

TOWER NOTES - September 2020

Prospect Street - A United Methodist Congregation

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Through the months of September and October I will be hosting "get to know" meetings (that's the best name I could come up with). This is a chance for me to get to know the church outside of Sunday morning in smaller groups - 10 or less.

For safety and health reasons we will meet outside in the memorial garden space in groups, as well as offer a couple of dates where the meeting will take place over Zoom. If you are able and comfortable with that format, I humbly ask you to choose that option so that more space is available for those who are not able or as proficient with the technology to meet in person.

I have been looking forward to getting to know this community, the people in it, the stories associated with it, and the ways that God has worked and is continuing to work in your lives.

Additionally, I am grateful for everyone's patience during this unprecedented, chaotic time, as getting to know each other has not happened as easily or quickly as usual.

Below are the dates and times for the meetings. To sign up for a meeting, please call Erika at the office or email her.

September 9: 10am

September 14: 10am

September 16: 7pm (Zoom)

September 21: 10am

September 23: 7pm

October 5: 10am

October 7: 7pm (Zoom)

October 12: 10am

October 14: 7pm

May God empower us with the Holy Spirit as we navigate a tricky time, that especially in a moment such as this, we may be a witness to the grace and peace that is on offer to this hurting world through Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ty

Happy Birthday

September 2 Joshua Rose
September 5 Larry Hileman
September 7 Courtney Carpenter
September 10 Eli Burris
September 13 Judy Stambazze, Mallory Haas
September 14 Lee Saiter, John Paul Holsinger
September 15 Lucille Norton, Carrie Hutchman, Megan Miller, Bill O'Neil
September 16 Beverly Isaly
September 17 Aron Fausnaugh, Madison Lust
September 18 Cheryl Doezema, Trevinal McGlothlin, Tammy Criswell
September 19 Donna Dietsch
September 20 Lucille Copus
September 21 Darlynn Blessing, Dave Allen, Kara Kubbs, Vincent Casey, Ashley Bennett
September 22 Matthew Nelson, Brandon Haas
September 23 Ralph Flinchbaugh
September 24 Mitchell Swonger
September 26 Casey Swonger
September 27 Kenneth Linstedt
September 28 David Robinson
September 29 Kathy Castle
September 30 Renee Allen, Victoria Standley, Corbin McKenney

Please pray for our shut-ins: Darlene Beveridge, Bob Bish, Rita Brutchey, Kay Castle, Virginia Chaney, Marie Conkle, Ernest & Norma Denney, Susanne Hall, Betty Hampton, William Heineman, Louis & Betty Hughes, Dorothy Houser, Helen Little, Bob Lucas, Beth Martin, Brenda Rider, Trent Standley, and Thelma Starner.

Our Liturgists for the month of September are:

September 6 - Neil Miller
September 13 - Molly Lu Balis
September 20 - Lynette Burris
September 27 - Deborah Mahler

The ***Sacrament of Holy Communion*** will be served during both worship services on Sunday, September 6th.

Directory Update

Ernest & Norma Denney, Kingston Residence Apt. 117, 464 James Way, Marion, OH 43302

Ben & Tammy Criswell, 693 Woodrow Avenue, Marion, OH 43302

Jim & Betty Anderson, 690 Forest Lawn Drive, Marion, OH 43302

Jeff & Kerry Fremont requested to be taken off our membership.

Team Meetings

Board of Trustees will not meet in September!

Finance Team will meet on Thursday, September 10th, at 7 p.m.

Staff-Pastor-Parish-Relation Team will meet Monday, September 14th, at 6 p.m.

Leadership Team will meet on Thursday, September 17th, at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events...

The **Newsletter Deadline** will be Wednesday, September 16th, for the October Tower Notes! We will continue to mail out newsletters on a monthly basis.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will begin again on Saturday, September 19th, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men!

We will begin to collect items for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on Sunday, September 27th. Suggested donations: **Prepared Dinners**. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. If you are not comfortable to bring your donations on Sunday, you can drop them off any day during the week and just leave them in the foyer. Erika will take care of them!

T.E.A. on Tuesdays ~ Panera Bread is the place to be on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to be uplifted and supported by a group of sisters in Christ. Please wear a mask!

Church Basement Sale ~ October 2nd and October 3rd from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to weed out unneeded but still useful items around your home and help out your church at the same time. Please drop off your donations at the church and put them **ONLY** in the old basement (the youth room) beginning September 1st and no later than September 30th. **Please no: electronics, clothes, shoes, dirty items, or items that do not work.** If you need help bringing your items to the church or have any questions, please contact the church office. Proceeds from this sale will be used towards future church projects.



Hello Prospect Street United Methodist Church, the Leadership Team wants to update you on the changes we continue to make to have a safe and healthy worship space. All who enter Monday through Sunday are met with a sign requesting a mask be worn when entering. The staff is wearing masks and sanitizing throughout the week as they come and go. Sunday mornings, we ask that you not enter any sooner than 10 minutes prior to the service starting and visit a hand sanitizing station on the way to your pew. You may be offered a bulletin, or you may pick it up off the table. Feel no pressure to take one, but if you do please take it with you.

There are Clorox wipes in the bathroom if you need to visit the restroom while you are here. Please sanitize on your way out. After the service, please exit as the ushers release you and head to the parking lot. We are experiencing a lot of mingling in the sanctuary. We feel it is best to visit in the parking lot where there is more space and fresh air. What you don't see is what happens between services. The pews are wiped down with Clorox wipes, the hand rails, bathroom on the main level, all door handles, and the elevator is all wiped down as well. As the Leadership Team, we want all who enter to feel safe and secure knowing we are doing what we feel is necessary to keep everyone healthy. With your help, we can.

God Bless,

Tracey Rector

Leadership Chair

Greetings from Scouts Pack and Troop 950 ~ Just an update as to how the Scouts are trying to keep active in these crazy times. The Troop (Middle and High School age Girls) are meeting weekly at a local park. They have completed merit badges as well as rank advancement over the summer. Some participated in "Cyberswamp", a virtual week of camp, earning badges, having time to meet and talk with other Scouts, and as far as COVID allowed this year, just being kids. Others participated in a 3 day camp. Most attended a Kayaking merit badge workshop. Overall, a very prosperous summer of activity.

Cubs Pack 950 (Elementary age youth) were active in person at the beginning of summer, but went back to online meetings when we went to red. Some of these youngsters participated in online programs as well. They are looking to get back to in person meetings at a local park, likely before you read this. For these kids, Zoom just is not as fun as SEEING your friends, even if you can't high five them.



And as school starts, that also signals the time of Scout Popcorn Sale. This is by far one of the biggest fundraisers the council sponsors to assist in their funding. The Scouts also earn profits for their own accounts to help pay for their annual registration and other upcoming events. Below is a link to Emma's popcorn "page" where you can directly place orders, and they will be directly shipped to your home. If you are more comfortable looking at a paper order form, those will be available in the foyer in the form of a door hanger. Just give the order and payment to Emma or me, and we will get it ordered for delivery in October.

The Troop and Pack will also be hosting Drive Thru Popcorn sales in September and October. Exact dates and times to come.

Thank you for your continued support of a fine group of youth, and their adventures in Scouting, Sara McKenney, Scoutmaster Troop 950, Charter Organization Representative Pack 950

Scout's Name: **Emma M.**

Unit Type & Number: **Troop 6950**

Seller ID: **AR5MUQ**



I hope everyone is reading their bible and doing some home study. It has been a tough year to say the least. I am praying that by the time this newsletter is sent out to all, we will have a plan in place to return to Sunday school. Our main objective is to keep everyone safe. My prayer is that everyone is still inviting people to church during this difficult time. 86% of people who start attending church were invited by a friend. The greatest sound in a church is the sound of children. With our youth we have a future. Please continue to pray for our church leaders and our congregation. Love, Peace, and Grace be with you all. **Lay Leader, Terry Huff**

Church Finances

General Fund Income as of August 24th: **\$143,757.34**

General Fund Expense as of August 24th: **\$146,254.21**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Erika
or see our Treasurer, Pete Stambazze.

Would you like to enroll in E-Tithing? E-Tithing is an automatic withdrawal from your checking account and is remitted automatically to the church. We can set it up so it will deduct from your checking account on the 1st and/or the 15th of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

We would like to reach out to everyone who already sold tickets for our annual Fish Fry, which was cancelled for this year. If you sold tickets, and you remember to whom, please make sure they know that we will honor those tickets for our Fish Fry in 2021!

From the Heart...

To my church family - thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls and prayer shawl during my surgery and chemotherapy treatments. The process has been long. The results are successful and encouraging for the future. I'm so grateful and appreciate your kindness. The online services fed me spiritually while I couldn't be in church. I thank all the people behind the scene that makes the online services available. God bless you, **Linda Mills**

Thank you for the prayers during my back surgery and home therapy and for the warm welcome when I was able to come back to church the last Sunday in July. **Lois Fulton**

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500 for our "Cents for Shoes" program. You have made it possible for us to purchase shoes for 20 needy children. This is a busy time of year for our program as we strive to provide shoes for every child that qualifies. It takes a community to raise a child and we appreciate your community spirit. **Robin Rick**

Dear Church Family, everyone should be so lucky to have a church family like you. I don't know what Ed and I would have done these last months without your love and support. Believe me when I say we both felt your prayers. There is no other explanation for how we were able to weather this storm. Besides all your prayers, you called and you sent cards which meant so much to us. There were lucid times when I could show Ed your picture in the directory and he would remember you and he was so thankful. Ed loved coming to church and Sunday school (me, too!) and the Men's Prayer Breakfast. He loved it when all the guys would ask him if he took his pill, because sometimes he would try to say he did. Most of all he loved it when you would help me look the other way so he could sit on the sofa and eat a whole stack (or 2) of cookies on Sunday mornings. He just loved all of you. Thanks also to Pastor Ty and Pastor Joe. You are both such a blessing to this church.

Much love, Carrie

STAYING HEALTHY... note from the Health Ministry

Give us a C! Vitamin C may help relieve stress.

What's your go-to for stress relief? Yoga, deep breathing, brisk walks, meditation...or all of the above? Keep it up — and consider adding some extra vitamin C to the mix. That's right; the vitamin known for keeping your immune system functioning well and protecting your body from cellular damage can also help you manage stress when the going gets tough. When you're stressed, your adrenal glands pump out the stress hormone cortisol, and when you stay in "red alert" mode over time, the excess cortisol can seriously damage your health. Since vitamin C helps to regulate cortisol, getting extra C may help in times of stress. Taking extra C was shown to reduce cortisol levels in animals, and in a study on women, a slow-release vitamin C supplement reduced physical and mental symptoms of stress. Our favorite sources aren't in the supplement aisle, however — they're in the produce aisle. To get sufficient stress-busting C, be sure you have plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables (raw or lightly cooked) in your daily diet. Kiwi, papaya, citrus fruits, pineapple, berries, bell peppers, tomatoes, broccoli, and leafy greens are all fantastic sources. Keep in mind that in general, the fresher these foods are, the more C they'll contain.

Source: The Impact of Essential Fatty Acid, B Vitamins, Vitamin C, Magnesium and Zinc Supplementation on Stress Levels in Women: A Systematic Review



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 a.m. TEA 6:30 p.m. TOPS	2 6 p.m. Praise Team	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m. Traditional Service	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 9:30 a.m. TEA 6:30 p.m. TOPS	9 10 a.m. Get-To-Know Meeting 6 p.m. Praise Team	10 7 p.m. Finance Team	11	12
13 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship	14 10 a.m. Get-To-Know Meeting 6 p.m. SPPRM Meeting	15 9:30 a.m. TEA 6:30 p.m. TOPS	16 6 p.m. Praise Team 7 p.m. Get-To-Know Meeting on Zoom Newsletter Deadline	17 5:30 p.m. Leadership Team	18 5:15 p.m. Neighborhood Supper	19 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
20 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship	21 10 a.m. Get-To-Know Meeting	22 8:30 a.m. Citizen Circle 9:30 a.m. TEA 6:30 p.m. TOPS	23 6 p.m. Praise Team 7 p.m. Get-To-Know Meeting on Zoom	24	25	26
27 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Salvation Army Food Pantry Collection	28	29 9:30 a.m. TEA 6:30 p.m. TOPS	30 6 p.m. Praise Team			



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Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. *Praise Celebration*

9:30 a.m. *Sunday School*

10:30 a.m. *Traditional Worship*

Pastor: Ty Williams

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Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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