
ARTICLES CAN BE SENT BY E-MAIL TO: [cumcalliance@gmail.com](mailto:cumcalliance@gmail.com), OR  
THEY CAN BE PLACED IN THE MAILBOX, OUTSIDE THE OFFICE.**

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE 21st CENTURY UPDATE:

**AS OF APRIL 15th:**  
**TOTAL COMMITMENTS: \$290,430**  
**TOTAL COMMITMENTS PAID: \$101,647.60**

## UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Fellowship Hall Project started on April 12, so please excuse the dust and any other inconvenience that may occur until the completion in July. Some major April and May highlights of the Fellowship Hall remodel are;

1. Shorten Boy Scout room for the new equipment room
2. Add new restroom doorway
3. Remove existing windows and replace with glass blocks
4. Expand kitchen.

In addition, we are reviewing the parking lot bids and hope to award a contract soon.

### Before remodel:

Women's restroom, prior to  
April 12, 2012.



Fellowship Hall, prior to  
April 12, 2012.



### During remodel:

Women's restroom on  
April 15, 2012. (Same view)



Fellowship Hall on  
April 21, 2012.



### MEETINGS IN MAY:

- May 8: Finance Committee @ 6:30  
Administrative Council @ 7:00
- May 14: Education Committee @ 6:30  
Christian Outreach Committee @ 7:30
- May 16: Congregational Care Committee @ 1:30
- May 22: Trustees Committee @ 6:30  
Worship Committee @ 7:00
- May 29: UMW Executive Board Meeting @ 7:00

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UNIT MEETING

**Tuesday May 1 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**Christ United Methodist Church, Dussel Room**

Program:

### ***Holy Land Trip***

Led by:

**Rev. Karl Stonebraker and other travelers**  
**will give an overview of the tour and**  
**Adventures of their recent trip to Israel.**  
(All members of the congregation are  
invited to attend!!)

Greeters & Hostesses:  
**M&M Circle**

**May 29th @ 7:00 PM**  
**UMW Executive Board Meeting**

### **CIRCLES:**

May 21, 12:30 P.M. **Dorcas Circle**  
Place: Lakeview Terrace, Copeland Oaks

May 21, 7:00 P.M. **M&M Circle**  
Place: Pat Helsel, 1633 Denwood St., Alliance

May 15, 7:00 P.M. **May Smyth Circle**  
Place: Betty-Jo Sutherin, 958 Vincent Blvd., Alliance

### **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

May 11, Alliance Senior Center  
602 West Vine Street., Alliance, OH 44601  
1:00 P.M - Program

***May Friendship Luncheon - Noon***  
*Catered Lunch \$8.50.*  
*See Haven Ackley for tickets.*

## MAY VISITATION MEMBERS



- 6 - Norma Wasson, 1524 Lilly Lane, Alliance
- 13 - Corinne Ruby, 800 S. 15th St., #9-186, Sebring
- 20 - Joan Raynes, 800 S. 15th St., #9-300, Sebring
- 27 - Mary Jane Johnson, 2350 Cherry Ave., #29B, Alliance

## MISC NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

### **Pennies from Heaven**

I counted pennies that we donated to the Alliance Council of Churches in the plastic jar that is kept in the lounge. There was \$10.00. About \$6.00 in pennies that made up most of the volume, and another \$4.00 in nickels, dimes and quarters. I had donated a few pennies, but not as many as I could/should have! I am planning to deliberately bring my pennies to Church on Sundays and listen to them "clink" in the jar as they join the rest of your gifts. Together, if we each consistently do a little, we can make a difference.

### **Keep your pledge up to date**

The heating bill is lower than prior years. The new insulation of a few years ago is keeping heating costs down and the mild winter also helped. Even with these savings, the expenditures required early in the calendar year have been greater than the pledges received. Please review your pattern of giving. Try to keep your pledge payments up to date as we strive to accomplish the missions and ministries planned. Thank you for your financial support.

### **Remodeling/Construction is underway**

The Fellowship Hall remodeling has begun. The dust is flying, plastic dust curtains are hanging, but they are not able to stop everything. It just feels good to be 'in progress!' You might want to bring a clothe to 'dust' your seat in Sunday School or in the Sanctuary. If you don't you can take home some of the dust on you clothes, and 'be a part of the process!' The drop-ceiling grid work of the Fellowship Hall was recycled bringing in \$77.00 to help with the project expenses (every little bit helps!!!).

Dick Diser

**CHRISTIAN ED CORNER  
MAY 2012 CHIMES**

After Fantastic Friday I am still savoring the memory of Lindsay Bonilla as she artfully displayed the story of “Lily and the City of Lights”. After reading her book I saw parallels between that story and the Bible. It had been rumored that people who lived in the City of Lights could experience joy and happiness but no one knew how to get there. Could this ‘city of lights’ have been a reference to heaven?

We first meet an old man who lived on the outskirts of “Htrae”; those letters could spell ‘heart’, right? This man knew how to get to the city but the citizens of Htrae refused to listen and ran him out of town. So many people have rebelled and rejected the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The man told Lily that to get to the city of lights she had to learn to love and give her heart away wanting nothing in return. Lily did not want to give her heart away but she met a beggar woman who would surely need it. The woman took the heart and tried to sell it; Lily was not happy and took her heart back.

Her next encounters were very upsetting. A rich man named Mr. Yenom (is that “money” spelled backwards?) was obsessed with counting his money. He had no time to care for Lily’s heart and it became dusty and dirty. Then Lily thought surely a little baby would care for her heart but the baby chewed and slobbered on it. Her next attempt was with a handsome young man to whom she was quite attracted but he rejected the dirty heart with the slobber and teeth marks on it. Lily became so angry because her heart had brought her nothing but pain and worry. Our life journeys are also filled with disappointments and heart break just like Lily’s.

Next Lily heard a voice: it was the King of the City of Lights. He welcomed her, took her broken heart and gave her his heart which was full of joy and love. She had found her way to the City of Lights. I am thrilled that Ms. Bonilla used the heart as her centerpiece. Biblically speaking, the heart is the inner self that thinks, feels and makes decisions. It makes up some aspects of our personalities and many of our emotions are experienced by the heart such as love and hate, or joy and sorrow.

Our thinking processes are carried on in the heart. It can think, imagine, and understand; it can influence our will and make decisions. Personality or true character is developed in the heart; that is where we find whether one is pure or evil, or mature or rebellious. God knows our hearts which is why we must guard them carefully. It is with our hearts that we believe in Jesus Christ and do our best to love God with all our hearts. God will accept us as we are just as He accepted Lily, with our tattered and broken hearts and will love us unconditionally. Lily finally found the way to the City of Lights and, if that is a reference to heaven, I certainly want to find my way there as well.

Peace,  
Dr. J.



**ARE YOU A GRADUATE OR KNOW OF A GRADUATE???**

The Christian Education Committee is planning a formal recognition of our 2012 Graduates from high school, college/university or other programs. We will need your help: if you know of someone (or that someone is you), please get a brief biographical sketch together and get it to Pettie Shields, our Church Secretary, as soon as possible. Such information may include but is not limited to the institution from which the person is graduating, the date, plans after graduation, family relationship, etc. We look forward to congratulating our graduates for their jobs well done. The date for the Recognition will be confirmed.

## A VISIT TO ISRAEL

As you recall Pastor Karl & Pam Stonebraker, Bob and Carolyn Wallace, Sheryl Dean, Katie Winner-Weitzel and Ruth Eva Williams and 6 others from churches Pastor Karl has served, traveled to Israel March 8 to March 18. Bob Wallace has written the article below, to share with you, as to what he experienced. Thank you Bob for sharing!!!

Visiting Israel was like getting a dump truck of geography and ancient history dumped on our heads. We saw where the shepherds abided in the fields keeping watch over their flocks, and learned why Jesus used sheep to describe us. While riding in a boat on the Sea of Galilee we experienced an intense calm, and saw the gap in the nearby mountains that allows storms to come up quickly, such as the one that frightened the disciples. We saw several fortresses of Herod the Great and others that have been fought over time and again, and sadly saw fighter planes flying over head to remind us that the Holy Land is still being fought over today. We saw the wilderness where Jesus was tempted by Satan. That was as close to Hell as I ever want to be. One of our last stops was the Garden Tomb. If it wasn't the real tomb of Jesus, it beautifully fit the description, and having communion there was a special experience. Our biggest shock was to see the filth, especially in Bethlehem. Jesus was born into a very troubled land, and it remains so today.



**Photo Caption:** Shown on a boat on the Sea of Galilee, near Tiberias, are those who participated in the Christ United Methodist tour of Israel March 8-18. In the front row: Robert Wallace; second row: Sheryl Dean; third row (from left to right): Penny Sterrett, Katie Winner-Weitzel, Carolyn Wheeler, Barbara Crider, Rev. Karl Stonebraker, and fourth row (from left to right): Gary Sterrett, Ruth Williams, Carolyn Wallace, Pam Stonebraker. Roger Wheeler, David Crider.

## Words of Thanks.....

To the Church,  
We want to thank you for the pretty violet we received. And a Thank You to Jerry and Nancy Sandifer for bringing it to us and the nice visit we had. Thanks again,  
Dwight and Lois Bush

Dear Friends,

I personally wanted to write and thank each one of you for your prayers, support, and generosity that you have shown our family. There are no words to truly express our gratitude. God has sent us such amazing people. He knows our every need and has blessed us tremendously. May God bless you all. Please continue to pray for our family as we have many obstacles to overcome. It's such a wonderful feeling to know that we have such a great community of caring people. I want to thank Mrs. Gemberling (Laurie Porter) for being such a great support person.

With loving hearts,  
The Whitehair Family

To our beloved family of God known at Christ United Methodist Church,

Shortly after New Years Day, I was admitted to Alliance Community Hospital with double pneumonia. The big shock came when they found in the routine scan and x-ray, a spot on my pancreas. Unsure what it was, a referral to the Cleveland Clinic confirmed that the spot was cancer. Since then I have been in a regimen of chemo and under the care of the visiting nurses and therapists. The final outcome is in the hand of our Lord. Meanwhile, there are many side effects from the chemo and other medications.

Ginny Robart brought me a prayer shawl that is a constant reminder that your love, caring and the flood of prayers are a true blessing. Mildred and I wish to thank you for the many, many offers of help. Currently I am allowed to go to church and the doctors. Brief visits are welcome, but please call first. Again love and blessings.  
Rev. David and Mildred Hostetler.

## MAYANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bill and Nancy Prueter
- 11 John and Sandra Skivolocki
- 17 Tyler and Jenni-Jo Kinser
- 18 Eric and Chrissy Shields
- 24 Jeffrey and Patricia Martin
- 27 Ed and Haven Ackley
- 27 Charles Manypenny and Cynthia Carlin
- 30 Rev. Ken and Marie Bibbee

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR MAY

### USHERS

- Frank Woolf - Captain
- |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Bob Clayton  | Bill Messenheimer |
| Dick Diser   | Winston Stroup    |
| Jack Edwards | Boyd Webster      |
| Dan Feess    | Jim Williams      |

### LITURGISTS

- | 8:30 A.M. |              | 10:45 A.M. |                |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| 6         | Steve Diser  |            | Jamie Greiner  |
| 13        | Haven Ackley |            | Jim Greiner    |
| 20        | Steve Diser  |            | Victor Lee     |
| 27        | Haven Ackley |            | Judith Hookway |

### SANCTUARY GREETERS

- |    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| 6  | Kim Handy             |
| 13 | Boyd and Jean Webster |
| 20 | Jim and Jill Greiner  |
| 27 | Bill and Ellen Sol    |

### TELLERS

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| 6  | Jill Greiner & Donna Essick        |
| 13 | Tyler Kinser & Bruce Helsel        |
| 20 | Marilyn Bower & Bill Messenheimer  |
| 27 | Nancy Sandifer & Mildred Hostetler |

### WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

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| 6  | Connie & Larry Pyers          |
| 13 | Betty Thorpe & Peg Rodefer    |
| 20 | Helen Brown & Peg Williams    |
| 27 | Rev. Dave & Mildred Hostetler |

### NORTH & WEST DOOR GREETERS

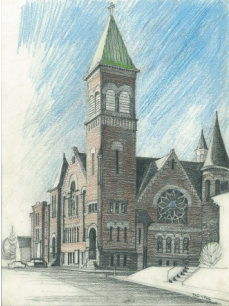
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| 6  | Jill & Jim Greiner                 |
| 13 | Cynthia Carlin & Charles Manypenny |
| 20 | Peg Rodefer & Ginny Robart         |
| 27 | Jane & Tom Graham                  |



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**God's Masterpiece Is Mother**

God took the fragrance of a flower...  
The majesty of a tree...  
The gentleness of morning dew...  
The calm of a quiet sea...  
The beauty of the twilight hour...  
The soul of a starry night...  
The laughter of a rippling brook...  
The grace of a bird in flight...  
Then God fashioned from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when his masterpiece was through  
He called it simply - Mother.  
- Herbert Farnham

**HAPPY** *Mother's Day* 