



THE CHERRY TREE

Cherry Grove United Methodist Church

August, 2010

We care...We share...We love people where they are!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mary and I are delighted that God has sent us to Cherry Grove UMC. You have provided us with a wonderful home to live in and we say, "Thank You!" You have received us graciously and we already feel at home. We will be meeting with the congregation in small groups in August. If you haven't signed up for a group, please contact Cindi Dietrich (474-1020) as soon as possible. It will meet one night for 1 ½ to 2 hours. I want to hear your thoughts and suggestions and I hope everyone will attend one of the meetings.

Our task here at Cherry Grove is to win our entire area for Jesus Christ and then also impact our world at large. This is a huge undertaking, but with God's help we can do it. I will lead as your pastor, but it will take all of us working together to get the job done. I am excited about the possibilities that are ahead of us. Who knows, as we find in the book of Esther, maybe God has brought us all together here at Cherry Grove for just such a time as this.

Your Pastor,
Ed

CHURCH WORKDAY: We have accomplished a great deal of work on the church grounds but there is still plenty more work to be done. We will have another workday on **Saturday, August 14th** beginning at **8 am**. Jobs will include weeding, trimming and digging out overgrown plants. Please bring tools such as shovels, trowels, hoes, rakes, etc. We are in desperate need of wheelbarrows also. Bottled water will be provided. Please bring a few bucks and we will chip in to order pizza for lunch. Feel free to come whether you can work the whole day or just a few hours. If we have a good turnout, we may only need to work for a few hours. Contact Ed or Anne Kuhn if you have questions.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS:

Becky Nagy has resigned as Information Manager effective July 30, 2010. Rachel Jones, Pastor Ed's daughter will begin on August 2nd as the new Information Manager. Email remains the same, cgumc.infomgr@fuse.net. Please contact Rachel for all items pertaining to:

- Website
- Marketing (community newspaper articles, brochures, flyers for special church events, etc.)
- PowerPoint slideshow
- Photos of church events for the master file
- Database maintenance and special reports

Items pertaining to the Worship Committee should be sent to Becky at bn1307@aol.com or Dan at dannagy@fuse.net.

As of Monday, August 2 the new church office hours will be **9:00 am – 12 noon Monday through Thursday**. The previous hours were from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC! Sunday, August 15, 2010 3:00-7:00 pm: Please join us for our annual church picnic on August 15! In order to be more visible to the community, we will have our church picnic on the church grounds. Please bring your **meat to grill***, **your own drinks and a dish to share**. Table settings will be provided. Please bring your **lawn chairs** for outdoor seating. We are looking for people to also bring **outdoor games** to share, so if you have a **cornhole set**, **volleyball net**, or any **other fun outdoor games** please bring them! We look forward to this fun event. If you have any questions, please contact Homer or Gail Matheny at 831-1821.

***We will need a few grills.** If you are able to provide a grill for the afternoon, please let Homer or Gail know.

IMPACT: It is time to start living up to our name and make a positive impact in our community. We have two upcoming opportunities that you can mark on your calendars even though we do not have all of the details yet. If you have not yet participated in our group activities, this would be a great time to start.

The first activity will be working with Matthew 25 Ministries on **Saturday, August 28th from 10 am to 1 pm**. Our job will depend on their current need but could be anything from inspecting clothing, sorting toiletries, or boxing canned goods. The warehouse is located on Kenwood Road in Blue Ash. Dress casually and feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages if you desire. Or better yet, we could all grab lunch together when we are finished with our shift. **The second activity** will be working with Inter Parish Ministries in Newtown. A 5K run/walk will be held in early October to raise money for this ministry. Our job will be to help run the event. The when, where and what have not been finalized but please keep this opportunity in mind. We will get you the specifics as soon as we get them. If interested in either or both activities, please contact Ed or Anne Kuhn, 248 – 9146, kuhna@fuse.net.

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES AND ADDITIONS:

New

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Changes

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Margie Taylor	margie.taylor3342@gmail.com

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance –Monday, 8/16, 7 pm, Rm. 102
Worship—Wednesday, 8/25, 7 pm, Rm. 102

THANK YOU NOTES:

We have two different occasions to thank all the members of the Cherry Grove UMC. The first occasion was the celebration of our 65th wedding anniversary on June 9. We appreciated all the cards and good wishes from our church friends. We were happy our family from Florida and Chicago were here to share the occasion with us.

On June 10 Ray underwent serious surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital. It went very well and he came home on June 14. Complications arose and he was readmitted to the hospital for 3 more days. He is slowly recuperating quite well now.

We thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers and best wishes. We hope to be back attending church in the near future.

Love,
Ray & Sue Porter

To our friends at Cherry Grove UMC,
Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and kind words on the passing of my husband, Bob.
To Rev. Groff, thank you so much for your support and kindness to me and my family during this time.

Frances Brewer
& daughters, Skye & Joan

Dear Youth Group,
We cannot adequately express our sincere thanks for your generous donation of duffle bags. Having a limited budget and with the current economic struggles of society. It is thanks to supporters in the community such as yourselves that help make our program a success. Once again, thank you very much for your generosity and support in our mission.

Sincerely,
Youth and staff of Brighton Center's Homeward Bound Shelter

Worship Team

(If you are unable to serve as listed, please secure a substitute and notify the office (474-1428))

Date	Liturgist	Ushers (*Head Usher)	Greeters	Children's Church
8/1	Pam Bridgeman		Mike & Janet Brown	Lori Malpass & Becky Nagy
8/8	Pam Bridgeman		Wayne & Mary Jean Kazee	Janet Carter
8/15	Jack Wallin	*Bob & Ruth Stuntz Mike & Janet Brown	George & Eileen Simpson	Janet Powell & Betty Finzer
8/22	Mike Estep		Clark & Miriam Van Scyoc	Debbie Desgrange & Donna Honebrink
8/29	Ed Bridgeman		Joyce Vaught	Pam Bridgeman & Michele Estep

CHERRY GROVE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Schedule: Fellowship Time - 9:30 am; Worship – 10:00 am
Guitar Lessons 4-9 pm – Monday, Thursday & Friday – Rm. 105

AUGUST

1	1:10 pm	Cherry Grove UMC – Reds Faith Day
3	7:00 pm	Small Groups with Pastor Ed – Tony & Janet Carter's home
4	7:00 pm	Your Bible! Study – Parlor
5	7:00 pm	Small Groups with Pastor Ed – Bill & Sue Merritt's home
9	7:00 pm	Small Groups with Pastor Ed – Juanita Kuhn's home
11	7:00 pm	Your Bible! Study – Parlor
12	7:00 pm	Small Groups with Pastor Ed – Ed & Anne Kuhn's home
14	8:00 am	Church Work Day
15	3-7 pm	Church Picnic – at church
16	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting – Rm. 102
	7:00 pm	Small Groups with Pastor Ed – Pete & Betty Finzer's home
17	7:00 pm	Small Groups with Pastor Ed – Mike & Marilyn Estep's home
18	7:00 pm	Your Bible! Study – Parlor
19	6:00 pm	Interfaith Hospitality Dinner – Anderson Hills UMC
23	7:00 pm	Small Groups with Pastor Ed – Joe & Pat Iannelli's home
25	7:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting – Rm. 102
28	10 am – 1 pm	Impact Group working at Matthew 25 Ministries

Summary of Income & Expense

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
1st Qtr Total	\$35,673	\$37,602
April	\$12,573	\$12,177
May	\$14,574	\$15,974
June	\$12,340	\$15,127
2nd Qtr Total	\$39,487	\$43,278

Wkly Income needed to meet budget needs	\$3,094
Avg. Wkly Income received YTD	\$2,706
2009 Avg. Wkly Attendance YTD	106
2010 Avg. Wkly Attendance YTD	97

Averages based on all the previous weeks in the year



Cherry Grove United Methodist Church Statements of Direction

adopted by Administrative Council, October 2005

Our Focus (the source)

Glory to Jesus Christ— 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Our Purpose (the reason)

Carry the Message of God's Love— 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

Our Mission (the energy)

Reaching People and Making Disciples— Matthew 28:18-20

Our Vision (the movement)

The Cherry Grove United Methodist Church will be known as a family of faith that values believers and seekers of all ages and in all stages of Christian growth. We will help people build, strengthen, and share their personal relationship with Jesus Christ through energizing worship and music, missions, ministry and educational opportunities, fellowship, and community involvement.

Slogan drawn from Vision Statement

"Building, Strengthening, Sharing"

May these God-inspired statements be a source of inspiration and direction

BUILD • STRENGTHEN • SHARE 9:30 Fellowship • 10:00 Worship • 11:00 Encore! Discussions

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