

Circuit Rider

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Upper Room

To save money, we will only be purchasing the large print Upper Room starting with the September/October issue. The suggested donation will be \$2.00. This is the same suggested donation as the regular print Upper Room.

From the Pastor

Dear Friends:

On any given day, we face challenges. Some challenges, such as forgetting your wallet or having a flat tire can be quickly resolved. Others, such as the loss of someone special or a sudden change in life's circumstances, take more difficult time and strength. I pen this letter upon returning from the funeral of my young cousin who died very unexpectedly. He was not only a great believer but also a consummate husband and father. Our lives have been very similar. As I return to my hometown for the funeral, I began to feel a great sense of unrest. Why? As a pastor and counselor, I deal with these challenges on a daily basis. I could not understand the intensity of these feelings.

As I went through the traditional ceremonies as a family member, I was reminded of a truth that I needed to refresh in my life. That truth is that God is my comfort. Sometimes we can get so caught up in helping and doing for others that we can overlook the truths that are meant for our personal relation-

ship with him. I love the words of the old hymn, *Take Time to Be Holy*—"in joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and looking to Jesus, still trust in his word."

I pray that as we continue in this August month that we all can meditate on the joy that being in the presence of God provides for us.

Whether facing a small difficulty or tougher one, the peace of God is our comfort. Let us remind each other that we are God's beloved. We should do this not only in time of sorrow but in times of daily life. We can never forget that God will come to us and offer us his peace. What a comfort to relax in the presence of God's absolute peace, receiving the love of our creator and the grace it brings.

I am blessed by your continued support and attendance at worship. The Holy Spirit continues to bless Emmanuel Church with grace and peace and a vision for the future. In the midst of some challenging times in our world, the church is remaining strong. It is a beacon of hope and love to many. Let us always



Pastor John

remember—God is our strength and our comfort.

I pray that you continue to have a safe and happy summer.

Sing for joy, O heavens and exult O earth; For the Lord has comforted his people.

Isaiah 49: 13

Blessings-
Rev. John

The deadline for the September Circuit Rider is August 27, 2009.

August Birthdays

- 2nd-Elaine Burgess
- 3rd-Don Drugan
- 4th-Richard Wells
- 4th-Shannon Pence
- 4th-Ivan Wasielewski
- 5th-Yvonne Hazlett
- 6th-Norma Spencer
- 7th-Deb Valentine
- 7th-Emma Burton
- 12th-Bill Miller
- 12th-Pam Drugan
- 13th-Portia Strine
- 14th-Ruth Cross
- 14th-Donna Gribben
- 19th-Joyce Etwiler
- 19th-Josh Burkholder
- 23rd-Tom Jackson
- 25th-David Wells
- 25th-Barbara Paullin
- 26th-Mary Marie Shonkwiler
- 26th-Zach Burgess
- 26th-Brooke Johnson
- 26th-Art Mackey
- 28th-Rachel Wagner
- 28th-Morgan Moore

August Anniversaries

- 8th-Joe & Mary Glasser
- 16th-Roger & Jamie Burton
- 26th-Gary & Kay Rhoades
- 29th-Norman & Joan Zachariah

August Volunteers

Ushers:

- Dan Stone
- Ron Elliott
- Zach Burgess
- Mark Burgess

Greeters:

- 2nd-Rachel & Hunter Wagner
- 9th-Joe & Mary Glasser
- 16th-Mark & Elaine Burgess
- 23rd-Jeff & Karen Buren
- 30th-Paige & Katelyn Reynolds

Audio:

- 2nd-Brock Kelley
- 9th-Dave Wasielewski
- 16th-Eric Johnson
- 23rd-Eric Johnson
- 30th-Mark Burgess

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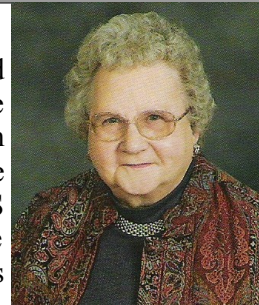
- 2nd-Cooper Burton
- 9th-Morgan Moore
- 16th-Brooke Johnson
- 23rd-Savannah Sabo
- 30th-Mikayla Moore

Liturgist:

- 2nd-Nora Cooper
- 9th-Mark Burgess
- 16th-Karen Buren
- 23rd-Ron Elliott
- 30th-Dan Rueger

Meet Portia Strine

Portia Knapp Strine was born in 1920. She grew up in Ashland and graduated from Ashland High School. She worked at the Telephone Company and Dilgard Auto Parts. She married Robert Strine on Nov. 29, 1942. They have a son, David in South Carolina and one grandchild. Portia is a member Emmanuel and the Crusader's SS class. She has been a member of the Altar Guild for 20 years, where she is in charge of the Altar, Easter, and Christmas flowers. She has been making Mother's Day and Father's Day presents for 10 years. She and her husband, Bob, were faithful workers at the Breakfast Center and she makes approximately 2,000 biscuits a year for the center. She enjoys crocheting and has won many blue ribbons at the county fair. Portia will be 89 on August 13th and now lives at 28 Terrace Drive, Ashland.



Thank you

Our sincere thank you to Walt Walker for donating his time to reseal the parsonage driveway. Also, thank you to Paullin Driveway Sealing for donating the materials to reseal the driveway.

Ministry of Music for August

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| 2 nd -Kay Lamm & Pastor John | 23 rd -Brooke Johnson |
| 9 th -Open | 30 th -Open |
| 16 th -Cora Winters | |

Ashland Breakfast Center

The Ashland Breakfast Center serves a nutritious breakfast, free of charge, every Saturday morning from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. For the first six months of this year, 2,114 meals were served. That's an average of 81 meals each week.

Most of the food is purchased through the Cleveland Food Bank and the Geyer-Hawkins Market. The eggs are donated by a local family.

Recently, the Breakfast Center received the following grants:

- In January, the sum of \$141.00 from the Harvest for Hunger program;
- In June, the sum of \$500.00 from an anonymous corporate donor; and
- In July, the sum of \$500.00 which was based on the number of meals served each month.

These grants can be used only on items purchased from the Cleveland Food Bank.

This program would not be possible without the help of volunteers. Many thanks to all the dedicated volunteers.

Education committee update

There will be a meeting on August 9th at 4:00pm for all parents with children in Sunday school and Sunday school teachers to give input on the Children's SS program. The meeting will be during Kid's Fellowship. This meeting is to give the education committee information on what parents and teachers want to happen in the Children's Sunday school program starting this fall. Please plan to attend. The education committee will meet on August 12th at 8:00pm.

Sunday School Teachers

0-4 Year Olds:

- 2nd-Jan Elliott
- 9th-Jera Grissinger
- 16th-Open
- 23rd-Open
- 30th-Open

Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd:

- 2nd-Jera Grissinger
- 9th-Kim Wasielewski
- 16th-Open
- 23rd-Open
- 30th-Open

August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Breakfast Center- 8:30-10:00am
2 Holy Communion SS-10am Worship-11am Youth Fellowship-6:30pm	3	4	5	6	7	8 Breakfast Center- 8:30-10:00am
9 SS-10am Worship-11am Kid's Fellowship-4pm Parent's SS meeting-4pm Youth Fellowship-6:30pm	10	11	12 Nominations-7pm Education-8pm	13	14 Blake/Gipson wed- ding rehearsal-7pm	15 Breakfast Center- 8:30-10:00am Blake/Gipson wed- ding-3:30pm
16 Food Bank Sunday SS-10am Worship-11am Youth Fellowship-6:30pm	17	18	19 Worship-6:00pm SPR-6:30pm	20	21	22 Breakfast Center- 8:30-10:00am
23 Loud Sunday SS-10am Worship-11am Kid's Fellowship-4pm Youth Fellowship-6:30pm	24	25	26 Trustees-7pm	27	28	29 Breakfast Center- 8:30-10:00am
30 SS-10am Worship-11am Youth Fellowship-6:30pm	31 Finance meeting- 12pm					

Treasurer's Report January-July 2009

Thank you

I wish to thank Bob & Connie for the beautiful flowers they sent for my birthday. Also, I wish to thank Pastor John and the many friends that sent me birthday cards. I certainly appreciated all of you dear friends.

-Martha Barnes

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Income		
General Fund	\$85,916	\$79,788
Misc. Income	604	
Expenses		
Apportionments	9,694	9,694
Membership	912	1,442
Property Maintenance	18,642	24,733
Supplies	610	961
Payroll	<u>44,692</u>	<u>45,116</u>
Net Income	\$11,970	\$ - 2,158

It is exciting to see both attendance and contributions have remained consistent this summer. Because of everyone's giving and committees keeping costs at a minimum, EUM continues to show a profit. Complete financial statements are hanging on the bulletin board.

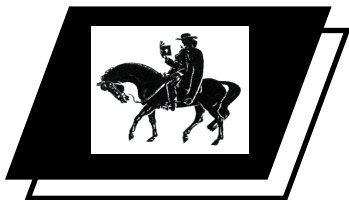
Residency change

Meg Tucker will be moving to Brethren Care Village-Brookwood Place between July 29th and July 31st. Her new address will be 1998 Center Street, Apt. 404, Ashland. Her phone number will be 419-289-4389. She does try to rest between 1:00pm and 3:00pm, so please plan your visits accordingly.

Dear Emmanuel United Methodist Church Family,

I just want to send a thank you directed to everyone in our church family. I know some of you may have already heard this, but I truly do feel blessed to have grown up in this church with all of you. Thank you so much for everything you have done for me. I especially love the blanket I got for my graduation! I'll miss you all while I'm away, but I'll never forget the lessons you have taught me. God bless, and thank you again!

-Danielle Rueger



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