

****From Our Members****

Keep In Prayer

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Thursday Evening Worship, 6:30pm (through June 21, then off until August 2)
Sunday Morning Worship, 9:15 am

Lead Usher for June: **Kim Davis**

Summer Worship in the Peace Garden
Beginning June 3 (weather permitting) Sunday morning worship will be outside in our beautiful Peace Garden at 9:15am. This continues through August.

Worship Sponsors, for the week of:

June 3: Penny & Randy Sparks, in celebration of MacKenzie

June 10: Scott Horn, in memory of Walter Horn

June 17: Betty Rhoad, in celebration of June birthdays

June 24: Garwood's, in celebration of Owen's 2nd birthday

July 1: Ruggles, in celebration of July birthdays & anniversaries

July 8: Frank & Trish Vazquez, in celebration of 10th wedding anniversary

July 15: Zehnder's, in celebration of Case's 14th birthday

July 22: Missy Brewer in celebration of Wes's birthday

July 29: Wayne Chasney, in memory of Lorraine Chasney

Thank you to all our sponsors!

Suggested donation of \$5 goes toward our Local Mission fund.

Carriage House: Pastor Wayne leads worship at the Carriage House on the third Sunday of the month, 1:30pm



Welcome to **Brenna Chasney & Case Zehnder** who will be confirmed on June 3, 2018, at 9:15 am in the Peace Garden.

"Not A Chicken BBQ"

We're coming up on Father's Day again and many of us remember the annual Chicken BBQ. We remember spending a good chunk of Father's Day serving and cleaning up and we remember all the money we donated. For the past several years we have asked people to just donate. The money from this no sweat, no hassle fund raiser helps us as we head into the often lean summer months. So what do you say? How much would you give NOT to have a chicken BBQ on Father's Day☺

(Seriously, thank you for all your gifts)



May 6, 2018: Oliver Greyson Vazquez, son of **Trish & Frank Vazquez.**

May 20, 2018: Jace Howard Sparks, son of **Brian & Jessica Sparks.**

May 27, 2018: Layla Mae Pocock, daughter of **Emily & Adam Pocock.**



Congratulations to our graduates...

Alexa Williams – Bowling Green State University

Daughter of **Jeff & Tracy Rhoad**

Amelia Ruggles – Monroeville High School Valedictorian

Daughter of **Marc & Betsy Ruggles**

Nicole Smith – Monroeville High School

Granddaughter of **Janet Santana**

Roadway Cleanup previously scheduled for May 22 has been rescheduled to Wed. May 30 at 7 pm. We are trustees for the section of St. Rt. 99 from US 20 to Mead Rd. north of Monroeville. This takes approximately 1 hour with the help of our volunteers. Please consider helping out!

Financial Report
April 2018

Income

Building	\$536
Christian Ed.	\$182
Current	\$10389
Local Mission	\$169
Non Food Bank	\$1370

Expenses

Building	\$191
Christian Ed.	\$0
Current	\$4212
Local Mission	\$0
Non Food Bank	\$625

Account Balances

American Legion	\$2791
Building	\$1147
Christian Ed.	\$1189
Current	\$2852
Local Mission	\$1412
Memorials	\$2668
Non Food Bank	\$12394
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Reserves

American Funds (5/14)	\$49,640
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We are one-third of the way through the year and our Current expenses are under budget and giving is consistent with recent years. This is helping our overall balance.

As we head in to summer, please remember your regular church giving even if you are not regularly church attending. Your continued gifts and generosity are what make the ministry and mission of the church possible.

Thank you for you gifts which are making a difference in our world.

A full financial report is available upon request.

**Come and join with us,
To know God,
To share God's love,
And to serve God together!**



****Mission and Ministries****

2018 Mission Focus: CLI Inc.

Would you like to volunteer for our outreach with CLI Inc? Can you knit, sew, paint, quilt or have some other talent you'd like to share? We are looking to offer classes for the community and with CLI clients. Contact Pastor Wayne for more information.

Watch our Community Garden grow this summer. CLI will be planting and tending a garden in our front lawn this summer. When ready, help yourself to the harvest.

Non Food Bank

Next Date: June 20, 9:00am to 2:00pm

We are collecting shampoo & conditioner

Thanks to our recent donors including;

Fisher Titus Medical Center Employee
Civic Fund

PERI (Public Employee Retirement Inc.)
St. Paul's Catholic Church, Norwalk
St. Joseph Catholic School

Thanks to everyone who drops off items and helps in any way with this ministry.

"5 For 5"

Our church was one of many in the Northwest Ohio Association recognized at the recent Annual Meeting as a "5 For 5" congregation. That means that we support and give to all five of the special offerings of the United Church of Christ. These offerings are One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, The Christmas Fund along with our giving to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). Thank you for giving to the mission and justice work of the UCC!

Little Free Library – Take a Book, Give a Book

Summer is here and the weather is nice. That makes it a good time to check out our Little Free Library! With kids out of school, now is especially a good time to make sure we have books for young readers, tweens and teens. If you have one (and ONLY one – space is limited) you'd like to donate, go ahead. Give a book and give the gift of a good read!

June 2018: My Time in Dumaguete

I can do all this through God who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

I reside in Dumaguete City, Philippines, a small yet bustling city well known for world-renowned Silliman University. My time in Dumaguete has been filled with many highs and lows, adjustments and new comforts, challenges and triumphs. Yet, what has buoyed me is the warm and sincere hospitality shown by Filipino people, as well as moments to witness God's grace.

As a Long-Term Volunteer with Global Ministries, I have worked with GWAVE, Gender Watch Against Violence and Exploitation. GWAVE accompanies and advocates for women and children survivors of physical, emotional, financial, and sexual abuse and exploitation. I attend court hearings, various advocacy events, and home visits.

One event that helped fortify relationships was a Valentine's Day party. I hoped that the Valentine's Day party would be a time to be reminded that each person is cherished by God and their peers. In planning the party, some leaders from each organization believed that the teen abuse survivors of GWAVE were overwhelmed by their traumas and should work behind-the-scenes. However, I witnessed leadership abilities and saw that they were awaiting moments to share their gifts and passions with others.

I encouraged the good dancers among them to teach a dance lesson. I invited the artistically inclined survivors to lead an art project. The survivors were hesitant to lead activities for their peers but with time to prepare, they increased their confidence in their ability to facilitate activities.

When the day of the party arrived, I was anxious about all of the details coming together. Some things did go awry, including a power outage. Thankfully, though, none of the problems seem to deter the young women survivors of GWAVE. They confidently executed their activities and had fun doing it!

Lauren Robinson serves with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Her appointment is possible due to gifts to Disciples Mission Fund, Our Churches Wider Mission, and your special gifts.

**Monroeville Congregational Community United Church
of Christ**

Council Minutes of May 15th 2018

Present: Becky Sparks, Kim Davis, Debi Eldridge, Scott Horn, Terry Meyers, Brian Sparks, Shane Zehnder
Wayne opened with prayer, all repeated the Mission Statement.

April Council Minutes reviewed by Council Members.
Debi motioned to accept the minutes as read, Kim second the motion.

Pastor's Report: Average April attendance – 67.5
Discussed the purchase of a new copier from Staples Office Supply at the cost of \$500 to \$600.
CLI to host a community luncheon in the undercroft on Friday the 18th.

June 3rd will start worship in the Peace Garden and the confirmation of Brenna Chasney and Case Zehnder.
Wayne will travel with the youth to Cincinnati on the Youth Mission Trip with St. John's UCC from June 3rd to the 7th.

Treasurer's Report: We are currently \$300 to the good. Parsonage rent is still going into the Building Account, this will be reviewed at the June Council Meeting.
If church giving continues at \$22,500 a quarter we will end the year \$13,000 in the red. However traditionally giving increases in the last quarter and we should break even at the end of the year.
Scott motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Shane seconded the motion.

Mission Committee: May's Noisy Offering will go to Strengthen the Church.

Christian Education: The giving of seeds for Mother's Day was well received.

Non Food Bank: Received donations from FTMC Employee Civic Fund and St. Paul's CC Norwalk.

Welcoming/ ONA: June is Mental Health Awareness Month.

Building: Three windows in the parsonage were wrapped in aluminum.

We will look into another estimate to have the parking lot resealed and new lines painted. This project is being paid for by an anonymous donor.

Terry installed new security lights at entrances of the church.

The raised lip at the door of the wheel chair ramp will be repaired.

New thermostats will be installed before winter.

Council discussed placing a hand rail to reach the Alter in the front of the sanctuary.

Business: Donna is currently receiving 60% of her regular pay. This will continue until the last full pay period in June when she either returns or it is determined she is unable to return to work. Shane motioned to accept this motion, Brian second the motion.

Adopt a Highway Clean Up is scheduled for Tuesday May 22nd at 7 PM.

We received an update certificate of liability insurance from CLI.

Wayne asked Council to adopt a motion to accept title PBUCC plan to offer benefit plans to full time employees. Scott motioned to adopt this motion, Brian second the motion.

Next Council Meeting is June 13th, 7:00 PM

Submitted by Shane Zehnder



From the Pastor

Here's something to feel good about; you are likely more generous than your "nonbelieving" friends.

A recent survey by the Giving USA Foundation and the Lily Family School of Philanthropy found that people with religious beliefs are more likely to give, and give more, than those who identify as nonbelievers. According to the study, 62% of religious people give to a charity of some kind, compared to 46% of households with no religious affiliation.

To me, this means the message is getting through; God calls us to be generous. Our faith teaches us to give and inspires us to share our resources with others. And the fact that we do so over and over again says to me that when we give, we experience the joy that comes with being generous.

The study also notes that religious congregations (that is, not just Christian but all religions) receive about one third of all charitable giving. Churches, synagogues and mosques are where the work of building God's kingdom on earth is being done. It is no surprise that some version of the Golden Rule is found in the teachings of every religion. "Do unto others..." means being generous and helping others when they are in need.

And one last thing to be aware of; those who attend religious services at least one a month are 11 times more likely to give to religious congregations AND give an average of \$1737 more per year than those who attend less than once a month.

We all lead busy lives. However, attending worship at least once a month (more is better) is important. It keeps us connected; it keeps us grounded in our faith; and it helps us to be the generous people God calls us to be.

Being generous is an important part of being human. It's also an important part of being a person of faith. Through our gifts, we share in the ministry of Jesus Christ, make a difference in the world around us, and become the people God has called us to be.

**Fisher-Titus Medical Center
Health Ministry Program**

Healthy Habits-Newsletter/ Bulletin Insert
June 2018

June is Aphasia Awareness month. Aphasia is an impairment of language affecting speech and/or comprehension as well as reading or writing. Aphasia is caused from a brain injury most commonly a stroke, especially in older people. It can be mild or severe depending on where the brain injury and the extent of the brain injury. Any sudden weakness/numbness on one side of the body; trouble seeing; sudden dizziness or trouble walking as well as severe headache for no reason or confusion would warrant getting the person medical assistance immediately preferable by calling 911.

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.” John 3:2.