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Sunday School: 9:15/9:30 a.m.

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Sacred Time Out Tuesday:

7 p.m.

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Bryan Babcock

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Anna Borsick

Secretary:

Claudia Erlenbach

A Full House

by Pastor Patricia

My house is full of boxes, my email is full of messages, and my heart is simply full: of memories, regrets, gratitude and hope. Memories of all those who no longer walk among us and the amazing send-offs we gave them. Memories of baptisms and weddings, of Christmases and Easters and Pentecosts and All Saints' Days. Of outreach to homeless and the trafficked, to young children and families, and Palestine, and Africa, and with persons in or coming out of prison. Memories of the laughter and good work at Leadership Meetings. Memories of the fair and the yard sales and the Christmas fair and Donna B's. No church has more fun making money than we do!

There is the longing to have done more, served you better, gotten more people in the door, raised more money, been more wise. A longing to linger and watch the children around here grow up, or to take care of you who are struggling. A longing to see how our new non-profit develops and how the work with newly-released persons progresses.

Mostly, there is gratitude — for more than I can say — but, in brief: for your wisdom, courage, creativity, companionship, and for allowing me to become your pastor. For the great staff and leaders, for letting me in the doors of your homes, and into your lives. For sharing your joys and your

sorrows. For your love that makes leaving so hard.

It's clear to me that the timing is good. Maple Grove needs what I can bring, and Maynard needs what Jeff can bring. He is laden with marvelous gifts, many that I simply don't have. He will bring new stories and preach the gospel through a new lens. He will give you his time and his energy and his heart. I pray every day that you will receive him and Steve well, give them time to find their way here, stay open to their offerings, and to trust God's work among you. I trust that and always will.

I won't be able to keep in touch; letting go is essential. I don't hope to see you at Maple Grove. They are good people, but it is a very different community from what you have here. This is your church home. These are your people, and the place you are needed and which will help you live the faith.

But you will stay in my, and in Rose's heart, always.

grace and peace,



Leadership Team Leo and LEO!

Looks like 100 candles on that cake!! Leo said it was so bright he needed his sun glasses on! Thanks for the cake, Lyndsey!

Leadership Team Meeting met on May 3—our Chair, Leo Soboslai's birthday, and he wore his LEO! shirt.

Are you a Blue Jackets' fan? Have you been to their games? I haven't so this shirt had to be explained to me and several others at the meeting.

Apparently when this one particular gentleman named Leo,

sings the National Anthem at each home game. Everyone screams "LEO!" You, too, can buy LEO! shirts. And how appropriate if your name is Leo.

(Um, my friend's dog is named Leo, maybe he needs a shirt ... oh no, they live in Florida, he needs a fan!)

A Belated Happy Birthday, Leo, and many more!!

by Ed.



Donna B's Needs Your Help!

As we approach the summer months with vacations and out-of-town guests, your help at Donna B's is needed.

You will have a manager who works with you. For safety reasons, Donna B's must have two people at a time in the store.

Maybe you are good at pricing items for yard sales. If you like to price and check out items online, possibly sell collectibles as well, you can do that at your leisure. Whatever "gift" you have to offer, Donna B's will welcome it!

Donna B's team is a fun group of people to work with but we are mothers, fathers, babysitters (for grandchildren esp.), travelers because family and friends are spread far and wide, etc. You are needed to help fill in at the store one Saturday a month or maybe not even that often.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Donna B's team, please contact Shelli Hazel at shellihazel@gmail.com.

I look forward to working with you one Saturday! /Ed.



NEW WEBSITE:

MAYNARDAVEUMC.ORG

The new website is still being worked on but Maynard's old website maynardav.org is no longer active.

Pastor Patricia and Rose's Last Sunday—June 24

It's hard to believe 12 years ago, Pastor Patricia and Rose (a young girl, then!) arrived at Maynard Ave UMC. A lot has happened since that day: Many baptisms, weddings, days working at the fair, summer youth program, thanksgiving dinners, Easter sunrise services, Bible studies, Donna B's store, and maybe a few too many funerals.

But through it all, Pastor Patricia has shared her gifts, time, and love! She's been a support to many in times of crisis. She's helped us discover our core values and vision statement. And we have grown spiritually with her at the helm!

We watched Rose grow from a young child into an adult. We've

witnessed her spiritual transformation as well.

It will be hard to say good bye to Pastor Patricia and Rose ... but their legacy will live on in our hearts. Hopefully, you all will get a chance to tell them how much you've appreciated what they have brought to Maynard.

May we build our future on this strong foundation. June 24 will be their last Sunday with us. Be sure to be here to celebrate at our 10:30 a.m. worship service.

*by Leo Soboslai
Leadership Team Chair*



Little Free Library Fairies Needed

The Little Free Libraries (LFL) need our help! If you would be interested in helping to get more books out in the neighborhood (totally on **your** schedule), please see me after worship or send an email to agoodstart.maynard@gmail.com.

You will be given a map where all the LFLs are located in the neighborhood, a permanent marker, and a bag/box for carrying

your books. Then when you have time, just swing the LFLs and do your **"Fairy Thing"**! Tidy up the library and restock with books — once a month, every other week, whenever you can! My wings are getting tired, and I could really use some reinforcements!

Thanks a bunch for considering this community outreach!

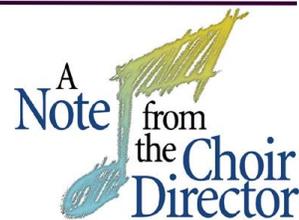
*Charity Romero Rose
A Good Start Director*

Thanks to the Choir

A word of thanks to the faithful in the choir who have ministered this past year. We're not so big in numbers these days, but the intent

to share meaningfully in song is no less strong. Mission accomplished

Bryan Babcock



Vacation Bible School

HEY, KIDS!
IF YOU ARE AGES 4-12
YOU ARE INVITED TO
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ARCHEOLOGICAL ADVENTURE!
JUNE 8-10, 2018

We'll dig for:

Shells, rocks from the **Sea of Galilee**
 Fossils from Animals from **the Ark**
 Pottery shards **from Palestine/Jerusalem**
Ancient scrolls of scriptures



We'll make crafts:

"Scrolls" with Bible verses, "fossils"
 and maybe recreate some "prehistoric slime"!

We'll learn songs and movements:

Two by Two, Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho, The B I B L
E,
Give Me Oil in My Lamp, Rise and Shine and/or others!

We'll eat together:

Friday supper
 Saturday lunch
 Let us know if there are any dietary restrictions for your
 child(ren) and be sure we have current contact information.

Schedule:

Friday: 5:30-7:30 p.m., with a family meal
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch will be served
Sunday: 10:30 a.m., worship celebration



VOLUNTEERING for VBS?: Those volunteering to help with VBS, will meet in the Social Room on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and be done by 7. Thanks in advance for volunteering help!! **More volunteers are always needed.** The more volunteers, the more individual attention these children will have during crafts and learning songs.

Recycling/Repurposing at Maynard

Several years ago, Amy Strawser took on the task of helping Maynard become “green.” Maynard should be on your mind for recycling just the way you would recycle at home.

A few years ago under Amy’s leadership, we succeeded in putting in new **light bulbs** throughout the church; used heavy plates, cups, and plasticware for Fellowship instead of **Styrofoam**. We could use real plates and glasses and silverware if you have time to wash them after fellowship. Talk about going “green”! She also made sure we have recycling cans for **aluminum cans and paper**.

Separate **paper/plastic/glass** into one of the blue containers and **aluminum cans** into the large gray container in the mini-kitchen. (I hate seeing them in the office trash! Tsk-tsk-tsk! There is a place for aluminum.) Everything else (shouldn’t be much) should be put in the large gray trash container with the black lid.

On the shelf by the office are containers for **batteries** and **boxtops** (which is a ministry not a “green” item).

Because we have to fill an entire box and check the inventory number from the website of every **printer cartridge** before sending in for recycling, I have asked that you please recycle your own

printer toners — and please do not put them in the trash! (I will send in our last batch of toners shortly.) Take your empty cartridge/toner to the store when you go to purchase a new one. The store will have a place to put those needing recycling..

Other things to think about— Do you have a **compost pile**? Do you **grow your own vegetables**? **Keep animals**: chickens, goats, cows? These are great teaching tools about our food chain for children. Each generation should know how to grow their own food; and if a meat eater, where beef, pork, eggs, chicken, fish come from. How their food should be free of hormones and pesticides. They should know how to make and what to put in a compost pile rather than just putting into the trash.

There are all kinds of ways to recycle or repurpose into something useful. Keep your eye out for items you can use.

Thanks for all that you do to keep Maynard, our homes, our world “green” for the next generations!

Any questions about recycling at Maynard, send me an email at the office or drop by and we can chat about recycling./Ed.





Kroger Community Rewards Program

Just for shopping at Kroger between January 31 and April 30, 2018, and swiping your Kroger card, Maynard will receive **\$214.20** from Kroger. This is one of our easiest fundraisers. If you have not signed up for this program, visit their website at www.krogercommunityrewards.com

and follow the prompts. (Be sure to choose Maynard Avenue UMC not Maynard Baptist.) This does not affect Kroger discounts or gas points. Thank you for continuing to support Maynard through this Community Rewards Program.

Kitchen Cleanup



Kitchen Clean-up Update

Friends, as you know work is being done on our kitchen, much cleaning and purging of broken and rusted and stained items. The cabinets have all been cleaned out and we will be relocating items. We will be using a label maker to let you know where everything is but that's after A Good Start program is finished.

We found the kitchen floor has to be replaced; and at that time, we will need lots of help. After the floor is replaced, we will clean the outside of the cabinets and paint the paneling. We will be turning the old organ room into a storage area for our paper products, coffee, and nonperishable items (items that can be stored for long periods of time). They will be in plastic containers that you can see through.

We have already received donations for new silverware and

some nonstick pots and pans and a coffee urn. At some point, I will send out a list of other items we will need to make our kitchen ready for use

The refrigerator and stove have been cleaned. It's important to keep these clean.

The microwave needs replaced as the inside plastic coating was missing in many places. Leo agreed it probably was hazardous to use.

If you get a chance, go down and take a look at the kitchen and see what we've done so far. I'll take some before and after pics to share when the work is completed.

Thanks to all who have helped thus far. We look forward to your help in the future!

by Sandy Gaston

Keep Up Your Pledge during the Summer

During Stewardship last fall, did you fill out a pledge card promising to pay a certain amount each week, month, annually to Maynard? The budget for the church each year is based on the amounts promised on those pledge cards.

With that said, please remember to keep Maynard in the distribution of your funds this summer. You may not be in church, but the same bills have to be paid following the annual budget.

You can set up your pledge to be paid through your bank at no

cost to you. In fact, you can go online to set up your pledge amount. For online giving, going through your bank is the best way—and you can check the balance easily and often to know where you stand in giving.

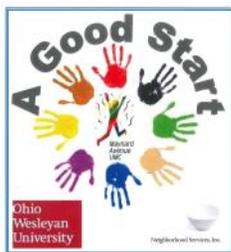
You can also use PayPal but it will cost a small fee to the church.

Your generous giving to our church home is greatly appreciated! Have a great summer, but don't forget Maynard while you are away! Thank you!

*by Claudia Erlenbach
Finance Chair*



**Don't Forget
Your Tithe**
over the summer



A Good Start

A pre-kindergarten program
June 11 through July 20, 2018

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

If you know of a child who qualifies, contact
Charity Romero Rose at 614-599-3247

Welcome Home—No June Meeting

The Tuesday meeting for Welcome Home group will not meet the first Tuesday in June. They will resume on Saturday, July 7, with a cookout at Whetstone Park. If you are involved with group, please mark your calendars.

If you would like to be a part of this group or have questions, welcoming home those who have been incarcerated, talk with Hope Roberts or Diana Kubovcik.

Annual Conference Begins June 3



Annual Conference at Lakeside, OH, begins June 3. This year our representatives at conference are Maria Bernal, Leo Soboslai, and Pastor Patricia and Rose.

Thank you for your donation to annual conference housing over the

past year and for your offering for Light the Way.

Please keep the Annual Conference in your prayers. Prayer for calm, cool heads as they make decisions affecting The United Methodist Church.

God be with you all to keep you safe as all those attending travel to Lakeside!.



June 3 and 10 — Don't Miss Them!

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The first Sunday of the month is Communion Sunday, and so marks **June 3**.

Along with Communion, we will be saying goodbye to Gabriela and her three sons. She has decided to return to Mexico. So be here as we bless this family and keep them in safely God's hands as they travel.

The second Sunday in June, **June 10**, is a Sunday you just don't want to miss.

Join us in worship as we celebrate Children and Youth, High School Graduation, our Acolytes, **and** our Vacation Bible School kids.

VBS kids will have a lot to share on Sunday as they went on a dig, made scrolls of Bible verses, and learned songs and hand movements.

See you on the 3rd and 10th!



Ushers Needed from Now through December

Ushers are needed starting in June 3 going through the end of December. There are plenty who have ushered and would be willing to "show you the ropes."

Sign up with a friend, two are always welcomed. See Claudia, email her at the office email address <maynardch@sbcglobal.net> or signup. The

signup sheets are on the bulletin board outside of the office.

Thanking you in advance for considering this Sunday morning ministry. Hope to hear from you soon!

Claudia Erlenbach
church sec'y.

Bishop Reports on A Way Forward, Amendments

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

Last week it was my great joy to thank you for thoughtful prayers and communications as the Council of Bishops (COB) was meeting. As our prayers for one another and The United Methodist Church continue, so does my gratitude for our partnership in ministry.

Last week the Council of Bishops received with gratitude the report of the Commission On A Way Forward and has **voted to recommend** and prepare as a petition to the 2019 General Conference the way forward referred to as the One Church Plan. A notable majority of bishops believe the One Church Plan has the greatest potential to serve the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Council will also share with the whole church in its report the breadth of possibilities considered by the Commission and the Council. The Commission On A Way Forward will have its last (9th of 9) final scheduled meeting next week. A petition to the General Conference of 2019 will be submitted not later than the deadline of July 8.

There will continue to be opportunities here in West Ohio for learning the details of any recommendation, for conversation and community building, and of course for unceasing prayer for the delegates to the General Conference, our bishops, pastors, laity and local churches. I look forward to these opportunities with you.

The recent COB meeting also included receiving the report of the canvassing of the Annual Conferences throughout the church on the votes on the five constitutional amendments passed by the 2016 General Conference. We took our vote on these during Annual Conference last year. You will note that three of the amendments are now church law, so to speak. Two of the amendments did not receive the required two-thirds of the aggregate votes in the conferences to take effect. The two amendments that will not become a part of our constitution had to do with gender. The lack of adoption was received by many, including me, as a strong blow and huge setback to unambiguous affirmation of the full humanity and equality of women. If you look at the numbers I have provided for you at http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/council-of-bishops/documents/Detailed_results_of_Annual_Conference_Votes_on_Constitutional_Amendments.pdf, you will note that while amendments one and two received a majority of the affirmative votes here in West Ohio, the margin indicates to me that we have work to do.

I'm not counting or anything, but we are 25 days out from the start of Annual Conference. I am looking forward to the opportunity that we will be afforded to rejoice in God's grace and mercy, remember those who have had their membership transferred to the Church Triumphant, to celebrate our shared ministry, and plan for the future.

All the best in Jesus Christ,



+Gregory V. Palmer



All in Community

Hope you will take time to listen to this new All In Community Podcast. And remember to share it on your social media page and in your network. Also, scroll on down for information about All In Community at Annual Conference.

All In Community Podcast #3:

“What we have found in our journey is that God has been very faithful to us.” – Chris Money



What God originates, God orchestrates with the right people at the right time in the right place.

Join us in this third All In Community podcast for a powerful conversation with Chris Money and Tom Deuber. We explore Kindway EMARK's journey from broken hearts to beautiful new beginnings for people returning from prison. Chris and Tom, also, offer advice on how churches and communities can work together to foster successful transitions from incarceration to community.

Chris will be one of our featured presenters at the All In Community Luncheon at Annual Conference. In two weeks, the All In Community Podcast Mike Davis from the Ohio Office of Reentry. Mike, too, will be joining us at Lakeside this year for the All In Community Luncheon. You will not want to miss this podcast as Mike talks about the State's approach to reentry and why a faith presence is essential for success.

If you have not registered yet for the Luncheon, the registration information below provides you a link to do so.

You can listen to any of the All In Community Podcasts through the following links:

iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/west-ohio-conversations/id1195342302?mt=2>

Stitcher: <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/westohioconference/west-ohio-conversations>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5LcyO_f-Tc

WOC Website: [https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/west-ohio-](https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/west-ohio-conversations)

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Check Out What's Happening with All In Community at Annual Conference...

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All In Community Luncheon

**Tuesday, June 5, Noon,
at the new Drackett Hall South**

Fear stops us in our tracks. Fear of the unknown. Fear of what comes next. Fear of not knowing what to do. Fear keeps us from seeing all that God provides us to be God's people of hope, tangible help, and a healing presence for people affected by crime or incarceration.

At the All In Community Luncheon, you will have the opportunity to ask your questions that drives fear away so that you can discover that there really is enough. Enough time. Enough opportunity. Enough support and encourage to walk with people who have committed crimes, victims of crime, and the families of both in our churches and in our communities.

Bring your question and **Just Ask It** with our special guests, Dr. Mike Davis and Mr. Gary Croft from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and Christine Money from Marysville First UMC and Kindway, during this open Q&A session. Don't let fear win. There is enough to be God's holy and healing presence today.

submitted by Hope Roberts

T-Shirts for Pride Festival

We will have **Maynard t-shirts** in time for the Community Pride Festival, Pride March (Saturday, June 16) and the Pride Worship service at Broad Street UMC (Friday, June 15 at 7 p.m. — choir led by Bryan Babcock).

The phrase “Accept, Include, Empower” came out of a discussion this week about how to support persons, particularly persons of color, who do not feel themselves fully heard. The message is a way in which we support all persons, including you, accepting, including, and empowering you to be the person you want to be.

We are making an initial T-shirt run this week — **orders with payment MUST BE MADE JUNE 3** to have for Pride. We will be able to make orders anytime in the future as well, so don't worry!

Both designs have the church name with a heart. These are all adult sizes. I don't know why the “women's” version costs \$3 more!

First design (“women's”) with a more open neckline:

\$16.49 Small through X Large

\$18.49 XX Large

Second Design (“Men's) with a regular crew neck):

\$13.49 Small through X Large

\$15.49 XX and XXX

Let me know if you want the first letter capitalized or not. I will need a **check or cash on Sunday, June 3. You will get the T-shirt next Sunday, June 10.**

by Pastor Patricia



EACH WEEK'S ONLINE VIEWING

Check out Facebook for “live” viewing of each Sunday's service.

The Deep Blue Adventurers

The Deep Blue Adventurers Class had quite a year! Ayden Baugus, Luna Bernal, and I explored the life of David for the first part of the year. The “Sisters in Spirit” Class was studying David this year so we decided to parallel learn.

We learned about Hannah, Samuel, King Saul, Jesse, and David, a simple shepherd boy. Hannah, the mother of great faith who promised her son to the service of God in the Temple if only God would answer her prayers for a son Samuel, that God-gifted child destined to be a Temple Priest. Samuel’s relationship to the donkey herder, Saul, who became the King. King Saul’s fall from grace, and Samuel’s quest from God to anoint the next king. Jesse, the proud father of many sons. Each older son brought before the Priest Samuel only to hear that he is not the one God has chosen. Bewildered, Samuel asks, “Is there another son?” “Yes, but he is a mere shepherd boy.” The boy is then brought before the Priest who hears the voice of God say, “This is the chosen one.” Samuel anoints David to be king ... but in secret because King Saul would surely have him killed.

What happens next? We hear about the giant Goliath and the rest is history as they say. But for us, the story ended there because it was Advent time.

Like the rest of the church, we followed the wonderful Advent Nativity story. Lighting a candle each week on our handprint wreath; and using the scriptures and the established themes, we learned about the “Whispers and Rumors” of “Something’s Coming,” “Chilled” with Gabriel, Elizabeth, and Mary; “Got our Groove On” with Gabriel (one very busy Angel) and Joseph; and “Pressed On” with the birth of Jesus and the shepherds.

January and February found us working on lessons about love and creating the Heart



of Maynard from everyone’s handprints. Philos, Agape, and Eros, intertwined with kindness, love, family, caring, believing, and patience. We answered questions like, “how do we show God’s Love?” and “what does friendship mean to us?” The girls gave wonderful answers. I hope you took the time to visit the Kids’ Room to read the board.

Lent and Easter found us following the story of Jesus and all the people that surrounded Him during those final days. Such a large cast of characters. Hard names to remember but each one important to the narrative. We are doing better but there are so many pieces in the Easter puzzle ... Proud to say, we made it from the Triumphal Entry to the Ascension and Pentecost.

And to finish off our year, I thought, what better way to celebrate women for Mother’s Day than to study some women of the Bible. Each girl chose a mother. Ayden chose Mary and Luna selected Ruth. Each made presentations, and lo and behold, (don’t you just love that phrase?) we were reminded of the interconnectedness (whew!) of the scriptures and the people. Remember, Ruth was the mother of Obed who produced Jesse who fathered King David who generations later would be in Joseph’s lineage who through Mary brings forth Jesus! Wow! We went full circle in a year. How about that!

Well, that’s our year. What did you learn at Maynard this past year? The real test is, “what will you remember for next year and how you will apply it?” So maybe, just maybe, our task is to get busy and work to “Celebrate and share Christ’s Love and Acceptance of All.” Bet that rings a bell. All we have to do is figure out the “how.” Have a great Summer! Wonder what else we will study next year? Join us. There is always room for one more...

by Natalie Snarr

A Good Start Seeking Readers and Servers

It is that time again! This year we are trying a new thing — Sign Up Genius. This system will allow us to email you with reminders and also alert us of any changes you need to make to your plans to come in and read to the children. You can also sign up for volunteer opportunities as well.

All Guest Readers will be asked to arrive at Maynard at approximately 8:45 a.m. Harambee, our “pull/come together time” begins at 9 a.m., sometimes with a delay but often on time.

You can indicate if you would like to bring your own choice of book to read or use the one we have chosen for the day. The book we have chosen will be available, regardless, at the church if you

choose to use it. Arriving a little early will allow you to read through it first and get acclimated.

You can also sign up to help serve dinners on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Please feel free to sign up for more than one day! We would love to see you again!

We are so excited to have you join us this summer and hope that this is a way to make it easier for you to do so.

Thanks again for your continued support of A Good Start.

by Charity Romero Rose

p.s. Don't forget to bring in your food items you signed up for the day before they are due. / Ed.

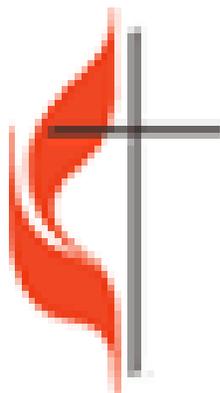



Donna B's
Thrift Store & Boutique

Open Saturdays
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
and
3rd Sunday each month
12 to 1 p.m.



Sacred Time Out—Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Midweek informal worship service



Teaching the who, what and why of The United Methodist Church

If someone were to ask a member of our congregation, “What is a United Methodist,” what would you want them to say? Or not say? We usually do not stop to think about what congregants may say as individuals, but when they talk about their church and faith, their conversations can have positive or negative effects.

For those who would like to know more about The United Methodist Church, the best place to get basic information about the denomination is the *Basics of Our Faith* and Frequently Asked Questions web pages at UMC.org. *InfoServ*, the official United Methodist information service, can also answer questions via e-mail or live chat. *Our Wesleyan Heritage* is another source of information about our beliefs, including the concepts of grace and good works.

Here are some suggested responses to share to help provide accurate and, perhaps, even persuasive answers to common questions that may arise in casual conversation.

- *What is a United Methodist?* A United Methodist is a Christian who is part of a global denomination called The United Methodist Church. When you participate in a United Methodist congregation, you make an impact throughout the world.
- *What do you do at your church services?* United Methodists have a variety of worship styles from traditional to contemporary and beyond. You can expect readings from the Bible, preaching, singing and often Holy Communion. United Methodists believe that Christ hosts Holy Communion. All are welcome to participate. It is not just for members.
- *What does a United Methodist believe?* United Methodists believe in actualizing their faith in community — actions speak louder than words. The three simple rules are: “Do no

harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.” Some beliefs we share with other Christians are the Trinity (God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and Jesus’ birth, death and Resurrection.

- *Do United Methodists have something like a pope?* No pope, no central office and no archbishop. United Methodists have a structure that in some ways parallels that of the U.S. government. The church has a General Conference, its legislative branch; a Council of Bishops, somewhat like an executive branch; and a nine-member Judicial Council, the judicial branch.
- *Do you do missionary work? What kind?* United Methodists serve the world over, showing Christ’s love through tangible means. From sustainable water systems to health care, micro-lending, advocacy and helping eliminate malaria deaths (*Imagine No Malaria*), United Methodists have many ways for people to live out their faith in community. Many United Methodists are active in both local missions and global efforts.
- *What do you do with financial donations?* When you give to a local United Methodist congregation, you support ministries all over the world. While the largest percentage of your gift supports local church ministries, a portion (called an “apportionment”) goes beyond the community to make a difference throughout the world.

Focus on youth to ensure knowledge passes from generation to generation

Offer youth groups and older Sunday school students Flip video cameras or other inexpensive digital tools and invite them to make short recordings explaining various aspects of the church. Allow them to make up

Teaching the who, ... (cont'd)

songs and dances, use costumes, tell stories and use film-editing software. Let them be creative, but supervise the process so the end product is something the church can actually use. You'll have a collection of short videos to show the entire congregation during a service. Then you can create an online video library on our website.

For younger children, have teachers or other volunteer dress as important figures in the history of The United Methodist Church (i.e., John Wesley and Francis Asbury) and visit Sunday school classes to tell the stories of who they are. Kids are attuned to costumed characters and certainly will ask questions. Be prepared to answer them with kid-friendly responses.

Tweet tidbits

Offer frequent and regular mini-lessons via Twitter to those who are interested. Send short-but-memorable tweets of simple facts such as these: "United Methodists believe: Do no harm; do good; love God." "UMs believe: 'The gospel of Christ knows no religion but social.'" "United Methodists believe: All creation is God's, and we are responsible for the ways we use and abuse it. "United Methodists believe: Christ hosts Communion and all are welcomed by him."

Make a game of it

Create common games based on church knowledge and hold a once-a-month pre- or post-service game hour. Use a catchy name such as "Beliefs Bash" and offer small prizes such as crafts or gift certificates to the winners. Serve seasonal refreshments and create a fun atmosphere. Hold a variety of games to attract different groups.

Offer FAQs, links

What It Means to Be United Methodist is a free online course that makes it easier for church members to learn about United Methodism. Set up a computer station in your church library

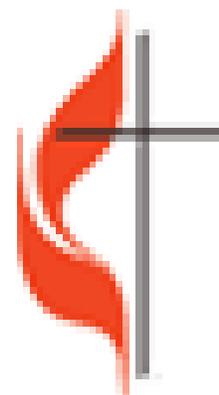
or welcome center where people can use this resource. Include a Frequently Asked Questions center with books, magazines and other materials geared toward various ages. This is a good way to personalize the teaching for your congregation. You can include your church's history, member spotlights and community news tied to denominational history and beliefs. You also can make PowerPoint presentations that members can download from the church website to educate themselves or others. When you are ready to launch the education centers, have your pastor ask a few questions about church beliefs and history at the next Sunday service. Church members will realize the gaps in their knowledge and be encouraged to learn more.

Guide to United Methodism

Our *United Methodist Handbook* is a handy resource with sections covering the concept of connectionalism, the Four Areas of Focus, gratitude and giving, a glossary of United Methodist terms, a breakdown of basic beliefs, and more. The digital format makes it easy to share and it is free to order or download.

Helping your congregation to learn and remember basic knowledge about The United Methodist Church will help them answer questions enthusiastically and honestly while creating an opportunity for growing spiritually and forming a deeper relationship with God.

http://www.umcom.org/learn/teaching-the-who-what-and-why-of-the-umc?utm_medium=email&utm_source=marketo&utm_term=&utm_content=umcom+learn+umc&utm_campaign





Heaven's Grocery Store

As I was walking down life's
highway many years ago,
I came upon a sign that read
"Heaven's Grocery Store."
When I got a little closer, the
doors swung open wide
And when I came to myself, I was
standing inside.

I saw a host of angels. They were
standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said,
"My Child, shop with care."
Everything a human needed was in
that grocery store;
And what you could not carry, you
could come back for more.

First I got some *patience*. *Love* was
in that same row.
Further down was *understanding*,
you need that everywhere you
go.
I got a box or two of *wisdom* and
faith a bag or two.
And *charity*, of course, I would need
some of that, too.

I couldn't miss the Holy Ghost; it
was all over the place.
And then some *strength* and *courage*
to help me run this race.

My basket was getting full but I
remembered I needed *grace*;
And then I chose *salvation* for
salvation was for free.

I tried to get enough of that to do
for you and me.
Then I started to the counter to
pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything to do
the Master's will.
As I went up the aisle, I saw *prayer*
and put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside,
I would run into sin.

Peace and *joy* were plentiful, the last
things on the shelf.
Song and *praise* were hanging near
so I just helped myself.
Then I said to the angel, "Now how
much do I owe?"
He smiled and said, "Just take them
everywhere you go."
Again I asked, "Really now, how
much do I owe?"
"My child," he said, "God paid your
bill a long, long time ago."

*email received from my
sister-in-law Bev McDine and placed in
the March-April 2009 newsletter ... Ed.*

Remember when?

Fair 2009



Special Music in May

I don't always have my camera ready to grab a shot but two special music guests were Luna Bernal on her violin and the youth playing bells.

Seems like our bell and choir directors always have their back to me when I try to snap a shot. Of course when you are directing, you have to facing your groups.

Luna Bernal played *Minuet* by L. Boccherin. (My apologies to Luna as I in the bulletin I put she was playing the flute!)



The youth bells did a great job under Michael Lindner's direction.

L-r: Ayden Baugus, Luna Baugus, Vianna Luu, (not seen: Victor Luu), Verich (Richie) Luu, and hiding behind music stand Vanessa Luu. What talented youth we have at Maynard. Thanks all of you!



Joining the Church

Confirmands, Luna Bernal and Ayden Baugus, joined the church in May after studying on Sunday mornings with Pastor Patricia. Along with them, we welcome Paula Scott who lives within walking distance to the church, which is a big plus for her.

Maynard is glad to have you as members!

Welcome them to Maynard!!



Natalie Snarr, Paula's sponsor, Paula Scott. Luna with her parents Maria Bernal and Mauricio Ramirez and sponsor over her right shoulder, Ibbey Fisher. Ayden Baugus with her sponsor Lyndsey Johnston and her grandparents Mary and Paul Wilbur.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	2 10 a.m.—Donna B's 10 a.m.—NFOB 12 p.m.—Bells 
3 9:30—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12—Martial Arts	4 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	5 NO Welcome home Project meeting 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out 	6 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	7 NO Leadership team meeting (moved to 6/14/18)	8 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	9 10 a.m.—Donna B's 12 p.m.—Bells 
10 9:30—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12—Finance Meeting 12—Martial Arts 2—Visit encampments	11 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	12 12:30 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out 	13 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	14 Flag Day 7 p.m.—Leadership Team Meeting 7 p.m.—SoHud Block Watch meeting 	15 7 p.m.—Pride Worship Service 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	16 NO Donna B's NO Bells Pride Parade 
17 Father's Day 9:30—Sunday School 10:30—Worship, NO Finance Meeting NO Martial Arts	18 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	19 12:30 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out 	20 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	21	22 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	23 10 a.m.—Donna B's 12 p.m.—Bells 
24 Pastor Patricia's and Rose's last Sunday 9:30—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12—Martial Arts	25 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 	26 12:30 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out 	27 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	28	29 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	30 10 a.m.—Donna B's 12 p.m.—Bells 

A Good Start—Staff Training

West Ohio Conference at Lakeside

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