

ATWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Spring Clean Up

The Leadership Team has set the week of May 14 as SPRING CLEANING WEEK AT THE CHURCH. A list of projects is ready to be tackled. You (your family or organization) is asked to select a project and complete during the week at a time that best fits your schedule.

A list will be posted on the bulletin board for you to sign up! See Martha Bevard if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your help!

Youth News

May 6 – District Youth Event – Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Boston Heights, Ohio. Cost \$20 per person – this included 90 minutes of jump time, pizza and pop. We will also have a time of worship and election of district officers.
May 20 – Meeting at the church 6 – 8 PM
June 9 – 11 we will attend Youth Annual Conference – more details to follow.

UMW News

UMW: All Mothers and Daughters Banquet: Friday, May 4 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and your table service.

Coburn Circle: May 15, 7:00 pm

Hostess: Yvonda Westfall

Program: Phyllis Weber



Prayer Chain

You can start the prayer chain by calling Kathy Elson at 330-904-3964 or Martha Simons at 330-947-2017

Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study

Thursdays at 1:00 pm at Deerfield or 7:00 pm at Atwater led by Rev. Ruth

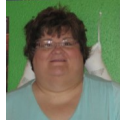
Reminder

The newsletter next month will be a combined June/July newsletter. So please get any info for both months in by May 20.



M ISSION STATEMENT: "TO LOVE, CARE, AND SHARE THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US."

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends,

"*I have seen the Lord!*" said Mary in the gospels. With these words the world was changed forever! With these words those who followed Jesus became a people who proclaimed Jesus risen. The proclamation of the resurrection became the cornerstone of the Christian faith. Yet there are millions who do not believe or understand the resurrection.

The empty tomb may be difficult to understand, but that is no reason not to believe. The empty tomb points us to a God who cares so much for us that he enters into our life with us. The empty tomb is proof positive of God's love for us. The empty tomb shows us how to live to the fullest - that with God all things are possible. The empty tomb promises all those who have faith, all those who strive to follow in the path of Christ, that life triumphs over death. The empty tomb reminds us that we do not perish like the grass of the field which one day is here and the next gone. The empty tomb tells us that eternal life is ours. We need only to believe

Believe, my friends, in the testimony of those who saw the risen Jesus and talked with him - and wrote his words in the Bible, believe too in the testimony of those like Paul and the millions of apostles and saints after him who have testified to the fact that the risen Christ has visited them.

Believe - and receive the power
Believe - and receive the transforming hope
Believe - and receive a peace that no law can ever grant
Believe and rejoice for "death is swallowed up in victory", to the praise of our brother and our Savior, Jesus Christ - our risen Lord. Amen.

Rev. Ruth



Secretary's Hours

Carey's hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. If you need to contact her please do so only then. Any other issues please call the church and leave a message at **330-947-2367** or email the church at **atwaterUMC6380@gmail.com**. Carey or Rev. Ruth will get back to you.

Too many have been using her private email and texting her cell phone when she is on her own time.

People also have been approaching her at church when she is busy with the power point and trying to get ready for the worship service.

So please be respectful of her private time and contact her only during her office hours.

If you have an emergency call Rev. Ruth at 330 206 1358.

Thank You,

SPRC Committee

Pentecost

Sunday May 20 is Pentecost. Please join us as we worship the Holy Spirit.



Book Club

Book Club will meet at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 30 at Kinsey's Restaurant. We will have dinner or a dessert (your choice) and discuss our current book. See a book club member to find out what book we are reading this month.

Spring Dinner

The spring dinner will be held on Saturday, April 28th. The dinner will remain the same pricing as last year. We will be having ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, dessert and drink.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



At Rolling River Rampage VBS, children will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience the ride of a lifetime with God. During Vacation Bible School at **Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God**, your kids will become Rafters and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly, the Rafters make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Rapid Reminders to equip your Rafters for an active life with God. Your Rafters will discover a Rafting Ready Verse that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making art projects at the Craft Station, singing new music at the Music Station, exploring at the Science Station, participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Snack Station.

Mark your calendar VBS is July 9 – 13 from 6:30 – 8:30. All children age 4 – 5th grade are invited to participate.

Outreach

Health Kits

We are collecting Health kits to take to Annual Conference in June. Health Kits are given to individuals who find themselves in the midst of flood, fires and other situations.

1 Hand towel 15 x25 inches to 17 x 27 inches

Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable

1 Washcloth

1 Toothbrush Adult AND Do not remove from original packaging

6 Adhesive bandages ¾ inch to 1 inch-size

1 Bath-size soap 3 oz. and larger sizes only Do not remove from original packaging

1 Comb - needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long

1 Metal nail clippers No emery boards, please

1 plastic bag One-gallon size sealable bag only

\$2.00 to purchase toothpaste and shipping

All items must be new and in original packaging. Place all items inside zip lock bag with \$2.00. Do not add additional items.

Graduation Sunday

On Sunday June 3rd we will be honoring our graduating senior Trevor Wise. There will be cake and punch following the worship service. Please join us to congratulate him.

Vacation Bible School Meeting

Next Vacation Bible School meeting is Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 PM in the church office. We still need volunteers to help make this a success.

Worship Workers

May

Liturgist: Amber Milam

Greeters: Phyllis Weber

Ushers: Needed

Elevette: Needed

Acolyte: Needed

Fellowship: Tracey Clites

Youth Bell Ringer: Garrett & Grace Clites

Communion Helpers: Martha Bevard



VISION STATEMENT: "REACHING OUT TO OTHERS TO EDUCATE AND PROMOTE FAITH IN CHRIST."



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 VBS Planning Meeting 6:30pm * Matthew King	2	3 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm	4 Mother/Daughter Banquet 6:30pm	5
6 Worship 9:25 am Sunday School 10:30am	7 *Cindra Lantz	8	9 *Mike Slattery	10 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm *Gary Harrison	11	12
13 Worship 9:25 am Sunday School 10:30am Mothers Day	14 Quilt Club 10:00am Leadership 6:30pm Spring Cleanup Week	15 *Lilly Foster	16 *Jann Dittmer	17 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8:00am *Nancy Moore
20 Worship 9:25 am Fellowship 10:30 am Newsletter info due	21 *Hoby Horn *Jackie Hutchison	22	23	24 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm	25 *Lee Horning	26
27 Worship 9:25 am Sunday School 10:30am	28	29 *Mary Harrison	30 Book Club 5:30 pm @ Kinsey's	31 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm		