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SUNDAY MORNING DRAMA

Due to the eight-o'clock first service, on Sunday mornings I have to hurriedly give the dog her morning walk. As I make her fast-step around the block I notice many of my neighbors going about a leisurely Sunday morning – retrieving their newspapers in their bathrobes, gardening, sitting out on their porches with their second cups of coffee. Yes, I sometimes envy them. They are using Sunday mornings to relax and play and they seem to be as happy and content as clams.

So why do we take the time for worship and all the other church activities when it seems like most people these days get along perfectly well without the bother? Allow me to suggest an answer. We do it because at some point and to some degree we have responded to the invitation of Christ to come follow him.

Being a follower of Jesus requires a price. Author Flannery O'Connor wrote: "The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it." The constant temptation for religious leaders of any age is to make religion palatable to their hearers; to make it over into something which conforms to the most recent opinion polls. We resent the flinty objectivity of truth. That's why the beginning of true spirituality is openness to whatever the Spirit of God has to say to us, even if it runs counter to our natural proclivities or cultural trends.

In Isaiah 30: 15, 16 the prophet puts to us the only two choices we have; we can run toward or away from genuine spirituality. We have no other choice. By the way we conduct our lives we will do one or the other.

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift.

Peoples' lives are not always what they seem. The film, Chariots of Fire, tells the story of two men, Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell. Both are great athletes who represent Great Britain in the 1926 Olympics. Abrahams competes out of an inner drivenness. He is deeply insecure. He has to prove something. It's all about him and his own self-validation. Liddell also competes to win. But he runs out of a sense of God's goodness. He is an utterly free man. He runs for the glory of God. Two men, two motives, two inner lives – Liddell who is filled with the Spirit of God and Abrahams who is filled with the spirit of self.

The genuine pursuit of spirituality opens our eyes to the reality behind the clever illusions we tend to construct for ourselves. There is great drama and incoherent longings just under the surface of any given bucolic Sunday morning when the sun is bright and the grass is green. We who are in the process of living in the light of truth feel compelled to pursue the call of God. His Spirit has taken hold of us and we move toward a destination which is a mystery but the outcome will be joy.

Pastor Scott

Glorify God

*Encourage
One
Another*

Share Jesus

*Thank
you*

A note of thanks all the way from Appleton!

Carrie and I want to thank you wholeheartedly for the kind, generous and creative way of your goodbye to us. Thank you so much for the collection that you as a congregation have given us upon our leaving. It was good to have the time of bidding farewell on June 15 when I had my last Sunday with you. We cherish the memories of our 4 years with you as a congregation – even Hans sparks up when he comes across some of your pictures in our house! Carrie, Hans and I have settled in at our new location in Appleton and are in the sweet process of getting to know a new community and church. We wish you all the very

best for your future and ask for God's richest blessing for your journey as a church with Pastor Scott.

Thank you again for all your loving kindness that you have shown not only at our good-bye but throughout the years we journeyed together.

In Christ, Markus with Carrie and Hans...

We want to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of our husband, father and grandfather. Roy's passing was peaceful. God took him home without any suffering or pain. We praise God for that.. Thank you to Ron Tichy for the beautiful message at the memorial. Also to Shari Langusch and Adam Schweitzer for the beautiful music. Thank you Doug for your work in setting up the sound system. Also a big thank you to the women who prepared the lunch. It was delicious. And to Cindi Schweitzer and the Integrity Funeral Home staff for the attention to all the details. Many people have commented on the beautiful service and our fine church. Love to all.

Barbara Finney and Todd Finney and family.



Corn Roast & Church Picnic

**Sunday, August 17th following
ONE service
at 10:45 AM**

Invite - Friends - Family - Neighbors!

Sunday, August 17th

Corn Roast & Picnic following the ONE Worship service at 10:45.

No cost/Donations accepted

**Burgers, brats, corn roasted in a steam engine-
big bounce for the kids!**

WiReD

Youth

WiReD Summer Schedule

August

4-7~VBS

7~5TH-7TH Grade lock in, we need high school students to come and Help chaperon to show these kids how AWESOME WiReD is!

17~Corn Roast after 10:45 service

20~Movie Night! 6-9 in the youth room.

Some of these dates/times may change, so please keep an eye out for the remind101 messages, and you can always find out what's going on by "liking" the WiReD youth or Community United Methodist Church facebook pages! Or contact Krystal (262.210.0181) Brooke (262.210.6664) or at cumcyouth@hotmail.com*



Pre-Teen Lock-In

Entering Grades 5-7

More food, fun and friendship

- Begins immediately following our VBS Closing Celebration on Thursday, August 7th
- Ends Friday, August 8th at 8:00 AM

This overnight event is sponsored by WiReD, the youth ministry of Community UMC.

It's a sneak-peak at youth group for tweens!

Mission Up-date

You are invited to a gathering at the home of Scott & Patty Bernau to visit with the Garrison family. CUMC has supported the Garrison's missionary efforts for many years through Cornerstone Ministries. While their usual residence is in Myanmar, they are in the United States for 6 months. This time will fly by as they try to connect with all of the churches and people who help make their ministry possible.

Please join us Sunday, August 10th from 6:30-8:30 PM
to hear about their awesome adventure in Myanmar.

6229 Marsh Rd. Waterford Questions? Call Scott or Patty Bernau @ 534-2796.

Sunday, August 17th there will be testimonials and a presentation on the Washington Illinois Mission Trip.

*****Remember there is only one service at 10:45 AM on August 17th.
The Corn Roast and Picnic will follow the service!**



Let's show our support for the Koehler family while Jeff is deployed to Afghanistan!

Here is Jeff's address where you can send letters and cards of encouragement:

1LT JEFFERY KOEHLER
877 EN BN
829 EN CO
APO AE 09368

If you would like to purchase items for Jeff and drop them off at the welcome counter or the church office anytime. Packages will be mailed periodically.

Here is a list of things we know are needed so far (we will update as this changes)

- Toiletries such as, body wash, toothpaste, razors (Gillette fusion), shaving cream, and deodorant.
- Amazon gift cards for books and movies.
- Healthy (and unhealthy) snacks.
- Mio FIT Water enhancer.
- Any Christian books would be great. (Jeff's Company commander is currently finishing reading the bible, so he can share the books with him and others in the company.)
- Cash donations to help with postage.

Please keep Jeff in your prayers, as well as his wife Jamie and their two boys Isaac & Zac during this long year of separation. (Connecting with Jamie and the boys to support and encourage them would be appreciated by Jeff too!)



August Noisy Can

The Way to Grow Preschool Scholarship Fund.

Every year there are families who for one reason or another need help with tuition cost. Your contribution is appreciated.

The Newsletter is available by email and on the website at www.extremefaitth.org

If you would like to stop receiving the newsletter by mail contact the office at 262-534-2313 or office@extremefaitth.org to let us know.



If you or anyone you know could benefit from this group that brings healing to those who are grieving, the next 13 - week session begins Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM. \$15 book is required.



The Landing - Celebrate Recovery for Students

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM

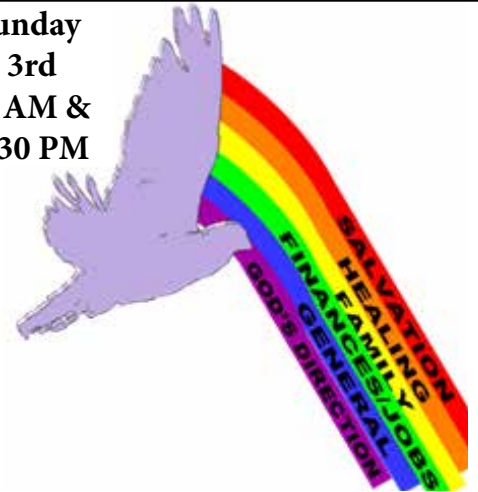
A structured as an ongoing 52-week program — based on the beatitudes where Jesus laid out principles for happiness in the sermon on the mount — for teenagers who are struggling to live their lives in a healthy, God-honing way. The Landing is a safe, healing place where teenagers can live a freer, healthier, and more God-centered life.



Meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM, in room 13 on the lower level here at CUMC.

My Grace is Sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”
2 Corinthians 1:9

Prayer Sunday
August 3rd
9:00-9:30 AM &
12:00-12:30 PM



Do you know someone who needs prayer?
Invite them to prayer Sunday!
Teams of prayer warriors are ready and willing to pray for those who need it for many different concerns.
Bring your need before our Mighty God!

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9-11:00 AM Step Study Groups
3 Prayer Sunday following both services 9:30 AM VBS Training	4	5 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery & The Landing	6 4-5:45 PM Food Pantry	7	8	9 9-11:00 AM Step Study Groups
6-8:30 Vacation Bible School						
10	11 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	12 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery & The Landing	13	14 No Alzheimer Care Giver Support Group this month 1:30 PM Afternoon Circle @ Bixler's	15	16 9-11:00 AM Step Study Groups
17 ONE Service at 10:45 AM Corn Roast & Picnic at noon	18	19 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery & The Landing Glory Singers Practice	20 4-5:45 PM Food Pantry	21 6:30 PM Finance Meeting	22	23 9-11:00 AM Step Study Groups
24 Noisy Can for The Way to Grow Preschool Scholarships	25 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	26 6:30 PM Church Council 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery & The Landing Glory Singers Practice	27	28	29	30
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Sign up to come... Sign up to help!



STAAARRRT YOUR ENGINES!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS ON ITS WAY!

AUGUST 4-7, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

AGE 4 THROUGH GRADE 6