

Asbury Messenger

October 2011



Sermon series: School for Prayers

Our sermon series on “pray-ers” of the Bible continues.
To help you prepare, the texts are given below.

October 2

Jonah 1-4

Jonah in the belly of the fish
Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 9

I Kings 19

Elijah in the cave

October 16

Psalm 51

David's prayer of confession

October 23

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Paul's prayer about his “thorn in the flesh”

October 30

Matthew 26:36-46

Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane

Just Another Day at the LBJ

By Pastor Phil



Well, as Charlie Brown would say, “Another Little Brown Jug has come and gone.” I’ve lived in Delaware four years, but this was my first at the LBJ. Actually, I didn’t go to the race, but I did take my turn as a band parent working at one of the gates, raising money for the upcoming band trip to the Out-back Bowl. Here’s a recap of my morning:

6:40 a.m. Park at high school. I don’t think my Chevy would make it out of that muddy mess at the fairgrounds, and I don’t want to spend the rest of the day cleaning it up.

6:50 a.m. Report to office. Mass confusion. This is the first time they’ve charged to park on Jug Day. In the past, it’s been included with the \$20 admission. In fact, they charged one of the band dads \$5 to park his car. Why didn’t somebody think through this a little more?

7:00 a.m. Over the radio: “There’s no parking person at the Liberty Gate.” That would be me. I am given a money belt, \$200 change, and a t-shirt that says “PARKING \$5.00” and whisked over to the gate by golf cart.

7:05 a.m. Meet coworker. Fortunately, she knows what she’s doing. She’s worked at the fair for years and knows everybody.

7:10 a.m. Co-worker saves me from getting hit by delivery truck. (First of many times this happens.)

7:15 a.m. First person objects to new fee for parking. “You have to pay to park? Well, that’s a *blank blank blank blank blank!!!*” (First of many times this happens.)

7:30 a.m. Cars lining up. Average age and income level are much higher than I expected. Life on a fixed income must not be as bad as they say.

7:45 a.m. Wish I had kept count of how many sheriff deputies came in.

8:15 a.m. Coworker has to go to bathroom but doesn’t want to use porta-potty. Glad I didn’t have that second cup of coffee.

8:20 a.m. Coworker whisked away on golf cart to fair bathroom.

8:30 a.m. Coworker returns. Break in the traffic. She asks me where I work. I tell her I’m the pastor at Asbury, bracing myself for a speech about why she doesn’t go to church. “Good for you!” she says. Well, good for her, I thought.

8:45 a.m. Band parent comes through gate, as confused as I was two hours ago. I send her to fair office.

9:00 a.m. I am relieved by band parent and whisked away by Brinks truck. Actually, I made up the part about Brinks, but I’m sure this is the most cash I’ve ever carried.

9:05 a.m. I turn in my money and my t-shirt. I guess I don’t get to keep it as a souvenir.

9:07 a.m. I pause to pay homage to the Little Brown Jug monument, noting Wayne “Curly” Smart’s name as the winner of the first race in 1946. This is an annual pilgrimage for those of us who live on Curly Smart Circle.

9:10 a.m. I say “hi” to Mary Jean Roach, who is working the Euclid gate. I note several open coolers in the parking lot, and I am out of here, glad this comes only once a year!

“Laura Frisch”
By Bill McCartney



Laura Frisch is a sportswoman who approaches cancer with the expectation of winning. When first hearing her story, I was heartsick. Soon, however, I realized before me sat an inspirational woman with a can-do spirit for herself, her family and her community.

Laura provides a role model for how we should lead our lives in God’s work. A fierce competitor and dedicated public servant, Laura always brings her "A" game- whether it be running a race or leading her school into new curriculum. When diagnosed with cancer seven years ago, she could have laid back, been a good patient, and done the protocol expecting good results. Not Laura. She stepped into the fight.

Initially it was in the form of participating in different activities like "The James Stitching Sisters," sewing quilts for cancer patients going through chemotherapy. Then it was The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Columbus, followed with active participation in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Washington, DC from 2005-2010. In those activities she organized family and friends, drawing them in as supporters and participants. The significant funds she raised, leveraging her broad and deep network, can make Asbury proud.

In 2008, the Columbus Komen Race for the Cure Chapter recognized such a record of service with "The Cindy Dyas Award for Heroism," presented annually to a long term breast cancer survivor "whose courage and determination in the light of this disease has advanced the search for a cure and given strength to others."

We’ve been served by Laura in our church and community. Some are called to be spectators, others to coach, still others to play. Most would agree, however, that the real fun comes from playing the game. The player provides the ultimate link between God's love and power and our needy and hurting world.

Laura is a player. Her work continues in other venues where we can help. She's established a scholarship with The Community Foundation of Delaware County called "The Thrive for Life Scholarship Fund." The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has had cancer or has an immediate family member that has been affected by cancer. The scholarship has been awarded the past 4 years.

Luncheons with an educational theme about breast cancer have been held from 2006-2010 to raise money for this fund. We all can play and contribute for the community's benefit. Anyone wanting to donate can go to www.delawarecf.org.

Laura's temporary change in priorities reminds us of our frailties and strengths, but we have little choice but to respond when the challenge arises. Laura's continuing leadership in God's world has nothing to do with diplomas or awards. Her gifts were given. She's served with distinction and dedication. Her latest journey should encourage us to come "off the bench" and be more active as players in our world.

Laura is married to Jim Frisch. They have two sons, Brian and Blake.

To execute or not
By Dave Hejmanowski, Lay Leader



As someone who works in the criminal justice system, I am often asked about my personal views as to capital punishment. Never do those questions come as frequently as when there is a high profile capital punishment case in the news as there was last month with Georgia's execution of Troy Davis.

I've written about capital punishment frequently in the 'Case Study' column in the *Delaware Gazette*. During the public outcry about the execution of Davis, I saw it noted that most of the nations that still use the punishment fall into one of two categories: they are either totalitarian regimes or they are theocratic or deeply religious nations. It made me wonder, then, what official positions the major religions hold as to capital punishment.

All major branches of Judaism have made explicit statements in opposition to the death penalty. In Reform Judaism both the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union for Reform Judaism have specifically opposed the use of capital punishment for more than 50 years. The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, governing Conservative Judaism also opposes the death penalty. Though there is not as clear a statement from Orthodox Judaism, several prominent rabbis have stated that while the Torah does not oppose capital punishment, its provisions are such that carrying out the punishment in modern times would be nearly impossible to do within Jewish teachings. Capital punishment was abolished for nearly all crimes in Israel in 1954 and the nation has carried out only two executions.

Hinduism and Buddhism do not have such clear statements. The Buddhist Dhammapada prohibits all taking of life. The Hindu Mahabharata does likewise but the Bhagavad Gita makes contrary statements. Capital punishment is permitted in India though the nation has executed only one criminal since 1995. The only other majority Hindu country, Nepal, outlawed the death penalty in 1997. Among majority Buddhist countries three (Bhutan, Cambodia and Mongolia) have outlawed the penalty, one (Laos) allows it only for drug trafficking, and three (Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand) permit it.

The Quran states that every person has a right to life but also provides that civil courts may justly impose the death penalty. Among the nations that carried out the most executions in 2010, several (Iran, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Syria) are predominantly Muslim nations.

The Roman Catechism provides that the death penalty is permissible. However, Pope John Paul II stated that it should be carried out only in extreme circumstances and that those circumstances were 'practically non-existent' in modern culture. There is no such clear statement from the Orthodox Catholic church. Predominantly Orthodox countries have largely prohibited the punishment.

Protestant religions spread across the spectrum. The Southern Baptist church supports the penalty in appropriate cases. The Lutheran church says that the penalty is appropriate to protect society, but that it “increasingly questions whether the death penalty can be administered justly.” The Anglican, Episcopalian, UCC and Mennonite churches staunchly oppose capital punishment.

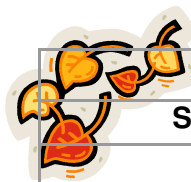
If we, as Methodists, are to be guided by our faith on this issue, we can turn to the Book of Discipline, which states unequivocally, “We believe the death penalty denies the power of Christ to redeem, restore and transform all human beings. When governments implement the death penalty (capital punishment), then the life of the convicted person is devalued and all possibility of change in that person's life ends. We believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that the possibility of reconciliation with Christ comes through repentance. This gift of reconciliation is offered to all individuals without exception and gives all life new dignity and sacredness. For this reason, we oppose the death penalty (capital punishment) and urge its elimination from all criminal codes.”







Mid Ohio District
2011 Leadership Academy
October 22, at Galion Christ UMC
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.










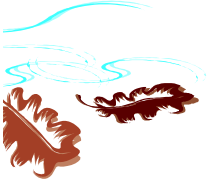



- Kaye Wolfinger - Training Youth to be Leaders
- Rev. Vicky Kelley - Five Vital Signs As We Rethink Church
- Rev. Brian Smith - Stewardship and Church Finance
- Rev. Jeff Croft - Establishing an Online Communications System
- Rev. Karen Oehl, D.S. - Building a Healthy and Nurturing Staff-Parish Relations Committee
- Suzanne Brady - Spiritual Gifts & Other Stuff
- Rev. Donald Trigg - The Ministry of Memory
- Rev. Jared Williams - Mission InSite
- Rev. Dr. Beverly Hall - Sexual Ethics and Child Protection Policy
- Rev. John Guliano - Music Resources in Blended Worship

A detailed brochure is available on the foyer table.
Registration deadline: October 14.



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| <p>2 Stewardship Spirit 9a Crop Walk 2p  Willow Brook Svc. 2p EYG 7p</p> | <p>3 Boy Scouts 7p </p> | <p>4 Care Network 10a Finance Committee 7p</p> | <p>5-UMW Board Day Out Club 1 Alleluia & Junic MAP Youth 5:1 Teen Choir 5:4 Bell Choir 6p // Journey Youth</p> |
| <p>9-Noisy Coin  BP Screenings 12p Student Luncheon 12p Weavings Reading Group 7p EYG 7p</p> | <p>10 Boy Scouts 7p </p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12-Day Out Cl Alleluia & Junic MAP Youth 5:1 Teen Choir 5:4 Bell Choir 6p // Journey 7p/ Sl</p> |
| <p>16 Mission & Outreach Soup Luncheon 12p EYG 7p</p> | <p>17 Boy Scouts 7p  UMW Members 12n</p> | <p>18 Alzheimer's Support Care Group 1p Northwest Neighborhood- Candidate Night 7p</p> | <p>19-Day Out Cl Alleluia & Junic MAP Youth 5:1 Teen Choir 5:4 Bell Choir 6p // Journey Youth</p> |
| <p>23 Lipstick Luau 12p EYG 7p Messenger deadline</p> | <p>24 Boy Scouts 7p </p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26-Day Out Cl Alleluia & Junic MAP Youth 5:1 Teen Choir 5:4 Bell Choir 6p // Journey Youth</p> |
| <p>30 Charge Conference at Rural Chapel 4p EYG 7p</p> | <p>31 Boy Scouts 7p </p> |  |  |

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| Art Club 10a Junior Choir 4:15p 1 5:15p 2 5:45p 3p /Adult Choir 7p 4p /SPRC 6:30p | 13 UMW General 6:30p DCP Board Mtg. 6:30p Northwest Neighborhood Association 7:30p | 14 Prayer Group 8a  | 15 |
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|  | Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45 a October Trustee: Patrick Lingo |  | |

A new communion liturgy for Asbury **By Sally Casto**



Since the arrival of our current red hymnals, we have begun our communion liturgies by turning to page 23 and singing Musical Setting D. Over the years you may have noticed that we have five settings in our hymnal. Once for Easter we sang Setting E, a very festive setting by William Mathias. While we are not going to be trying all five liturgies in the coming year, we will be learning one new setting, Setting A, on page 17. Just as we enjoy the variety provided by alternating responses at the end of our worship (between Shalom to You and Surely, Surely), once we become familiar with Setting A, we may use it alternatively with Setting D.

Will it be hard to learn? Not at all. The melodic pattern of the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy Lord) follows the tune we know from Hymn 64, Holy, Holy, Holy. When we hear and sing it, it will probably feel like we have been singing it for years. The setting is by Elise Eslinger, a United Methodist musician who wrote the text to Shalom to You and who also translated two of the Hispanic hymns in our hymnal. We will sing setting A in October, November, and December, so you can look forward to trying it. Those of you with hymnals at home can find the responses on pages 17 and 18. Once you play them, you'll see how easy they will be to sing.



Asbury's Arts Series offers great lineup for 2011-2012 **By Sally Casto and Bob Nims**

We are very excited to share the Arts Series schedule for the coming year. Our first event, on Friday evening, October 28, at 7:30pm, will be an organ recital with organist Martin Kasperek, organist of the Collegiate Church of St-Imier, Switzerland. Born in the UK of Anglo-Czech parents, Kasperek studied in Switzerland with Lionel Rogg and René Oberson, receiving the Diplôme de Virtuosité summa cum laude. For sixteen years he served as Director of Music at the American Church in Geneva, Switzerland.

On Friday, January 27, at 7:30pm we will welcome *The Early Interval*, Columbus' outstanding ensemble of musicians who specialize in medieval and renaissance music using historic instruments (think lutes, viols, gambas, recorders). Known throughout the area for their annual Twelfth Night concerts in January, the artists will offer a memorable evening of music which will be a superb match for our sanctuary acoustics.

We will feature our own Asbury Choirs in concert on Sunday afternoon, February 26, at 4pm. Accompanied by an orchestral ensemble, the Junior Choir and the Adult Choir will combine to present John Rutter's *Mass of the Children*. Two years ago we presented Rutter's *Requiem*, and we look forward once again to the engaging harmonies and rhythms which come from the work of this gifted British composer.

Please plan now to reserve these dates and to invite your friends and neighbors to attend these concerts. While there is no admission charge, a free will offering is received to help defray our expenses. Funding from the Sherman Moist Memorial Fund helps to support these opportunities.

First Thursday recitals and Asbury Organ Academy lessons resume in October

October 6 will be our first chance to gather to hear the First Thursday recital programs for the coming season. Dr. Joseph Musser, organist at First Presbyterian Church, will be our soloist. Held the first Thursday of each month from 12:15-12:45, these recitals are a wonderful treat in our busy schedules. All the recitals are free and tables are set and beverages provided for those who bring their lunches to enjoy during the recital. This year's soloists include both local organists and some Columbus organists who are eager to enjoy playing our Klais organ.

New to the schedule this year is Weldon Adams, our November soloist. Weldon retired last year from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington. I've been enjoying Weldon's playing at organ guild meetings for years, and I'm delighted that his new schedule will make it possible for you to hear his fine musicianship. Also new to our schedule in February is Josh Brodbeck, Director of Music at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington and also Organist in Residence at Methesco. A recent graduate of Capital University where he studied with Todd Wilson, Josh is a winner of American Guild of Organists competitions in 2007 in Indianapolis and in 2009 in Evansville. Returning from previous years are Liza Blakeslee, John Schuder, Carol Hallenbeck, John Holsinger, and Sally Casto.

Asbury Organ Academy lessons begin the first week in October as well. This year we will have eight young organists enrolled, ranging in age from 8 to 17. If you have been considering organ lessons for your child, it is not too late to enroll. Just call Sally Casto at 740-816-3156.

UMW News

By Mona Ray



The United Methodist Women's general meeting will be on October 13, at 7:00 p.m. Emma Dixon will be sharing information about the UMW reading program. The Reading Program is one of the more educational areas of UMW. One of the books on the list was especially of interest. Following is the review: *Same Kind of Different As Me* is a true story written by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. Ron is an international art dealer. Denver is a black man who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. He was homeless and a very scary man when Ron's wife met him at the shelter in Fort Worth, Texas. It is the kind of story that no imagination could invent. It is a startling story. It is a must read for those of us who are comfortable in our everyday lives.

Mission Moment

Haiti is the mission study for the UMW for 2011-2012. Projects in Haiti are supported by the Methodist Women. One such place is the birthing Center in Grand Riviera. Most babies are born at home with the help of *matrons*. The "Lodging Center for Pregnant Women of the Hospital of Grand Riviera du Nord" supports women with higher-risk pregnancies. Here they are able to give birth to their babies under the care of health professionals. It also serves women who have miscarried, have had cesareans, have a history of difficulty in childbirth or who live at least a four-hour walk from the city.

Sunday School for Children and Youth (ages 3 through grade 12)



The theme for children's Sunday School classes is **Live B.I.G.: Hear, See, and Live your Belief in God.** In a classroom that's just right for you, you will experience God's great B.I.G. love, come to know Jesus, hear and read the Bible, praise and worship God, and make some really good friends.

In September we learned about creation, Adam and Eve, Noah, and the Tower of Babel. In October, we meet David, Solomon, Hezekiah, Josiah, and Jesus. In November, we offer thanksgiving and praise to the great B.I.G. God who created and loves us.

You are invited to come to one of these classes every Sunday morning from 9:30a-10:30a.

Pre-Kindergarten: Led by Jenny Edler and others.

Kindergarten & First Grade: Led by Kim Algoe and Bryan Davis.

Second, Third, & Fourth Grades: Led by Ed Hoar & Ken Simpson.

*Above classes are all in the lower level Sunday School rooms

'Tweens: Led by Jon Powers and TammeyWilden in the upper Great Room classroom

High School: (Grades 8-12) Led by Kim Byerly. They have just started to read and discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Provided. We meet in the basement.

Soup Luncheon



The Mission and Outreach Committee will host an after-worship luncheon **Sunday, Oct. 16.** The menu will include a variety of homemade soups and breads, sandwiches, and desserts. All proceeds will go to Delaware's **People in Need (PIN)** to assist in the purchase of coats, scarves, gloves, mittens, hats, and boots for local children in need. **You** can help the Mission and Outreach Committee in the following ways:

- By sharing a meal with us after church on Oct. 16. (Take out will be available.)
- By contributing home-made soup.
 - After church for the next several Sundays, a member of the Mission and Outreach Committee will be standing by the piano in the Great Room after worship with a sign-up sheet. On Oct. 16, please bring your soup (in a crock pot, if possible) to the church kitchen before worship begins. Also, we would like to have a copy of your recipe so that we can compile a book of soup recipes for later distribution.

On Oct. 16, we invite you to nourish your body and soul with good food and church fellowship--and help warm a Delaware child at the same time.

CROP Walk News
By Laura Bump



The Delaware County CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 p.m. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. in the Atrium in the Hamilton Williams Center, Ohio Wesleyan University.

The CROP Hunger walk is sponsored by the Delaware Ministerial Association, in cooperation with Church World Service, an ecumenical organization which assists hungry people through immediate relief and long-term developmental assistances.

Twenty-five percent of all proceeds will remain in the community to support the work of People In Need (P.I.N.). Last year's walk generated 3,100.00 for PIN.

Walkers will have the choice of a 1-mile route or a 6-mile route. Both routes end at First Presbyterian Church where dinner will be served after the walk.

If you would like to participate, or if you would like to sponsor a walker, please contact Laura Bump at 369-0972.

**MAP & Journey Youth invite all to a "Spooktacular"
All Church Halloween Hayride and Bonfire!
At the house of Amy & Alan Spence
4308 Rt. 315 (1.4 miles south of Rt. 23)
Sunday, October 23rd
7pm – 10pm**



Guitar players, campfire singers, and ghost story tellers are encouraged to share their talents! Bring a flashlight, "toastables" or munchies to share; dress for the weather & the costume judging contest! A flyer with directions is located on the foyer table.

Save the dates.....

Sunday, October 23

Please join Kim Byerly and Mary Kay inc. immediately following hospitality hour in the McCoy room for a "Luau Lipstick." She will be raising funds for the local Breast Cancer foundation. Look for more announcements in the bulletins.



Sunday, November 6

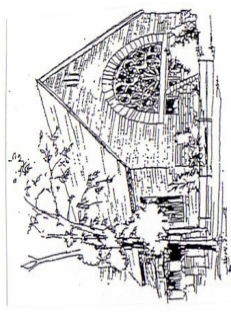
Immediately following worship, the United Methodist Women's Soup Luncheon and Bake Sale.

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