

The Knob Knews September 2015

Dear Friends,

It was a great time! There must have been between 80 and 100 people present for the community worship service on Sunday, August 30. About twenty of us represented Knob Prairie at the service. There were five churches that sponsored the event, including the members of CrossWalk Worship Center, Enon United Methodist Church, Maiden Lane Church of God, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, and our congregation. Liturgical elements were handled by the various clergy. Music was led by the praise band from the Methodist Church. I was the preacher. Following worship, there were refreshments served, and there was a lot of animated conversation. Friends, this is where the ecumenical movement really happens: at the local level where churches work together and emphasize what they have in common rather than arguing over differences.

There are several things coming up that I want y'all to be aware of.

(1) During the transition between Pastor Tom's retirement and the beginning of my service as your intentional interim minister, you had a number of guest preachers. One of them will be with us on Sunday, September 20. Bob Smitely and his spouse, Sue, will be singing a duet for us during worship.

(2) The Transitional Oversight Team (TOT) is sponsoring a number of cottage meetings with members of our church in order to gain information to help us during this transitional period. We need to talk with each other about our church's mission and purpose, its core values, and its vision for the future. Accordingly, meetings have been set up for Thursday, September 24, at 10:30 am and 7 pm, for Sunday, September 27, immediately following worship, and for Thursday, October 1, at 7 pm. Since attendance at the cottage meetings is limited to twelve, we are asking everyone to pick and choose a day and a time that is convenient for you and either (a) add your name to the sign-up sheets in the narthex or (b) let us know your preference by calling the church office at 937-864-1195 or emailing me at pastorbobj45@gmail.com.

(3) My friend, Howard Storm, will be a guest speaker on Saturday, October 24, and our guest preacher on Sunday, October 25. His presence with us is being sponsored by our Fellowship Committee and will be open to the community as well as our church. In 1985 Howard had a near-death experience that changed his life dramatically. He went from being an atheist to a devout Christian, and eventually a clergyman in the United Church of Christ. He has written a book about his experience entitled, My Descent into Death. Among his appearances on television, he has been on the Oprah Winfrey Show, the Today Show, the History Channel, Discovery Channel, Unsolved Mysteries, and Trinity Broadcasting Network. He has made presentations in hundreds of different churches and many denominations, including Assemblies of God, Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Mennonite, Presbyterian, Swedenborgian, Unitarian, United Church of Christ, and Unity. In spite of the fact that he has much to say about Jesus, he has also made presentations in a number of synagogues. Not only has he made presentations in this country, but he has been on international missionary and speaking tours, including ones to Belize, China, Ecuador, France, and Peru. He has an exciting and challenging story to tell, and I hope you will set aside the time to hear his story on that Saturday night and listen to him preach on that Sunday morning.

Blessings!
Bob





Missions Committee

The Annual Pig Roast was a success. Thanks to the great support from the congregation a good time was had by all. We had requests from Enon Relief and IHN for canned food and

hygiene supplies so the money raised from the pig roast was put to immediate use. We are beginning a ministry with Patriot Ridge in Fairborn. September 9th at 2:30, we will host a birthday party for the residents. We would like to encourage as many as possible to join us in this effort. The committee is looking forward to a field trip to Fort Wayne, IN to Crossroad Child and Family Service on October 3rd. Crossroad will be one of our new Mission partners. In September we will be collecting canned goods, pasta, mac and cheese and boxed potatoes for Enon Emergency Relief. This will be our annual "Harvest" collection. IHN can always use diapers and laundry detergent.

The committee met in August & some new ideas were discussed. Members of the committee are Delores Beard, Terri Legge, Pat Miller, Ginger Vanderpool & Diana Hill. You must tell one of these ladies any suggestions or constructive comments you have for our services. There is always room for improvement to make our worship more meaningful! So please pray about this & respond to a committee member!
Thanks, Diana Hill



Worship Committee

Don't forget the Apple Butter Festival is right around the corner. Please plan on contributing in some way to this important fundraiser. Mark October 10 -11 on your calendar!

Our next meeting will begin with a light meal at 6:30 pm at the church by our hosts Virginia Apple and Linda Yeagerlehner. Our meeting will start shortly after. It will be time to appoint our annual Christmas dinner committee.

The group will be traveling to LaComedia to see next segment of Church Basement Ladies. The trip has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 4th, departing the church at 4:00 pm for the 5:30 pm show.

The Friendship Class hosted the Annual Church Picnic at Galloway Park on Twin Lakes Drive in Enon, Ohio on Sunday, August 9, 2015. Worship began with 41 in attendance at the Galloway Shelter House at 10:30 am with a Picnic Potluck following. In August, everyone enjoyed our annual swim party and potluck Sunday, August 16th at The Willows. The Swim Party and potluck is being hosted by Cromer & Peggy Smith and John and Linda Blosser. There were

twenty-three in attendance.

The group is stilling researching the purchase of 50 additional chairs for the Fellowship Hall. Currently we cannot locate the current style chair in white.

As always, everyone is invited to be a part of our group. Please feel free to attend our meetings and activities. We are in our 87th year of sharing fellowship and friendship with all who participate.



Friendship Class

CHURCH CALENDAR



September/October

SEP 1	9:30 A Bible Study
	7:00 P Mission Committee
SEP 6	10:30 A Worship
SEP 7	LABOR DAY!
SEP 8	9:30 A Bible Study
SEP 9	2:30 P Patriot Ridge Birthday Party
	7:00 P Official Board meeting
SEP 13	Grandparents' Day
	9:30 A Sunday School
	10:30 A Worship
SEP 15	9:30 A Bible Study
SEP 16	6:30 P Friendship Class dinner & meeting
SEP 17	Kathryn-Inez to Wick's Pies
	7:00 P Worship Committee Meeting
SEP 20	9:30 A Sunday School
	10:30 A Worship
SEP 22	9:30 A Bible Study
	6:30 P Fellowship Committee meeting
SEP 24	10:30 A Cottage Meeting
	7:00 P Cottage Meeting
SEP 27	9:30 A Sunday School
	10:30 A Worship
	11:45 A Cottage Meeting
SEP 29	9:30 A Bible Study
SEP 30	NOON Red Hat's Luncheon
	Knob Knews Articles Due
OCT 1	7:00 P Cottage Meeting
OCT 4	9:30 A Sunday School
	10:30 A Worship
	4:30 P Friendship Class to La Comedia
OCT 6	9:30 A Bible Study
	7:00 P Mission Committee meeting
OCT 9	4:30 P Apple Butter Set-up
OCT 10	ENON APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL
OCT 11	9:30 A Community Worship Service
	ENON APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL
OCT 13	9:30 A Bible Study
OCT 14	7:00P Official Board Meeting
OCT 17	Catanzaro—Fellowship Hall
OCT 18	9:30 A Sunday School
	10:30 A Worship
OCT 20	9:30 A Bible Study
OCT 21	6:00 P Friendship Class at Enon Beach
OCT 24	7:00 P Howard Storm Presentation
OCT 25	9:30 A Sunday School
	10:30 A Worship

2015 Flower Chart

There are 6 Sundays available for flowers to be placed on the altar through the end of the year. Your consideration would be deeply appreciated by the Worship Committee. Please leave your name and dedication in the space provided on the chart, so it can be included in each Sunday bulletin.

On September 17th on a Thursday, the group will take a tour of the Wick's Pie Factory. Our tour is early & all of our group knows the various restrictions for the Health Dept. of Indiana, that all have to follow if they wish to take the tour. There will be no jewelry except plain wedding bands. All men & women going must wear long slacks or pants, men must wear long sleeve shirts, also no one can wear open-toed shoes, sandals or flip-flops. You have to wear socks or hose with closed toed shoes. All of us have to wear a hair net provided & no one can take a purse, bag, etc. inside the factory. Foods, drinks, gum, chewing tobacco & hats are not allowed inside the facility either. Your attire can not have glitter, applique, studs or feathers on attire or shoes. This is a strict policy, but this is a must for Federal Regulations. We have opened this up to anyone in the congregation as always, so **Call Diana Hill** if I do not have your name on the list to take the tour. There is a nice group attending so far, **Diana's phone number 618-580-6266.**




Kathryn-Inez



Circle

Next month in Oct., our meeting place will be the Cherry House Cafe in Beaver creek. Have a blessed month, Diana

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Lay Reader	Flowers
9/6	Colin Roach and Rita Young	Hillary Times	Patricia Jencks	Carol Welsheimer in Memory of Loved Ones
9/13	Doug Brown and Carolyn Mouzon	Linda Yegerlehner	Peggy Smith	Carolyn Mouzon in Memory of Parents
9/20	Josh Vanderpool and Andra Gorby	Delores Beard	Elmer Beard	Roy and Pat Miller in Memory of Dale
9/27	Chuck and Terri Leggel	Emily Seigel	Andrea Maxson	Andrea Maxson in Memory of Grandparents
10/4	Bob Denman and Marilyn Franck	Ginger Vanderpool	Virginia Apple	<i>Wallaces in Memory of Ivan and Evelyn Wallace</i>
10/11	<i>Apple Butter Festival</i>			

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If you are not available on the Sunday scheduled, please let Diana or Debbie know.



September 2015

8—Erin Latore
 15—Terri Legge
 16—James Kinnamon
 24—Amelia Boyer
 25—Linda Yegerlehner
 26—Terry Roach
 29—Emily Siegel

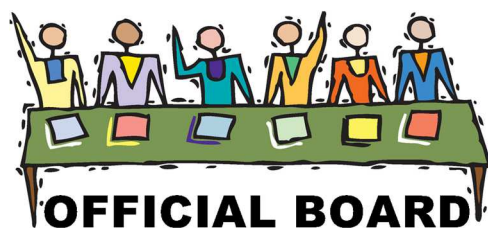
4—Barb Wallace
 5—Carl Seiley
 8—Mary Lou Leist
 10—James Pugh
 13—Zachary Gibson
 20—Amanda Cull
 21—Tom Gossman
 25—Marilyn Franck
 25—Julia Pugh
 30—John Boyer

October 2015

3—Orlas Schwallie

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JULY OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

- Emily Seigel indicated in her financial clerk's report that the church's income for the general fund in July was \$7,496.73 and for the mortgage \$830.00. Total income for July was \$8,326.73. In addition, \$425.00 was donated toward the mission fund.
- Marilyn Franck indicated in her treasurer's report that the general fund balance at the beginning of the month was \$30,509.55. Income for July was \$8,326.73 while current expenses and mortgage payment were \$9,320.70. She also made an additional payment to Cornerstone after closing the Mortgage Servicing Fund (at the direction of the Official Board) of \$9,806.56. The general fund balance at the end of the month was \$28,980.58. She also reported that the Cornerstone loan balance is now \$17,844.73.
- Linda Yegerlehner reported for Christian Education. She indicated an evening Bible study is under consideration and that Sunday, September 13, is grandparents' day.
- Doreen White reported for Fellowship. She indicated that the committee is considering another family movie night. Virginia Apple indicated that she, Debbie Maurer, and Diana Hill have begun to review the church membership records.
- Peggy Smith reported for Missions. She indicated that our church was the only church represented at the July 4th Parade. She also indicated that the committee continues to explore our relationship with Crossroad Children Home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A field trip is in the planning stages and Kyle Zanker, the chaplain of Crossroad, will be our guest preacher on November 15. The committee is also getting involved with the Patriot Ridge Community in Fairborn. The annual Hog Roast is scheduled for Saturday, August 15.
- Diana Hill reported for Worship. She spoke about gifts to the men on Father's Day and flags to decorate for the Independence Day remembrance on July 5th.
- Pastor Bob reported on (1) his pastoral activity; (2) presented a financial report summary prototype which the Board approved; and (3) identified TOT team members. He then led a discussion around what is unique about Knob Prairie UCC and how that might influence how we relate to visitors.
- The Board discussed recommendations from the Finance Committee concerning the proposal about money-handling in the church. The Board agreed that a stewardship campaign should be conducted. Finance will develop and review such a campaign at the August meeting. The Board approved Pastor Bob's request to make payments out of his salary to the United Church of Christ Pensions Board. The Board agreed with the recommendation from Finance to close the Mortgage Servicing Account and apply the current balance of \$9,806.56 toward the church mortgage.
- The Board thanked Virginia Apple for her leadership and work on behalf of the church during the transition from Pastor Tom to Pastor Bob.



LET'S TALK

Cottage meetings scheduled

The Transitional Oversight Team (TOT) would like to get input from all the members and friends of the church. We need to be talking about our church's mission and purpose, its core values, and its vision for the future.

In order to hear everyone's perspective, TOT has set up four cottage meetings and invites all members and friends of Knob Prairie Church to participate in the conversation. These meetings will be held on...

- Thursday, September 24, at 10:30 am
- Thursday, September 24, at 7 pm
- Sunday, September 27, immediately after worship
- Thursday, October 1, at 7 pm

The cottage meetings will be small in size with a maximum attendance of twelve. TOT is limiting the size of the groups to make certain that everyone will have the opportunity to share ideas and feelings, and not get lost in the crowd. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex and you can add your name to one of them or you can let TOT know your preference by calling the church office at 937-864-1195 or emailing Pastor Bob at pastorbobj45@gmail.com.

Meetings should last no longer than an hour-and-a-half.

Arrangements will be made for lunch for the Sunday meeting.

Additional dates for cottage meetings will be added if more than forty-eight individuals desire to participate or if the four dates which have been identified are inconvenient.



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