



Faith Community United Church of Christ **Dialog**

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A Double Bloomer

On Easter Sunday, there were two Easter Lilies at the altar that had been purchased by Florence Pohlman in memory of her husband, Jack. She requested that we plant them in the Memorial Garden after the holiday. Those plants were planted and they turned yellow and died down as most spring flowers do. But shortly thereafter, new shoots began coming up from the ground. Both plants returned and went into full-bloom all over again—the first in August and the second in September.

Pastor's Message

Here comes October! As we ask every year “where did our summer go?” I am writing this on Sept. 17 and the high temperature for the day is supposed to be 64 degrees. What a change! Don't get me wrong. I love cool temps, but these temperatures in the fall remind me of what may come in the future. It makes my mind wander back to last winter. I am sure

many of you remember last winter, and the challenges it presented. But thinking back to a problem is borrowing trouble and not allowing us to enjoy the good weather in the **here and now**. I don't know about you but many times I have not enjoyed the present by obsessing about the future on something that may not happen.

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Calendar of Events

Bible Study, Thursdays,
10 a.m.

Communion, first Sunday
every month

Chimes Practice, Saturdays,
10:30 a.m.

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Sun., October 5

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION

**World Communion
Sunday**

Mon.-Thurs., Oct. 6-9

*Set-up for Winter Clothing
and Bake Sale, 9 to 12 noon*

Fri., October 10

**WINTER CLOTHING
AND BAKE SALE**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tues., October 14

Good Bunch, Charlies

Restaurant, Maumee

11:30 a.m. (details on pg. 2)

Sun., October 19

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Council Meeting

Thurs., October 23

November **Dialog** deadline

HALLOWEEN— Candy
handed out on the same day
and times as the City of
Maumee declares.

Pastor's Message

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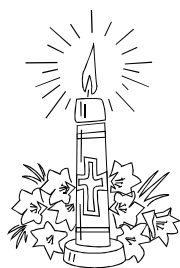
Have any of you out there been so worried about the future that you haven't allowed yourself the pleasure of enjoying **the here and now**? Many people call this *waiting for the other shoe to drop*. It is understandable that some people who have had a lot of bad things happen in their lives in the past, tend to *wait for the other shoe to drop*, when they are having something positive happening in their **here and now**. An example would be the dropping gas prices we have had recently. I can hear those naysayers now. Just wait until the next holiday, then they'll jack those prices way up. Another positive is the economy. Its doing pretty good right now, but there are people predicting another recession. Then there are those people saying that all the wars going on in the Middle East are coming to America. ISIS is just a plane ride away from our shores. Talk about borrowing trouble.

In my faith walk I am trying very hard to live in the **here and now**. This morning I enjoyed the sunrise God provided. There was no rain, no wind, no humidity, and thank God, no snow. When I

parked in the church's parking lot the sun's rays were coming through the tree branches in the back of the church. I found a spot where the rays would fully hit me and just stood there for two minutes to soak up the sun's energy. It was a very positive experience and set a positive tone for the rest of my day. There are many positive happenings in our lives if we just take the time to recognize them by living in the **here and now**. Like, taking the time to thank a clerk at a store for their service, acknowledging a fellow driver that lets you in line on the freeway, or the time you didn't get caught for speeding. While writing this I just realized I forgot a God sighting that just happened to me. I was getting a much needed oil change for my truck and the service people were having a hard time loosening my oil filter. It took them over an hour to get it loose and they had to call in their manager. That was the bad part. The good part is they gave me my oil change for free. Thanks be to God!

My message to all this month is to live in the **here and now** and let God take care of your future. You never know—you may get a free oil change.

Pastor Scott Kaufman



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 4	Janet Butterfield
Oct. 5	Roger Hammack
Oct. 8	Garrett Denlinger
Oct. 11	Doris Matthews
Oct. 17	Eric Smith
Oct. 18	Valerie Shinaberry
Oct. 26	Ella Grace Ehrhardt
Oct. 29	Brian Utter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 4	Dale & Carolyn Allion
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Roger and Charlene Reese will be hosting Good Bunch on October 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Charlies Restaurant, 1631 Toll Gate Drive, Maumee, Ohio. Toll Gate is off of Dussel, just behind the Honda Dealer on Conant. It is a fairly new restaurant and has a nice meeting room. We are asking everyone to come prepared with a good clean joke or funny anecdote to share with the group. We all deserve a good laugh as often as possible. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Roger and Charlene Reese





Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae

The Sunday School sponsored a "Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae" for fellowship hour on Sunday, September 7, in celebration of Rally Day. The same

day the new supplemental hymnals, with some of the older or favorite hymns, were used for the first time.

Maumee Churches United

Pastor Scott has been regularly attending the Maumee Churches United. This is a group of Pastors and representatives from all the churches in Maumee. The group recently began meeting again after a summer hiatus. They meet the second week each month for lunch. This month Carty Finkbiner will be a guest speaker.

If anyone would like to attend with Scott or as a representative in his place from time to time, please talk with him for more information.

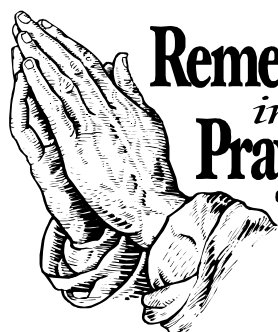
Halloween Candy

We will be handing out candy in front of the church again this year for Halloween. As the holiday falls on a Friday this year, it is not known yet what night the City of Maumee will be holding Trick or Treat Night. Our trick or treat will be the same night. We need bags of candy and other goodies to hand out and people to come and help us with the little ghosts and goblins.



Vacation plans

B.J. will be taking vacation from Wednesday, Oct. 8 through Tuesday, Oct. 21. During that time, if you have any needs, see Pastor Scott.



Remember in Prayer

Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

Nancy Collier's family (on her recent passing), B.J. Lord, Amber McCullough (friend of Brian Utter who is suffering a heart condition), Roger Reese, Hope Billings, Lanny Reese (Roger's cousin), Derrick Yant, Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.



**October 26,
Worship
10:30 a.m.**

**Reformation
Sunday**



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OFFICE OPEN:

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

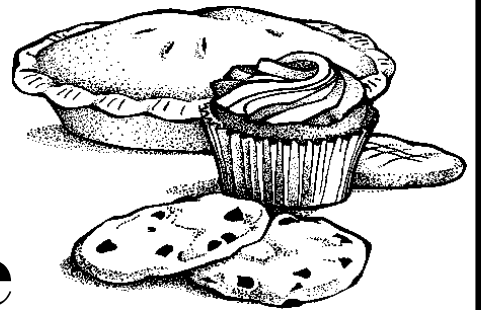
Sat. — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept.-May)

WORSHIP — Sun. — 10:30 a.m.

Closed — Mon. and Fri.



Winter Clothing and Bake Sale



Friday, October 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We will be selling **winter clothing** and **holiday decorations** only,
along with a **bake sale**.

50/50 RAFFLE

We will be accepting clothing items and holiday decorations beginning on **Monday, Oct. 6**, through **Thursday, Oct. 9**, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon each day. Volunteers are needed to help with organizing during the week, on the day of the sale, and on Saturday for cleanup.

Also donations for the bake sale are needed.

Any time that you can spare that week will be an enormous help.