

Rockport United Methodist Church

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Ever wondered...?

Whenever there is a transition it is normal to stop and ask the question, "I wonder what would have happened if ...?" Kathryn and I have asked that question a number of times in our lives. We have wondered what life would have been like if God had not brought us together and each of us would have married someone else? We have wondered what life would have been like if we had no children? We have wondered what life might have been like if we had not followed the call of God in our lives into the itinerate ministry of The United Methodist Church.

In our spiritual lives we also have a number of "ever wondered questions". Have you ever wondered what life would be like without sin present? It's hard to imagine a world where not only was sin not present, but that the affect of sin was not present either. Have you ever wondered what life must have been like for Adam and Eve prior to the fall? Have you ever wondered what was going through their minds the moment they realized that they had just separated themselves from God because of a choice they both made.

Ever wondered what it must have been like for Abraham and Isaac on the mountaintop, with Abraham standing over Isaac ready to plunge the knife into his beloved son of promise? For Abraham to look into the eyes of his son lying on the altar, and for Isaac while lying on the altar to look up to his father. What were the thoughts going through each ones mind, were there tears flowing? One minute Isaac was to be the sacrifice, and the next, there was a ram in the

bushes nearby. It was a life and death difference.

Ever wondered what it was like for Moses to stand before the Red sea with the army of Egypt chasing them from behind? I'm sure there was a committee of people letting Moses know of the dilemma facing them. What was going through his mind prior, during, and after the mighty waters parted.

Ever wondered what life must have been like for the disciples who walked, talked and lived with Jesus for the final three and half years of Jesus' life on earth? To see firsthand the miracles performed, to hear the revelation of truth dispensed as never before. To see their hope hang on a cross, all their dreams, hopes and visions of life dashed when Jesus was laid in the tomb? One moment filled with answers, the next filled with anxieties. It was a hope and fear difference.

Ever wondered what eternity is going to be like? What will be the activity of eternity? I read in the Word of God of being around the throne and worshiping God. I read about understanding the why's of circumstances, and having no more tears and sorrows while in Heaven. Reading about it, and having firsthand experience are two different things.

Ever wondered what it will be like to see Jesus face to face, to never part from, or to have a lapse from the presence of God?

Now back to our present reality. I am sure there are many of us wondering what this pastoral transition will bring. On our part, Kathryn and I wonder the same. Will we make new friends? How will we fit in with the many good activities at our new appointment? What will our new relationships look

like a year from now? In this new appointment and new relationships, how will we grow in our spiritual understanding of God and what new ways will we learn what it means to be a disciple? I am sure you are thinking many of the same thoughts, wondering what this next year will bring.

Wondering is not bad, but if prolonged can lead to living in the past. I remember one of my seminary professors emphasizing to us young pastors that we should always be aware that our call is to be a people who journey together, with the congregation, toward God's kingdom. One cure to break the pattern of "ever wondered" is to be in active and growing relationships. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to be a people who are in relationship with God and with each other. We are called to be a people who are about the business of living lives which reflect Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We are called to be a people who are willing to sacrifice so that unity and mission may be accomplished. We are called to be the people of God in our community. We can never be the people of God alone. It requires at least three relationships: First, we are required to have a relationship with God. Secondly, we are required to have a relationship with each other. Third, we are required to have a relationship with the world.

Kathryn and I are excited for all of our friends at Rockport to begin your relationship with your new Pastor, The Rev. Lorin Radzic. It is our prayer that each of you will, through this transition, move from "I wonder" and journey toward becoming a more faithful Disciple of Christ.

Peace, ~ Rev. Dr. Gordon Myers

Serving the Family of **Rockport United Methodist Church**

Rev. Dr. Gordon Myers - Pastor
Rev. Barbara Davis, BCC - Associate Pastor
Sarah Paulson - Lay Leader
Kira Cimino Holchin - Director of Christian Education & Youth

Susan Shick - Director of Music, Organist
Sara Chapman - Office Administrator
Valerie Norris - Director of Early Childhood Center
Tina Berardi - Saturday Evening Worship Leader
Amanda Hover - Saturday Evening Worship Leader

June Anniversaries!

9 Trevor & Carolyn Rowen, 18 years
13 Bruce & Barb Swan, 49 years
15 Adam & Erin Mahnen, 17 years
21 Gordon & Kathryn Myers, 44 years
24 Bill & Janet Eyman, 52 years
26 Bill & Dianne Beckman, 15 years
27 Joseph & Carol Pare', 49 years

People have been asking us what they can donate each month... This month the top items that are disappearing quickly are:

- *Toilet Paper (4 or 6 roll pack)
- *Laundry Soap (50 oz. or less)
- *Deodorant
- *Socks (adult and child)
- *Baby Wipes
- *Baby Shampoo/Soap
- *Flats of bottled water
- *Toothbrushes/Floss
- *Toothpaste
- *Hand Sanitizer



THANK YOU!!!!



The Children & Youth

June Month At-A-Glance

1,8,15,22,29

Worship Rehearsal, 4pm
Food & Fellowship, 5pm
Saturday Evening Worship, 5:30pm
EMS, 8:30am

2,9,16,23,30

Worship in the Woods, 10am

3

Church Council, 7pm

5,12,19,26

SEW Rehearsal, 7pm

5, 9

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7pm

6

Women's Fellowship, 7pm

7-9

YAC at Lakeside

10, 11, 12, 13

Annual Conference, at Lakeside

13

Men's Group, 6:30pm

14

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11 am

15

UMKids' Club Bowling, 7pm

17

July/August Rockporter articles due

19

VBS Volunteer Meeting, 7pm

24-27

Mary Martha Circle, 12:30pm

28-29

VBS Camp Rockport, 5-8:10pm

VBS Camping overnight in Wesley Hall,
7pm-9am



June Children & Youth

6 Rebekah Arcuri
21 Brooklyn Varga
23 Evan Pinyerd
24 Christopher Paige
29 Grace Munro

The following announcement has been made by our District Superintendent Dr. Steve Bailey.



Rev. Dr. David Wilcox has agreed to serve as interim pastor of the Rockport United Methodist Church during the maternity leave of Rev. Lorrin Radzik in the months of July and August. His assignment is hereby confirmed and publicly announced.

You may know that Rev. Wilcox was the pastor of our church in the mid 1980's-1990's. He is a strong preacher, a caring servant, an effective administrator, and good at pastoral care. Rev. Wilcox and his wife reside in Wooster, OH where they remained upon retirement.

In the weeks to come Rev. Wilcox, Rev. Radzik, and Rev. Myers will work cooperatively to insure a smooth transition and lay a foundation for the next chapter in the life of our church.

Because no other congregation is involved in this interim assignment it is your news to share.

Thank you, SPRC

SPRC would also like to announce that we will be hosting a special service and coffee hour honoring Rev. Barbara Davis and Dr. Gordon Myers on Sunday, June 9th after church. Rev. Davis' last day will be June 9th and Dr. Myers' last day will be June 23rd. SPRC will be collecting a love offering for Rev. Davis and Dr. Myers. If you are interested in contributing, please place your contribution in the offering plate and label it SPRC or feel free to drop it off at the church office during the week. Please make all checks payable to Sarah Field. Rev. Davis and Dr. Myers have done outstanding work at Rockport and we feel a love offering will be a great way to show our appreciation.



UMW

There is no UMW meeting for June.

Women's Fellowship

On Thursday, June 6th we will meet at Sweetwater Landing in the Metropark. 7p.m. For Ice Cream and then the Walking Trail. It's at the boat dock area off of Detroit Road in Lakewood.

Women's
fellowship

Mary
Martha
Circle

Mary Martha

our luncheon at 12:30p.m. will be Wed. June 19th. Our program will be for everyone to tell us about your Wedding Day and Reception....please bring in a picture. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Our hostess is, Lois Johnson. Please call, Pam Faup to be included 777-5256.

MEN'S
GROUP

Men's Fellowship

The Rockport Men's Group will have a cook out on Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 pm at the church. We will have a great meal and time for fellowship and discussion. Please sign up and encourage other men to come to the meeting.

VBS Volunteer

Meeting! If you are interested in Volunteering in any way for VBS (or even Day Camps!) OR if you are already signed-up as a volunteer, we will be meeting on Monday, June 17th, at 7 p.m. for a short meeting to go over procedures, and to get info. If you are interested, but cannot attend, please let Kira Holchin know! THANKS!



Don't forget your
pledge this summer!

Did You Know Rockport Has A Prayer Shawl Ministry?

Rockport has an active group making prayer shawls to wrap those experiencing crisis in the love of God, baby blankets to welcome the newest members of Rockport's community of faith, as well as, smaller projects (hats, scarves, chemo caps, prayer squares). Sound interesting? We welcome everyone. Check our summer schedule below and bring your current project or learn to knit/crochet. More info./questions call Sue Spallino 440-331-4803.

Evenings:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
7-9pm @ North Olmsted Panera

June 5, 19; July 3, 17;
Aug. 7, 21

5th Wednesdays
7-9pm @ North Olmsted Panera

May 29, July 31

Days:

2nd Friday
11-12noon

Summer Schedule
Blackbird Bakery Lakewood

June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

Don't forget to contact the office with the name of your High School or College Graduates! Please let us know by June 15th!

What is a father?

Being of the male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero, disciplinarian, a friend, someone to look up to, someone to model ... someone with a touch of the "mother" in him, someone who is big enough to say, "The fault was mine" ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, "I, too, shall follow him!" — Dr. Alton Kaul

Thought of the Month!

* CALLING Alumni! *

Summer Alumni Meetings! Join us this summer to meet and have game nights, discussion nights, and FOOD! Friends are always welcome! 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays:

- *Tuesday, July 9th - Games & Food. Feel free to bring your Favorite Game!
- *Tuesday, July 23rd - Discussion & Food
- *Tuesday, August 6th - Games & Food. Group Games
- *Tuesday, August 20th - Discussion & Food

Enclosed please find \$5.00 for each carnation ordered:
NAME OF DONOR (your Name)

_____ (how many) RED CARNATION(S) **IN HONOR OF:**

_____ (Please use wording you would like in the bulletin.)

_____ (how many) WHITE CARNATION(S) **IN MEMORY OF:**

_____ (Please use wording you would like in the bulletin.)

Amount enclosed _____ Left for homebound _____

Number of flowers _____ Take with _____

Father's Day Carnations!

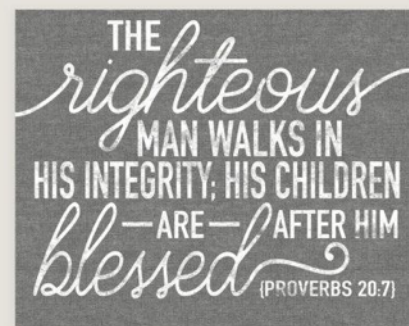
Sunday, June 16th,

The \$5 donation for each flower will honor those men, grandfathers, fathers, brothers, uncles, nephews, dear friends, etc., and supports Rockport's UMW missions.

Following morning worship on the 16th, you may pick your flowers up or leave them in the vase to be delivered to our "homebound" members and friends.

Please complete the order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Please place your flower order as soon as possible and **no later than June 9th.**



June:



PEACE JOHN 14:27

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YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, June 7th through Sunday, June 9th. PLEASE leave this weekend open! It's NEARLY TIME To register! EEP!

*PERMISSION SLIP Needed

*a list of items you will need to bring will be provided,

Summer Volunteering!

VBS & Day Camp Volunteers! Let me know if you'd like to help with VBS, Day Camp, or any other opportunities!

ALSO: If you need Community Service Hours, Come and see me! You're welcome anytime!

Coming up!

Be checking for July & August Summer Activities:

- *Volunteering at the Cleveland Food Bank
- *Volunteering at the Cleveland BookBank
- *Game Day
- *Fundraiser planning
- *Social Media & Scripture Study
- *Summer Lock-In
- *Summer Pool Party
- *Movie Discussions

FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

LECTOR SIGN-UP!

PLEASE let me know if you'd like to serve as lector. The Youth serve as lectors on the third Sunday of each month.



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***CALLING all Confirmation Alumni!**

Please consider signing up to be a Peer Mentor for the Confirmation season which runs from September to May... Please see me if you're interested in more information! Peer Mentors must be Confirmed Youth from the last class through College-aged. WOO!!! It's an awesome opportunity!



Christian EDUCATION

June:

VBS: June 24 - 27, and overnight 28 - 29; Join us at our great Camp-out at CAMP ROCKPORT where we will learn some of the greatest Bible camping stories ever!

VBS Sunday! June 30th - Join us as we conduct the Worship Service on Sunday, reading our prayers and singing our camp songs!

SUMMER PROGRAMMING!

Be watching in the July/August Rockporter for our Summer Programming, including Night Classes and a Summer lock-in.
Day Camp Info below!



UMKids' Club

June:

UMKids' Club -Bowling - June 14th - 7 to 10:30 p.m. Buckeye Lanes... Drop off and pick up will be AT Buckeye Lanes. COST is \$3.95 per person per game, (we plan on playing two games) Shoe Rental is \$2.85. We will provide Pizza, but your child is welcome to bring money for extra snacks. Friends Welcome! Parents, you are welcome to come and play with us, too! The more the merrier!



New Medical Forms are due for all summer activities!

The new form can be found on the Christian Ed Table in the Chapel Hallway, OR it can be emailed directly to you! VBS Forms, Permission Slips, and Day Camp Registrations can be found on the Christian Ed table as well!

Day Camp 2019

WELCOME to Day Camp 2019!

This year we have Day Camp for 4 years old through 6th Graders, Sign up for one or all! Lunch and activities provided for all three!

DAY CAMPS (4 years old through 6th Grade)

1. Good Deeds Field Trip! July 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Preschool 4 years old - 6th graders! Join us as we go shopping for the take-what-you-need cabinet, have picnic Lunch at the park, and travel around the city doing good deeds for people. Permission Slips needed!

2. KIDS COOK! July 23, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Preschool 4 years old - 6th graders! We'll be working on making chicken pot pie and Mug cake! Cooking & nutrition lessons, and Lunch provided - we will eat some of our creations! Peanut butter and Jelly provided, in case the kids don't care for the food they'll be making :)

3. God Can Do ANYTHING! July 30, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Preschool 4 years old - 6th graders! Join us as we Make our

Save the date

own Book of Day Camp Records! What kind of stories in the Bible seem impossible to accomplish? Learn that with God, NOTHING is impossible! Lunch provided, and we will have camping snacks from the Bible, too!





Prayer



Betty Jones	Prayers for healing of a broken hip
Connie Graham	Health concerns
Lucy Ponerants	Healing. Requested by Mary
Mary Ellen Kreuger	Healing. Requested by Mary
Fern Ronshak	Prayers for healing after stroke. Grandmother of Amber Kaufmann
Erna Guia	Prayers for healing of a broken hip
Katy Kircher	Diagnosed with breast cancer. 36-year-old sister-in-law of Amanda Hover
Dennis	Prayers for health, strength & healing. Nephew of Elsie Gaewsky
Helen Tank	Prayers for improved health
Jan Tietje	Medical concerns
Gregory Schwind	Multiple system atrophy. Requested by Nancy Geyer
Joyce	Health concerns. Sister of Nancy Geyer
Jacob Gasiewski	Serving our country. Grandson of Carole Heppner
Sarah Bungard	Serving our country, Chief Warrant Officer 2 USMC. Requested by the Kopko Family
Mariah White	Pray for safety for her and her unit who are in Kuwait for a nine-month tour of duty. Friend of Dan Newman
Lt. Chandler Freeman just returned to Kuwait for 6 months. Grandson of Marge Freeman	

In Sympathy

Family and friends of **William Griggs Jr.**, who passed into life eternal on May 24th. Former member of Rockport UMC

Family and friends of **Ingrid Young**, who passed into life eternal on May 23rd. Mother of Michelle Soltis and Rockport Member

Family and friends of **Shirley Johnsonbaugh**, who passed into life eternal on May 13th. Sister-in-law of Beverly Cavanah

Family and friends of **Norma Munro**, who passed into life eternal on May 6, 2019. Member of Rockport

Family and friends of **Carl Frey**, who passed into life eternal on May 2. Twin brother of Carole Heppner



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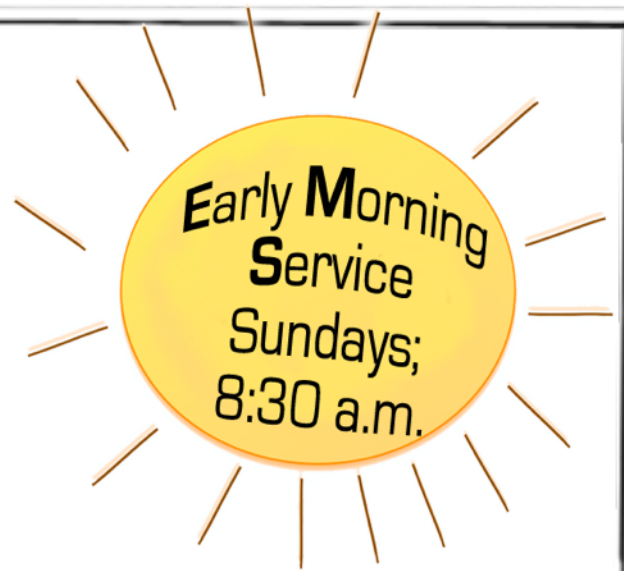
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 ■ 8:30 AM EMS Worship ■ 10:00 AM Worship in the Woods	27 ■ Memorial Day ■ Office Closed for Memorial Day ■ 7:00 PM Red Hackle Pipes & Drum Band Practice	28	29 ■ 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	30 ■ 7:00 PM Worship Rehearsal	31 ■ 9:45 AM Al-Anon	1 ■ 4:00 PM Worship Rehearsal ■ 5:00 PM Food & Fellowship ■ 5:30 PM Saturday Evening Worship
2 ■ 8:30 AM EMS Worship ■ 10:00 AM Worship in the Woods	3 ■ Eid al-Fitr ■ 7:00 PM Red Hackle Pipes & Drum Band Practice ■ 7:00 PM council meeting	4 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 ■ 7:00 PM Worship Rehearsal ■ 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 ■ 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship	7 ■ YAC 2019 ■ 9:45 AM Al-Anon	8 ■ YAC 2019 ■ 4:00 PM Worship Rehearsal ■ 5:00 PM Food & Fellowship ■ 5:30 PM Saturday Evening Worship
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Saturday
Evening
Worship Saturdays
@5:30 p.m.



Sunday
Worship Winter 10:45 a.m.
Summer; 10 a.m.



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