



Words of Faith

May 2010

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ 8th – Men’s Group
- ❖ 14th – Movie Night
- ❖ 18th – Ad Council
- ❖ 28th – Newsletter Deadline

Sundays:

- 9:45 am – Sunday School
- 10:45 am – Worship
- 5:30 pm – Bible Study
- 5:30 pm – Youth Group

Tuesdays:

- 6 am – Prayer Time

Wednesdays:

- 12:30 pm – Women’s Study Group
- 6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 pm - Choir practice

Thursdays:

- 6:30 pm – Women’s Study Group

Friday:

- 6 pm – AA Group

Saturday:

- 1 pm – Covenant Discipleship Group

2nd Tuesday of the Month

- 6:30 pm – H.E.A.R.T.S. Support Group

Mother’s Day

By Elaine Hartman

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 9th. Not only will it be Mother’s Day, but also the day when our pastor, Lisa May, will be returning to us refreshed and renewed in her spiritual relationship with God and ready to embrace our congregation again in the love, grace and mercy of Christ. Not only is Lisa our pastor, but she is also a mother of two wonderful adult children.

Mother’s Day gives us all a chance to stop what we are doing and not only thank and show our appreciation to our mothers, but to also give thanks and praise to God for giving us our mothers or those people who have become “mothers” to us.

I think that many mothers work hard and long and do the best for their families. Their pains and their sorrows are for the most part hidden as are their hopes and dreams. For many in my generation, and I think for many in most generations before mine, it was and is easy to get the impression that mothers are responsible for caring for the family and the raising of the children. Underneath everything mothers feel and feel deeply. It’s just that so many of them get caught up in the performance of duties, in fulfilling roles that they are expected to fulfill or think that they are expected to fulfill, and they suppress their emotions. They are busy every day, trying to make a home and life for their families. They have expectations of themselves and of their children. The achievement and measurement of these expectations sometimes becomes more important than the mother or her children. Performance becomes more important than the people, ability more important than attitude, learning more important than loving, and earning more important than enjoyment. Mothers don’t plan or intend for this to be so. But when it happens this way, the result is that some mothers grow tired and depressed, while their children become alienated from them. Some mothers burn out. Some simply acquire a reputation as being demanding and unappreciative of their children.

But underneath- underneath is flesh and blood.

- flesh and blood that grows tired and that screams out for rest.
- flesh and blood that demands spiritual food - but believes that it must feed others first
- flesh and blood that needs guidance
- but believes that it is supposed to be the one who guides.

Sometimes you need to just stop and listen. Sometimes you need to just stop and listen to the silence and to look for God in the calm, instead of in the midst



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of activity. In 1 Kings 19:1-15, that is what Elijah was led to do. Elijah, in his exhaustion, in his fear, took a time out. He got away for a while from the activities that God had called him to do. In his fear and his pain, his loneliness and his hunger, he called out to God and told God of his weakness and then God made himself known to Elijah. God became present to him in the sheer silence within. Sometimes that is what we all need to do. We need to time out, to get in touch with God, to listen to the silence rather than to the noise and the activity that is all around us. We need to pause and to listen so that we might have the strength and the guidance we need to do what we are called to do.

Think of the number of times that Jesus took time apart; how he would send the disciples on ahead of him while he paused to pray on a mountain side; how he would prepare himself for his next round of activity by first going away by himself to pray, by first going away to listen to the silence.

Mothers need, we all need, spiritual restoration. It can be found in silence. It can be found in being apart - in being with God. These times allow us to refocus, to refresh, and to remember what is important and what is not.

I ask you today to remember to take some time to pause and listen to the silence and then to go on to do what God is calling

you to do – renewed in the strength that he provides. I ask all of you to pray for your mothers and for women everywhere: to pray that these women, these mothers will pause and eat and drink and listen to the silence, to the still small voice within, and be able to rise up knowing that they are not alone, that they have both God and you with them – to give them the courage and strength to do what is good and right to do. Thanks be to God. Amen

7th Annual Aldersgate Camp Golf Scramble

**Friday, May 21 at 1:00 PM
Gibson Bay Golf Course
Richmond, KY**

The cost per player is \$65.00, includes cart, green fees, drinks, tee prizes and a cookout following the event. Individuals, businesses or churches can become a Hole Sponsor by contributing \$200.00.

To sign up or for more information, contact Brad Smart at 606-316-0402 or golf4camp@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit the ministries of Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center



Got shovels?

Got Seeds & Plants?

Let's Plant a Garden!

Tom Messamer has announced that the planting of this year's garden will begin on Monday, May 3rd at 5 pm. Bring seeds or plants if you have some you'd like to contribute! Come and join us begin the work toward this year's harvest of fresh vegetables for the community around us! All help is most welcomed and appreciated!!

May 2 – Tammi Bennett & Andrea Speakman

May 9 – Lexi Duck & Troy Harman

May 16 – Kristen Harper & Kirsten Duck

May 23 – Corey Boedeker & Kathy Bushong

May 30 – Danielle Harman & George Ward



June 6 – Shannon Duck & Don May

June 13 – Diane Weeks & Dave Britt

June 20 – VBS Sunday – No Nursery

June 27 – Marie Binkley & T.J. Gemmer

From the Nurture Chair – Kim Duck

Movie Night – Friday, May 14th

We have a movie night planned for Friday, May 14th. The planned movie is "The Blind Side". We will have pizza and snacks. We are asking for a \$2.00 donation to offset the cost of the food. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Show time is 7 pm!

Upcoming Events:

June 14-18 – VBS

July 11th – Cookout

July 31st – Annual Yard Sale

VBS

Get ready for a High Seas Expedition in June as we explore the mighty love of God. Chadder and his friends will once again be joining us. Ship sets sail June 14-18. Ages: potty trained thru rising 6th grade. (If children are not potty trained, then we ask that a parent stays with them).



Thank you to everyone for donating bottle lids and Styrofoam peanuts for VBS. We have more than enough for the craft.

If anyone knows where I can get some corks (inexpensive or free) to go

with this craft, please let me know. I will need approximate 100. They need to be wine bottle size or slightly smaller. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

One Nation Under God!

Please keep in your prayers the following persons serving in the military:



Elliot Brass (deploying in July 2010)

Lisa Maskey (Iraq)

Eric Roberts

Jeff Smith

Jake Webb (Iraq)

Corporate Fundraisers



Kroger's Community Rewards & Thornton's Fundworks –

These programs are run through the use of rechargeable gift cards. Just put the money you intend to spend on the card and our church will receive a % back in the form of a donation.

Thornton's Fundworks cards are available here in the narthex. If you want to receive a Kroger card, please see Kenny Sowards.



Waffle House



Put your receipts from Waffle House in the box in the narthex.

GFS – Remkes – Meijer

These programs are run through the use of membership cards. Just present your cards to the cashier, at the time of purchase, and a % of that purchase will come back in the form of a donation. Forms for these cards are available in the narthex or at the store's service desk.



TRUSTEE POINT PERSON FOR MAY

KEN SMITH

If you notice a maintenance issue, let Ken know!

A Long and Winding Road

By Wayne Hoffman

One thing I have learned since moving to northern Kentucky is that you can't always get there from here. A road may start out heading west, but before you know it, you are farther east than you want to be.

In Indiana everything is set-up on a grid. County roads are always exactly $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ or 1 mile apart and are marked as such with a 25, 50, 75 or 100 number. State highways are just as easy, odd number highways run north and south, even numbered highways run east and west. Everything is logical and it's virtually impossible to get lost.

Here in northern Kentucky I have found a different story. Roads here follow creeks and hollers. They go around a hill, through a hill, up a hill or down a hill. I have experienced on more than one occasion that some roads lead you to a dead end, in the middle of someone's woods or tobacco field. To make it even more challenging, roads here have names instead of numbers. How can I logically find the intersection of Buttermilk and Turkey Foot? Is it close to Gunpowder Road or Licking River Road?

Now don't get me wrong, my sense of adventure loves it. I have seen some of the most beautiful country in the world and have found things never before seen except by native Kentuckians. It's just that my sense of direction is worthless in northern Kentucky. My instinct and logic tells me to turn right, when I need to turn left. I never know where I will end up or how I will get there. I hate to admit it, but I was so proud of myself the first time I made it from Independence to Florence in under an hour.

The last few months as Phyllis and I prepared for membership at Faith Community United Methodist Church I found myself looking



back at my spiritual journey. As a kid growing up in a family that was completely focused on church and the activities thereof, I took a lot of things for granted. I thought everyone was Christian except for Hippies and Communists and they lived to far away to worry about.

During the summer of 1964 (I was Nine) I attended a Wesleyan Methodist church camp. I never will forget the last night. As we did every night during of the week we had a "church service." But at the end of this service the speaker gave an invitation to come forward and confess your sins in prayer. I was sitting by a friend I had made during the week named Glen. I looked over at him and he was crying. I asked if he was okay and he told me "Wayne, Jesus died for us so we can go to heaven." "We have to go forward." Not sure as to what I was even doing I went forward with Glen that night and took the first step of my spiritual journey.

It started out easy, just like driving in Indiana. Everything seemed so logical and so commonsense, as long as I followed the path my family and church laid out for me. I knew when to turn and when to go straight.

As I got older and "wiser" things didn't seem so simple anymore. I was trusting on my own thinking and going places I wanted to go and it wasn't working out so well for me. My life was becoming more like driving in northern Kentucky. Highs, lows, twists, turns, beauty, sometimes scary and a lot of the time lost, with no sense of which way to turn.

Paul McCartney wrote a song that I consider one of my favorite hymns believe it or not. *The Long and Winding Road*, whether McCartney intended it too or not, speaks to a spiritual journey. "The long and winding road that leads to your door will never disappear." "I've seen that road before and it always leads me back to your door." "Many times I've been alone and many times I've cried." "Anyway you will never know the many ways I've tried, but still they lead me back to the long and winding road." "Lead me to your door!" – Paraphrased

When I listen to the still small voice of God I am always on the right road. I may not know where I am going or how I am going to get there, but I know it will lead me closer to Him. When I follow my own instincts and go where I think best, I may well end up in the middle of someone's woods or tobacco field.

Since we started attending Faith Community United Methodist Church my Spiritual Journey is much more defined. Since I bought a GPS the roads in northern Kentucky are a lot easier to navigate as well.

Meet The Methodists:

(This is a new item to the newsletter to help promote The Connection)

Austin Cole Lovelace
(March 26, 1919 -- April 25, 2010)

Sad news of the death of Austin Lovelace comes from Dr. Carlton Young, editor of the 1966 Methodist Hymnal and the 1989 United Methodist Hymnal: "Austin Lovelace died at his home last evening. Two weeks ago he was diagnosed with liver cancer and was expected to live four or five months. He was composed and reading proofs just a few days ago." This is a passing of one of the true giants of Christian worship and hymnody and there will be many words of remembrance and celebration of his life in coming days."

Austin Lovelace's music and books are used in the worship and hymnody of every major Protestant denomination. He served congregations and taught in universities and seminaries. He was the first president of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, a past president and a fellow of the Hymn Society, and he served as vice-president of the Chorister's Guild. He chaired the tunes committee of the 1966 Methodist Hymnal. He was an organ recitalist and lecturer and was prominent in the leadership of the American Guild of Organists. His books and articles are numerous, as well as his over 700 musical compositions, including hymns, hymn arrangements, and music for choir, organ, and voice. In addition to having prepared the metrical index of the 1989 United Methodist Hymnal, he composed or contributed to seven hymns in The United Methodist Hymnal. (See more complete information in Carlton Young's Companion to The United Methodist Hymnal, page 788.)

Don't recognize the name? How about these hymns:

- #158 – Come, Christians, Join to Sing
- #229 – Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
- #238 – Angels We Have Heard on High
- #397 – Christ is Risen

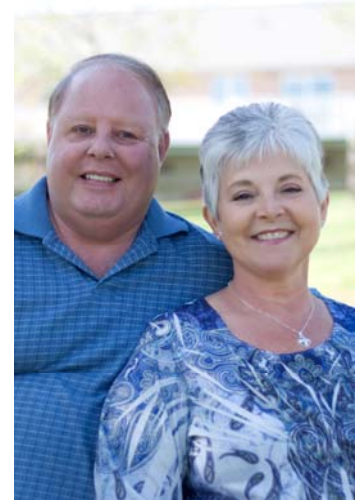
Reminder:

There will be a PPR Committee meeting following church on May 16th.

Church Family News

You're Invited!

Ellaine Hartman and Barry Hussung formally invite you to be witnesses as they take their wedding vows on Sunday, June 6th, 2010 as part of the morning worship service, beginning at 10:45am, at Faith Community United Methodist Church.



There will be a church pot luck dinner immediately following the worship/wedding service in the church fellowship hall. The meat and a cake will be provided by the happy couple. Just bring a vegetable or salad that will go with fried chicken or you can bring another dessert to add to the feast. All are invited to stay and celebrate this happy occasion.

No gifts, please.

It's a Girl!

Melissa and Tim Sharpshair became the proud parents of Kaylee Ann Sharpshair! Kaylee was born April 30th and was 8lb 10oz and 21 inches. All are doing well!

Deployment extended

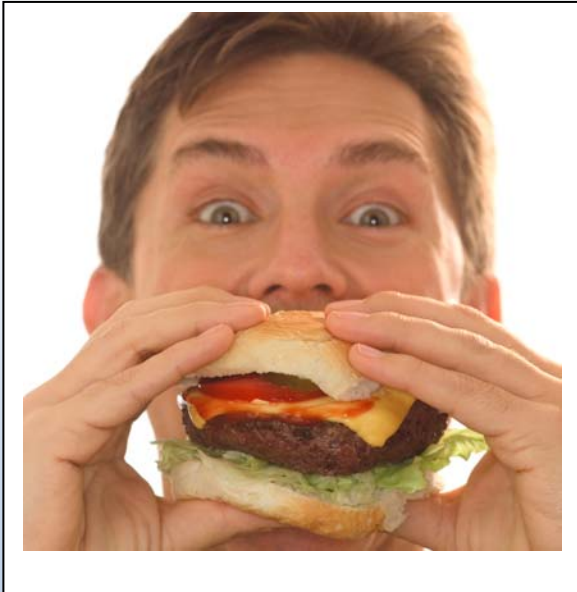
Lisa Maskey's deployment in Iraq has been extended for 2 months. She will serve there until August and be home in Kentucky by the end of September. Please keep our military in your prayers.

Another Wedding Date Set!

By Kim Duck

Back in January we joyously announced the much anticipated engagement of Kirsten Duck to Jeremy Britt. The wedding date has been set. It will take place on Saturday, May 28th, 2011. The wedding will take place in the church and the reception will be held at The Florentine (near the intersection of 42 and Pleasant Valley Rd.) Wedding time TBD, the reception will be from 5-10 pm.

FUNDRAISER AT TGIFriday'S



On **Monday, May 17**, FCUMC will be holding a fundraising event at TGI Friday's restaurant on Turkeyfoot Road.

Simply show up at the restaurant any time that day during business hours; enjoy a delicious meal, and present a *Charity Card* to your server.

Charity Cards will be distributed following worship service on **Sunday, May 9**, and **Sunday, May 16**. FCUMC will be presented with a check for 20% of the total sales, excluding tax and alcohol.

So come out for some great food and support the church at the same time!!

Consider This:

(from the Arlington Church of Christ Newsletter, Sept, 2009)

A couple from Michigan decided to thaw out in Florida, staying at the same hotel where they had honeymooned 20 years earlier. Because of hectic schedules, the husband flew on ahead on Thursday, while his wife was supposed to fly down on Friday. When the husband checked in at the hotel, he discovered that they had a computer in their room and he decided to send his wife an e-mail. He typed out the message and sent it on its way, not realizing that he had accidentally left out one of the letters in her e-mail address.

Somewhere in Alabama, a widow returned from her husband's funeral. He was a minister for many years and had died suddenly of a heart attack. The widow decided to check her e-mail, expecting messages from friends and relatives, but after reading the first message, she fainted. Her son rushed into the room, found his mother out cold on the floor, and the computer screen with the misdirected message that said: To my loving wife: I've arrived! I know you are surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send e-mails to your loved ones. I'm all checked in and everything is prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! P.S. – Sure is hot down here!!!

Thank you!

By Debbie Maskey

I want to take this space to thank those who have been contributing to the newsletter lately. It really makes this the newsletter of Faith Community United Methodist Church!

This month alone includes contributions from:

Kim Duck
 Ellaine Hartman
 Wayne Hoffman
 Pastor Lisa May
 Tom Messamer
 Julie Smith
 Marsha Stewart

I have to tell you it makes my job of putting the newsletter together much more fun!

Please – if you have something to include next month, don't hesitate to let me know. If you have an idea to share, but need help writing the article – I can do that for you!

Next deadline is May 28th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group
2 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship 5:30 pm – Bible Study 5:30 pm– Youth Group	3	4 <i>National Teachers Day</i> 6 am – Prayer Time	5 12:30 pm Women's Study Group 6:30 pm –Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm – Choir Practice	6 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group	7 6pm – AA Group	8 9 am – Men's Group 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group
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16 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship Noon – PPR Meeting 5:30 pm – Bible Study 5:30 pm– Youth Group	17 TGIFriday's church fundraiser – all day	18 6 am – Prayer Time 7 pm – Ad Council	19 12:30 pm Women's Study Group 6:30 pm –Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm – Choir Practice	20 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group	21 6pm – AA Group	22 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group
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Next Newsletter Deadline: May 28th

Submit information

- to the church office
- fax to 859-342-7507, or
- email to dmaskey@administrativeedge.net

Something To Think About

From Pastor Lisa May

What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?

What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?

What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the Rain?

What if God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?

What if, God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?

What if, God took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger?

..... THINK ABOUT THIS ONE.....

What if, God didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin?

What if, the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?

What if, God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

What if, God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him?

What if, God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?

What if, God met our needs the way we give Him our lives???

Something to think about!

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