



Finley's Newsletter



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FINLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM OUR PASTOR

June-August, 2014

Dear Finley Church family,

Summer is approaching and I am still wondering if the weather will “warm up” this year. I am writing to you about some exciting new ministries that will be happening with the addition of our new Associate Pastor, Derek and Jessica Trout. They have two young children, Rowyn (3) and Judah (2) who are a big part of their ministry and family, also. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and I have been working for the past school year to pray, dream and compile a job description where we feel Finley Church needs help in focused areas.

Most churches in the United States are in decline. Those churches that aren't in decline are focusing on areas where most churches don't focus on – young adults. Most churches and families see their kids drop out of church after high school. This is why this population is largely heathen and unreached in our nation. If you go around

to any event and see this age group, most of them are spiritually lost and have no direction of Christ in their lives.

Having said this, our committee and I have prayerfully discerned over where our new associate would put their time. We know senior high youth will be a portion of their time and another portion would be with our Young Adults (both single and married). Thirdly, we as a committee sensed small discipleship groups for all ages is an area growing churches focus on in developing disciples for Jesus Christ. So this, too, will be offered for anyone who desires to grow deeper in their faith development. These will be offered in 8 week classes (both fall and spring) each year.

Finley Church will see spiritual growth not only now (short term) but also 10-20 years down the road (long term) by adding new staff. Whenever we have “Snow Sunday's” (that is what I call them) we see about half of our congregation in church on these cold days. Meaning about 90-100 people are in attendance on a bad day. Whenever we have these – this gives me a chilling picture of where our church could end up in 10-20 years if we fail to reach people, continually.

This *picture* of a depleted church propels me to action. Long after I am gone and my

ministry is over at Finley UMC, my prayer is that I have left it stronger and more vibrant than when I came. If I haven't, then I am a failure in my own eyes and heart. Praise God He has provided an opportunity for us to reach our city in a specific way of a new staffing position by a generous donor in our church family who believes in the mission of Finley UMC - “Win the lost, whatever the cost” (The Great Commission - Matthew 28:19-20).

How can you be a supporter of this new direction? By your: 1) Attitude. 2) Prayers. 3) Financial Support (we will be raising awareness of how you can help through “pledges” over and beyond the tithe). 4) Love – new Associate Pastor's family – Rev. Derek and Jessica Trout. Please welcome them later this summer like you have me and my family.

Your pastor and shepherd,
Pastor Jerry Ernst



**SUNDAY
EVENING
SERVICES**

JUNE 1
PASTOR LUIS
MARTINEZ
YOUTH REVIVAL

JUNE 8
PASTOR JERRY

JUNE 15
TBA

JUNE 22
PASTOR JERRY

JUNE 29
PEOPLE'S MEETING

JULY 6
PASTOR JERRY

JULY 13
VBS PROGRAM

JULY 20
PASTOR JERRY

JULY 27
TBA

AUGUST 3
PASTOR JERRY

AUGUST 10
PASTOR JERRY

AUGUST 17
PASTOR JERRY

AUGUST 24
PASTOR JERRY

AUGUST 31
PASTOR JERRY



BIRTHDAYS

June 9
Sgt Dan Decker
398 N Prince Henry Way
Cameron NC 28326

June 10
Helen McPeck
3080 Fernwood Road
Wintersville OH 43953

June 12
Sam Graner
Iglesia, Evangelica Dominica
Apartado 727
Santa Dimingo
Dominican Republic

June 22
Helen Porter
347 County Road 26
Wintersville OH 43953

June 27
Kathryn Quigg
416 Red Hill Road
Pequea PA 17565

June 28
Gail Quigg
416 Red Hill Road
Pequea PA 17565

July 1
Ruth George
102 Grandview Drive
Wintersville OH 43953

July 10
Georgene Bethel
5239 Lake Road West #101
Ashtabula OH 44004

July 13
LT Joseph Felix
1085 Heron Ridge Avenue
Port Orchard WA 98366

July 15
Dorothy Oliver
602 Troy Drive
Wintersville OH 43953

July 16
Major James Linscott
113 Sims Road
Toronto OH 43964

July 21
Jacob Blackburn
2119 State Highway 152
Bloomington OH 43910

July 22
Virginia (Carson) Johnson
5385 Peppermill Road
Grand Blanc MI 48439

July 24
Jenny Graner
Iglesia, Evangelica Dominica
Apartado 727
Santa Dimingo
Dominican Republic

August 25
Bob Porter
302 Petrick Avenue
Mingo Jct OH 43938

August 27
Leonard 'Dutch' Kessler
2600 Hollywood Blvd
Steubenville OH 43952



**PRAYER AND
FASTING WEEKENDS**

*May 31 & June 1
July 5 & 6
August 2 & 3*

Please pray for youth revival June 1-4, new Associate Pastor Derek & Jessica Trout and children, men leadership in the church, one on one witnessing, visitors, outreach programs, VBS, etc.



Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to:

Esther Van Dyke & Family in the death of her nephew, William 'Bill' Kell, April 1, 2014

Janet Amick and Rich & Joy Amick in the death of their sister and sister-in-law, Nancy Vein, April 4, 2014

The Clark & Foster Families in the death of Dakota Walenciej, April 10, 2014

The Family of James T. 'Jim' Davis in his death, April 13, 2014

John & Robbie Young in the death of his aunt, Jeanette Malesick, April 14, 2014

Delores Heflin & Family in the death of Bernard 'Bernie' Heflin, April 19, 2014

Ginger (Montgomery) Thomas & Family in the death of Ronald Thomas, April 23, 2014

Flip Granatir & Family in the death of his aunt, Wanda Sentich, April 30, 2014

Marceline Van Kirk, Diane Sesto & Family in the death of their brother-in-law & uncle, James Van Kirk, May 13, 2014

Carol & Chris Canyock in the death of her uncle & his great-uncle, Charles Benton, May 13, 2014

Rhonda Worley & Corey Matthews & Family in the death of her son & his brother, Chad Taravella, May 13, 2014

The Family of Alice Ludewig in her death, May 26, 2014

FINANCE COMMITTEE

At our last meeting on May 9, 2014, the Finance Committee, with the approval of Pastor Jerry Ernst, Chairperson of the Committee on Lay Leadership, has changed the responsibilities of two committee members. Kathy Thomas, who was designated as the Assistant Church Treasurer, was reassigned as the Assistant Financial Secretary. Beth Howell, who was designated as the Assistant Financial Secretary, was reassigned as the Assistant Church Treasurer.

As of our May church meetings, our Chase line of credit balance (outstanding on our roof projects) was \$23,937.79. The sooner we pay off this debt, the less overall interest charges we will incur.

An applicant has apparently accepted the offer made by the Staff Pastor/Parish Relations Committee to serve as Associate Pastor. This assignment could possibly take effect as early as this summer. A very gracious anonymous donor has voluntarily

offered to pay the expenses for this position for two years.

In order to adequately prepare for the financial obligation of maintaining this position beyond two years, we will not only need to be debt free, but may have to realign our future spending priorities.

Commissions and Committees will need to seriously start reviewing their current budgets for necessary reductions for 2015 and beyond. Everyone's cooperation will be needed in order to enable the new staff member to achieve expanded ministries this position will allow.

Much vision, hard work, and prayer by Pastor Jerry and the Staff Pastor/Parish Relations Committee went into the creation and filling of this new staff position. The plan and hope is that ministries, which support Finley's Mission Statement, will be enhanced by the Associate Pastor position. Continued support and prayer by all of us will be needed to make this expanded outreach successful.

Larry Sesto, Chair



SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

12:00PM - 3:00PM

GAMES, FUN, FOOD,
GREAT GIVE-AWAY TABLES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



2014 GRADUATES

Abigail Leigh Fonow is the daughter of Ty and Kim Fonow of Richmond. She will be graduating from Edison High School. Abby was involved in the following during her high school years. National Honors Society 10th, 11th and 12th grades; Beta Club 10th, 11th & 12th; Spanish Club 10th & 11th; Ruriteens 11th; Guardian Angels 12th. Abby also participated in Softball in 9th and 10th grades and was part of the Division II OHSAA Runner up Team in 2011. Abby played Basketball all 4 years earning an OVAC All Conference Academic Award in 2012, the Gold Certificate for the OHSBCA Scholarship Society in 2014 and Buckeye 8 Honorable Mention for 2013-2014. She was a member of the 4A OVAC Championship Team in 2012. Abby plans on attending EGCC for 1 year and transferring to a 4 year college of her choice, with an interest in Nutritional Counseling, minoring in Psychology

Taryn Grodhaus is the daughter of David & Patty Grodhaus of Toronto. She will graduate from Edison High School. She has taken Health Technologies at Jefferson County JVS; is a member of National Technical Honor Society and has earned an Academic Letter. Taryn plans to attend EGCC to get her LPN, then transfer to Trinity for her RN and specialize in Pediatric Surgery.

Kayla Wright is the daughter of Jim & Tracy Wright of Steubenville. She will graduate

from Edison High School. Kayla has lettered in marching band and served on Prom Committee 11th grade; Media: 11th & 12th grades; Yearbook: 11th & 12th grades; Concert Band: 9th & 10th grades; Marching Band: 9th & 10th grades. She plans to attend Franciscan University to major in Early Childhood Education with Special Needs.

Gabriel Thomas is the son of Michael & Kathy Thomas of Mingo Junction. He will graduate from Indian Creek High School, May 30th. Gabriel played soccer for 2 years, lettering his Senior year, he also played tennis his Senior year; he was a 4 year member of Key Club and earned an Academic Certificate. He plans to attend The University of Akron to major in Structural Engineering.

Alexis Carte is the daughter of Troy and Lisa Carte of Steubenville. She graduated from West Virginia Northern Community College with an Associate Degree in Nursing. Alexis plans to finish her Bachelor's Degree at the Ohio University through their online program, while working as an RN at a local hospital. She eventually plans to return to school for her Doctorate of Nursing Practice to become an Adult-Geriatric Care Nurse Practitioner. I am very thankful to God for directing my path and leading me to where I am currently in my life. I would also like to thank the McKittrick family for their continued support.

Jasmine Smith is the daughter of Marlene Knox and James Smith. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Psychology

with a related area in Chemistry Degree. Jasmine's activities included: the University of Pittsburgh's Varsity Marching Band as a Majorette; Hospital Elder Life Volunteer; Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated; as well as Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity. She presently works as a Nursing Assistant at UPMC in Oncology and plans to earn her Masters in Nurse Practitioner and leaves August 19th to begin serving in the Air Force National Guard.

Christopher Canyock is the son of Carol & Joe Canyock of Steubenville. Chris graduated on Saturday, May 17th from Eastern Gateway Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree in General Study with Honors earning a 3.3 GPA. He received a plaque and an Honors cord to wear with his cap and gown. Chris is currently waiting pending notification to be enrolled at West Liberty University where he will be taking courses in Communications and Sports Broadcasting.

James Wood is the son of Cliff and Emilee (Grafton) Wood of Bloomingdale and the nephew of Joy Clements. He graduated from the Franciscan University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and a Minor in Anthropology. James is currently pursuing employment. He is actively involved in the Purple Circle 4-H club and the newly developed 4-H club via Urban Mission in Steubenville. James enjoys farm life and raising chickens for the eggs.

EVANGELISM

The Finley Youth Revival will be held June 1st - 4th with Pastor Luis Martinez preaching and the Asbury University Ministry team, Adventure, leading the singing and worship. Sunday services will be at Finley Church at 8:30, 10:45, and 6:30. There will be refreshments and fellowship for all following the 6:30 service. Monday through Wednesday the services will be held under the tent at the Ministry Center on Raynes Road at 7:00. Youth activities will follow each service. Please mark your calendars, plan to attend, and pray for our evangelist, the Asbury team, and our youth. Thanks!

- The Evangelism Committee



**Help Ignite our
Camp Ministry**
by Abbey Ernst

Finley has been blessed to have so many children and youth interested in attending church camp each summer. The *mission* of the church camp is.....campers will have a new, renewed, and strengthened relationship with God. In 2012, Finley sent 34 children and youth and in 2013, we sent a total of 38 in

all. This ministry, however, has a big price tag. The average cost of one week at camp is approximately \$325-\$450 per camper, depending on the camp they choose. The Camps Office at the East Ohio

Conference UM Conference has blessed us with needed scholarships, as well as our Ohio Valley District. The children and youth are trying to also work to earn their way. The people of Finley have also been very generous each year to contribute to camp scholarships for those who do not have the financial resources to help pay their way. God gives us so many blessings each day. Please prayerfully consider blessing a child or youth this year by donating to this ministry. This is a personal passion of mine, to encourage young people to go to camp and to help them have this spiritual experience. My camping experiences as a youth helped to ground me in the Word and in my relationship with Jesus Christ. Pay attention to the following statistics to understand the importance of a church camp experience.

Ⓢ If a child attends summer camp, that child receives 16 hours per day of Christian Education training for 5 days, for a total of 80 hours! That is more Christian Education instruction than the

average child now receives in over 2-3 years at church.

Ⓢ The Barna Group reports that two out of three Christians – 64% – make a commitment to Christ before their 18th birthday. Most kids develop their entire idea of who God is and choose whether or not they'll have a relationship with Christ before leaving the 5th grade.

Contact Abbey Ernst for more information on how to help.



Mark Vincent will be ordained as a Full Elder in the United Methodist Church at East Ohio Conference, Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00pm.

Mark is inviting anyone interested to come to the ceremony then please stop over at his residence, 216 Maple Avenue, for refreshments.

Mark would like to say THANKS for supporting and praying for him over the years in the process of his becoming an ordained minister.

Mark will be our 27th pastor to be ordained as an elder in the East Ohio Annual Conference through the ministry of Finley United Methodist Church.



ALL DAUGHTERS' TEA

The United Methodist Women and Food & Fellowship held the tea on May 17th. It was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

There are many thank yous that need to be made. A very special thank you to Elaine Goble and her kitchen crew who prepared the wonderful food. Another special thank you goes to Kathy Gilkey & Pam Granatir for all the beautiful decorations. Thank you to Sonja Sutton for being our photographer. We also need to thank Abby Fonow, Aubrie Grodhaus, Ashley Andrews, Tamika Sutton, Harper Ernst & Kayla Wright for volunteering their time. They helped fill pastry trays, served food and did any task they were asked to do. In addition we need to thank everyone who donated pastries, pastry trays, teapots, hats and their time helping to decorate and cleaning up.

Our final thank you goes to everyone who attended. We hope you will attend again next year.



CALLING ALL WOMEN TO JOIN THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Please join us at the next meeting of the Marguerite/ FWM Circle on June 9th at 6:30pm in the library at the church.

You will learn about UMW and what it does for missions. You can also get in on the planning for the All Daughters' Tea.

After the meeting we have a social time with light refreshments for those who are able to stay.

Please consider joining us.

Juanita "Dee" Whisman
President

Vacation Bible School needs your help!!!

VBS – "Weird Animals, Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-kind" is almost here - Coming **July 7th-11th, 2014** at Finley UMC from

6:00pm – 8:30pm. We need all kinds of help this year. Look at the following list of available jobs and see where you might fit. Volunteer positions include: van driver, van ride-a-long, crew leader, kitchen helper, registration, middle school helpers, Bible Adventures drama leader, prayer warriors, donate food and supplies, pre-school helpers, nursery helpers. Every year our church reaches more and more children for Jesus Christ. Will you get on board with us and help??? A VBS volunteer works long hours in hot July summer weather, but the rewards are endless!!! Join us and be a part of making a difference in our community and by helping to make a way for children to come to Christ. For more information about our Vacation Bible School, contact the church office at 282-9795 or see Abbey Ernst.





UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 1 *Prayer & Fasting*

8:30am Youth Revival Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Youth Revival Service
6:30pm Youth Revival Service

June 2

10:30am Prayer in Prayer Room
7:00pm Youth Revival Service

June 3

7:00pm Youth Revival Service

June 4

11:00am Bible Study & Prayer
7:00pm Youth Revival Service

June 7

4:00pm-7:00pm Spaghetti
Dinner, Car Wash & Cruise In



June 8 *Pentecost, 15 Father's
Day, 22 Communion*

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Sunday school
10:45am Worship Service
6:30pm Worship Service

June 9

10:30am Prayer in Prayer Room
6:30pm Marguerite/FWM Circle

June 10

7:00pm Trustee Meeting

June 11, 18

6:30pm Senior High Youth
7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

June 12

6:00pm Staff Meeting
7:00pm
Commissions/Committees
8:00pm Administrative Council

June 15-19

Annual Conference

June 16, 23, 30

10:30am Prayer in Prayer Room

June 17

7:00pm Choir Practice

June 24

10:30am Senior Friends
7:00pm Choir Practice

June 25

7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

June 29

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Sunday school

10:45am Worship Service
6:30pm People's Meeting

July 2

6:30pm Senior High Youth
7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

July 4 *Independence Day
Church Office Closed*

July 5 & 6

Prayer & Fasting Weekend

July 6, 13, 20, 27

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Sunday school
10:45am Worship Service
6:30pm Worship Service

July 7, 14, 21, 28

10:30am Prayer in Prayer Room

July 7-11

6:00pm-8:30pm *Weird Animals
Vacation Bible School*

July 16, 23, 30

6:30pm Senior High Youth
7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

July 22

10:30am Senior Friends

August 2 & 3

Prayer & Fasting Weekend

August 3, 10, 17, 24

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Sunday school
10:45am Worship Service
6:30pm Worship Service

August 4, 11, 18, 25

10:30am Prayer in Prayer Room

August 6, 13, 20, 27

6:30pm Senior High Youth
7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

August 12

7:00pm Trustee Meeting

August 14

6:00pm Staff Meeting
7:00pm Commissions/
Committees
8:00pm Administrative Council

August 16

Block Party

August 26

10:30am Senior Friends
7:00pm Choir Practice

August 31

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Sunday school
10:45am Worship Service
6:30pm People's Meeting

Articles for the
September/October newsletter
are **due August 18th**. Please
email your article to
newsletter@finleyumc.org, or you
may put your article in the news-
letter mailbox, or give to Kathy in
the church office. Thank YOU!

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YOUTH REVIVAL

PASTOR LUIS MARTINEZ &

ASBURY UNIVERSITY MINISTRY TEAM

'ADVENTURE'

JUNE 1, 6:30pm FINLEY CHURCH

958 LINCOLN AVENUE, STEUBENVILLE

JUNE 2-4, 7:00pm FINLEY MINISTRY CENTER

128 RAYNES ROAD, MINGO JCT.