



Chatham Community Church Connections



August/September 2017

A Word from the Pastor

Paragraph 350 of the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline reads: "Throughout their careers, clergy shall engage in continuing education for ministry, professional development, and spiritual formation and growth in order to lead the church in fulfilling the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ. This shall include carefully developed personal programs of study augmented periodically by involvement in organized educational and spiritual growth activities..."

A clergy member's continuing education and spiritual growth program should include professional formation leaves at least one week each year and may include one month during one year of every quadrennium (four-year period). Such leaves shall not be considered as part of the ministers' vacations..."

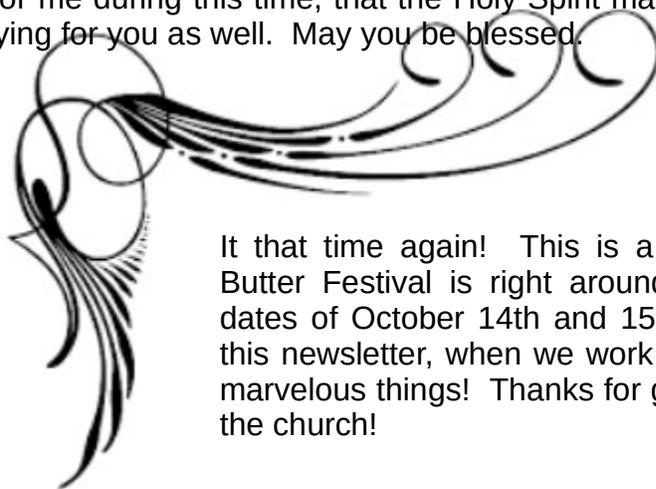
Last fall I spoke with our District Superintendent Rev. Doug Lewis about taking a time of renewal/education leave as I have been serving Chatham Church for more than five years. He wholeheartedly encouraged me and spoke with the Pastoral Relations Committee about it. In May, the PRC approved a three-week leave, which is the amount of time I requested, and the Board of Administrators also added their stamp of approval.

When you read this article, I will have begun my leave. Thank you to Rev. Keith Bohley for filling in for me in the pulpit as well as for pastoral emergencies!

My leave will consist of some mission work, a great deal of meditation and quiet time, some travel to monasteries and historic American churches, some research on the "Rule of Christ" and reading textbooks for an Ethics class in the fall. My leave will also consist of a short visit to my son's. He will be moving into a new job in a new location, and Howard & I will spend four days helping him get settled.

I ask that you pray for me during this time, that the Holy Spirit may fall afresh on me and on the church. I will be praying for you as well. May you be blessed.

Peace,
Pastor Patty



It that time again! This is a gentle remi Butter Festival is right around the corner dates of October 14th and 15th to help o this newsletter, when we work together we marvelous things! Thanks for giving of you the church!



News from the Board of Administrators

The board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

We are currently working on getting the floors in the south building basement covered. We will remove the carpet in the Sunday School classrooms. They will be covered in Pebblestone along with the kitchen and Fellowship area.

The Sunday school rooms will need painting, if you would like to help, contact Jacci or someone on the board.

We also approved an area for Headstart to put in a playground at the north church. It will be a fenced in area approximately 1500 sq. ft. Mike Massie

Worship Notes

Summer is a busy time for Chatham Church's worship committee team and fellowships! A big thanks to the grillers at our June potluck the outdoor Pentecost worship service drops that day did not stop us from together in God's beautiful kingdom with us at our annual picnic, Sunday August 20th at Linda and Keith Bohley's house following worship at the south church. Join us in Rally Day to help welcome the youth back for a fresh year of Sunday School on September 10th. More details to follow. Thanks be to God for a glorious active church congregation!

Emily_



Chatham Christian Women

In May the Women's Group had its annual rummage sale.

We were able to raise over \$800 to help support our programs and missions.

We would like to thank all who helped by donating items that we could sell, helping to set-up, purchasing items, or helping to clean up afterward.

On July 10 we went to the Medina County Home where we hosted a BINGO party for the residents. We had 200 quarters to give as prizes. They seem to really enjoy receiving them. We followed the games by serving root beer floats. We were delighted that fourteen people showed up to help. I think it's such a great mission of our group.

Our next scheduled activity is our annual restaurant outing on September 11. The time and location will be announced later. We will be making plans for all the activities that come in the fall and winter months.

Kidz Klub!

Summer brings the Kidz Klub to Chatham Community Church! This year the children painted rocks. Really? YES! The rocks had a scripture on the back and after decorating them, the children were told to place the rock where someone would find it, and as they placed the rock, they were to say a prayer for that person. Did you find a painted rock?

The children also created a poster with hands and feet telling of what they could do as the hands and feet of God! Thank you to the teachers and all the volunteers who make this ministry so much fun!

The next Kidz Club is Wednesday, August 16th at the church pavilion and it includes dinner! All are welcome!



Exerpts From the Medina County Gazette about the Chatham Churches

August 16, 1872: The Methodist Church has been much improved. A year or two ago a stone foundation was placed beneath and chimneys were built last year so that the house was heated from below.

February 4, 1887: The meetings at the Methodist Church continue, and the work done is grand; no such interest was ever before manifested; the converts number over 50. "In union there is strength." Would that all churches would join hands in one grand effort, to wipe out sin from our midst. Let the good work go on until dram shops shall have no customers, yea, until he who sells drink shall become followers of God. The revival effort has ended at the Methodist Church and the Congregationalists have taken up the fight. May it still continue until all in this town and neighborhood have been brought to lead a different life.

June 17, 1887: Children's day was observed by both churches, the excercises at the Methodist Church being held in the morning, while at the same hour Rev. Edwin Rose delivered a sermon to the boys and girls of the Congregationalists Church, the excercises-there-being in the evening. Both churches were profusely decorated with flowers, ferns and evergreens, and presented a beautiful appearance. The excercises at both churches were above the average and reflect great credit upon those having charge. Space will not permit us to mention the particularly interesting parts. Sufficient for us to say that we enjoyed both programmes.

January 13, 1888: The Congregationalists Society have given a call to Rev. Crane of Amherst to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the present pastor, Rev. Edwin Rose. A series of meetings begun at the Methodist Church Monday evening, and will be continued for some time. The pastor, Rev. Smith is expected to take charge next week.

April 13, 1888: The young people of the Methodists society organized a society of Christian endeavor last Sunday evening, meetings to be held every Sunday evening in the Methodists church. The Y.P.S.C.E Of the Congregational Church met with the young people of the Methodists Church last Sabbath evening. A very good and profitable meeting was enjoyed and we trust that we shall see many more such meetings. All will be welcomed to our meetings. We shall be glad to give you a hearty Christmas greeting. After the usual religious excercises of the evening a very instructive essay was read by Miss Mary Lavoo on the subject : "Speak Lord for they servant heareth." One of the reasons families immigrated to this country was the ability to worship as they saw fit. Folks back in the 1800's were very religious. Sunday was for worship and families to get together for dinner and visiting.

Thank you to Carolyn Shaw from the Historical Society for this information!

Mexico Mission Trip Opportunity



A couple of years ago our Christmas Eve offering went to support I was used to buy school supplies. This year I am inviting you to co Howard and I are prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve.

Here is some general information about the trip:

- * The dates for the trip are December 26th, 2017 through January
- * The cost is most likely going to be around \$430 per person plus is based on a 10 person team and could possibly increase depend on the trip.
- * Each missionary is responsible for booking their own airfare. You will need to arrive at McAllen Miller International Airport as early in the day as possible on December 26th. It tends to be significantly cheaper to book your flight for Christmas day. There is a Wingate by Wyndham hotel across the street from the airport that is within walking distance in the event you decide to travel on Christmas day.
- * If you decide that you for sure want to go, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due to me by October 1st. Checks can be made payable to the East Ohio Conference. These checks can be sent to 228 Church Street Lodi, OH 44254.
- * The remaining individual cost (most likely \$330) is due to me by December 1st.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Carragan Deeks at c.deeks@aol.com or text/call at 330-421-5835.

Can you help? Baskets Needed!

The Apple Butter Festival is quickly approaching! Last year the raffle baskets drew a big crowd! We help again to make this event bigger and better! Would your family like to sponsor or purchase a basket? Perhaps your group (men's group, women's group) would like to assemble a gift basket. We can help you assemble the final product, and we have some nice empty baskets that were donated at our Rummage sale that we saved just for this event! Please see me if you are interested!
Luann Keys



Senior Activities

We started out the year with 21 present at our first two potlucks, then dropped to 11 in June, Hope things will turn around and be back up in the 20's for the rest of the year. We still have a good visit when we get-to-gather...
Aug 28 - Monday - Pizza! - South Church 6:00 pm
Sept 25 - Monday - Potluck - South Church 6:00 pm
Norma Siman

Free BINGO here! We had a great group of men and women at the county home in July visit with the residents. Even though it was storming outside, the joy on the was sunny! Bonnie was calling numbers and cheering on the residents as each received a quarter for their wins. We all enjoyed a root beer float after the residents thanked us and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! What a wonderful

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Book club

Next meeting:

Date: Wednesday

September 27, 2017

Place: Linda Bohley's home

Time: 7 PM

Book to discuss: Vanished by Irene Hannah



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Thank you Kevin Larson for the mug rack that graces the fellowship hall. It is filling up with mugs and should help with the over-use of styrofoam cups! What a blessing it is to have such a handy fellow with ambition!



Chatham Happenings

Aug. 3 11am to 8 pm Chatham Historical Society will be at the Medina County Fair in Bldg. 5, stop by and visit!

Aug. 20th 1pm The annual picnic at the Old Mill. Please bring a dish to share and a chair!

Aug. 26th 9am to 4pm Chatham Historical Society will sell raffle tickets at the Antique Fair in Lodi!

Aug 19th and Sept. 16th at 9pm Outdoor movie at the Community center.

Were you there?

Pentecost Sunday was celebrated with worship in the pavilion. Did you all notice when Pastor Patty was talking about the Holy Spirit coming down on the disciples, that a wind came up and blew through the assembly? We also had another service outside with a potluck in July. Thanks to Ed and Jayne for providing the hotdogs AND cooking! Also a BIG thank you to the men's club for purchasing a big new grill for cooking out! AWESOME! I love these outdoor services! Even Black Jack was able to attend! Look for more in the future!

