



# THE CHERRY TREE

Cherry Grove United Methodist Church

July, 2010

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

Welcome, Pastor Ed and Mary Groff

On Sunday, June 27, 2010 our new pastoral family, Ed Groff and Mary, begin their ministry at Cherry Grove United Methodist Church. Following the worship service, all are invited to a reception in their honor, to be held in the Parlor. Let's give the Groff family a warm Cherry Grove welcome!

William (Ed) Groff is a graduate of Asbury College and United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Ed's father was a United Methodist minister and his mother's father, both of her brothers, and two of her uncles were all Methodist pastors.

Ed and his wife Mary have been married for 34 years. They have four children—David (32), Nicole (30), Rachel (25), and Jonathan (21). David and his wife Stacey have two children, Emma (4) and Ashton (2). Nicole and her husband John have a son, London (3 1/2 months). Rachel and her husband Jay were married May 29, 2010. Jonathan will be a senior at Bluffton University in the fall.



Ed and Mary have been in the ministry for 31 years. They have served five churches: Junction City Charge, Christiansburg/Grafton Charge, Portsmouth First/Cornerstone, St. Mary's Wayne Street and Perrysburg First. Mary has done daycare in the home and was on the staff as Children's Director at St. Mary's. They enjoy fishing, music, sports, and a number of games.

Ed and Mary have told us, "We are looking forward to see what God has in store for us at Cherry Grove. We are excited to be among you."

**Welcome Reception for Pastoral Family  
following the Worship service on Sunday, June 27th, in the Parlor**

**GOD, Bless  
America!**



*"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*  
- John 8:32



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### 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 and provide clear decision-making criteria for Cherry Grove Church.*



A pink rosebud on the altar on May 23, 2010 announced the birth of Ella Marie Tilford. She weighed 7 lbs. 1oz. and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Dr. Brad and Andrea Tilford. Proud grandmother is Carol Tilford. Congratulations to all of you.

Thank you so much to the Cherry Grove family for your prayers, cards, visits, calls and more during my recent hospitalization and ongoing recuperation. Our family is blessed to be a part of such a caring church family.

We covet your continued prayers for healing and patience in the weeks ahead.

Love, Gregg, Cindi, & Jonathan Dietrich



We welcome Judy Auxier who was recently baptized and received into membership at Cherry Grove Church.

### 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
7/4	Cindi Dietrich	*Vicki Thatcher Pat Iannelli Pam Bridgeman Marilyn Estep	Marilyn Justice	Janet Carter
7/11	Cindi Dietrich		Gladys Preyer	Gayle Cooper & Gail Matheny
7/18	Mike Estep		Jack & Linda Wallin	Cindi & Gregg Dietrich
7/25	Mike Estep		Donna Scharp	Glenna Cluxton & Janet Brown

## Amen Corner

Dear Cherry Grove Congregation,

The King Family deeply appreciates your kind words and extravagant generosity. We made countless friends while serving among you and reaching out to the Cherry Grove community. The farewell dinner was the best and a magnificent celebration of joy... not to mention the delicious food. And our final worship service together brought many tears and spiritual blessings. Finally, the unexpected love offering was quite generous. Thanks so much for the monetary gifts. We enjoyed each card and the kind words you shared with us. Our mutual Christian love for one another, and the love we share in Jesus means much more than any temporal things on this earth. Continue to love much and risk much for the cause of Christ. May God Bless You All.



Pastor Kurt King, Randy, KJ, Emmy, Calvin, Annie  
Easter 2010

Love and Prayers,  
Pastor Kurt, Annie, Randy, Emmy, KJ and Calvin

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Here's my final pastor prayer for the Cherry Grove United Methodist Church shared on Sunday, June 20, 2010:

Dear God our Loving Father, You created us in your beautiful image, and even though we have not seen you we sense, know and feel your presence in this very room. And in this very room there is quite enough love to stir any willing heart toward you, Jesus.

So today, we call on Jesus' name to be in the midst of our beginnings and our endings. Just as the Word was in the beginning sustaining the universe, the Word sustains the Cherry Grove Church's new beginning with Pastor Ed Groff and Mary.

Lord Jesus, you have prepared the church for this transition. You raised up bold leaders to help direct this, your church. You have gleaned and separated the wheat from the chaff. You have protected the innocent lambs from harm. You have begun a new work in our midst and you will carry it on to completion.

Give Pastor Ed the wisdom to lead the congregation into the future you have created for them...let them not settle...let them not resist change...let them not hesitate to take a risk. Give the key leaders you have chosen the Christ-like balance of loving much and risking much for your Kingdom. When the path seems rough, rocky and seemingly lonely, remind them of your walk, Jesus, to the cross for an eternal purpose. Remind them of your words to "take up the cross and follow me." Remind them to celebrate each ministry step and take joy in the journey of moving forward.

And for the congregation, The Body of Christ, place within them the unending source of your love...a love that is gracious and unconditional. Fill them with the Holy Spirit's passion and boldness so that it may be displayed in their worship, ministry and with every respective heart. Compel them to support Pastor Groff's vision. Help them to see and reach out to the individuals, families and singles that need the love of Jesus.

Lord Jesus, may these prayers be received into your care and for glory as we trust in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. May we continue to fix our eyes on Christ and with every word, thought and deed give God all the glory and thanks. Amen.

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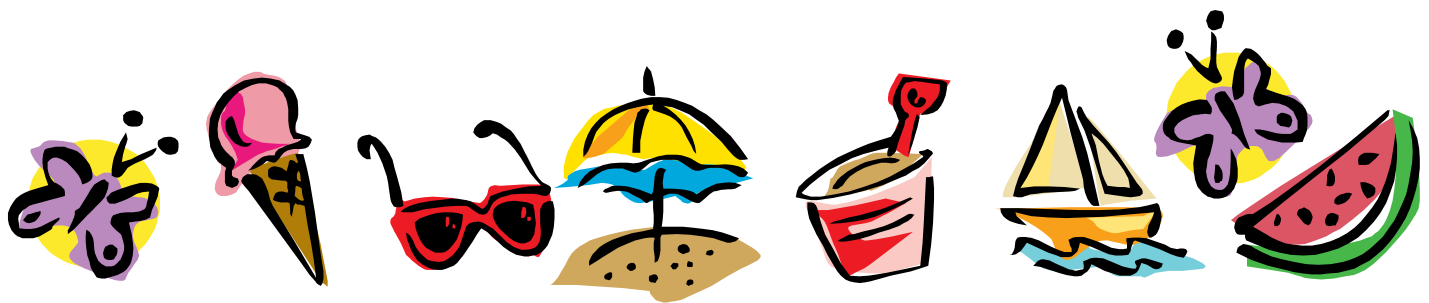
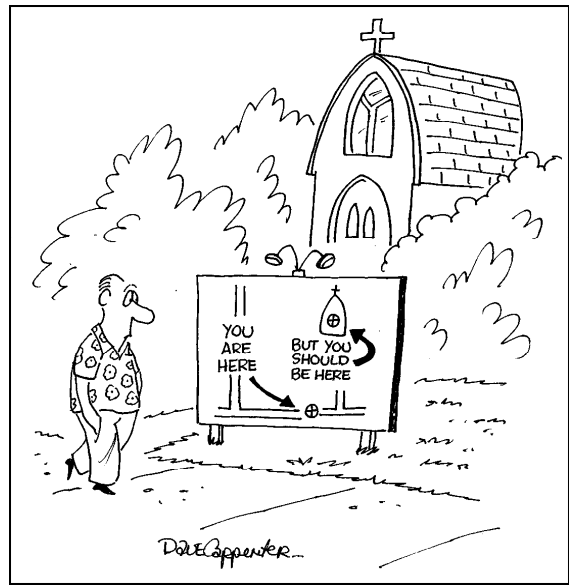
LADIES NIGHT OUT! Fun, fellowship and good food for all women is held at various local restaurants.

**A New Ladies Night Out Schedule Coming in August**

Ladies, we have decided to go back to a once-a-month schedule and, with your help, will be publishing a new list in August. This past year, we only met every other month but some of the girls who come regularly liked the once a month schedule better.

For those of you who have never come, this is for all women, and we meet for dinner and fellowship at various restaurants in the area. It is a great way to get to know other women in our church.

If you have a favorite restaurant you'd like to submit for our new schedule, please contact me at [bjfinzer@aol.com](mailto:bjfinzer@aol.com), 706-0750 (cell) or 231-9266 (home). Thanks, Betty Finzer.



**Summary of Income & Expense**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
<b>1st Qtr Total</b>	<b>\$35,673</b>	<b>\$37,602</b>
April	\$12,573	\$12,177
May	\$14,574	\$15,974
June	---	---
<b>2nd Qtr to date</b>	<b>\$27,147</b>	<b>\$28,151</b>
Wkly Income needed to meet budget needs		\$3,094
Avg. Wkly Income received YTD		\$2,708
2009 Avg. Wkly Attendance YTD		109
2010 Avg. Wkly Attendance YTD		96

*Averages based on all the previous weeks in the year*

**Committee Meetings**



Trustees—Tuesday, 7/6, 7pm, Rm. 102  
 Finance—Monday, 7/19, 7pm  
 Administrative Council—Monday, 7/19, 7:30pm, Rm. 102  
 Worship—Wednesday, 7/21, 7pm, Fellowship Hall

**See also the monthly calendar on back cover**

# Bible Study



## Summer Bible Study: YOUR BIBLE!

This study is designed to acquaint the students with the formation and organization of our Bible in a broad look at this rich and meaningful diverse collection of materials. Inspired by God and passed down through ages and Hebrew, Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions, the Bible is the most published book in the world and has captured the faith and devotions of countless believers before it was even called into being as we know it today. We will look at how it was conceived, translated and translated again and again as it came to us. The study, led by Ed Bridgeman, will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Parlor. We will start the class on July 7<sup>th</sup> and conclude on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet on the desk in the Narthex. Hand-out material will be provided.



### Annual Church Picnic! Sunday, August 15, 2010 4:00-7:00 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 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.

## Ed Bridgeman Commissioned at Annual Conference

During the Laity Address Session at the West Ohio Conference Annual Conference in Lakeside, Ohio, Bishop Ough commissioned the twenty four graduates of the first West Ohio Conference Certified Lay Ministry Academy. The Academy is a two and a half year course of study covering Christian history, the structure and polity of the United Methodist Church, theology, worship organization and philosophy, ministry formation and pastoral care. Students met for three separate retreats, 18 all-day sessions and were required to do "homework" on several books read over the course of the program.



Bishop Ough congratulates Ed Bridgeman at the Commissioning Service at Annual Conference

Each candidate was mandated to develop and complete a Covenant and Ministry statement that reflected the mission to which they were called. This document was reviewed with the candidate by the Academy Dean and the Conference Director of Connectional Ministries and prayerfully grew as the program progressed. Among those in the Academy, ministries included music, prison ministries, parish nurse, youth work, work with the poor and disabled, pastoral ministry, etc.

Upon completion of the course, candidates met with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry in their respective districts. At this meeting candidates were asked to explain their ministry calls and answer a specific set of doctrinal and spiritual growth questions posed by the DCOM. Following this interview, they were passed to the Conference Committee on Ordained Ministry for consideration to be commissioned by the Bishop.

Ed Bridgeman was among those commissioned at the Annual Conference and was approved for assignment as the Lay Assistant Pastor for Cherry Grove. Ed will work closely with Pastor Ed Groff and the Staff/Parish Relations Committee to assist in Lay Witness and Ministry development for Cherry Grove and will report annually to both the Charge Conference and the District DCOM.

# July

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CGUMC is a LOVE FIRST Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105 IHN Dinner	2 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	3
4 F'ship 9:30, Worship 10 am, <i>Encore!</i> 11 am	5 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105 OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY	6 Trustees, 7pm, Rm. 102	7	8 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	9 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	10
11 F'ship 9:30, Worship 10 am, <i>Encore!</i> 11 am School Supply Campaign begins	12 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	13	14	15 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	16 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	17
18 F'ship 9:30, Worship 10 am, <i>Encore!</i> 11 am	19 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105 Newsletter Deadline  Finance, 7pm Administrative Board, 7:30, Rm. 102	20	21  Worship Committee Mtg., 7pm, F'ship Hall	22 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	23 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	24
25 F'ship 9:30, Worship 10 am, <i>Encore!</i> 11 am Fourth Sunday Offering	26 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	27	28	29 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	30 Guitar 4-9 pm, Rm. 105	31

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