

# The Vine

From Pastor Doug...

The science lesson in the elementary school classroom that day was about magnets. Beginning with what she thought was a very simple question, the teacher asked: "My name starts with an 'M,' I have six letters, and I am always picking something up. What am I?"

A hand started waving madly in the front row. The teacher gave a nod and the answer came bursting out: "I know -- you're a mother!"  
As an adult looking back, I realize how much my mother really did for me; laundry, sewing, homework help, meals, doing special things for birthdays, cleaning up messes, taking care of me when sick, etc. Being a parent, I have also become aware of how much I took all of those things for granted. After all, those are all the things that a mother is supposed to do for her children, they are all in the job description right? While they probably are in the job description, they are also just things that a mother would do out of love for her children. That is, no one has to tell her to do them.

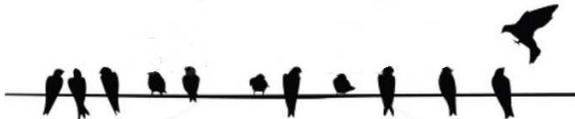
If you have opportunity this month, take some time to tell your mother how much you appreciated all that she did for you. If your mom is still doing these things for you (meaning you're still young), do something to tell her or tell her how much you appreciate her. If you no longer have your mother, say a prayer of gratitude to God for the gift that comes in the form of a mother.

**CROP Walk**   **May 3rd**   **2:00 pm**  
     

Please see Ann Newcomb for registration and sponsor forms.

**Small Group Meetings**  
every Wed 7:00 pm at The Miller's  
and every Wed 7:00 pm at The Hestand's  
Young Men Only Fridays 6:00 pm at Tyler Baitinger's

Come see what it's all about!



**Sunday Night Life**  
**May 17th**  
**5:00 pm**

Check out our new page on the web!

[www.mantuaumc.org/opportunities/sundaynightlife](http://www.mantuaumc.org/opportunities/sundaynightlife)



**How Can I help with 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock the Block?  
Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-7pm**

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- this is a good way to promote their business as well as supporting a great cause.

Find VENDORS! (we really need more vendors. It can be just about anything!)

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, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto:mamakreh@gmail.com)

**Thank you for your support!**

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## Dinner & Dancing

*May 30th*

*Silent Auction at 5:30-6*

*Dinner from 6-7 Dancing from 7-8:30*

*Select Auction winners at 8:30*

*Tickets available for purchase during fellowship hour:*

**\$20 per person for a full course dinner**

**Bruschetta, Soup, Salad, Chicken Marsala  
or Tilapia Florentine and Dessert**

**\$5 for kids dinner (hot dog with Mac & Cheese)**

*childcare provided*

*Proceeds to benefit the 7th Annual Rock the Block*

## Memorial Garden 2015

The J.U.G. Class will once again be sponsoring a Memorial Garden around the Church building to be planted in time for Memorial Day. As usual, geraniums may be dedicated in honor or in memory of loved ones at a cost of \$2.50 each. Order forms will be available on May 3rd and will be accepted until May 17th. Please see any J.U.G. member if you have any questions or would like to place an order. Your support of the project is very much appreciated.

### May 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.

### **HAGAR (AKA HAJAR IN ARABIC: THE FUGITIVE) MOM**

**Genesis 16:6, "But Abram said unto Sarai, 'Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.'"**

A young slave girl, alone, alienated from her friends, family and native land, frantically flees into the desert. Shedding tears of rage from emotional abandonment and the unwanted pregnancy encumbrance---Genesis 16:3, "And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian,...and gave her (*my question: without Hagar's consent?*) to her husband Abram **to be his wife.**" (Muslim belief says Hajar **was the wife** of Ibrahim---Abraham---in Genesis 16.)

#### THE GUILT BEGINS

**Genesis 16:1-2, "Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children...had a handmaid, an Egyptian--- Hagar. And Sarai said, '---go in unto my maid---obtain children by her.' And Abram hearkened unto the voice of Sarai."**

Genesis 16:5, "And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee...the LORD judge between thee and me." But Abram's reply in 16:6 slid the fault totally upon Sarai. Very smooth: beats Teflon.

#### WHO IS HAGAR?

**Genesis 12:17, "And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. (18) "And Pharaoh called Abram... 'why didst thou not tell me she is thy wife'"(20) "... they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had."**

"...all that he had..." included the maid-servants (Hagar?) gift in **Genesis 12:16.**

#### WAS HAGAR OF EGYPTIAN DESCENT?

The northwestern coast of Africa---scene of the defeat of Carthage made famous in the Punic Wars--known as the Barbary Coast for piracy in later times---now includes Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya. Today, Maghreb corresponds roughly to Barbary---which in ancient times Pharaoh Dhu I-'Arsh killed the king and took his daughter, Hagar (Arabic Hajar) as a slave for his household. Her royal blood status placed her as mistress over the female slaves. To be given away must have irritated her.

Another source claims she is Pharaoh's daughter---given to a shepherd?

#### BACK TO THE DESERT

Demoralized by life at its lowest---insults from a commoner, an noxious-smelling herd animals, dreary sand-blasted tents, no food or shelter, the memory of palace rooms, propagation usage---all resulting sobbing on the water's muddy banks. In all this, an Angel appears.

#### THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE

The Angel, calling Hagar by name, told her to return to Sarai, that she would birth to a male and call him Ishmael ---her seed will be multiplied exceedingly. **(NRSV) Genesis 16:13, (Hagar said), "You are El-roi; for she said, 'Have I... seen GOD and remained alive...seeing him?'"** Hagar, with slave status and unwed ---is specially honored ---GOD spoke to her with respect and honor, personally BLESSING her---and **she still lived.** Only Hagar is the only person claimed in the Bible---man or woman---who has seen or called GOD by name---and lived. Even Virgin Mary, (un-wed) Mother of Jesus, was told only by Angel Gabriel. "Un-wed" today is socially unclean.

**GOD HAS SHOWN UNWED BABIES ARE NOT UNHOLY. WHY DO WE CONDEMN? THINK!**

# Happy May Birthday

- 1 Christopher Gelormini  
Nicholas Gelormini  
Connor Hall
- 2 Brooke Fearon
- 3 Michelle Beckett
- 4 Joanne Guarrera  
Charles Wescott
- 5 Bryan Skupien
- 6 Brittany Fearon
- 7 Matthew Dorczuk  
Bob Lisle
- 8 Hal Orens  
Wendy Disalvio
- 9 Bill Armstrong  
Olivia Ingram
- 10 Barry Dale
- 11 Michael Liloia  
Geoff Shute  
Victor Torino III  
Jacqueline Wardrop
- 13 Janet Fuhrer  
Beth Gooch  
Brett Munch  
Nancy Overton
- 14 Lily Ferris



- 16 Megan Hstand
- 17 Dana Fink
- 19 Bryson Biglin  
Dan Smith, Sr.
- 21 Jill Gorman  
John Lewis, Jr.
- 22 Janet Sfaelos
- 23 Patrick Durand  
Charlotte Farace  
Nicholas Liloia
- 24 Bob Grabert
- 26 Jackson Austin  
Matthias Wescott
- 27 Matthew DeGirolamo  
Logan Greenberg
- 28 Gina Freshcoln  
Aaron Shute  
Heather Vincent
- 29 Emily Jo McMullen  
Mary Lee Patane
- 31 Cathy Hogan  
Remmi Weiner

# *Happy May Anniversary*



- 11 David & Peggy Stecklair
- 17 David & Ruth Ann Donat  
Phil & Lynn Varner
- 18 George & Christine Freshcoln
- 24 Scott & Ryan Drucker  
Frank & Lynn Heiss
- 26 Nick & Ann Godsey

## 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



**Women's Community Bible Study** led by Wayne Histan meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays September through May at the United Methodist Church of Mantua. Starting at 9:30 am for coffee and fellowship, with the study beginning at 10:00 am.

**Memorial Day Video** Nick Zelinsky is working on this year's Memorial Day presentation honoring our military veterans. If you have not submitted a photo in previous years, and you are interested in having a picture of you or a loved one in the video, please submit your photo to the office as soon as possible.



Our Family Promise guests will arrive on Sun., May 10th, Mothers Day for their second visit with us this year. The sign up board will be in the Narthex. We will have a full house, as of today, we have 5 adults, a 9 mo. old, a 2 yr. old, (2) 7 yr. olds & a 9 yr. old.

I had wonderful feedback from the last time we hosted and expect this time to be just as wonderful. If you have any questions about this program please see Janet or Jan Fuhrer.

# SUNDAY NIGHT LIFE

## 6:00 PM ON THE 3RD SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Our vision is to provide a Christ centered, seeker friendly  
and discipleship focused time of worship.

What we do can best be described as **PRAISE, PRAY** and **PROCLAIM:**

**PRAISE** with our voices as one

**PRAY** for one another, our community and the world we share

**PROCLAIM** Jesus as Lord through Bible reading, teaching and Communion

**The Evangelism Team** is looking for a Small Group Leader and people willing to open their homes to a group. Our current groups are growing and near capacity. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and see others grow as well. If either interests you, please contact Greg Miller or the church office.

**Cemetery Clean Up & Work Day** May 9th starting at 9:00 am, the United Methodist Men will be cleaning up the cemetery and then working to lend a helping hand to our church family in need of assistance. If you would like to schedule a time to have them do some work for you, call Tom Beckett at 468-6749.

**Thank you** for returning your baby bottles from Choices of the Heart. We are still missing about 28 bottles. There will be a white basket in the Narthex for you to place your baby bottle in. Thank you for supporting this project.

**The 9:30 Bible Class** hosted by Joel Shutman, and assisted by Greg Miller will begin again on April 19th in the SIC Classroom. We will be tackling 1st and 2nd Samuel. Classes will continue through the summer after Sunday worship.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MANTUA  
&  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
PRESENTS  
A FAMILY FUN INTERACTIVE MAGIC SHOW  
FEATURING



TICKETS: \$5.00  
MAY 31ST, 2015  
MCCONNELL HALL  
2:00PM  
TICKETS: \$5.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT MANTUAUMC.ORG



**The Coffee House**  
at Mantua UMC Welcomes

**EONS and**  
*Open Mic Night!*

Friday, May 15th, 7:30pm  
Free Admission  
Free Coffee, Tea, Baked Goods!

"We are the worship team that leads the 11am Praise Service here at the United Methodist Church of Mantua. We are a group of individuals that are all on separate walks, yet we come together as a group, with the common goal of sharing our love of Christ. Our prayer is that anyone who listens has an open heart and the Spirit just fills them."



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



# Vacation Bible School 2015 G-Force

Are you ready to put God's Love in Action? Come and join us for 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 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri. June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6pm 8:30pm. We will begin with dinner every night, then Music, missions, classes for all ages, games, crafts, snacks and prayer.

Volunteers and donations are needed.

Teachers – Nursery, 3rd & 4th

Classroom Helpers – Nursery (This is only during class time), 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Points & Registration - every night.

Snacks - We need snacks and juice box/bag donations for each night.

Games/crafts - If you would like to help with the outside activities (7:30 - 8:30), I'll have a sign - up sheet during pre-registration.

Clean-up crew - We need help each night cleaning up to get ready for the following night. We will need help on Friday night to clean up the whole church.

Prayer - Please pray for the whole VBS program.

Dinner donations - Jelly, salad dressing, iced tea and lemonade mix.

Decorations – If you have anything that you don't want that would work for our G-Force theme. Example – bikes, skate boards, scooters, skates or if you think of something please let me know.

Pre – registration will begin on May 10<sup>th</sup> in McConnell Hall

Registration - \$5.00 per person attending for entire week including dinner.

T-shirts - \$5.00 each

CDs - \$5.00 each

For more information or if you would like to help, please see or e-mail Jenise Fraser at [vbsumcofmantua@gmail.com](mailto:vbsumcofmantua@gmail.com). Thanks.

## ZUMBA WITH PAULA

Bring Yoga Mat/Hand Weights

McConnell Hall

MONDAY's from 7:00-8:00pm

STARTS MONDAY APRIL 20, 2015

\$5 per class



### Zumba classes

- May 4th 7—8:15pm Celebrate Paula's Birthday 8:15-9pm
- May 11th 7—8 pm
- May 18th 7—8 pm
- May 25th No Zumba- Memorial Day

### Acolytes & Confirmation

#### May Acolytes Schedule

- 3 2:00 pm CROP Walk
- 31 2:00 pm VBS Fundraiser

#### May Confirmation Schedule

- 2 9:00 am Trip to Baltimore
- 3 2:00 pm CROP Walk
- 7 7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- 14 7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- 17 Confirmation Sunday

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**ROCK the BLOCK!**  
Community Music Festival!  
Saturday, June 6th, 2-7pm  
Hosted by The Mantua United Methodist Church

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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!

**It's Audit Time Again!** Please turn your groups' information to the office to be audited as soon as possible. Thank you!

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