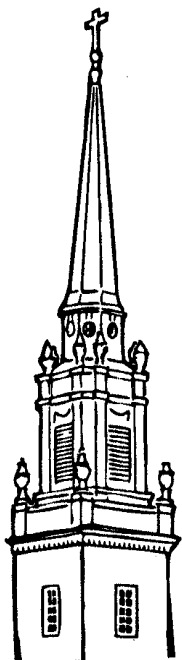


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May/June Issue



THE SPIRE

The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Olmsted Community Church

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A Message from Rev. Ron

It's been a long wait, but summer is coming. God's pretty consistent with that, even though we may doubt it during the roller coaster of spring weather. Soon, our children will be released from school. Teachers will get relief from the daily grind, and many have the summer to be renewed and refreshed before taking on a new class. The rest of us know we will enjoy the steadily warming temperatures and forget about the winter blahs that have plagued us for so long.

I ask you to consider how you can best stay connected at church while enjoying the freedom of our all-too-short summer season.

God deserves our worship. If your schedule is busy, make some time for worship and praise of the God who gives us the blessings of summer. Corporate worship joins our hearts and voices in the praise of God in ways that we cannot achieve on our own. Yes, one can find God on the golf course and at the lake as well as in the sanctuary, but together we become the Body of Christ and worship and praise as one body.

God's work within our church family continues through the summer. Our doors remain open to many community groups. We will host 120 children from the larger community for Vacation Bible School. The needy will still depend on our food pantry. Staff members will continue their committed work. Olmsted Community Church needs your regular gifts to keep current with our ministry needs. If you have to be away, find a place to worship, and find a way to continue your financial support at your home church.

We, the body of Christ, worship a dependable God and practice our faith year-round.

Ron

SPRING/SUMMER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May 23—Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

May 26—Leisure Lunch/Tony K's

June 6—Pancake Breakfast/Brunch with the Pastor

June 9—Leisure Lunch/Moss'

June 13—Strawberry Sunday

June 24—Leisure Lunch/Copper Top

July 12-16—Vacation Bible School

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

GRADUATE RECOGNITION – JUNE 6

On June 6 Olmsted Community Church is recognizing its high school and college seniors. If you have not contacted the church with your information, please do so. Also, on June 6, the Board of Christian Education, in partnership with the Memorial and Endowments Committee, will present scholarships to three high school seniors who have made the church an active part of their high school years. Congratulations to Brittany Novick, Danielle Stamper and Evan Zaruba.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS JUNE 6

Feelings Grow, Too is the theme for the Sunday morning program for children 2nd grade and younger. Feelings are an important part of who we are, for God has given us life which includes feelings and wants us to celebrate and use these gifts. Throughout the summer we will be exploring “feelings” which everyone experiences including: love, joy, wonder, fear, sadness, shyness, hurt, forgiveness, satisfaction, anger, self-esteem and curiosity.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals who are willing to serve as facilitators or assistants for the summer sessions. Simple lesson plans and teaching instructions are provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lower hall near the supply room.

CONFIRMATION 2009-2010

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Confirmands who were confirmed on May 23. We thank the Faith Partners who were chosen by the students and who met, on a monthly basis, with their Confirmand. They are:

Annalise Bowers/Jeni Moore
Alissa Campbell/Trisha Sambenedetto
Madison Connolly/Jane Baum
Katie Feldman/Shelly Mitchell
Gwen Ferguson/Karen Christie
Daniel Gluvna/Scott Pritchard
Robert Hale/Pam Wurm
Lauren Higginbotham/Kathy Feldman
Alex Mitchell/Kathy Feldman
Richie Rader/Corbin Baum
Chase Reynolds/Beth Whiteley
Matthew Schaefer/Seth Tomasch
Matt Seman/Melanie Reynolds
Michael Stamper/Mark Rook

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Galileo the Green Gorilla Astronaut and the staff of VBS are anxious to welcome the students to *Galactic Blast – A Cosmic Adventure Praising God*. Registration for VBS, which is July 12-16, is now open and the classes are filling up fast. Cost: \$18.00 per student with a \$45.00 maximum per family. At the time of registration, each family receives a CD-ROM containing the VBS music and related games. Registration forms are available at coffee hour, in the church office and on our website, www.olmstedcommunitychurch.org

OCC CARNIVAL

The Board of Christian Education is sponsoring a carnival on Thursday, August 19, the first day of Olmsted Falls Heritage Days. In addition to a big inflatable that we are renting, we want to provide carnival games. If you or your family would be interested in hosting a game, please talk with Mindy Craft 427-9442, Marijo Rickel 243-1656 or Nicki Behr 235-3326.

LEISURE LUNCHEES RETURN

Here is the schedule for this summer:

May 26 – Tony K’s, Berea

June 9 - Moss’, Elyria

June 24 – Copper Top, Valley City

July 7 – West Side Market Café

July 22 - Potluck at the church

Please RSVP to the Church Office by the Tuesday prior to each date.

BRUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

If you have been attending OCC and have questions about our faith community, beliefs or membership information, please join Rev. Ron for brunch on Sunday, June 6th at 11:30am. Child care provided. Please call the church office at 235-3326 to RSVP.

OLMSTED COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Olmsted Community Preschool has class openings. For more information, see the Preschool pages on the church website or contact director Mindy Craft at 235-3869.

CPR CLASSES

CPR classes are now being offered at OCC. For more information, please contact Jocelyn at 440-739-0441 or email: advancelifeservices@gmail.com

FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thank you to everyone who helped with the *Spring Clean-Up* on Saturday, May 1st. Tickets are now on sale for our next pancake breakfast, June 6th. Please join us!

FROM YOUR BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Board of Congregational Life held a seminar April 18 led by Pat Jefferis. Pat provided tips to make visiting with elderly people more comfortable. Fourteen interested people attended. A record of procedures and coordination of visits is being finalized.

All OCC directories were delivered with teddy bears to those who were unable to pick them up.

A big thank you to the following who hosted coffee hours in April and the first part of May: Christian Education Recognition, Club 345 Garden Party, Stewardship Board, Music Appreciation, and the Rook Family.

Watch for information about Family Night in June.

Our card ministry continues with Marjori Barstow being our next recipient. We are asking for "thinking of you" cards or cheery notes. The deadline to get the cards in by will be June 13.

FROM YOUR ORGANIST

Phase I, solid stating OCC's Casavant organ is now complete. There are new features available for use due to the microprocessor or the instrument can be used in the same way as before the installation of the solid state equipment. As you can hear, there is no change to the quality and tone/sound of the pipes.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank the individuals who when asked, very willingly gave financial support to this endeavor and I would also like to thank the following individuals who provided help, skills and assistance through the duration of this project: **Frank Jefferis**, for his workmanship in the removal of the original draw knobs and installation of new draw knobs, staining of wood pieces to match the Casavant finish and in general, being the designated "foreman" on this project; **Roger Powell**, **Scott Pritchard** and **Steve Nagg** for their abilities in providing new electrical circuitry and for making it possible to retain the original Casavant switch to turn the instrument on and off (they can tell you first hand how important that switch was to me!!); **Gordon Hall** for sanding and repainting the organ bench, and last but certainly not least, **Carl Emerson**, OCC's organ builder/tuner for the fine and caring work provided on the installation of the Peterson ICS 4000 Solid State System.

Diane

FROM YOUR BOARD OF MISSIONS

How Do We Show God's Love?

Our congregation has a history of generosity when it comes to special requests for giving. Whether there is a request for the needy, a special church project, or an urgent plea for help in a disaster, Olmsted Community Church members have reached deep into their pockets to help in special ways to show God's love.

Your generous response of \$1360 to the Haiti relief fund, One Great Hour of Sharing, will help make a difference to many who have nothing. Additionally, the Board sent \$600 to Doctors without Borders for their work in Haiti. Recent contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing include direct donations of \$1331 and \$250 from the Board of Missions budget.

Donations have been made to Lotts Creek Community School, Kentucky (\$300), Our Church's Wider Mission (\$500), and The American Red Cross (\$382).

Closer to home, OCC continues to support the Hot Meals at St Patrick's Church by giving \$400 toward food for the needy every other month. We have supported Christians in Action with donations of \$750, and Hospice at Southwest General Health Center with a donation of \$250.

Your generous response of \$765 to our Flood Kit Project enabled us to pack and send 100 kits. These kits help victims take charge in the initial clean up and recovery after a flood.

In addition to our monetary gifts, donations of eye glasses (which go to Third World Countries), cell phones (which go to a women's safe house), Box Tops for Education (which go to the Native Americans in Arizona for the purchase of school vans), and many more gifts from the heart are given throughout the year.

The Board of Missions has been active, through your generosity, showing God's love. And it feels good to be giving and active in mission!! May your sharing of God's gifts kindle the wonderful feeling in you that is felt by all those who receive these gifts.

WELCOME TO THE OCC FAMILY

THE SOBERA FAMILY

Mike works in manufacturing operations at MTD Products, and Lisa is a teacher at Gilles Sweet Elementary school in Fairview Park. Mike and Lisa have two children, Eric (age 9) and Allison (age 6).

RUTH DANGEL

Ruth has been attending Saturday evening church services here at OCC with her daughter, Janet Bing. Ruth has 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. She enjoys doing jigsaw puzzles and loves watching the Cleveland Indians on TV.

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deadline date for the
July/August issue is July 14th.
Please email your article to
occ@olmstedcommunitychurch.org
or drop off your article in electronic format to
the Church Office by that date.
SPIRE IS NOW ON OUR WEBPAGE TOO—
SHARE THE NEWS OF OCC WITH FAMILY AND
FRIENDS! Thank you!*

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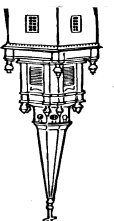
Rev. Ron Dauphin, Pastor Nicki Behr, Director of Education Kimberlee Bublik, Administrative Assistant
Sandy Ferington, Choir Director Diane Cieslak, Organist Katie Cross, Pianist
Scott McDonald, Custodian Gratian Nugent, Director of Music Emeritus

Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Sunday 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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FROM YOUR MEMORIALS AND ENDOWMENTS COMMITTEE

M&E has been busy during the past month re-working our portfolio to take advantage of the growth in various equity and bond markets. We have purchased several new mutual funds and also added investment dollars in a variety of corporate bonds. We feel that our investment portfolio has been doing very well this year to date and we hope to continue that improvement.

So far this year, M&E has provided \$15,400 dollars for various projects approved by the Board of Finance that includes the improvements made to the organ. Our money value of the overall M&E portfolio has grown more than \$19,000 dollars as of March 31st. In addition, M&E continues to make monthly contributions to the operating funds of the church which is helping keep our current budgetary shortfall significantly less than that of last year.

The big issue at this month’s meeting is the fact that as of March 31st, M&E had received only \$100.00 dollars in donations. To help remedy this problem, M&E has placed an M&E display in the Narthex (to the left of the doors entering the sanctuary) in which folks can find the envelopes and forms necessary to make donations to any of the memorials or endowments available. It is the hope of the M&E committee that members of the church take advantage of the M&E display to contribute to any of the funds available. Please feel free to discuss donations with any member of the M&E committee.

M&E will be providing \$1,500 dollars in scholarships to students at the June 6th Senior Recognition Day. The scholarships will be in \$500.00 dollar increments to three deserving students. In addition, M&E is waiting to hear from the Board of Trustees in regard to the replacement/repair of two furnaces and air conditioning systems in the church. Keeping the 15 furnaces of the church in peak operating condition is an ongoing struggle for the Board of Trustees to which M&E is more than willing to help.

Finally, please consider contributing to the memorial or endowment of your choice during the next several months. We cannot rely on the various markets to enable M&E to meet the various needs of the church. In addition, we are asking anyone with the necessary skills to help create a new (and much better) M&E display for the Narthex. Any help in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions regarding M&E, please feel free to contact Dave Humpal, Dave Hartman, Jim Bolander, Barb Lehman, Jack Warning or Larry Duffy.

EXPANDING OUR MISSION CONNECTION

We're organizing a 2011 tour of India with Rev. Ron and led by Rev. Dr. James Vijayakumar. If you're interested, please contact the pastor. We'll visit mission projects and historical sites, and explore the culture of this amazing country that is home to one-sixth of the world's population. The two-week trip will depart in early October with a cost of approximately \$3500 (all inclusive) and will include a bonus trip to the Taj Mahal. An informational meeting will be held on July 25 after worship.



GERANIUM ORDER FORM

S.P.I.R.I.T. (Jr. High Youth) will be taking orders for geraniums that will be placed in the sanctuary on Memorial Day weekend in memory/honor of loved ones. After that Sunday service, you may choose to take them home and plant them in your own yard or you may leave them and they will become a living memorial in the yard at church.

Cost of the Geraniums is \$5 each for a large 4" pot.
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Number of plants ordered ____ @ \$5.00 each = ____ Total Pd

PLEASE PRINT

Plants are given by _____

In Memory/Honor of

Please check below:

_____ I will be taking the geraniums with me

_____ I would like the geraniums to be planted in the yard of the church.

_____ I would like to help plant the geraniums in the yard of the church.

DEADLINE FOR ALL SPIRE ORDERS IS MAY 26TH.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "OCC" AND RETURN FORM AND CHECK TO THE CHURCH BY THE ABOVE DATE.