



VANDALIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“At the Heart of Vandalia with Vandalia on its Heart”

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

DEADLINES: Announcements - 10:00 a.m. Wednesday

Newsletter – 10:00 a.m. the 20th of each month

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Week of February 19, 2012

The 2012 General Conference, the denomination’s top lawmaking body, will have final say on proposed changes to the *Book of Discipline* when it meets April 24 through May 4 in Tampa, Florida. General Conference occurs every four years and is a time when any United Methodist can put forth a resolution for a change, revision, or new item to be added to the *Book of Discipline*. Two proposals already are drawing scrutiny from United Methodist groups across the theological spectrum.

The first would restructure the denomination, including consolidating nine of the church’s 13 general agencies under a 15-member board. This would streamline the organization from 400 people down to this 15 member board.

The second would end job guarantees for ordained elders in good standing.

Legislation to restructure the denomination originated with the Call To Action process. The Study of Ministry Commission drafted the legislation to alter “security of appointment” for elders, a move endorsed by Call to Action leaders.

As your minister I am calling upon every member of the church to be in prayer for the next two months, asking for God’s guidance and grace to be upon this meeting so that the outcome speaks not to the concerns of individual agendas but truly reflects the will of God for His children called United Methodists.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2012

The 2012 Altar Flower Chart is up outside the Heavenly Grounds Parlor. Please sign up for your special date & put your telephone number on the sheet when you sign up. I will contact you or you may contact me at 280-4107 with the details when the date approaches.

Thank you, *Rachel Thompson*

Youth Group Pizza Sale

VUMC Youth will begin a Fundraiser next Sunday, February 26th. There will be a form in the Bulletin to order and pay for pizza kits, crazy bread kits, cheesy bread kits or chocolate cookie dough. The fundraiser will run from Sunday, February 26th – Sunday, March 11th. Proceeds go to help the youth with their mission trip to Cincinnati, June 17th – June 22nd. Pick-up date to be announced. Thank you in advance for supporting our youth.

UPDATED MEETING TIMES

WORSHIP – The Worship Committee will be meeting a week earlier, on **Monday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Troupers Room. Committee members please make a note of this *one time date, time and location change.* This information will also be in the Weekly Calendar at the back of the Announcements.

MISSIONS – **Tuesday, MARCH 6th at 1:00 p.m. at Bob Evans** on Miller Lane will be the place for the Missions Team Meeting next month.

TODAY'S SPECIAL MUSIC

The following are the lyrics to “MORE LIKE JESUS” written by Catharine Treiber for the Children’s Music Department of Vandalia United Methodist Church.

More like Jesus. More like Jesus. To be more like Jesus each day.

Lend a helping hand whenever you can and
show a winning smile to make life worthwhile.

More like Jesus. More like Jesus. To be more like Jesus each day.

Be gentle and kind and you’re su-re to find you’ll be more like Jesus each day.



SPRING FLEA MARKET

It may seem a little early to be talking about a Spring activity – but maybe not. Our Spring Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Since we can't get outside to work in the yard, play golf, tennis or baseball, it's a good time to start laying aside some of the things we haven't used for a long, long time (and probably won't ever). We won't be collecting the things on the stage until late March and will be talking more about it in the March Pulse.

As most of you know, we turn over the things that don't sell to the Salvation Army and if there are items that the Salvation Army is not permitted to sell, they have to dispose of them (\$ cost). So, they have given us a list of “no-no” items.

NO:

- pianos/organs
- mechanical-type beds
- baby furniture or equipment (car seats, cribs, strollers),
- sewing machines,
- console TV's or console stereos, non-working TV's
- damaged furniture,
- propane tanks,
- items containing fuel (i.e. propane tanks) ,
- desks,
- built-in appliances,
- school books, encyclopedias, medical books,
- sinks, toilets, tubs,
- ceiling electrical fixtures,
- hospital or mechanical type beds of any kind
- and last but not least, -dirty items.

We have always asked for clean, saleable items, the Salvation Army is just being more specific.

(We will accept Christmas items for the 2012 Education Bazaar Table).

As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated. We would also appreciate any help in removing items from the stage on Thursday, May 3rd and also on “Market Day” May 5th. Any questions – call Jack Cox, 898-4917, Judi Johnston, 898-7689 or the Church Office, 898-5845.

The 22nd Annual Day of Caring Pancake Brunch

On Sunday, February 26th The Day of Caring will hold its 22nd Annual Day of Caring Pancake Brunch. Polk Grove United Church of Christ will join with 55 other locations as we dedicate ourselves to helping the needy in our local communities.

The tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors or children under 12. A generous portion of Bob Evans pancakes and sausage along with juice and coffee will be provided. One hundred percent of all ticket sales go to help the homeless and hungry. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

The brunch begins at 9:00 a.m. and last until 2:00 p.m. As in the past, the Silent Auction will be from 12 Noon to 2:00p.m. Over 300 autographed sports, Olympics and NASCAR items will be up for auction. In addition, autographed Hollywood 8 x 10's and music memorabilia as well as gift certificates, tools, household items and DVDs will be up for grabs. Highlighting the live auction items will be a round of golf for four at the Country Club of the North and, lastly, use of the Mayors Suite for a Dragons Baseball Game at Fifth Third Field.

Polk Grove UCC is located at 9190 Frederick Pike, just outside Vandalia at the corner of National Road and Frederick Pike. Please join us for The Day of Caring Pancake Brunch as we enjoy good food with good friends for a great cause.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all who attended this year's Children's Music Department annual spaghetti luncheon and fund raiser. It was a blast! Special kudos to the following talented folks who shared their God-given abilities: Jeanette Pfefferle who led scouts from Troup 204; Lorelei (Weber) Hall and her outstanding quartet; Tonya Hittner who shared a few fun, memorable tunes from the 40s and 50s; and, Jack Cox and his vibrant combo.

Jeff and Allison Mercier, Mark and Meg Brumfield, Reverend Tom and Janet Weeks, the youth and members of the John Wesley Ringers and Shining Lights all helped cook, serve and clean up.

Completing our special day was the debut performance of Catharine Treiber's song, "More Like Jesus". Catharine's composition is a nice, little song with a memorable tune. This song reminds our children to follow Jesus' teaching.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Trissell, Director of Children's Music

With Special Thanks. God's spirit shines through in people like you.

Sincerely, the Vandalia-Butler Food Pantry



SHOW YOU CARE

Within the Vision Statement and Core Values of Vandalia United Methodist Church, are the statements “take action in serving those in need as we become the hands and feet of Christ”, “friendly people who want to interact and affect each other’s lives through Christian love”, “reach out in service to others”, “a friendly congregation, which makes a difference in people’s lives through Christian love, unity of purpose, personal support”. You can show you care by a card, phone call or personal visit to those who have been hospitalized, are ill, have lost loved ones, or just need a word of encouragement.

REMEMBER!

- ***Remember the on-going Church Mission Projects: Pennies for Potatoes, Used Ink-Jet Cartridge Collection, Vandalia Food Pantry, Collection of Used Eyeglasses, Soda Can Tabs, & Campbell’s Label Bar Codes)***
- ***Remember to check the “Concerned List” for additions/deletions***
- ***Re-load your Kroger Card! – 4% goes to Christian Education!***
- ***Morning Watch Service w/Communion every Wednesday 7:00 am***
- ***Sweet Hour of Prayer every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel***
- ***The First Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Collection Day!***
- ***All Group/Committee Leaders/Sunday School Teachers – remember when leaving your meetings, to lock all doors you unlocked when you came in, turn off lights, A/C, etc.***
- ***Pulse Articles for March due TOMORROW, February 20th by 10:00 a.m.***