



The Vine

From Pastor Doug

The church is a DOOR....

Into an opportunity for service.
Into the most useful life.
Into the best of life's experiences.
Into the most hopeful future.

The church is an ARMORY....

To get power to fight evil.
To get inspiration to keep doing right.
To get an uplifting influence.
To learn how to use spiritual weapons.
To get a vision of Christ.

The church is an ANCHOR....

To steady me in the storm.
To keep me from the breakers.
To guide me in the strenuous life.
To hold me lest I drift from God.
To save me in the hour of temptation.



Acolytes

We will meet at 2 pm at the Big Swing Golf Center on Salina Road in Sewell on October 5. The cost is \$10.00 per person. It is a fundraiser for the Camden Neighborhood Center. We need to register ahead of time, so please let me know by October 1 if you are coming. Family members are welcome. There will be contests, prizes and refreshments.

We will also meet at 5:30 on Sunday, October 26 at 5:30 pm

Mantua Care Team

For anyone interested in serving in ministry by visiting with our home bound members or hospital visits, the training has been moved to Tuesday, October 7 at 7 pm so as not to conflict with Clearview's Back to School Night. Please join us to be a part of this rewarding ministry.

Yearly Church Conference

Our Yearly Church Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 28, at 7:30 PM. The SPRC will meet at 6:30 PM prior to the Church Conference. The Church Conference is the yearly meeting where we conduct the business of the church, elect officers, set goals, and hear generally how we are doing. It will also be an opportunity to meet, for those who haven't already, our new District Superintendent, the Rev. Myrna Bethke. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

Advanced Lay Servant Ministries Class

Thursdays, October 9—November 20
7:00 pm—9:00 pm at Haddonfield UMC

Completed Registration must be submitted to GNJAC by October 1, 2014
Additional Information is available in the Church Office.



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!

The Average Weekly Gift Card Purchases—Keep up the Good Work!

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| The Year 2013 | \$425 | 2014 1st Quarter | \$558 | 2014 2nd Quarter | \$427 |
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer

REALVILLE UPDATE – SUMMER

WOW! What a summer!!! Let me give you a summary of what happened on our Missions Trip to Steubenville, OH. All the youth and adults were awesome! We were split up in groups and sent to 3 to 4 different places to help each day! Some of the places we worked at and some are ones they support: Urban Ministries of Steubenville:

- * God's Pantry – we worked loading supplies on shelves, moving boxes of fresh fruits and can goods, loading freezer with meat and helped the local families fill their carts.
- * Unity Kitchen – Provides hot lunches to those in need in downtown Steubenville. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – we helped prepare and serve meals to the local families.
- * Community Garden – we worked on cleaning up the area of the garden – it has veggies, fruits and flowers!!!!
- * Back to School Rally – we provided many helpers to work on signs, and organize/fill and refill the 907 back packs that they handed out to the local families. We also worked at the Rally in many areas: handing out free hot dogs and drinks, working at tables filling out paperwork and giving out back packs, runners—from tables outside to the church where all the bags were stored and in the games area! We had quite a few of the youth working with the kids –they played games with them and jumped rope. The day was a complete success!!!!
- * Hutton House – is the only shelter in the area which offers fully furnished 1 to 2 bedroom apartments. They are given supplies too (cleaning supplies, personal care items and food). They go through a program to help them get jobs and help find them permanent housing too.
- * JOSHUA Project – brings in volunteers like us to help at all of the above listed areas and they have a list of local families that need work on their homes, we provided some of our guys to go out and paint, fix screens and doors. Rebuilding the local community is very important to this organization. Some of us stayed and worked on the building that we stayed in—uring the winter months they are turning the old convent into a women's homeless shelter until spring. We put up new rods/curtains on the second floor, new smoke detectors, fixed screens, cleaned ceiling fans, the kitchen and other areas and painted in the main room downstairs. They asked if anyone could do a mural and Chelsea said yes to working on a mural for the main room. We repainted a couple of walls and scrubbed everything down and she painted a big tree with our hands as the leaves and the word "JOSHUA" too. She did most of the work herself – with a few others helping around her!!!

We were fed most of our dinners from the Unity Kitchen. Our lunches were provided to us from the men who run the JOSHUA Projects (Kevin and Austin). We were fed breakfast on Monday by The Greater Zion Tabernacle Church and they fed us on Thursday night dinner too. Both meals were fabulous!!! On Friday we had our day off!!! We went and spent the day at Kennywood in PA.

I would like to thank everyone that was able to go, their families at home and the members of Mantua UMC for their love and support of the Realville Youth Group.



REALVILLE UPDATE – Start up

We kicked off our new year with getting to know you games and 2 hours of Volleyball at Pitman UMC. We were blessed with 38 youth—Can I get an Amen to that!!! We are scheduled to work this weekend at our new DS Installation. Next week we will be at Chestnut Branch Park for the evening service and then back at Mantua UMC for a nice surprise!!! I will be contacting the families and youth about this weekend and I will be handing out paperwork for them to fill out! Please contact me if you have any questions 404-2080(c).

September, 2014, Mantua Methodist Vine

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 King James Bible plus relevant sources.

MANTUA METHODIST NO LONGER INDEPENDENT

Source: The 2012 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church

Introduction

Many are descendants of those original early 1900's builders. Spiritual ownership feeling then flowed strongly as it does today. There is a change. The "trust" practice, which is very old, replaced "ownership". We are no longer a "stand-alone" Church. We are **United**.

"Trust" Court Tests

The Methodist Trust Clause survived many court decisions ensuring permanency.

Restrictions

The District Superintendent, through the "trust", guarantees major denominational uniformity and establishes usage rules. Property maintenance and ownership remains with the Church.

When did this begin?

John Wesley, in 1750, required deeds for three English Methodist preaching houses. Three eminent lawyers, each assigned a house, drew up the documents. These provided a consolidated model in 1796 for Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke to be adopted by the General Conference. This clause first appeared in the 1797 Book of Discipline.

Connectionalism

Unlike the Congregational (stand-alone) Churches, we are connected (**United**). The **United Methodist Churches** provide a larger governing structure. This includes (but is not limited to) districts, annual conferences and the General Conference.

This is lost in the Congregational Churches as each recruits and dismisses their Pastors. Methodist Pastors are appointed by the Bishop. Again: the standards are preserved (**United**).

Itinerancy

The Methodist Church most famous symbols are the Cross and the Flame. The closely associated traveling circuit rider is an image emphasizing uniformity with the stability of his presence. The origin of "Methodist" is methodical...a uniform (**United**) method of operation.

Mission

"But our Congregation's time and money built it!!!"

The "trust" negates the above statement. (See "trust" definition above.) Our adversary is served by those who insist on independence. The name, "**United Methodist Church**", says it. The one goal is to make all Disciples of Jesus Christ. The Message is clear. No exceptions!!!

UNITED, AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WE STAND!!!



Big Swing Golf Center (312 Salina Rd, Washington Twp)

October 5th at 2:00 pm

\$10 per person

All proceeds will benefit the Neighborhood Center's teen program

Contests, Prizes, and refreshments!

If you or a family member is in need of receiving communion at home, please notify the office as soon as possible. Thank you!



TEDDY BEAR TIME

It's time to start buying your teddy bears for our annual carol sing. Remember that it must be a teddy bear (no other stuffed animals will be distributed), and only new ones will be taken on our visit. Teddy Bear Sunday will be on November 9th, so be ready for them to be collected during the service that day.

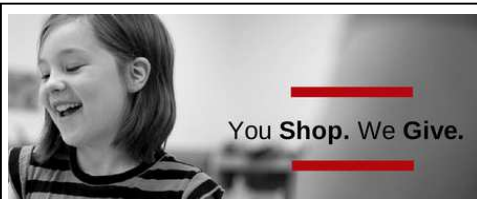
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Will you please help the JUG's bring smiles and happy faces to the children who have so little but believe they have so much when they receive the treasured shoeboxes from generous church friends? The shoeboxes are only the beginning of the JOURNEY. Volunteer teachers have been trained to lead the children to discipleship by sharing Bible stories and telling them about the Good News of Jesus. This program is called "The Greatest Journey" and lasts twelve weeks. Upon completion and graduation, each child is given a New Testament. We were so happy last year when we received a donation of many Bibles to place in the shoeboxes.

In 2012 we collected 127 boxes. Last year, Pastor Doug had the faith to propose a goal of 153, which we were surprised to achieve, but happily sent to Samaritan's Purse. Can we send just one more shoebox than last year? Please help us fill the boxes so that children all over the world will have an opportunity to learn about Jesus's unconditional love for them.

Empty shoeboxes and literature have been placed throughout the Church. Shoeboxes will be collected during the month of October and the first two weeks of November. Your support is needed and very much appreciated.

Gail Slimm for the JUG Class.



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- 3 Florence Bobzin
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Maggie Reid
Debbie Wolf
- 4 Amanda Banff
Kelsey Eckert
Rebecca Hickman
Jim Jameson
- 5 Kristen Armstrong
Paul Brooks
- 6 Jennifer Humble
- 7 Laylah Farrell
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Susan Sullivan
- 9 Laura Freshcoln
- 10 Heather Riggs
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- 10 Scott & Kristie McMullen
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- 23 Doug & Jenn Wardrop
- 24 George & Adriene Davis
- 26 Fred & Mary Lee Patane
Doug & Kim Wagner
- 29 Joe & Robin Gelormini
- 30 John & Tara Gallagher

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.

Small Group Meetings

Small Group meets on
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
at The Miller's and on
Wednesdays 7:00 pm
at The Histand's
Come see what it's all about!



SUNDAY NIGHT LIFE

October 19th at
6:00 pm



The Coffee House at Mantua UMC Welcomes

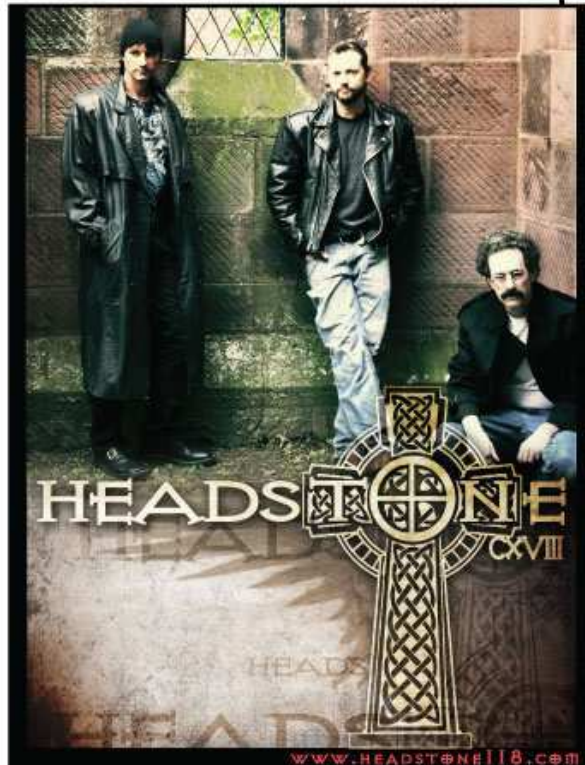
Friday,
October 17th
7:30pm

Free Admission
Free Coffee, Tea,
Baked Goods!

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

Psalms 118:22
"The stone which the
builders rejected has become
the head stone of the corner."

National GMC
fan favorite winner
in the 2012 GMC
Power Weekend contest.



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I know that all of us have experienced the love of God, some in big ways and some in small ways, but always the experience strengthens you. I believe if we share our stories, it will help us keep God in our daily lives. Last month Pastor Doug shared one of his experiences and I am hoping you will be encouraged to share your experiences too. You can be anonymous if you're shy or be known. All you have to do is write it down and give it to or email it to
Becky Langer
(office@mantuaumc.org).