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The Leaflet

June 2021



Pastor's Pen

WOW! HOW FAST THE WEEKS AND YEARS FLY BY! IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT 12 YEARS HAS GONE SO QUICKLY! JAN AND I HAVE TRULY BEEN BLESSED AND CONTINUE TO WONDER... JUST HOW DID WE EVER GET SELECTED TO SERVE IN SUCH AN AWESOME PLACE AS CONNEAUT? OF COURSE, THE ANSWER IS...THE **HOLY SPIRIT!** NOW AGAIN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS NUDGED US TOWARDS THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL ... FOR JAN AND I, AND NEW LEAF~

JAN AND I ARE TRUSTING IN THE LORD AS WE HOPE YOU WILL. WE HAVE DONE SOME BAPTISMS! WE HAVE HELPED 260 GET BAPTISED. WE THINK OF SMALL GROUPS, WEDDINGS, AND SO MANY AWESOME TIMES THAT HELP AND...WE ARE BLESSED THAT OUR CHURCH IS SEEN IN THIS COMMUNITY AS AN EXCITING MOVEMENT! THIS GROWTH CLEARLY SHOWED GOD AT WORK BECAUSE THOUGH WE HAVE HAD SO MANY JOIN THE CAUSE WE HAVE ALSO PERFORMED 267 FUNERALS! THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE BUSY LOVING GOD, AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER, AND MAKING DISCIPLES!

WE HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO SAY, BUT WORDS ESCAPE US... SO WE SIMPLY SAY THANK YOU... FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.

THERE WERE 3 FROGS SITTING ON THE SHORE... ONE OF THEM DECIDED TO JUMP. HOW MANY WERE LEFT??

GO... GIVE 'EM HEAVEN!

Jan and Scott



Financial Snapshot

General Fund Total Income - **April:** \$ 26,809.40

All sources, including Online Giving

General Fund Online Giving: \$ 4,386.83

General Fund **April** Expenses: \$ 24,583.03

[only 50% of Conference monthly apportionment payment paid for funds 2-5 paid; 100% of Conference Fund 1 paid; 100% of District monthly apportionment payment paid]

Received from the Child Care Center* \$ 2,525.25

Capital Campaign Funds [Building Fund] received in **April:** \$ 3,097.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 6,852.57

Building Fund Balance [pays the mortgage payment] as of **4/30/2021** \$ 65,368.84

Avg. Weekly Attendance in **April** [this includes Live Streaming through Facebook and YouTube] 227

Amazon Smile Donations Received in 2020: \$77.01 Received to date in 2021: \$40.51

* Child Care Reimbursement included in above figure towards the cost of utilities, copier lease, trash and security monitoring, etc.



Ways to Welcome the New Pastor

1. **'Pound the Pastor:'** Buy a pound of something for their pantry [perhaps a pound of spaghetti, soup, etc]. Bring to the church office
2. Purchase a **Gift Certificate** to any of our Local Restaurants/Businesses. You can bring to the church office and will be put in a basket for the new pastor.
3. We hope that everyone will plan on **sending a letter** introducing themselves to Pastor Russ and his wife Lynn.

[United Methodist Church of Macedonia, 1280 East Aurora Road, Macedonia, Ohio 44056]

And send along a picture!

We are purchasing a sapling to plant as a tree in the Pastor's honor

Love the Lord † Love One Another † Make Disciples Of Jesus Christ

Prayer Concerns

George Dixon, Liz Ogren, Dean Thompson, Cindy Eigel, John Toothman Family, Kimberly Carey, Steve Rzeszutek, Carl, Carissa, Brad's Family, Kimmy Neubauer, Betty Jean (B.J.) Bennett, Gloria, Chrissy, Penny Mitchell, Dennis Courtney, Sharon Duvall, Joan Barnett, Ken Bradley, Tori Banks, Jamison McVickers, Erica, Chuck Furmage, Fran Wojtowicz, Annika Kelner, Josh, Mary Lou Rolland, Debbie Herbel, Chrissy, Sylvia Skalos, Lis Ogren, Branden Mullins

Prayers of Joy

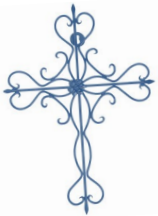
Jeffrey Onion made it back safely from deployment.

Jayson Kent's test came back negative.. His MRI showed nothing critical . Praise God!!!

Thanks you All for the prayers! They worked! ~ Carri Kent

Tony Walsh graduated with honors from seminary with a Masters in Theology on May 15th. Congrats Tony!!!

Pastor Jan & Pastor Scott celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 18th.
Best wishes to the both.



George Dixon, Sr. turned 91 on May 26th.



Entered into Glory

Elizabeth Fogle, Phil Hoskins, Vi Gerdes



Invitation

*We would like to extend a
Special Invitation
to our New Leaf Family for*

***Joey Jafarace's
Eagle Scout Court of Honor***

*It will be held Sunday, June 6th at 1 pm
here at New Leaf UMC*



June Anniversaries

- 5 Dana & Janet Quinn
- 8 Lonnie & Nancy Hutchens
- 13 Ted & Willa Hummer
Branden & Megan Mullin
- 14 Joshua & Amber Reitz
Karl & Patricia Rowbotham
- 20 Gary & Melanie Pape
- 24 Josh & Theresa Morrison
- 26 David & Pam Simpson
- 27 Bob & Sue Marcy
- 28 Chuck & Carri Kent
- 30 Jeffrey & JoAnne Pritchard



Birthday & Anniversary List:

If you would like your name on our list, please call the church office between 9:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. @ 593-2525

"Peace begins
With a
Smile?"

Mother Teresa

June Birthdays

- 1 Virginia Hartman
- 2 Madelyn Morrison, Brantley Morrison
- 5 Haley Teppo
- 9 Doris Latimer
- 10 Richard Trigg
- 13 Dante Chase, Ryann Rose
- 14 Jeff Onion
- 15 Tom Richards, Linda Brown, Mark Heinonen,
Jim Cunningham, Haley Coppock
- 16 Ziggy Haase
- 17 Jan Walsh, Don Palm, Melanie Shubitowski
- 18 Pat Reynolds
- 19 Ron Williams, Ann Wiley, Dominic Zappitelli,
Rand Schenck, Scarlett Onion
- 20 Cory Funk, John Hagstrom
- 21 Kailee Hummer
- 22 Andrew Kelner, Adele Wade, Melissa Bort
- 24 Brandon Braden
- 25 Ted Hummer
- 26 Karen Dubinsky, Mari Jo Martinelli
- 29 Kayla Funk
- 30 RaeLynn Rapose



A Thought from Pastor Russ

Message: "Looking For A Way"

To say I'm "looking for a way" only begins the conversation. To be complete, we need to know more. Yes, there is the common thread of general "searching" that is part and parcel to the condition of being human.

To be "looking for a way" suggests movement, and that may be toward a physical location (like "Siri, route me to the closest gas station") or it may be more personal like "looking for a way to connect with a friend".

The truth is that most of our searching for "a way" is less concrete than a route map or calendar space.

In fact, most of our searching in life is related to one thing: Meaning. Looking carefully into our hearts and born out in the record of human history, is this single challenge: We are searching for a way to make sense out of the world in which we live.

We are searching for a way to make sense out of suffering, motives for behaviors both good and evil, and purpose for the practical things that make up life as we are living it. We want to understand this journey we call life.

Psalms 23: 2-4 says "He [the Lord] makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

What strikes me about this is so simple it is easy to overlook. It describes the way through, not out of, the challenges of life. This matters more than we may realize.

My observation is that when we find the "green pastures" we begin looking for a way to stay in those places forever. And when we sense a "dark valley" on the horizon, we begin looking for a way around them. And when we find ourselves in the darkest valley, confronted by evil, we desperately look for a way out.

But the Psalm does not offer any of these. Instead, we are encouraged that with the Lord we can find the way through life—in its every aspect!

Finding Hope in Christ,
Russ



TIME OF TRANSITION FOR THE WALSH FAMILY

As many of you already know, our son, Anthony graduated from Ashland Seminary May 15 with his Master's Degree. What you may or may not know, he is also getting married on June 5th to his fiancé, Alexia Kloha in North Canton at the church where he is presently employed as Worship Leader. We have known and actually vacationed with Alexia & family back in the 1900s while pastoring at Justus United Methodist Church in Stark County. Small world. Tony & Alexia reconnected 2 years ago in April when he went to get his taxes done at Alex's fathers business in Canton. It was love at first sight (as adults, anyhow)!

On July 7th, our oldest daughter, Kara, who teaches High School Spanish at the Wellington School in Upper Arlington will be marrying her fiancé, Eric Trent who works at AT&T as a computer programmer. They met 2 years ago while she was taking scuba diving lessons and Eric was her instructor. Their marriage will take place in Colorado.

*Our moving out day is scheduled for June 28th here in Conneaut. The plan is to be packed and loaded by early afternoon. June 29th is the date we are moving into the new home in Shreve, Ohio. Our new address will be **598 N. Main St.** Shreve, Ohio. Interestingly enough, **598 W. Main** was the first address we lived at as a married couple in Alliance, Ohio thirty years ago. That, to us, was the affirmation we needed to know that we were in the center of God's will! We know that the Lord is leading and directing us and we are very content to follow His lead – although we love and will miss you ALL dearly. We have made so many memories together in the past 12 years and will treasure our time with you intensely. we truly love you.*

Scott & Jan



The Editor's Thoughts

Hallelujah! Winter is gone, Spring is wonderful and Summer will soon be here. The earth is showing us God's handiwork as she has awoken from her winter sleep. I have seen an increase in attendance back into our church building. Yes it's not a lot but we are turning in the right direction. Our Bishop has decreed that we can once again join together in open worship so I dearly hope that we will see all of you back with us. You can still distance yourself and masks will be optional but we would love to see you back. We have much to share with one another having not seen many of you for quite awhile. Although we are not offering morning buffet at this time, coffee, tea and cocoa will be poured for you. Come so you have an opportunity so say Goodbye to Pastors Scott & Jan, and then help us Welcome Pastor Russ & Lynn on July 4th.

Answering God's invitation,

Penny, Editor

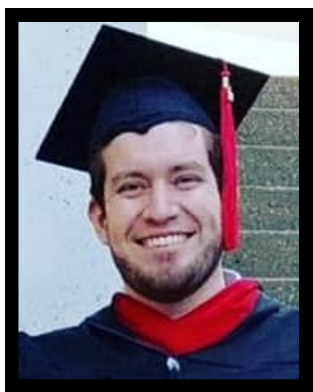


It is with sadness that I report to our membership that our wonderful and immensely talented Megan Mullins is leaving us. She and her family will be relocating to the Cortland, Oh area as Megan has accepted a new position as the choir director at Lakeview High School.

We all will miss her terribly but know that God has a new purpose for Brandon and Megan ~ Fiona and Vanessa.

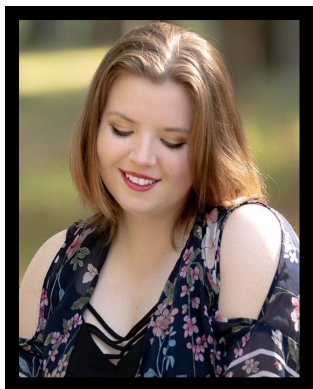
Our Best Wishes go with the Mullins family.





After 22 long years of schooling (K-12, college & seminary) **Anthony Walsh** has finally graduated Cum Laude having earned a Masters of Divinity from Ashland Seminary. He is employed as the Worship Leader at Church of the Lakes in North Canton, Ohio. His plans are to be appointed pastor at a United Methodist Church in the East Ohio Conference.

Congrats
Class of 2021



Jenna Birt graduated from Conneaut High School on May 29, 2021. While in school Jenna participated in soccer, tennis, golf, show choir and band, She was in the National Honor Society as well as Tri-M Music Honor Society. Jenna graduated with an honors diploma and a 4.0 GPA. She is one of a few who is listed first in her class.

Jenna will be attending Kent State University in the fall with a major in Music Education & Music Composition. She was accepted into the Hugh Glasser School of Music at Kent and was granted a few music scholarship as well as some academic scholarships from the school, She plans to join the marching band there as well as some wind ensembles and choir.



Jonathan Davis is a graduate of Happy Heart School. He was very active at the school helping everyone out in any way he could. They ended up calling him 'Mayor' of the school. He helped with the dishes in the kitchen and helped the janitor inside with trash and outside blowing leaves. He helped the secretary delivering papers to teachers. He was picked 'Student of the Year' for the State of Ohio and went to Columbus to a Recognition Dinner for his award.

He is going through ODD to get a job and see if he is able to go back to the Breakwall or go to Ash Craft to work. He loves playing guitar, singing and being with his friends and family and talking about the Lord.



Ethan Morrison is a 2021 graduate from Conneaut High School. Throughout high school, Ethan participated in baseball, basketball, football and swimming. He was the co-founder of the Conneaut High School swim team. While swimming he earned the Ashtabula County swimmer of the year three years in a row.

Ethan currently is a lifeguard at the Ashtabula YMCA. He will spend his summer as a camp counselor and lifeguard at the Sheldon Camp Calvary in Conneaut. In the fall Ethan will be going to Baldwin Wallace University to swim on the swim team and to study to be an athletic trainer.



G. Joseph (Joey) Jafarace is a graduate of Edgewood Senior High School. He was not only very academic having taken Honors English, Mathematics, and Government, graduating in the upper 10 of his class with a 4.1 GPA. He was a 3 year academic letterman. He was also very active in sports earning the following achievements:

- * 4 yr. Letterman in Cross Country, Wrestling and Track.
- * 3 time Regional finalist for Cross Country.
- * 2 time District finalist for Wrestling.
- * 1 time Regional finalist for Track.
- * Was MVP & MIV in all three sports.

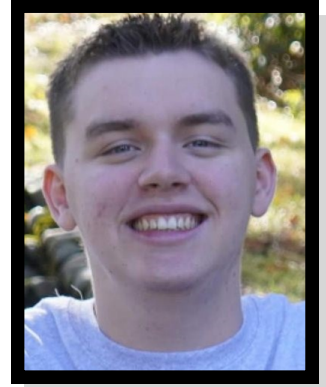
Joey has also been working in our Tech booth at NLUMC for several years.

Joey is undecided where he will go to college but plans on studying Civil Engineering and running Cross Country and Track.



Jozlyne Renae Pape daughter of Matt and Jodie Pape, granddaughter of Gary and Melanie Pape, and Bob and Amy McClintock. Sr. graduated from Conneaut High School Saturday, May 29, 2021, as the Valedictorian of her class. While in high school, Jozlyne participated in marching and concert bands as well as show choir. She was also a member of the golf team, the National Honors Society, Youth Leadership, and Youth Philanthropy. Jozlyne is in the bell choir for church, takes piano, dances ballet for Dancing with Janey, and works for our local Dairy Queen. In the fall, Jozlyne will attend Edinboro University's Honor College where she will dual major in Animation and Biology with a minor in Scientific Illustration. Jozlyne hopes to one day be a medical animator working for a hospital. While at Edinboro Jozlyne plans to participate in their marching band and continue to play golf.

Open House will be on
Sunday, June 13th from 4 to 8
515 Lake Erie Street



Dominic Zappitelli graduated from Conneaut High School on May 29, 2021. During his high school career he lists:

- Member of the CHS golf team his Freshman & Sophomore years.
- Member of the CJS theater department his Freshman & Sophomore years.
- Class Vice-President Sophomore thru Senior years.
- Member of the National Honors Society his Junior & Senior years.
- Eagles Five Star Student of the Month September 2020 and Optimist Senior Student of the Month October 2021.

Nathan currently is employed at the Rainbow Café since 2018.

My future plan is to attend Kent State University at Ashtabula to pursue a career in Radiologic Technology in hopes of getting a certification in X-ray.

Faith Step: Make a list of the problems flooding your thoughts. Give them to Jesus, our Rock, trusting Him to hold you tight.



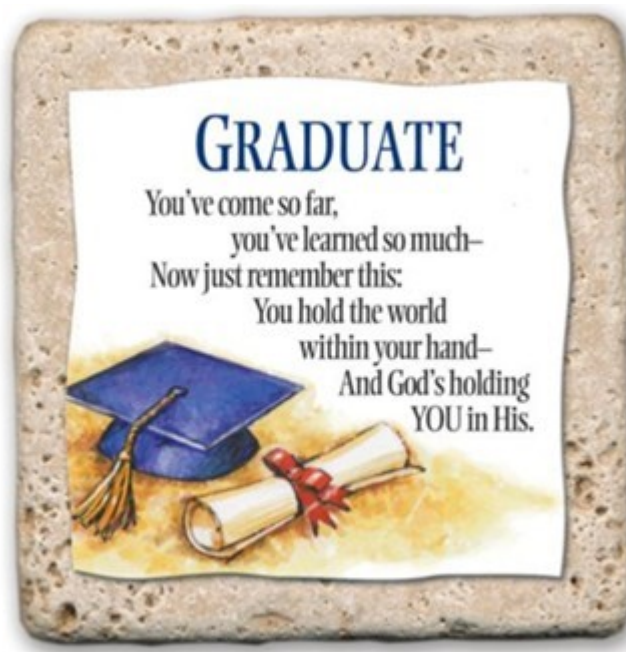


Callie Bearded is a graduate of Conneaut High School's class of 2021. She is the daughter of Terry and April Shubitowski and the grand daughter of Melanie Shubitowski. She has plans to attend A-Tech for cosmetology after she graduates. Callie is the youngest sibling of 4 sisters and 1 brother and is the last to graduate. Her family is so proud of her and her accomplishments.

Ryan Osborne
Conneaut High School

Jade Ballard
Conneaut High School

2021 Graduates



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Life Line Screening am - 5:30 pm Silver Sneakers 4 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm	2 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am Child Care Bd. 11 am	3 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	4 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	5
6 Honoring Grads Joey's Eagle Scout 1 pm Youth 6 pm	7 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	8 Good Grief 3:30 pm Silver Sneakers 4 pm	9 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am Choir Ensemble 7 pm	10 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm Event Ctr Bd 6 pm	11 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	12 Bells 10 am
13 Baptisms at 9 & 11 am Meet & Greet New Pastor 2-4 pm Youth 6 pm	14 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	15 Silver Sneakers 4 pm	16 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am Choir Ensemble 7 pm— rain date	17 Tai Chi 10 am Blood Drive 1 pm Silver Sneakers 4 pm	18 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	19 Wedding
20 Father's Day Mystery Interviewer at 9 am & 11 am	21 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	22 UMW 1 pm Silver Sneakers 4 pm	23 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	24 Tai Chi 10 am Silver Sneakers 4 pm	25 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am	26 Bells 10 am Wedding
27 Communion Youth 6 pm	28 Fit for Christ 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Praise Team 6:30 pm	29 Silver Sneakers 4 pm	30 Silver Sneakers 8:30 am Fit for Christ 9 am			





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