



Faith Community United Church of Christ **Dialog**

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Pastor's Message



Dear Faith Folks,

Summer is in full bloom. July and August are normally the hottest months of the year for us in Northwest Ohio, or anywhere in Ohio for that matter. Summer is the best time to experience God's Mighty Kingdom in all of nature. I remember bailing hay in the humid weather of July and August when I was growing up on the farm. My two brothers, my Dad and I would get really sweaty and thirsty after being out in the field for several hours. My mother would bring out ice cold lemonade or ice tea to refresh our bodies as

well as our spirits. Summer is the time to get outside and do physical things and experience nature's beauty, no matter what those physical things are. They could be for pleasure or for work or both. Summer is the time for being outside and doing.

When we go outside it is important for us as Christians to experience and appreciate the wondrous works of God found all around us in creation. Some people take a walk early in the morning and experience the quiet and calm of God's kingdom before the world wakes up, and the serene quiet of the new morning is lost for the rest of the day. Some people have birdfeeders outside their windows so they can watch the different birds that come by to feed as well as the squirrels that try their best to get to the goodies inside. Hummingbirds are especially entertaining to watch as their wings are constantly flapping to steady themselves so they can feed. If you walk by a stream you can experience the calming affect that the stream provides as the water passes by. What a boost to the spirit nature is to all of us.

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Calendar of Events

Bible Study, on hiatus until the fall

Communion, first Sunday every month

Chimes Practice, on hiatus until the fall

JULY

Mon.-Fri., July 21-25

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9 to 11:30 a.m. daily



Come to VBS!

AUGUST

Thurs., August 21

September *Dialog* deadline.



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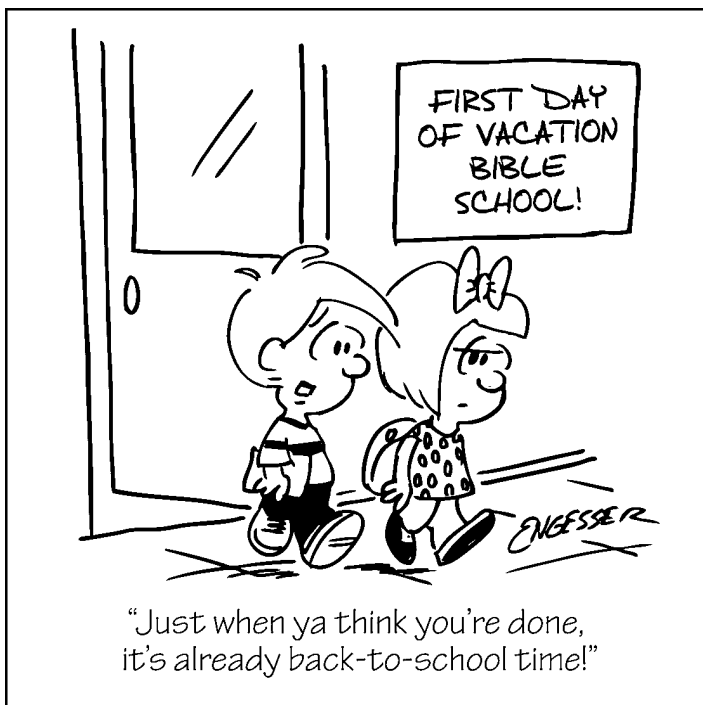
Perhaps you have memory of a time that nature calmed your spirit or gave you a feeling that all is right with the world.

God's "Mighty Kingdom" is our theme this year for Vacation Bible School. So as we go through all our summer activities maybe we can turn back the hands of time and look at God's "Mighty Kingdom" through the eyes of our own youth. I think childhood is the time in our lives when we are most open and welcoming of God's presence with us here on earth. We have not been knocked around by life's harsh waves yet, and are still innocent to the realities that life has to bring. So, please go outside and look at God's "Mighty Kingdom" with your eyes of your youth and let me know what those eyes see for this summer season.

Have a GREAT summer!
Pastor Scott Kaufman

Suggestion Box

Check out the Suggestion Box on the shelf in the entry. It has been updated with a photo of our church and is all ready to receive your comments, suggestions, or complaints. You do not have to sign your comments if you don't wish to, so please make use of the suggestion box.



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2	Richard May
July 7	Debra Trail
July 8	Ruby Burkey
July 11	Eugene Billings
July 11	Isaiah Robinson
July 22	Jason Smith
July 26	Ray Titera
July 27	Barb Gilmore
July 29	Laura Barker
Aug. 4	Glenna Scanlan
Aug. 11	Scott Kaufman
Aug. 11	Carolyn Allion
Aug. 11	Donna Creswell
Aug. 14	Dale Allion
Aug. 16	Ruth Farnsworth
Aug. 16	Barb Hadley
Aug. 17	Bob Walters
Aug. 17	Mary Anderson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 15	Eugene & Earlene Billings
July 22	Ron & Heidi Denlinger
July 23	Roger & Charlene Reese
Aug. 21	Richard & Lois May
Aug. 26	Carl & Mary Anderson



Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

Peg Knapp, Hope Billings, B.J. Lord, Ruby Burkey, Lanny Reese (Roger's cousin), Derrick Yant, Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.

Around the Church



A chimes group performance.



The choral group performs.



The Faith family enjoying luncheon together at a recent free-will offering luncheon.



The Boy in a Box

This year's rummage sale was a success, making the most money yet since moving to Maumee.

Visitors found many bargains, including this young man who found the perfect place to wait for his family to finish shopping.

The Spring Rummage Sale

The spring rummage sale, co-chaired by Charlene Reese and Lori Yant, brought in over \$1600 for the

general fund. The Winter Clothing sale is planned for October again this year.



May and June Good Bunch

In May, the Good Bunch met at the Cracker Barrel and in June at the Maumee River Yacht Club.

In June, the group was given a program on the new Maritime Museum.





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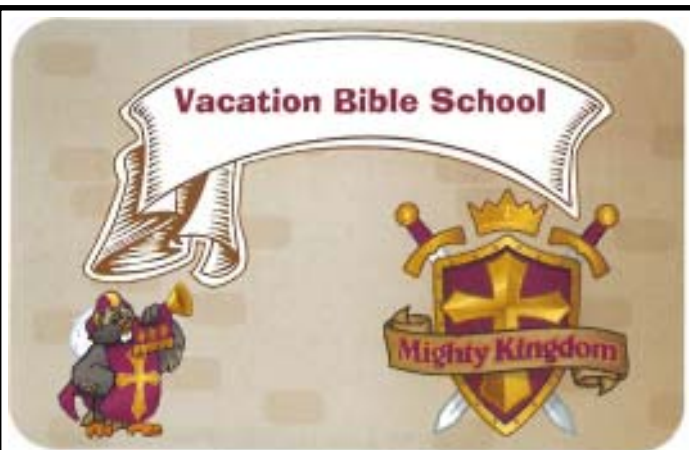
OFFICE OPEN:

Tues., Wed., Thurs. — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat. — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept.-May)

WORSHIP — Sun. — 10:30 a.m.

Closed — Mon. and Fri.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins on Monday, July 21 and will continue each morning until Friday, July 25, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The theme for this year's school is "Mighty Kingdom." Many activities and projects will focus on this theme.

Anyone willing to come and help with the children, the activities, singing, outside activities, and the craft projects are welcome and needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for volunteers to fill-in their willingness to help and times available. Thanks to all for your help.



Two baptized

Two infants were baptized following services on Sunday, May 4, by Pastor Scott Kaufman. The infants are the grandchildren of Florence Pohlman and she was in attendance for the event. Baptized were Alyiah Ivy Tandler and Koby Huntington Hancock, pictured above with their parents.