



The Cortland United Methodist Church

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*Our mission is to Worship, Grow, and Witness
to God's love in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit*

JUNE 2015

To those who humored me Pentecost Sunday by wearing red: Praise God! After all, it's not about the pastor, it's about God. Wearing the red is simply a way of expressing our identity in Christian faith and providing witness to God's Holy Spirit given to us. On Pentecost Sunday, it's a way of celebrating and keeping-alive one of the many significant events from our Judeo-Christian heritage in the church. Wearing the red may serve as a conversation-starter sparking someone's interest or curiosity and creating opportunity to talk about our faith.

Three unrelated things caught my attention recently, each with its own merit, then fitting together for one of those 'Aha!' moments. The first came from an *Upper Room* devotion May 24 worth sharing. The writer observed an Old Testament theme often characterizing people as "...doing 'right' or 'evil' in the eyes or sight of the Lord..." She went on to confess that she rarely considered or measured *herself* against such a standard. Her revelation was what I would call her own "Aha!" moment by concluding that her daily living choices need-to-be and can-be oriented and qualified according to what pleases God. I found that to be a provocative perspective placing responsibility for our intentional daily conduct squarely upon ourselves.

The next two events took place on a morning radio program to which I listen. In response to some discussion between the co-hosts, one of them, Len Houser, suggested a Christian's 'first-filter' before saying or doing anything, should be to "...consider God..." in every word, every action. Pretty good advice, I thought, and wondered if he had read the *Upper Room* devotion.

Several minutes later, a caller to the program responded by saying that Christians cannot always speak openly of Christian faith in the workplace, but we can reveal and let others see and experience our faith by the ways in which we conduct ourselves. Friends, you know the phrase, 'Actions speak louder than words.' In our flesh, we represent how people see God.

The integrity, measure and witness of our Christian faith may be vitally-dependent on the conduct we, who are of the faith, demonstrate to help show how God is relevant to people and life in this day and age. Preaching over the next several Sundays is intended to explore God-With-Us in the Holy Spirit. From some recent reading comes this thought, 'The Word must become flesh in us and go dwell among people.' See You Sunday! *Pastor Dave*

CONGRATULATIONS

Conference Commission on Pastoral Care and Counseling recently notified Staff Parish Relations committee that the Rev. David Vensel was going to be recognized on his 20th anniversary of his ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. Ordination is being called to a life of ministry. His 20 years of service is a time of rejoicing for his choice.

“Call” is God’s invitation to use God’s gifts and talents given to one by God to minister to the church and the world.

An elder is one who has been called by God, ordained by the Bishop to “servant’ ministry, Word, Sacrament and Order be they man or woman. Being “ordained’ as an Elder means one is set apart as a servant leadership expressed through leading the people of God in worship.

Rev. Dave truly makes a difference in the world, not only in our community of fellow Cortland United Methodist Christians, but in the world around him locally and beyond. We thank him for this. More after conference. Staff Parish Relations Committee.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Summer committee, Rev. Dave, Debbie Miller and Shirley Barbe DiVencenzo are in the planning stages for one program per month - maybe more- given us some ideas of what everyone young and adults would like. Consider use of church, side yard and pavilion. Remember this is your church, your outreach to others.

We do know in August we will sponsor a pet parade and blessing of the animals.

Start planning now how you will dress or present your cat, dog or horses, etc.

Planning to have some unusual animals present for you to see. Start now - get excited, be ready for fun.

CONFIRMATION CLASS COMING

Pastor Dave is planning a confirmation class to prepare anyone, youth and adults, who wish to join God’s Church on high Street and become a member of God’s Community on earth. Please contact Pastor Dave at 330-637-2571.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Remember the following are available to all at Cortland United Methodist Church

Monday morning Bible Study 9:30 am.

Topic: “Sitting at the feet of Rabbi Jesus”

Every Monday at 6:00 pm. - Bible-n-Burger for Men

A great opportunity for supper, study and fellowship

Tuesday evening Bible Study at 7:00 pm. for ladies

New topic study soon “Son of God”

Thursday morning Bible Study at 10 am. Everyone welcome

For the summer months beginning June 4th we will meet at Mc’Donalds.

Open door to all every Sunday morning - Two services 8:00 and 10:30 am

Invite a friend, next door neighbor, children. Offer to pick them up.

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME HERE

Don’t forget Church activities during the Summer. God’s House is always OPEN

THOSE WHO SERVED REMEMBERED

On May 24th our sanctuary was aglow with red everywhere recalling the meaning of both Pentecost and our service men who either lost their lives fighting for freedom or who served faithfully so that you could be free and have since passed on to be with their Lord.

Members, as they entered the sanctuary, wrote the names of their loved one on a slip of paper and pinned it to one of two crosses. The crosses were marched to the altar and all names were read out loud. The Pastor, then prayed and directed our thoughts, to their memory and the great sacrifice each one of them had given.

PENTECOST

“CHRIST IS ALIVE” - The meaning radiated in our Sanctuary on May 24th. As you entered the Sanctuary you could not help but feel the excitement that God, our Christ, existed and was alive. The Red Brilliance of the Sanctuary was somewhat overwhelming as is the meaning of Pentecost. The walkway radiated with lighted candle lanterns, accented with red ribbons, ivy and doves, brilliant artificial flames along the wall, bright red geraniums in red foil, red roses and doves on the altar, and candleabras draped with red ribbons and doves. What a great feeling: Pastor Dave’s message reminded us of God’s gift of His Son and his greatest gift of Christ’s death and resurrection gives us the opportunity for life with “Him” after death. All we have to do is believe and practice the faith fully, and lead others to this great life with Christ. Even the junior church children were excited about Pentecost as they enthusiastically made a picture stating “CHRIST IS ALIVE”. They gave each church member one as they left to hang in their home and remember the day. An exciting fellowship hour followed both services. Come join us each Sunday. “Christ is Alive” at the Cortland United Methodist Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH JUNE 7, 2015



RED BAG DAY

Remember to bring your bag of non-perishable items for the Cortland Area Care Food Pantry. Peanut butter, soup of any kind (please no tomato soup) paper products, soap (kitchen - bath- laundry) always needed. In need of tuna.

The Pantry is in need of plastic grocery bags.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our church on Monday, June 15, from 1:30 to 6:30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Reggie and Stephanie Moore are the proud parents of Mia Emerson Moore who was born on Wednesday, May 20th, weighing in at 8 lbs. and 12 oz. and 20.5 inches long.

Mia has three older brothers; Adrian, Eric and Reese who were students at our After-School program here at the church. The family resides in Canton, Ohio now.

THANK YOU!

The Lil' Lambs Committee wishes to sincerely thank all our helpers who worked before, during and after the May closet Sale. It was a great success thanks to all of you who contributed in a variety of ways. We appreciate your continued support and hope to see you in October!

From Pastor Dave and Becky, all the way through the congregation and out into the community, the dedication and hours spent by all was truly a blessing. Praise God.

This Sale continues to touch many lives and makes all the work worthwhile. Thank you so much.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Women of UMW would like to thank everyone who purchased spring plants at our recent Plant Sale. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy your flowers.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Saturday, June 13 at 8:30 am we will meet for a breakfast meeting. All men are invited to attend.

SAFE SITTER CLASSES

On June 24 and 25, or July 22 and 23 St. Joseph Hospital on 667 Eastland Avenue, Warren, Ohio or July 8 and 9, or August 5 and 6 at St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital 1044 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio will offer Safe Sitter classes for those boys and girls ages 11 to 13 to teach them to be ideal babysitters - including knowing what to do in emergencies. Classes are from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Students must attend two days of classes. Scholarship may be given to those who cannot pay the fee. Call 330-480-3070 for more information. The course covers: basic first aid, rescue breathing, what to do if a child chokes, accident prevention, and childcare tips, how and when to call for help.

FALL RED BIRD TRIP

Our Red Bird trip this year is the week of October 11-17. If you have been thinking about going or thinking about going again now is the time to let us know! God is at work in southeastern Kentucky and it's exciting to be a part of His plan in that ministry. Please let us know if you are interested and/or if you have any questions. Call the church office or Pam O'Dell aka Mother Goose at 330-637-4857. It's going to be good team and even better if YOU are a part of it!

SUMMER PROGRAM

Continuation of the after-school program and programs for adults and families is in the planning stage. If any of you have any suggestions please share them with the Pastor, Debbie Miller or Shirley DiVencenzo. We hope to plan at least one event a month utilizing our outside church area and the pavilion area

JUNE 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1.	2.	3. NO CHOIR	4.	5.	6.
7. COMMUNION 8 am Heritage Worship 9 am Fellowship 9:15am Adult study 10:30 am Blended Traditions 11:45 am Fellowship	8. 9:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible- n- Burger	9. 7 pm Sister Act Bible Study	10. NO CHOIR	11.	12..	13. Men's Breakfast 8:30 am In fellowship hall.
14. 8 am Heritage Worship 9 am Fellowship 9:15 am Adult Study 10:30 am Blended Traditions 11:45 am. Fellowship	15. 9:30 am Bible Study 1:30-6:30 PM Blood Drive 6 pm Bible-n- Burger EAST	16. 7 pm Sister Act Bible Study Will not meet Tonight OHIO	17. ANNUAL	18. 10 am. Bible Study in parlor UM MEN STREET FAIR PARKING CONFERENCE	19. STREET FAIR PARKING LAKESIDE OH	20. STREET FAIR PARKING
21. FATHER'S DAY 8 am Heritage Worship 9:15 am Adult Study 10:30 am Blended Traditions 11:45 am Fellowship	22. 9:30 am. Bible Study 6 pm Bible-n- Burger 6 pm Trustee 6:30 pm Finance 7:00 Ad Council	23. 7 pm Sister Act Bible Study VACATION	24. BIBLE	25. SCHOOL	26. WEEK	27.
28. 8 am Heritage Worship 9 am Fellowship 9:15 am Adult study 10:30 am. Blended Traditions	29.	30. 7 pm - Sister Act Bible Study				

June 7

1 Samuel 8:4-20
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 14

1 Samuel 15:34-16; 13
Psalm 20 / Psalm 72
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

JUNE 21

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11,
19-23 32-49
Psalm 6:1-13
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

JUNE 28

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

REMEMBER YOUR FATHER ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RELIEF SUPPLY KITS NEEDED

UMCOR CLEANING BUCKET

5 GAL BUCKET WITH RE-SEALABLE LID (CLEAN) 5 SCOURING PADS (NOT STEEL WOOL)
7 SPONGES, 1 SCRUB BRUSH, 18 CLEANING TOWELS (RESUABLE WIPES) DISH SOAP, 16 TO
28 OZ BOTTLE, LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT (TWO 25 OZ OR ONE 50 OZ BOTTLE) 1
HOUSEHOLD CLEANER 12 -16 OZ BOTTLE - THAT CAN BE MIXED IN WATER (NO SPRAY
BOTTLES) **CLEANING AGENTS: ALL CLEANING AGENTS MUST BE LIQUID AND IN PLASTIC
BOTTLES. NO POWDERS. PLACE ALL ITEMS IN BUCKET. SIZES ARE IMPORTANT AS ALL
ITEMS MUST FIT IN BUCKET.**

HEALTH KITS

THESE ITEMS MUST BE WRAPPED IN HAND TOWEL AND PLACED IN A NEW, ONE-GALLON ZIP
CLOSURE BAG: 1 HAND TOWEL (15"X25" UP TO 17"X27") **NO KITCHEN TOWELS.** 1
WASHCLOTH 1 COMB (LARGE AND STURDY, **NOT POCKET-SIZED**), 1 NAIL FILE OR
FINGERNAIL CLIPPERS (**NO EMERY BOARDS OR TOE NAIL CLIPPERS**), 1 BATH SIZE BAR OF
SOAP (3OZ AND UP), 1 TOOTHBRUSH (SINGLE BRUSHES ONLY IN ORIGINAL WRAPPER, **NO
CHILD-SIZE BRUSHES**), 6 ADHESIVE PLASTIC STRIP STERILE BANDAGES, \$1.00 TO
PURCHASE TOOTHPASTE.

LAYETTE KIT

6 CLOTH DIAPERS - PREFOLDED OR PLAIN (**NO DISPOSABLE DIAPERS**); 2 UNDERSHIRTS OR
ONESIES (ONE PIECE BODY SUIT); 2 WASHCLOTHS - INFANT SIZE; 2 GOWNS OR SLEEPERS;
2 DIAPER PINS (MUST HAVE PROTECTIVE PLASTIC CLOSURES; 1 SWEATER, SWEATSHIRT,
OR JACKET-OPEN IN FRONT; 2 RECEIVING BLANKETS 28"X28" TO 32"X 32"
(**NO THERMAL OR FLEECE, OR CRIB BLANKETS**) ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.
LAY ONE RECEIVING BLANKET FLAT ON A TABLE. SET ASIDE THE DAIPER PINS AND PLACE
ALL REMAINING ITEMS ON TOP OF THE BLANKET. FOLD THE BLANKET AROUND THE TIESM
AND SECURE THE BUNDLE WITH THE DIAPER PINS.

SCHOOL KITS

1 PAIR OF BLUNT SCISSORS-ROUNDED TIP (**NO PLASTIC SCISSORS**); 3 PADS OF PAPER
8 ½ X 11 SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS OR TOP-BOUND PADS, 150 SHEETS OF LOOSE LEAF PAPER
CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR 1 PAD, COMBINATIONS OF SPIRAL, TOP BOUND OR LOOSE LEAF
IS ACCEPTABLE (**NO COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS**); 1 30-CENTIMETER RULER; 1 HAND HELD
PENCIL SHARPENER-REMOVED FROM PACKAGE; 1 PENCIL ERASER, 2 1/2"; 1 BOX OF 24
CRAYONS (**ONLY 24 COUNT**); 6 UNSHARPENED PENCILS WITH ERASERS (**NO ADVERTISING,
RELIGIOUS, PATROTIC, MILITARY OR CAMOUFLAGE SYMBOLS PLEASE**) PLACE ITEMS IN
A PREPARED 14 X 16 (**FINISHED SIZE**) CLOTH BAG WITH 2 HANDLES.

YOU MAY DROP ITEMS AT THE CHURCH OFFICE. PASTOR DAVE AND BERTHA WILL TAKE
THEM TO EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 14TH AT LAKESIDE, OHIO

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND A CHECK IT IS PAYABLE TO: CUMC-- WE WILL FORWARD ON.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Keeping all our areas acceptable to God in our church requires giving of yourself. Please reach out evaluate your talents, and needs to help.

Following areas in need of "YOU"

- 1.) Junior church teachers, helpers or leaders - see Shirley DiVencenzo
- 2.) Church services fellowship time hostesses and people to supply snacks -
Please sign up on clip board on refreshment table in fellowship hall
- 3.) Greeters for church services - see Jane Grinnell
- 4.) Bible Study class is great on Sunday - come and join us
- 5.) Volunteers to visit the ill and shut-ins - see Bertha
- 6.) Those wishing to place fresh summer flowers on Altar or for special occasions
- See Bertha or Shirley DiVencenzo

LOOKING AHEAD - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 22 - 26

There will be a Teen/Teacher meeting on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00 pm at Cortland Christian Church. We are in need of leaders in the snack area and the recreation area. If interested please contact Brian Kovach or attend the meeting.

Craft items needed are: empty 2 liter pop bottles and large empty peanut butter jars.

If you have these items you may bring to church and place in box in fellowship hall marked VBS. If you would like to volunteer helping at VBS call church office and leave name with Bertha.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to be a volunteer for the LOAF(Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship) booth during Street Fair, June 18-19-20. If you can do a one hour-two hour-three hour shift contact Bertha in office.

LAKEVIEW OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP (L.O.A.F)

Elections were held for the year 2015-2016. Officers are as follows:

President: Pastor Denise Gunerson (POP)

Vice President; Father Carl Kish (St Roberts)

Secretary - Rita Benoit

Treasurer - Shirley Rice

Chow will participate with LOAF at Street Fair

STREET FAIR is June 18,19,20. LOAF is planning on having a booth. There will be a need for volunteers from all churches to man the booth for a three hour period each day of the fair.

Beef-O-Brady's will sponsor a fund raiser set for June 27, 2015 from 4-8 pm. Volunteers are needed for one hour shift at restaurant.

PRICELESS YARD SALE

On Saturday, August 8 from 8 am until 6 pm the sale will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. All donations will go to Heifer. The parking lot will be ringed with tents, each labeled as to category - household, kitchen, arts/crafts, etc. Clothing and probably books will be inside.

There will be people "stationed" in each tent to wrap and bag items and collect donations. Everything will be brought in on Friday, August 7th; leftovers packed up Saturday evening.

We plan to have entertainment throughout the day. If anyone in the church would like to perform contact the church office. Possibility popcorn machine, cookies, and cold bottled water will be offered for a donation.

We hope to have youth dress like animals and carry a banner in the Cortland Street Fair parade. The bnner would promote the Priceless Yard Sale.

We need your support and volunteers are needed to set up on Friday and or work on Saturday. If you have and idea let us know. Donations from members to be brought to Prince of Peace on Friday, August 7th.

Only God Can Make a DAD

He does it every time
He puts into the heart of a father
A special warmth and gentleness,
A capacity to enjoy life, and a desire
To be with his children because he delights
In watching them grow...

Only God can make dad
who admits his mistakes
And forgives others, who cheers his kids on,
build them up.
And sometimes picks them up
until they can stand on their own again.

Only God can make a dad
who share their laughter,
dries their tears,
and always keeps on loving...

And those who have a dad
find that every now and then
They just have to stop and whisper,
“Thank You, God”
Because in their hearts, they know
that only God can make a dad.



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EVENTS FOR MONTH OF JUNE

EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE – LAKESIDE, OHIO

Sunday, June 14 – Thursday, June 18

Pastor Dave, and Bertha Cyphert will be representing our church
Shirley DiVencenzo will be lay delegate from our Western Reserve District

FATHER' S DAY

Sunday, June 21, 2015

STREET FAIR

June 18, 19, 20

The United Methodist Men will park cars at the church for the street fair.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22 – June 26

Held at the Cortland Christian Church beginning at 9:00 am.

RETURNEE May 10, 2015

On Mother's Day, we had the privilege of my returning to this precious church. I am Judy (Recklies) Robertson. I have been married to my husband, Bob

Robertson for 50 years. We are celebrating by traveling around the USA in our little travel trailer. We reside in Murphy's, California.

I attended this church with my mom and dad from the late 40's to 1957. I still have my little Sunday school lessons from this church's Sunday school. My teachers were: Mrs. Hilda Zeller and Mrs. McKinnon. One time in intermediate Sunday school we met in the basement kitchen. These teachers and this church along with my dearest Mom – Bessie Recklies provided a spiritual foundation that has been a blessing all my life.

I became an elementary school teacher for 35 years and we adopted a baby girl through church acquaintances and had our son when bob was working for free remodeling our little church here. Both our (children) themselves are believers along with their families. These blessings are all because of God's grace, my parents, and very importantly the Cortland United Methodist church members. We were so glad to experience such and uplifting Sunday service full of inspiration, joyful praise, gentle fellowship, and welcoming love.

Thank you all, especially Pastor Dave and his dear wife, Becky....as the saying goes...."you are in good hands with (allstate) NO "Pastor Dave's shepherding is a great alternative"!

In humility, gratitude and agape love. Romans 8:28

Bob and Judy Robertson

P.S. I am still teaching Sunday school at my Christian Fellowship Church

