

Aurora United Methodist Church

THE MESSENGER

June/July 2011

Summer Reading

For the past seven years my wife Meredith worked as a Children's Librarian at a number of different public libraries. Every summer she spent a considerable amount of time and energy planning and carrying out the summer reading program. It is amazing how many more people spend time reading books throughout these months than any other time during the year. Is there a greater time to catch up on some reading than over the summer?

Many of us will take much needed vacations during these summer months and we will hit our local libraries and book stores and find the perfect book to read while we are bumming around on a beach, in a cabin, or just at home. We find ourselves taking a long exhale as we refresh and rejuvenate our bod-

ies before gearing up for another fall.

Over the past month we have been looking at a number of tough questions about the faith on Sunday mornings. Just to recap our month, we have been addressing questions such as, "Why do I need to go to church to live out my faith?" "How is a loving God

wrathful?" "Is Jesus the only way to heaven?" and "Why does a good and loving God allow so much suffering in the world?"

These are questions that have plagued the hearts and minds of Christians throughout the centuries, and these are questions about which many, many people have written books.

In fact, I have spent a considerable amount of time preparing responses to these questions with the help of a



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number of authors. With that said, I would encourage you to use my Sunday morning responses to these questions not so much as the hard and fast answers, but rather as your springboard catapulting you into digging deep into these questions.

I find reading to be a favorite pastime of mine and I would like to offer you some suggestions of books that may help you as you dive into these questions a little further. If you have no interest in diving further into answers to these questions, I will also highlight a few of my favorite books that I have read this past year.

In addressing our tough questions from this past month I would suggest:

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The Case For Christ, by Lee Strobel. Strobel was a former atheist who set out to disprove the Christian faith, but in his journey found validity in the Jesus story. This book highlights his insights as to why Jesus is real. If you like this book, you may also like *The Case for Faith*, which also discusses many of the issues we have been considering this past month.

Love Wins, by Rob Bell. Bell gives an insightful outlook on some of the toughest questions of our faith. He helps to find reconciliation between God's love and God's wrath. He also gives a very thorough and thought-provoking discussion on what Jesus meant by heaven, hell, and salvation. Should we in fact define and understand them differently than what we have always been taught?

Radical, by David Platt. Platt challenges his readers to consider how our culture has manipulated the gospel to fit our preferences. In a very compelling way, Platt teaches on what Jesus actually said about being his disciple.

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Why? Making Sense of God's Will, by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton gives a biblical approach to some of the toughest questions that plague the human mind.

If you would like to get away from some of these tough questions for awhile, here are some other amazing books that will help you as you work toward deepening your faith in Christ.

Just Walk Across the Room, by Bill Hybels. (One of my favorite books.)

We Belong to the Land, by Elias Chacour

Blood Brothers, by Elias Chacour,

Till We Have Faces, by C.S. Lewis,

Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit, by Francis Chan

Why I Am a United Methodist, by William Willimon

So there it is, my summer reading list for you. Let me know if you would like to borrow any of these books from my library and if you would like to get together for coffee to discuss any of them further. Remember, knowledge is power and when we invest in our relationship with the Lord and deepen our faith in Christ we can be powerful and profound instruments used in the hands of Almighty God to strengthen His Kingdom in this world. Enjoy the summer! Blessings,
Pastor Jared



SHAKE IT UP CAFE Volunteer Form

We need SHAKE IT UP CAFE VBS volunteers!

VBS Dates _____ Time _____

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

I can help BEFORE SHAKE IT UP CAFE VBS. I can:

- _____ Pray for VBS _____ Coordinate publicity _____ Paint backdrops
- _____ Distribute publicity _____ Make costumes _____ Make phone calls
- _____ Help with preregistration _____ Provide supplies _____ Gather donations
- _____ Create decorations _____ Prepare craft packets _____ Help with kickoff event

I can help DURING SHAKE IT UP CAFE VBS. I can:

- _____ Help with child care _____ Be a registrar _____ Provide transportation
- _____ Take photos _____ Greet participants _____ Provide snacks for leaders
- _____ Pray for the children _____ Set up rooms each day

I would like to help AFTER SHAKE IT UP CAFE VBS. I can:

- _____ Send thank-you cards _____ Take down decorations _____ Return donated items

Place this form in the offering plate or return to the church office. Thank you for helping!

Vacation Bible School



9:00 am to Noon
June 27th - July 1st

Take kitchen fun to your kids! Enjoy a fresh, **one-of-a-kind** VBS 2011 at Cokesbury's Shake It Up Café - where kids carry out God's recipe.

In this kid-friendly café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, kids **explore the Bible** as a cookbook filled with recipes for **living out God's word**.

Through **interactive lessons**, that are easy for kids to **apply to their lives** today,

boys and girls will celebrate **biblical festivals** that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God. The daily themes are as follows

- Be ready** for God
- Give happily** to God
- Believe fully** in Jesus
- Remember** Jesus often
- Celebrate** God forever

If you have any interest in being part of this awesome, fun-filled week, come on out! We hope to see you there!



Check out this favorite recipe from after-worship fellowship times. Want more? See Jean Hogan, Kitty Sicker or Marti Kast to purchase your copy of the new cookbook compiled by the United Methodist Women's group. Only \$10.00.



Sunday, June 19th

Spinach Pinwheel

Appetizers

- 2 10oz pkgs frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained and squeezed dry in paper towels
- 1 8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 env. Ranch Dip mix
- 1 jar bacon bits
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1 pkg 8-10" flour tortillas

In medium mixing bowl combine cream cheese, sour cream and mayonnaise. Beat in dip mix. Add green onion, bacon bits and spinach (broken up into small clumps). Mix thoroughly. Spread mixture onto tortillas, leaving ½" space around the edge. Roll up each tortilla tightly and wrap each in plastic wrap. Chill for several hours or overnight. To serve, cut off ends and cut into ½" slices.

Contributed by Sandy Petti

Annual Conference

The East Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held June 13th – June 17th at Lakeside, OH. This year's theme is "**If We Are the Body**" and our time together will be focused on our relationships and ministry with the poor.

As we stress the importance of our mission which is *to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*, how we minister to the poor plays a huge role in fulfilling that mission. I look forward to sharing with you on my return.

If you have any interest in taking part in annual conference this year, each morning at 8:00 am and each evening at 7:00 pm, there are dynamic worship services.

Community Harvest

In regards to reaching out to the poor in our own community, this July 4th ALL Aurora churches are teaming up for a community wide food drive. We are hoping to raise \$10,000 and collect tons of canned goods. All money raised and food collected will go to the Volunteers of America Aurora food pantry. At our



last meeting, Bruce Harris from Christ Community Chapel spoke on the incredible need right here in Aurora. It is amazing how many people went to the Aurora food pantry looking for help last year .

We as a church are taking part in this mission/outreach and I am hoping more than just in name only. We are looking for volunteers who can walk in the parade helping to collect canned goods and hand out coupon books from area stores valued at over \$300 OR collect canned goods and sell coupon books at the Fourth of July festivities in Kiwanis park. What an incredible way to give back to the community in which we live by being the hands of Jesus and feeding those in need!

If you have any interest in serving in this capacity, please let me know. Either call me: 330-221-1401 or email me: jpriset@yahoo.com

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Jared

Prayers and Concerns of the Congregation

Church Family

Bob Bartlett	Debbie & Lynn Krebs
Ada Davidson	Mary Krebs
Harold & Anne Hartman	Joe Landals
Kathy Koller	Kareen Montez
	Alvira Neverman



Friends and Relatives

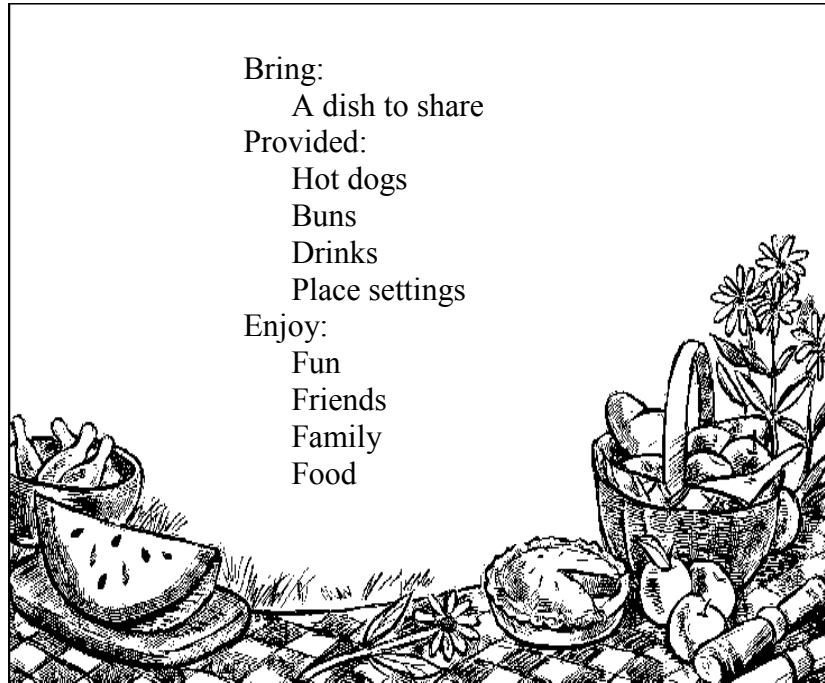
Thomas Bounds (Lambertson)	Lindsey Davis (Leach)
Terry Bartlett (Bartlett)	Peter Kautzman (Reulbach)
Jeanne (Reulbach)	Walter Krebs (Krebs)
Rae Ellen Campbell (Reulbach)	Nick Perry (Ivars)
	Harold Quaintance (Walker)

Prayers and petitions are noted so that we may lift one another in our public and private prayers to God. We want to be sensitive in responding to the needs of our church family and friends. If you have asked for prayers on behalf of yourself or one another, please update us monthly by completing a prayer card. Requests with no update will be removed from our active list after four weeks.

Commissioning Service
Monday, June 13
7:30 pm
Lakeside, Ohio
Pastor Jared Priset

Dress is casual for this special event at Annual Conference.

**Annual All-Church Picnic
Sunday, June 5, following worship**



**Community Harvest
4th of July
Food Float**

Help feed Aurora's needy.
Bring food to donate at the
parade or at the fireworks
at the high school.

or

Donate \$10 and
get coupons worth \$300!

Help the Aurora Food Pantry
feed over 700 Aurorans in need.

Weekly Activities

Sundays	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship/Jr Church
Tuesdays	7:00 pm	BSA
Wednesday mornings		Bulletin Deadline
Wednesdays	6:30 pm	TOPS
Fridays	7:00 pm	AA

Events - June/July 2011

Saturday, 6/4
 11:30 am Baby Shower
 3:15 pm Court of Honor
 Sunday, 6/5
 11:45 am Church Picnic
 2:00 pm Music Recital
 Saturday, 6/11
 2-6 pm Walker 50th Party
 Sunday, 6/12
 8:00 am UMM Breakfast

June 13-16
Annual Conference, Lakeside
 Monday, 6/13
 7:30 pm **Commissioning**
Service for Pastor Jared at
Lakeside

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 ★ **Center of Hope Collection** ★
 ★ **June - Macaroni** ★
 ★ **July - Canned Fruit** ★
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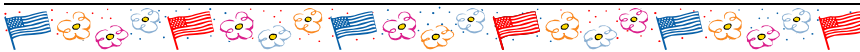
Friday 6/17
 8:00 pm GSA Lock-In
 Saturday, 6/18
 2:00 pm GSA Lock-In Ends
 Sunday, 6/19 Father's Day

June 19-24 Mission to Philippi

June 27-July 1 VBS, 9-Noon

 July 5-17 Pastor in Israel
 Guest speakers to be announced
 Saturday, 7/9 Wedding

UMM breakfast meeting will be June 12. Cooks are Steve Ivars and Hank Osterman.



**Drivers to pick up at
Independence Village:**

6/5 Mike Lambertson
6/12 Phil Vernon
6/19 Steve Ivars
6/26

Birthdays & Anniversaries

6/7 Kareen Montez
Lynn & Deb Krebs
6/8 Mary Ann Hockman
6/9 Ra & Kay Walker
6/10 Joe & Traci Piero
Ken & Audrey Shartle
6/11 Anne Hartman
6/13 Steve & Paula Ivars
6/15 Harold & Anne Hartman
6/16 Don & Jean Hogan
6/21 Dan & Kareen Montez
6/22 Katie Brogan
Steve Kast
Ra Walker
6/25 Greg & Lorie Cook
6/30 Jeff DeLong
7/3 Hank Osterman
7/7 Barbara Roberts
7/9 Marian Vernon
7/12 Jozsef & Lisa Jakab
7/15 Don Hogan
7/23 Jeff & Ellen DeLong
7/25 Phil Vernon
7/28 Tom Landals
7/30 Marti Kast

**Those Serving God
and His Church**

Liturgists

6/5
6/12
6/19
6/26

Coffee Hosts

6/5
6/12 Arlene MacDougall
6/19
6/26

Nursery Ministry

6/5 Marcia Bossart
6/12
6/19 Lisa Brogan
6/26 April Nenadal
7/3 Marcia Bossart
7/10 Traci Piero
7/17 Lisa Brogan
7/24 April Nenadal
7/31 Marcia Bossart

Greeters

6/5
6/12
6/19 Arlene MacDougall
6/26

Altar Flowers

6/5 Landals
6/12 Shartle
6/19 Montez
6/26 Hockman

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Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world