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Changing Our Church to Impact Our World

By Stephanie Krill

Change. It's a word we've heard a lot in recent years. Is change a bad thing? Sometimes, but not always. How do we know if change is good or bad? We have to investigate the reasons we are seeking change. What is the motivation behind the change we are seeking? Is it for selfish reasons, seeking popularity & 'fame'? Does this proposed change compromise our Biblical principles & doctrine? Those would be bad reasons for change.

But change can be a good thing, too. A VERY good thing. Consider this: think back to the days of the early missionaries who ventured out and preached to the lost. They had very limited means of transportation, making it impossible to reach so many who needed to hear God's word. Imagine if

they refused to adapt to the use of modern transportation. Think of the people who would have missed out on hearing of the grace they could experience by making a change in their life and accepting Christ! In 1 Corinthians 9:22, Paul said, "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some." We need to step out of our comfort zones and adapt and change to help our church minister to those around us. We live within our comfort zones, afraid to venture out and experience new things. Imagine where we would be today if people hadn't stepped forward in faith and tried new things. Simple things we take for granted today, such as cars and airplanes, antibiotics and medical inventions

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OPEN HEARTS

OPEN DOORS

OPEN MINDS

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too numerous to list. All these things required people with a heart and mind open to change. Shouldn't we do the same?

Dear Lord, help us to follow your example by looking out for those who each day feel that they cannot find hope, who believe that they have little to offer, who are overcome by the challenges of poverty. Help us to widen our horizons, to make space for the stranger, to watch out for those who feel invisible, to give time to the outsider, to talk to the person facing silence, to restore justice and value.

Give us the courage to undertake this, the determination to join with others in seeing grace in every human face, and the faith to embrace the opportunity in your name. Help us, Lord, to be like your son Jesus: to see as he sees; and act on his word. We ask for your help in these things. Amen.

UMM News

The United Methodist Men met on Sunday, May 11 to discuss planning for these future plans:

Port-A-Pit Chicken Sale will take place on Saturday, July 23, from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. The cost will be \$5 per chicken half. Presale tickets will be available in June.

Also discussed a community hot dog/hamburger dinner, to take the place of the Father/Daughter/Son banquets held in the past.

The men also discussed a Port-A-Pit Pork sale, to take place sometime this coming fall.

40 Days in the Word Study Group

The 40 Days in the Word group is collecting personal hygiene items for Homeless bags. Smaller sizes would be great (such as what you get at a hotel), and items needed include shampoo, body wash, deodorant for men & women, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, combs & bath poufs. There is a donation basket in the New Fellowship hall (near the elevator) to place them in. We will be offering Free showers by appointment to homeless people in the Edgerton School district. If you know of some one in need please have them call the Church office 419-298-3243, Pastor Crystal 419-519-2617 or Sandy Wood 419-212-3005.



Welcome Baby Ella!

Ella Bernice McPike was born on April 26, 2014 weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz. and is 19.25 inches long. Parents Michael and Amy are doing fine. Oma Karlyn and Opa Jim are excited to welcome the first female McPike child in 100 years!!! Congratulations to the McPike family!!!



Youth Group/Scouting News

Scout News

The Cub Scouts held the Arrow of Light / Crossing Over ceremony for the Webelos 2 at Miller Park on Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Receiving the Arrow of Light honor were Landon Smith, Kalon Weaver, Wade Payton.

Crossing over was Kaleb Tingle.

Landon and Kalon both received a plaque for completing all 21 Activity Pin Requirements. That was quite an accomplishment. Good job guys!

A huge thank you to Leaders Neal Imm and Leo Font, for all *their* hard work helping these young men attain such a big goal!

Sunday, May 11 was the bike Rodeo at the Middle School Parking lot. The boys learned about Bike safety and completed part of the requirements for their bike belt loop award. On this day, they also advanced up to their next rank in scouting.

Scout/Youth News

The church received a donation of a Foosball game for use by the Scouts and Youth. Thank you to Mary Hamblin for the generous donation!

Youth News

Katie Krill has officially been selected to test for her black belt in karate this year. The test will take place on August 15 & 16. Following the test, there will be a belt/tea ceremony on Sunday, August 17.

Katie will also be attending Youth at Lakeside Camp in June, after attending Church Conference at Lakeside.



Sandy Wood poses with Arrow of Light Recipients & the newest member of the Edgerton Boy Scout Troop 29.



Neal Imm performs safety inspections on each scouter's bike at their Bike Rodeo on May 11.

In addition to preparing for her black belt test, Katie is raising money to go on a mission trip—she has a trip that she is looking into, which is a medical mission trip to Guatemala. Katie knows she faces some challenges (besides the financial challenge, it requires a minimum of 10 people to go on this trip—Katie needs to find some other people to form a group, or join a group that is going). She has a very busy summer ahead of her! Thank you to those who have supported her with their donations to her fund at the coffee area in March & April!

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

6/5 Cheryl Casebere
6/5 Chelsey Haury
6/5 Logan Riehle
6/8 Amy Tobin
6/12 Kaitlyn Krill
6/13 Sam Krill
6/14 Mary Nelson
6/15 Rosey Krill
6/18 Dave Casebere
6/18 Randy Brenner
6/22 Scott Koerner
6/24 Willis Bible
6/25 Chad Vonalt
6/27 Rachel Casebere
6/29 Joan Riehle

6/4 Morris & Lorna Warner
6/17 Dave & Cheryl Casebere
6/17 Dean & Jane Thompson
6/25 Phil & Diane Frager



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Gretchen Prichard
John Weller
Baby Kye
Tom Nichols
Patsy Koerner
Tanya Likens
Eugene & Hope Richmond
Families of Jim Newman Jr & Sr

Donna Koerner
Marshall McClain
Sandy Castor
Rob Pettit & family
Bob Wrinkle
Shirley Wickerham
Dale Krill
Roger Grandey

Edgerton Liturgists

6/1– Denise Farnham
6/8– Iva Peverly
6/15– Dee Gilbert
6/22– Ruth Mayer
6/29– Janice Hill



*Joan
Riehle
At Emanuel*