

Wakeman Congregational Church

Growing in faith, family, and fellowship



“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”

1 Corinthians 2:9

MESSENGER

May 2019

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Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School (all ages and adults): 9 am

Boards MeetMay 8th 4:00/6:30/8:00

Church Council..... No May meeting

Messenger articles due..... May 21st

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Trail Life Troop is Officially Underway

Trail Life USA is a Church-Based, Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused mentoring and discipleship journey that speaks to the heart of a boy. Established on timeless values derived from the Bible and set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys from Kindergarten through 12th grade are engaged in a Troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, understand their purpose, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills to carry out the mission for which they were created.

If you have a boy who would like to join Trail Life or have any questions about the troop, please call Kris Green at 419-541-0993. The troop meets at Wakeman Congregational Church on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.



Trail Life Leadership Team from left to right: Jim Rico, Pastor Lee Button, Kris Green, Jason Liss, Todd Gardner, and Fred Hartman.

Not pictured: Steve Dillon

Trail Life Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Before Service on April 28th the Trail Life troop held a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser. The boys served pancakes, sausage, and drinks while the troop leaders prepared the food.



Widow's Luncheon

On March 26th Connie Button hosted a Widow's luncheon at East of Chicago. East of Chicago opened special for them and provided the salads and drinks. Connie made the rest of the lunch and tasty dessert treats. After lunch, the ladies went next door to Danielion to pick up beautiful flower arrangements that Daniel put together for them.



Pictured above: Sherry Seeley, Phyllis Brucker, Pattie Eschen, Pat Canfield, Marlene Timbs, Ruth Stackhouse, Connie Button, and Ginny Grady

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it."

Proverbs 3:27

On Palm Sunday we had our traditional palm processional led by the youth and a delicious pot luck downstairs in Pilgrim Hall. On Easter morning, the sanctuary was filled with beautiful flowers and the joyful noise of the children's bell choir.



Christ is Risen!



VBS 2019



Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars! *To Mars and Beyond* will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in an Assembly area—an outpost on Mars—they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

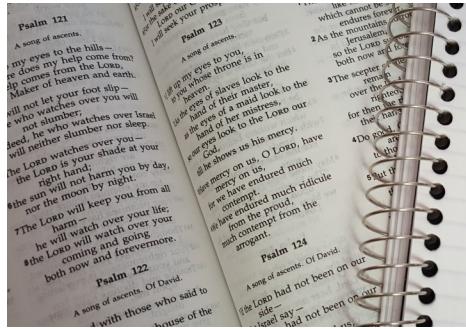
Save the Date! To Mars and Beyond is coming to Wakeman Congregational Church June 24-28 from 9—noon. This year we will have classes for children entering preschool—6th grade. Registration forms will be sent home through the schools and will be available at the church and Wakeman Library.

There are also many Summer Camp opportunities at Beulah Beach in Vermilion. This year's theme is Superhero Summer! More information can be found at beulahbeach.org.

Logos Bowling Trip

On the last day of Wonderful Wednesdays the children got to spend time together bowling and enjoying pizza!





Forever on a Sunday

The Significance of the First Day of the Week.

The resurrection of Jesus is the most important miracle in history. If Christ was not raised from the dead any faith that we place in God for anything is useless. The proclamation of the gospel is useless. Anyone who claims the tomb is empty is a liar. Without the resurrection, living is hopeless. Death, our last enemy, wins, if there is no resurrection. Paul addresses these threats in 1 Corinthians 15. He concludes in verse 20, “But now Christ **has been raised from the dead**, the first fruits of those who are asleep.”

There is another less measured but more familiar result of the resurrection. **The Resurrection of Christ brings priority to the first day of the week.** 52 days every year we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. There is a cultural tendency to look forward to the **end** of the week. We even have a restaurant that joins the hopeful outlook. TGIF. The NT emphasizes that for a follower of Jesus the first day of the week is most important. It was not always that way.

God rested on the 7th day of creation week, Saturday. He did not do that because the whole process of creating things wore Him out. He never gets tired. He was setting an example. We need to take a day of rest from our labor. God commanded His people, Israel, to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Remember takes us back to Genesis. Sabbath keeping was a pattern from the beginning of creation. The Sabbath signified the covenant that God had set His people apart. It was a symbol that He had created them, and they should rest as He did. The Sabbath was a reminder of redemption. The Day of Atonement was on a Sabbath.

Sabbath rules were strict. “On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.” “You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the sabbath day.” Keeping the Sabbath was serious business. When Jesus cried “it is finished,” He attested that what Adam had failed to do, He, the second Adam, had completed. He came to **fulfill** the Law. The Law was an iron-fisted guardian of God’s holiness. But we are no longer living under the Law. It is significant that 9 of the 10 commandments are repeated in the NT. The only one not found there is the 4th- remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. The 7th day Sabbath is no longer the preferred day. The day of worship is the first day of the week. A day of rest and reflection is still vital to our lives.

But everything changed with the Resurrection of Christ. The first day of the week was the day on which our Lord rose from the dead. The first day was the day on which the Holy Spirit was poured out on the church Acts 2. The first day of the week is called “the Lord’s day” In Revelation 1:10 John gives Sunday a unique name- the Lord’s Day. “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like *the sound of a trumpet*,” By the time he wrote Revelation the first day was known as the Lord’s Day. The first day of the week is when the church gathered. Acts 20:7 “On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.”

This is the pattern for Sunday services today. Communion and preaching. We still gather on Sundays for preaching and at least once a month for communion. Alan Stillman opened the first TGI Friday restaurant in 1965 in New York. He hoped that opening a bar would help him meet women. On **Sundays** we meet other believers and worship together to celebrate the Resurrection. God’s people from Genesis to the Cross worked 6 days and rested on the 7th. The 7th day of creation was not like the others; it had no evening and morning. Could this be a sign that the rest day is permanent. It has no end and looks forward to eternity itself? No work is necessary to find spiritual rest. “For whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.” The rest of God is found through faith.

From Christ until the final consummation of all things **we** rest on the first day and work the next 6; commemorating the finished work of Christ. Sunday is the most important day of the week for followers of Christ. Sunday is forever a remembrance of the Gospel, Jesus died, was buried, and on the first day, rose again. With the saints of all the ages we await the final day of rest when “God will dwell among us, and we shall be His people, and Christ Himself will be among us, and He will wipe away every tear from our eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain.” Forever, every day will be like Sunday, the Day of Resurrection, when eternal rest and rejoicing will be ours without end.

Pastor Lee Button

Mother/Child Sunday School Class

Beginning on May 26th, Connie Button will be holding a Mother/Child Sunday School class at 9 am. The class will be an interactive class for mothers and their children. Each week after the lesson, they will be given challenges to complete together at home. This will be a 6-week course and it will meet in the basement Sunday School room. The course is called “Teaching the Character of God” and is designed for mothers with children of all ages.



Second Sunday Sharing

At the back of the church there is an antique wood box for donations to support Caring Community. Each month specific items are suggested, but truly everything is needed from paper products to non-perishable foods. Donations are greatly appreciated by the people we serve. Upcoming requested items are:

May Jello, pudding, peanut butter, jelly

June condiments, baked beans, canned fruit

July boxed or canned pasta, tomato sauce, crackers



May Greeters

May 5th— Vern & Jennifer Everts

May 12th— Fred & Sue Palmer

May 19th— Phyllis Brucker

May 26th— Jim & Patti Krupp

*please arrive by 9:45 that Sunday



Car Wash Fundraiser

On May 19th, the youth at Wakeman Congregational will be holding a car wash to raise funds to support their compassion child Gerson. One year ago this May, the children made the decision to sponsor a child through Compassion International. Since then, they have had to "work" to earn the money to pay for the sponsorship. After worship on May 19th, they will be out by the pavilion ready to work! If you would like to give a donation of any size, the children will wash your car as you leave service!



Gerson proudly displays the items that he was able to buy with his Christmas money from the children.



Community Birthday Calendar

Once again we are preparing for the community birthday calendar. I am sending out an S.O.S. asking for help with the calendar. We have a few routes this year that will need filed. We also have a few people that graciously take on more than one route and we would like to help them out by reducing their load. We are also looking for someone to help with the rough draft of the calendar. Please see me if you are able to help in any way. Please do not hesitate to ask questions.

We are only as strong as our community volunteers.

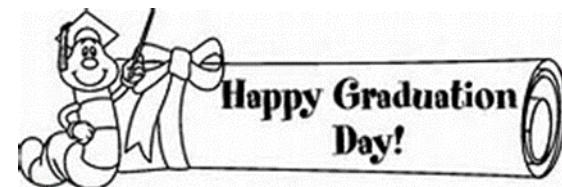
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Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday, a day to recognize our high school and college graduates, is planned for Sunday, June 2nd.

If you know of any church members, or their family, who will be graduating from high school or college this spring, please let us know so we can include them in our celebration!

Please submit graduate names to Kris Green 419-541-0993



New Baby

Congratulations to Tiffany and Marco Caponi on the birth of their son Nico Marco. Nico was born on April 19th @ 9:05 pm. He was 8 lb 15 oz and 21 in.

Pilgrim's Progress Screening

On April 7th we had 60 people attend the free screening of Pilgrim's Progress. Connie made popcorn for everyone to enjoy! The movie was shown in theaters Easter weekend and was the highest grossing movie of the weekend!!



Women At Risk Easter Offering

On Easter morning a special offering was collected for Women at Risk International. This organization provides safe places for women to heal after rescue from abuse, trafficking, exploitation, and more. This Easter we collected \$424.00 that will go to their Domestic Emergency Shelter Fund. This organization is based in Michigan and their partnerships span to over 40 countries.

Nursery Notes

The Christian Education Board is looking for nursery volunteers this summer. If you are able to volunteer for a Sunday or two, it would be greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

Another change to the nursery is the paint color! A local community member needing community service hours gave our nursery a refreshing update.



Treasurer's Report

February 2019

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| General Operating Income | \$6,312.30 |
| General Operating Expense | <u>\$12,756.50</u> |
| Difference | -\$6,444.20 |

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| Year to Date GO Income | \$23,483.65 |
| Year to Date GO Expense | <u>\$22,118.12</u> |
| Difference | \$1,365.53 |

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| Budget Year to Date | \$22,536.67 |
| Budget Items spent YTD | <u>\$22,508.16</u> |
| Under Budget | \$28.51 |

March 2019

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| General Operating Income | \$8,421.46 |
| General Operating Expense | <u>\$10,239.45</u> |
| Difference | -\$1,817.99 |

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| Year to Date GO Income | \$31,905.11 |
| Year to Date GO Expense | <u>\$32,357.57</u> |
| Difference | -\$452.46 |

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| Budget Year to Date | \$33,905.00 |
| Budget Items spent YTD | <u>\$32,829.41</u> |
| Under Budget | \$975.59 |



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