

The Lighthouse

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From the Pastor's Study...

Dear Friends,

Ah!! I am grateful for the changing weather! I know the coming of Fall means that Winter is not far behind, but for this moment, I am simply enjoying what is ...

cooler evenings and nights, allowing us to leave behind the hum of air conditioning for the night noises that come in through open windows; the

beautiful colors of leaves abandoning their summer green for

bright autumn reds and oranges; the crisp mornings that seem to look and smell different, simply because they are cooler. I give thanks to God for all this ... and more!

I give thanks to God for the ability

to experience the changing seasons with all my senses. To be able to see the beauty of the trees ... to feel the cooler breezes on my face ... to hear the

*"For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies.*

*For the love which from our
birth over and around us lies;*

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful
praise."*

*(United Methodist Hymnal,
#92)*

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OPEN HEARTS

OPEN DOORS

OPEN MINDS

sounds of birds thinking about flying south. I give thanks to God for the call to pay attention to all that is happening around us ... and for the ability to do so.

Yet, I think we might all agree, there are many times we find ourselves not paying all that much attention ... to anything! I can still remember the year I barely noticed the changing leaves on the trees. In my mind – that year – the trees went from green to bare! And I missed all the in-between days! I wonder what else I missed in those days of inattention?

And so I have sought to listen to the many spiritual directors of our tradition who remind us – One of the most important things we can do to be faithful to the God who created all that is ... even us ... is to pay attention to the world around us. Watch for the changing of the seasons. Notice the person you pass on the street. Acknowledge the person who serves you in a restaurant or at the checkout in the store. Look for the child who is looking for a bit of attention. See the changing leaves – smell the flowers – be IN the world! For then ... we will know God!

grateful to be here with you!

Pastor Susan



UMM Port-A-Pit Sale

Saturday, November 2,

from 11 am-1 pm

\$6 per ticket for your

choice of Pork Ribs or

Pork Chop

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Get your tickets from any member of the UMM, or at the church office.

All proceeds benefit local mission projects, such as Adopt-A-Family and Edgerton Scouting Organizations.

Church Conference this month!



Please join us on Sunday, October 20, beginning at 6:00 PM, for our Church Conference as we gather at St. Paul's UMC in Defiance for some worship with the larger United Methodist community, and conduct the annual business of the church in

the election of church leadership and establishing the pastoral compensation package. Remember ... Church Conference is open to all members of the church, who have both voice and vote!



It's time for the annual Corn Maze Trip! This year, the children's church will be traveling to Ridenour Acres in Angola on Sunday, October 20. The corn maze does not open until noon, so the plan is to have a light lunch here at the church, following morning worship service, and then to leave for Angola. After the visit to the corn maze, we will go out for pizza., before returning to the church. Admission and lunches are provided, but children should bring spending money for refreshments or additional activities that Ridenour Acres has which cost money (such as the corn cannon). You can view details on Ridenour Acres at their website, www.ridenouracres.com. Rides home can be arranged for children attending who don't have a ride home, or phones will be available for kids to call their parents to let them know that they are on their way back. We do need signed permission slips from each child attending, with emergency contact information included (permission slips will be available for kids to pick up and take home, starting October 6. All children MUST turn in a completed and signed form on October 20, to be able to attend.

This is always a fun trip, and the adults attending enjoy it as much as the kids do! Thanks to all who help make this trip possible each year.

Did you know...

Were you aware that the church has a lending library? There are actually 2 lending libraries in the church. Stephanie has one in her classroom, containing books that would appeal to preteens and teens, and there is also a library for adult books, featuring both fiction and non-fiction. The adult's library is in the former pastor's office (now the treasurer's office). Just ask Stephanie or Pastor to go in and look at the books available to borrow. Books are available to anyone to borrow,

we simply as that you borrow only 1 at a time, and that you return the book you borrowed before borrowing others.



10/1 Bill Lutterbein
 10/2 Michael McPike
 10/15 Issac Stoy
 10/16 Sherri Allomong
 10/24 Adaya Strobietto
 10/25 Phyllis Smith
 10/25 Erica (Lutterbein) Tootle

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/ 9 Bill & Diana Lutterbein
 10/15 Dan & Sherri Allomong
 10/30 Justin & Amber Wright



Pam Monosmith
 Gloria Korsgaard
 Theresa Helbert
 Adelind Zolman
 Adam Frager
 Richard Smith
 Elton Monosmith
 Dee Gilbert
 Jim Bowsher
 Ruth Mayer

Joan Riehle
 Travis Hawkins
 Kenny & Marilyn Slesman
 Jacob Schlosser
 Pearl Warner
 Roger Strup
 Karlyn McPike
 Scott & Diane Clark
 Delvain Kittle

Wayne Dennis
 Jessica Wolford & baby Anthem
 Scott Weirauch
 Hyla Sharrock

Worship Happenings this month...

Sunday, October 6 – World Communion Sunday

Join us as we gather with people all over the world in this tradition of our church – gathering at the Lord's table!

Sunday, October 20 – Children's Sabbath

On this Sunday, we will celebrate the children – and welcome their participation in worship leadership!

Edgerton Liturgists

10/6– Denise Farnham
 10/13– Ruth Mayer
 10/20– Iva Peverly
 10/27– Mike Douglass