

The Vine

From Pastor Doug

As we enter the month of April this year, we are right in the midst of Holy Week, getting ready to celebrate Easter. God was doing something new. Sin and death had been defeated, no longer were sacrifices needed, the price had been paid. In Jesus, God began the work of restoration that had been caused by sin so that we could live in relationship with God. One of the things that I have always wondered at in my ministry is the way that God continues this work through the ministry of the church even today. Recently, as you may have heard, God is opening a door of opportunity to be involved in something new. We have just created a cooperative ministry involving Wenonah, New Sharon, Barnsboro, Barnsboro: Mt. Zion, Mt.Zion-Wesley, and us.

Pastor John Inverso, an intern or two yet to be determined, and I will be the pastoral leadership team. While each church will maintain its individual identity, together we will be looking at the larger vision through which we will work together to make disciples for Jesus Christ as we worship, minister, and share together. We will be looking at each congregation's strength in order to build on it.

As we live into this new future together, I would like to ask you to do a couple of things as we begin. First of all, pray. Pray for the churches involved, pray for the leaders, pray and ask God to bless this new thing that God wants to do. Secondly, be opened to the leading of the Holy Spirit who will be guiding us through the transition and what is to come. Lastly, be opened to consider how you might be blessed by being involved and sharing in this new thing that God is doing.

Realville Youth Info

First.... I want to say Thank You to the families and the Youth that worked the concession stand during Shrek in February!!! You did a fabulous job!!!

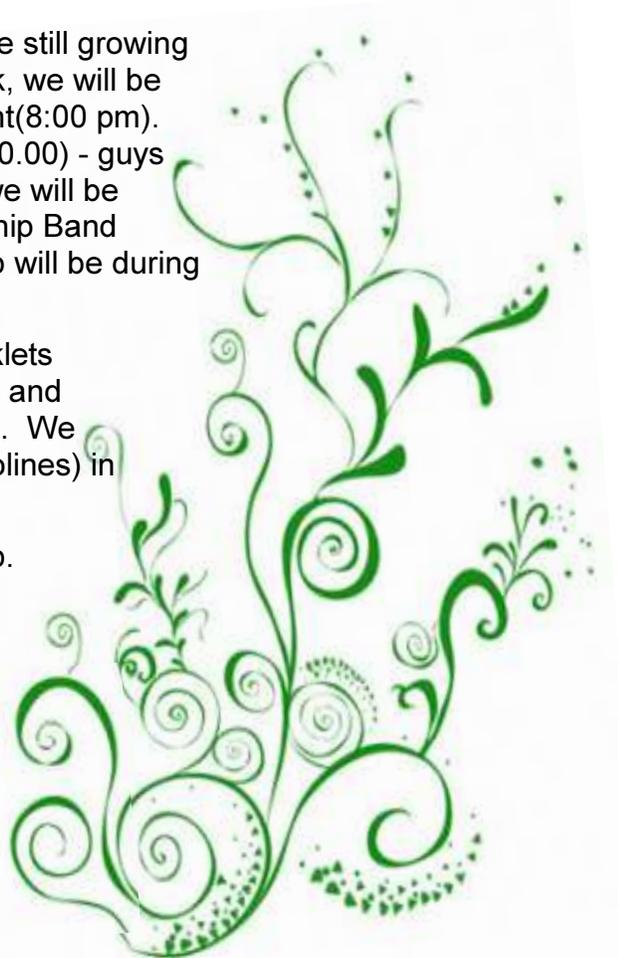
March to June - we will continue to meet at Mantua UMC. We are still growing and I am not sure we can function well at Barnsboro!!! This week, we will be going to see Beauty and the Beast at Clearview on Saturday night(8:00 pm). Sunday (3/22), Zumba fundraiser at Mantua, 2:00 to 3:30 pm (\$10.00) - guys and girls are welcome to come out and exercise. Sunday night we will be meeting at 5:30 pm at the church to go to the Pitman UMC Worship Band Concert to hear the Eons and a few other Praise Bands. This trip will be during Youth group time... come out and join us as we praise together!

April 10 & 11 will be doing our 30 Hour Famine, fund raising booklets will be handed out next week. We are planning on going bowling and the youth should have money with them (I will let you know cost). We are scheduling an evening of jumping at High Elevations (trampolines) in Sewell. more information will be coming out on this event.

We are updating our Registration forms for Realville Youth Group. We are asking the you fill them out again for your youth - 1 per child please! Missions Trip.... We are in the process of setting up a few fundraisers for our trip to help the cost for the youth. We will be setting up a parents meeting about the trip soon.

Thank you to all of our Youth & families - I love it when you pull up at the church and we see a bunch of youth jumping out!!! It is a blessing we are still growing!!! If you have any questions or suggestions - please call me!!!

Thank you,
Penny Kirkbride, Youth Director



7th Annual Rock the Block -How Can I Serve? Saturday, June 6th from 2-7pm

It is hard for me to believe but planning for this years block party is underway!!

I am reaching out to you because volunteers are needed desperately. This day is a day where we, The United Methodist Church of Mantua, reach out to our community and share Christ's love. We provide the food, the music, the prayer tent, the fun and the Holy Spirit does the rest. We are simply opening the door.

Here are a few examples on how you can help:

Pray for Rock the Block

Set up (the morning of, including the band area, see Maria Kreh)

Kitchen help (please see Jen Wardrop or Gail Slimm on how you can help)

Clean up (during the day and after the block party is over)

Monetary donations (This event is a FREE event with FREE food and we can't do that without your donations)

Walking the neighborhoods surrounding the church and personally inviting them to the block party.

This is KEY!!! The people love being invited, they have told us so.

Find SPONSORS (do you know any small business owner?) that can help sponsor the block party. A minimum donation of \$30 per business and their logo appears on our flyer, as well as any business cards or flyers they can submit that will be placed in our welcome bags. They can also set up a booth and be a vendor that day, encourage them that this is a good way to promote their business as well as supporting a great cause.

Help with selling the Phillies signs and our car magnets.

Prayer Tent (please see Lynn Heiss for information).

Welcome Booth (please see Maria Kreh)

Help with stuffing the welcome bags: with our Church information as well as the sponsor information (please see Becky Langer)

I realize that this day is a long day and the volunteers that help all day long, from beginning to end; there are no words to thank you. When the day is over and we talk amongst each other and share our experiences throughout the day it makes it all worth it. Also when we think about the walk that Jesus made to the cross, the long hours of this one day, makes it all worth it. Thank you for reading my letter and for your consideration in helping Rock the Block continue to be a day of witness, evangelism, hope and love.

Your sister in Christ,
Maria Kreh



Spirit Night

UMC Rock the Block

Tuesday, April 21st

5pm - 8pm

Simply tell the cashier you are here for
UMC Rock the Block
to have your sale count towards the Spirit Night total

Please invite your family and friends!

Questions?

Please feel free to contact Maria at:

mamakreh@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

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April 2015 Mantua Methodist Vine Research Insert

By William M. Crowley, Educational Research Director

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV), "Study to show thyself approved unto GOD..."

This exciting, unending series researches the KJV Bible with other sources.

AN ANGRY JESUS?

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus was the Great Pacifier---a non-violent teacher of peace---answering conflict with platitudes of calm, insults with humility. Not fully understood are the infrequent bursts of verbal retort and on one occasion---an actual violent act of Destruction complete with a hastily formed whip. What justified these deviations from a quiescent personality? Or does His character hide potential behavior outbursts best left undisturbed?

HEALING ONE A SIN?

Mark 3:1, "And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man which had a withered hand."

As always the critics were there ready to condemn Jesus for it was the Sabbath. Jesus, aware they were watching---fault finding and condemning---interested only in "proper conduct" according to their values. The affliction was probably Divine Punishment and well deserved. Jesus, aware of their thoughts, responded.

Mark 3:4-5, "And he saith unto them, 'Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath day, or to do evil?' to save life, or to kill?' But they held their peace."

"And when he had looked round about for them with them with **anger**, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts..."

SATAN'S SUBTLE UNDERMINING

Matthew 16:22-23, "Then Peter took him (Jesus---my insert), and began to rebuke him,..." "But he turned, and said unto Peter, 'Get thee behind me, Satan: **thou art an offense unto me**: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.'"

A RIOT IN THE TEMPLE

When Jesus entered the Temple, He found a bazaar selling oxen, sheep and doves. Enraged at such sacrilege, He made a scourge of cords. John 2:14, "...he drove them all out of the temple,..."

A SCOURGE (A WHIP?)

The destruction recorded of the purge was the over-turning of the tables; righteous anger hurt no one. His loving nature rejected...even with the scourgeharming people or animals. (Yet, shortly after, we dreadfully hurt Him.) Especially sheltered, in my opinion, were the women dove merchants. A thought: do we shelter or blame women in everything? Or do we share the common mantle male superiority/infallibility?

LATER: SAITH THE FIG TREE: WHY ME?

Mark 11:12-14, "And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:...And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves,...when he came to it he found nothing but leaves;..." Jesus cursed it, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever." The tree (a metaphor) represented Jerusalem destined for destruction. In Mark 13:2, Jesus said, "Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

A PREVIEW OF OUR LORD'S ANGER?

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Happy April Birthday

- 1 Lisa Austin
- 2 Sean Gorman
Justin Kruithof
Craig Rudisill
- 4 Joe Gelormini
Lorraine Litle
Debbie Sullivan
- 5 Robert Austin
- 6 Carter Ingram
Jordan Legg
George Shute III
- 7 David Heiss
Savanna Schaeckel
Christopher Skalit
- 8 Joshua Yannerella

- 10 John Fuchs
Wayne Histan
Emily Langer
Shelby Smith
Peggy Steckclair
Dave Steckclair II
Joel Szychoski
- 11 Evan Niewoehner
Ashlee Sullivan
Melissa Tagye
Stephen Tumminia
- 12 Walt Seibel
Cecilia Wyckoff
- 14 Kitty Gardner
- 17 Leah Carelli
- 18 Howard Aaronson
Evan Godsey
Isla Heiss
Tyler Kreh
- 19 Benjamin Joseph
- 20 Ryan Drucker
Jenn Kraft

- 21 Jake Armstrong
Karl Dickel
Sadie Drucker
- 22 Elizabeth Bobzin
Michael Gorman
Elise Jennings
- 23 Beverly Covert
Christine Foster
Jim McManamy
Walter Rouh
- 24 Brynn Cusano
- 26 Dan Gooch
Nick Kreh
- 28 Jacob Shutman
- 29 Tricia Eckert
- 30 Jim Kruithof

Happy April Anniversary



- 2 Ed & Marcie Daniels
- 12 Paul & Lori Brooks
- 17 Chris & Tracie Schaeckel
- 19 Heather & Joe Vincent
- 20 Ed & Beverly Covert
- 24 John & Corrine Brickner
- 26 Neil & Heather Riggs

MTV Painless Fundraiser

- ◆ Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards.
- ◆ The Church receives 5%
- ◆ You receive gift cards dollar for dollar.
- ◆ It costs you nothing!

Where does the money go?

It pays for some of the equipment needs of MTV.

In addition, contributions have been made to UMC Mission Trips and The Waterproofing Fund.

Goal: We have a goal of **\$1,000 per week**. This is easily achievable! If we only had 50 families that shop at Shop Rite and each family bought one card per week, that would be \$1,000. The church would earn **\$2,600 per year**. **When we meet this goal, MTV would not only be mostly self-supporting, we would also be able to make larger contributions for other church needs.**

Action: LET'S DO IT! Exchange your cash or check for Shop Rite gift cards and go food shopping for your family or donate cards to The Corinthian Cupboard or Family Promise! It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!

2014 Average Weekly Gift Card Purchases

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
\$558	\$427	\$357	\$488

—Keep up the Good Work!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer



Wawa Hoagie Coupons! The JUG Class will be offering Wawa Hoagie Coupons for sale beginning March 29th during coffee hour. These make great gifts and come in handy for a quick meal. The cost is \$4.00 each. Your purchase helps support JUG projects and is sincerely appreciated.

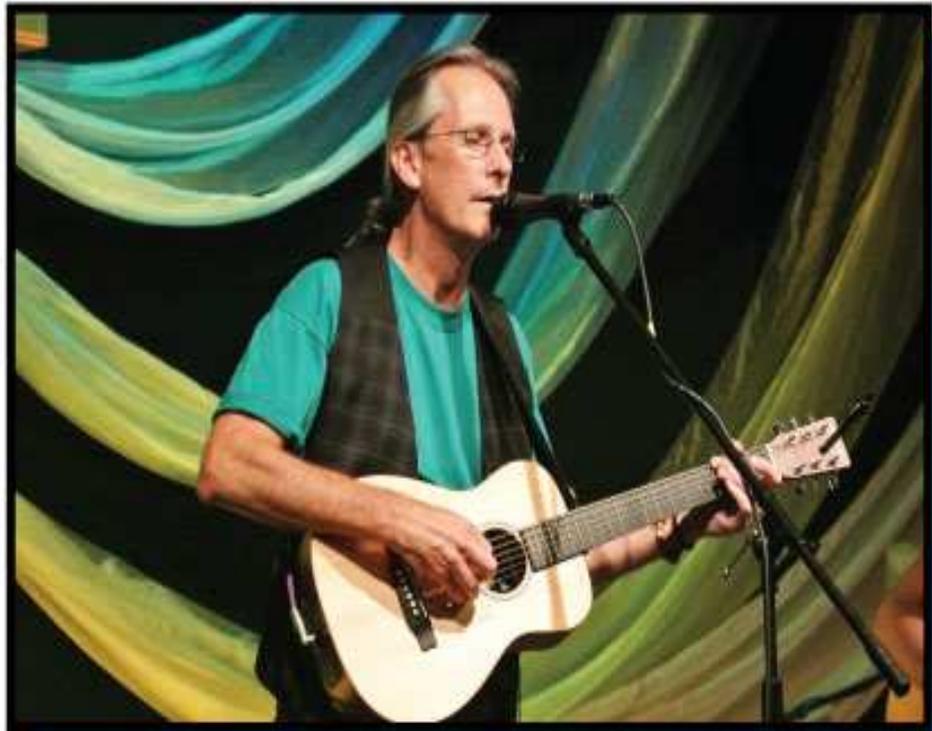


The Coffee House

at Mantua UMC Welcomes

Eddy Mann

Friday
April 17th
7:30pm
Free Admission
Free Coffee,
Tea,
Baked Goods!



"It's my prayer that you'll be moved... that the spirit will fill your heart
... and that you'll know the joy of living." - Eddy Mann

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Check out www.mantuaumc.org for more info
or email mamakreh@gmail.com

Donations of Baked Goods Gratefully Accepted.
Call Maria if you can help.

Are You Willing to Share Your Gift?

As some of you may have heard, we are unexpectedly in the position of needing to add new members to our praise band for the 11 o'clock service. We would like to invite anyone who would like to share their gift of music to join Maria, Curt, and Pam. Specifically, we are looking for a guitarist, bass guitarist, and keyboard player. There is also the possibility of adding some vocalists and other musicians as well. What is required? A willingness to learn and grow, commitment for rehearsal and Sunday morning, and most importantly, a love for the Lord and desire to serve. If you would like more information or are interested, please see Pastor Doug, Maria Kreh, Curt Bobzin, or Pam Runyan.



Easter Egg Hunt

(For children 2 years -6th grade)

United Methodist Church
of Mantua

McConnell Hall

Saturday, April 4th

11:00 A.M.

Rain or Shine!

Light lunch will be served

(Hot Dog, Chips, Beverage, Dessert)

All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Bring your basket, and join the fun!!



Planning WAY Ahead!!

As was mentioned back in December, our **Chrismon** tree is in need of some new ornaments. A Chrismon is a symbol representing Jesus Christ. It helps us to remember that Christmas is Jesus's birthday. A Chrismon should be hand made and should be white and/or gold. Now is the time to start planning with your family to make a Chrismon to be placed on our sanctuary tree at the beginning of Advent. (What a great way to spend a rainy afternoon!) Please make just ONE ornament per family. For patterns and ideas, please check out the following web-sites:

<http://www.whychristmas.com/customs/chrismons.shtml>

<http://www.ezartsncrafts.com/>

Have fun!

The Eve Circle

SAVE THE DATE!

7th Annual
**ROCK
the
BLOCK!**



Community Music Festival!

Saturday, June 6th, 2-7pm

Hosted by The Mantua United Methodist Church

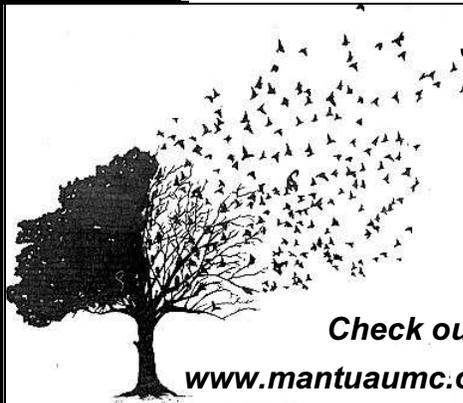
Acolytes & Confirmation

April Acolytes Schedule

7 5:00 pm High Elevations
12 5:30 pm Acolytes Meeting
26 TBD Bowling

April Confirmation Schedule

16 7:00 pm Confirmation Class
18 9:15 am St. George's Trip
30 7:00 pm Confirmation Class



Sunday Night Life

April 19th

6:00 pm

Check out our new page on the web!

www.mantuaumc.org/opportunities/sundaynightlife

Small Group Meetings every Wed 7:00 pm at The Miller's
and every Wed 7:00 pm at Susan Fuchs'. Come see what it's all about!

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Vacation Bible School 2015 G-Force God's Love In Action

Why not start off summer with a week of fun and learning with family and friends at The United Methodist Church of Mantua, VBS 2015. Vacation Bible School will be held Mon. June 22nd—Friday June 26th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We will begin with dinner every night, then missions, music, classes for all ages, games, crafts, snacks and prayer.

We hope you can come and experience God's unstoppable love and how you can fuel up and move through life with God.

MOVE! ACT! CARE! FOLLOW! SHARE!

For more information or if you would like to help, please see or call Jenise Fraser at 218-7802. Thanks!



VBS FUNDRAISER APRIL 7TH 5:00—8:00 PM 7 Enterprise Court, Sewell, NJ

You must bring a valid voucher for VBS to get credit.
Please see Jenise Fraser
or visit our website to print your voucher.

For every 60 minute or longer purchase \$3 will be donated back to the UMC of Mantua VBS program.

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