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**Our Mission is to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ and to
Serve God by Sharing Compassion Hope and Love**

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VISION STATEMENT

The people of Christ United Methodist Church will;

- COURAGEOUSLY REACH OUT AND WELCOME
- PASSIONATELY WORSHIP AND PRAY
- INTENTIONALLY NURTURE AND ENCOURAGE
- LOVINGLY SHARE AND SERVE.

MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST (MATTHEW 28:19-20) AND TO SERVE
GOD BY SHARING COMPASSION, HOPE, AND LOVE.**

David's Faith in... David

This week at our church Annual Conference meeting, our Bishop, Tracy Smith Malone, preached a message in which she shared the story of David and Goliath, and framed David's self-confidence as being a matter of David's faith in God.

And that's true.

But it's more than that.

We can all agree that the story of David and Goliath is clear that while King Saul, and his entire army, were in fear and panic of the size, strength, skill, and power of the Philistine warrior Goliath, David's faith enabled him to be the only one who had the self-confidence and faith to meet Goliath in single combat, one on one and man-to-man.

But David's confidence wasn't entirely faith-based. There was more to it than that and while we usually do a respectable job of preaching the faith part, the other part is just as important. Let me back up and lay some groundwork before I go any farther.

First, it was well-known that a skilled slinger could outrange an archer, strike a moving target at two hundred yards, and were said to be so accurate that they could aim for a specific part of a target's face. Typical sling stones were 2 to 3 inches in diameter (5-7 cm) and weighed as much as a half-pound (0.25kg). These projectiles would be flung at 100 to 150 miles per hour (160 to 240 kph). Stones of that size, thrown at that speed, could kill by a blow to the head, or by rupturing an organ. Second, we also know that David, spending years in the fields watching his father's sheep, had ample time, and plenty of rocks, with which to practice his skills with a sling and to become proficient. Third, the stories that we have of David rescuing his sheep by killing a bear and a lion can be offered as evidence of his skill, his fearlessness, and his faith.

And so, you see, David not only had confidence in God, but he also had confidence in... David. He had done the work of preparation. David had practiced during all those lonely years in the wilderness with his father's sheep. David knew what he could do. He had developed, and honed, his skill with his sling, and he had been battle tested in his encounters with both a lion and a bear.

Yes, David had faith in God. But David had done the work of preparation, and he knew that those two things combined would bring victory against Goliath.

David wasn't foolish. He didn't just leap into a fight that he couldn't hope to win and put all his eggs in the basket of his faith. David did the work of preparation. He developed his skill, and he tested it against deadly opponents. David knew that he had what it took to win, but he also knew that in a fight against a skilled adversary, anything can happen. David did the work of preparation; he did everything that he could to be ready... and the rest he trusted to God.

That was David's faith... and it's a model that we would do well to remember.

Faith isn't jumping off a cliff and hoping that God will save you. Faith is buying a parachute, learning how to use it, and then jumping off a cliff... and trusting that God will use and guide your skill to bring about the desired result.

Faith is important.

Blessings,

Pastor John

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH UPDATE:



United
Women
in Faith

September 3 (7PM) – UNIT MEETING, Dussel Room
Program also offered via Zoom

LITE SUPPER at 6:15PM

Program: “Take Care of YOU”
Greeters/Hostesses: UWF Officers

**Our meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.
If you’d like to “Zoom in”, contact Nancy Prueter at prueter@sbcglobal.net for an invitation.**

GOOD TO KNOW:

Last month we shared some exciting news regarding the utilization of the Martha and Leonard Goldrick fund to support the YWCA in its pursuit of providing Transitional Housing to the Alliance community. The formal ribbon cutting at Donna Jean’s House was held on June 14th and numerous United Women in Faith members were in attendance. The YWCA Director specifically recognized the generous donation from Martha (Carr) and Leonard Goldrick.

The Greater Alliance Foundation Fund, *YWCA Transitional Housing Fund*, has been finalized and in addition to the \$15,000 used to establish the fund, the Greater Alliance Foundation donated an additional \$2,500 in celebration of their 25th Anniversary.

It is very EASY to donate to this fund, just go to:

<https://greateralliancefoundation.org/donations/ywca-transitional-housing-fund/>.

Again, we can’t say THANK YOU enough to Martha and Leonard Goldrick for letting United Women in Faith extend the hands of extravagant generosity to the world! Their generosity **is and will continue** to change lives!

Mission-u

2024 Theme: The Kin-dom is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another

Mission u is an annual United Women in Faith event. It is a transformative education program of biblically grounded curricula focusing on spiritual growth.

July 19-21 University of Mount Union

Summer Break – July and August

United Women in Faith always welcomes guests and new members.

Please call Jamie Greiner at (412) 601-4275 or any Executive Board Officer, if interested.

The Unit meets on most 1st Tuesdays at 7pm in the Dussel Room

- ❖ **Peg Williams Circle** meets at 1pm on 3rd Mondays at Copeland Oaks, Williamsburg Lounge
 - ❖ **M & M Circle** meets at 7pm on 3rd Mondays in the Dussel Room
 - ❖ **May Smyth Circle** meets at 10:30am on 3rd Tuesdays in the Dussel Room
 - ❖ **Susie Buckel Circle** meets at 7pm on 3rd Tuesdays in the Dussel Room



*The Christian Outreach Committee will be hosting the 2nd Annual “Beat the Heat” Summer Movie Matinee. We will be screening a newly released film in a series of 4 about the adventures of a **Martial Arts** performing **Panda**, on **July 27th from 2-4pm** in Fellowship Hall. We will be providing popcorn, frozen slushies, lemonade, hot dogs and assorted movie candy. We are asking for help with the following: Movie Candy (there is a collection box in Fellowship Hall for individually wrapped candy (M&M's, Skittles, Junior Mints, Milk Duds, etc.), distribution of flyers (available in Fellowship Hall), promotion of the event, set up, admission control, serving food, and cleaning up. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Jamie Greiner, jamiagreiner6916@gmail.com.*

A Very Merry Christmas in July

BelAir Care Center is now accepting donations for Christmas in July. These donations allow us to make care packages for our residents during the holiday season. Your support will ensure every client receives a gift.

Items to be donated: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, men's & women's shower gel, men's & women's deodorant, pump hand soap, lotion, facial tissues, air freshener, bar soap, mouthwash, candy & chocolates, lip balm, writing tablets, large print puzzle books, cough drops, 300 piece puzzles and \$5.00 gift cards.

There will be a box in fellowship hall to collect these donations.

Thank you.

BelAir Care Center



GET YOUR DIGITAL COPY OF THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Part of the package that was purchased from Universal Church Directories will allow you to have a digital copy of the directory on your phone. This will give you easy access to the church and our members.

As of July 1, that application will be available to you. These are the steps you will need to follow:

1. Go to the App Store on your phone and search for “**Universal Church Directory.**” The App is called **myUCD**. Click on the “GET” or “INSTALL” button. When the application has finished installing, click “OPEN.”
2. On July 1, a **Unique Identifier** code will be sent to the head of household whose email was listed in the directory. Enter this code. Click on the gray “**Download My Church Directory**” button.
3. Now you are ready to begin using your Church App features. You will be able to:
 1. Email the church
 2. Call the church
 3. Use online giving
 4. View the directory
 5. Visit the church website
 6. Access YouVersion Bible

If you experience any difficulty with installing this App, please call the church office for assistance. And, if you find any corrections in your information that need to be made please advise the office so our information will be current.

We hope this App will help keep you connected to the church.

Church Directory Corrections

The information by the pictures in the directory is from a different source than the information in the roster at the back of the book. So, we have found that some corrections might be necessary. We'll report those to you as they are reported to the office so that you can make corrections in your own books. They will be changed on the mobile Church App.

Please correct the phone number for Susan Haddox. It is correct next to her picture and has been corrected in the App.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JULY

USHERS - Team #3

Bruce Helsel, Captain
Karen Locke Mark Locke
Bill Prueter

LITURGISTS

7 Rhy Sampson
14 Victor Lee
21 Bill Sol
28 Pat Helsel



WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

7 Peg Rodefer
14 Dick Diser
21 Dolores Lawrence
28 Pat Stone

JULY VISITATION MEMBERS

7 Craig Post, N. Canton, OH
14 Keith Noble, Sebring OH
21 Charlie Manypenny, Sebring OH
28 June Luca, Alliance OH

JULY TELLERS

7 Donna Essick/Jill Greiner
14 Jim Greiner/Nancy Prueter
21 Bill Prueter/Dick Diser
28 Pat Helsel/Marilyn Ruff

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Greg and Marilyn Ruff
8 Kim and Jason Handy
10 Donald and Patti Shaffer
12 Mike and Jamie Greiner
15 Kenneth and Dianne Young
25 Dan and Lucinda Feess
25 Susan Haddox and Victor Lee
28 Patti and Bob Travis

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Carolyn Miller	14 Jennifer Knoll	21 Bob Travis
9 Betty-Jo Sutherin	17 Denise Aeling	25 Zachary Kinser
9 Jan Essick	18 Cindy Magda	26 Robert Wallace
11 Randy Ruff	19 Jean Webster	31 Larry Pyers
12 Donna Essick		

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR AUGUST

USHERS - Team #1

Dick Diser, Captain
Dan Feess John Innerst
Todd Skivolocki Bob Travis

LITURGISTS

4 Jim Greiner
11 Jamie Greiner
18 Susan Haddox
25 Chris Martin

AUGUST TELLERS

4 Mark Locke/Bruce Helsel
11 Donna Essick/Jill Greiner
18 Jim Greiner/Nancy Prueter
25 Bill Prueter/Dick Diser

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

4 Ellen Sol
11 Bill Sol
18 Kathy Stroia
25 Dolores Lawrence

VISITATION MEMBERS

4 Mary Aufrance, Alliance
11 Dan Gard, Canton
18 Faye Heim, Alliance
25 Craig Post, N. Canton

Thank you to all of our volunteers! If you would like to join this project to welcome members and guests to our church, please call the church office – Dolores will help to sign you up! Again, thank you! Congregational Care Committee.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

10 Jack Morris
13 Amy Kirk
27 Susan Burden

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 Joe and Jennifer Knoll
4 David and Leslie Austin
10 David and Ruth Williams
11 Bruce and Patricia Helsel
19 Andy and Cindy Magda



**Carnation Days in the Park is happening this year!
August 7, 8, 9 & 10**

Mark your Calendar!

Carnation Days in the Park is coming! The grill will be sizzling August 7th-10th and we could use your help to once again make this a success. Signup sheets for each day will be coming soon. ***Grillers, assemblers, and order takers needed. No prior experience required, we will train you onsite. *** Come out for some fun with friends, enjoy the entertainment and help this fund raiser for our church!

HOSPITALIZED

If you are going to be hospitalized or have surgery... Please take a moment and let the Pastor know either by a phone call to church office or a prayer card; or if you are ill and need a pastoral visit, please have someone leave a message for Rev. Partridge at the church office, 330-823-7136.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH
SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

We recognize a need in our community by collecting funds, food, personal and household items to help the Salvation Army in its outreach. The Christian Outreach Committee reminds you that there is always a shopping cart in the Lounge or basement for donations, and that the third Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. **July 21st and August 18th** will be the next dates collected donations of non-perishable food items, paper and cleaning products and cash donations will be counted for delivery to the Salvation Army. We collected 29 food items in June. Thank You!

Prayer List in Bulletin

If you have someone you want included in the bulletin prayer list, you can fill out a blue prayer card or contact the church office

When your person is better and can be taken off the prayer list, please let the church know by calling Dolores at 330-823-7136 or email her at secretary@cumcalliance.org.

Summer Children's Church School:

The schedule for Children's Church School is as follows: During the months of June and July 9-10 AM Church School for all ages. 10:00-11:15. Childcare for 5 and under. (There is no children's choir in the summer during church.)
AUGUST 9-10 AM NO church school 10-11:15. Childcare WILL be available during the worship hour. Have a blessed and safe summer!
The Education Committee

2024

July



***Sunday** Worship & Program
Opportunities
9:00 A.M. Sunday School for all ages
10:15 A.M. Worship Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:00p Community Dinner	3	4 	5	6
7 *See Sunday Schedule	8	9 5:00p Community Dinner	10	11	12 6p-8p Mellow Villains at Caboose	13
14 *See Sunday Schedule	15 7p Christian Outreach	16 5:00p Community Dinner 6:30p Finance 7p Adm Council	17	18	19	20
21 *See Sunday Schedule	22	23 5:00p Community Dinner 6:30p Trustees	24	25	26 6p-8p 52 nd Street and Captain Fantastic at Caboose	27 2-4 pm Beat the Heat Movie Matinee
28 *See Sunday Schedule	29	30 5:00p Community Dinner	31			

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4 *See Sunday Schedule	5	6 5:00p Community Dinner	7 Carnation Days in Park 4p-9p 	8 Carnation Days in Park 4p – 9p 	9 Carnation Days in Park 4p-9p 	10 Carnation Days in Park 1p-10p 
11 *See Sunday Schedule	12	13 5:00p Community Dinner	14 1:30p Cong Care	15	16	17
18 *See Sunday Schedule	19	20 5:00p Community Dinner	21	22	23	24 6p-9p Alliance of Churches Music Fest
25 *See Sunday Schedule	26 6:30p UWF Exec. Meeting	27 5:00p Community Dinner	28	29	30 6p-8p Back to Eden At Caboose	31 