

Clift Notes

May 17, 2009

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am Adult Bible Study: Parlor
Youth Sunday School:
Tomer Library

WORSHIP AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM

SCRIPTURES:

Focus Scripture John 15:9-17
Additional Scriptures
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 JOHN 5:1-6

PREACHER:

Rev. Suzanne Fontaine

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Don Deems

HOSPITALITY TEAM:

Jack & Jeannine Lancaster

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 20

9:00 AM Book Discussion

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25 Office Closed

May 27 9:30 AM

Community Care
Coordinating Team

June 4 6:30 PM

Finance Committee

June 7 Peace & Justice Sunday

June 8-11 Annual Conference

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/17 Bill G.

5/19 Jonathan A.

5/26 Sam J.

5/30 Shuba M.

5/? Tom Berger

**IT'S COMING!!
GET YOUR RED READY
AND WATCH THIS SPACE
FOR FURTHER DETAILS!**

A CARING NETWORK

By Rev. Suzanne Fontaine

Dear Friends,

You may have noticed for several weeks now that Rev. Al Tomer's name has not been listed with the rest of the staff on the back of our Sunday Order of Worship. Al has decided that the timing is right for him to re-retire from his position as our Associate Pastor. He will continue to share his gifts of teaching and visiting and preaching with us on a more informal basis. I know we are all grateful that our faith community will continue to be graced with Al and Margaret's prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. There will be more information forthcoming about ways you might express your gratitude to them.

On Easter Sunday I challenged us to make the most of the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. During these weeks of Easter all our Bible readings have shared not only the witness of the life of Jesus but also the fruits of the ministry of the new community that formed as Jesus' friends made the most of living in resurrection time. They chose the image of a vine and its branches to illustrate how they continued to be nourished by the Spirit of Christ as they bore fruit by living interdependently with each other. We, too, are able to make the most of the Good News of resurrection life by being grafted into that same vine that nourishes us as we grow interdependently.

Our Church Council, specifically the Congregational Life team, believes this staff transition brings us both a challenge and an opportunity to bear fruit by caring for each other. The Council has chosen a team of people to meet with Al and me to begin to develop a Community Care Network. The Community Care Network Coordinating Team, including Corinne Gutjahr, Julie Sanders, Margaret Tomer, Joyce Kahle, our Parish Nurse, and Lorri Phile, our Church Administrator, ask for your prayers as we begin our work.

The Community Care Network includes every one of us. We will begin to share plans with you through the Clift Notes and in announcements in church. Meanwhile, we need your input to tell us specifically what types of care you think our community of

faith needs and what gifts you bring to the Network. You can leave that feedback through email (sfountaine@cliftonumc.com), voice mail (513.961.2998) or notes placed in my mailbox next to the church office in the education wing. I look forward to hearing from you.

See you Sunday ...

Suzanne

Spring Cleanup
Saturday, May 16
9:00 AM
Bring gloves & tools

Salad Sunday
May 17, 2009 following the Worship Service
Bring a salad to share!

LOVE FIRST MIRACLE OFFERING

By Heather Murphy, Lay Member to Annual Conference

Every year at Annual Conference, our conference makes a difference through a special offering. This year, the Bishop's Miracle Offering will go to support clergy and lay leadership training in our four mission partnerships in Southeast Asia, the North Katanga Conference in the Congo, the Oriental Conference in Mexico and the Volga District in Russia, to support West Ohio Conference's Next Generation leadership development efforts, and to provide school kits for children in the United States and around the world. Our church will have special offerings on May 17, 24, and 31st and we are asking each member to donate one dollar for this offering.

JUST ASK LYNN...

Lynn Ahrens will be coordinating the coffee minute. She would like you to know the following items:

- A sign up list is on the Welcome Table for host/hostesses to set up, and clean up for each Sunday. If you need to learn how to make the coffee or where things are, just ask Lynn Ahrens. When you sign up, it does not mean that you will have to provide the goodies, unless you want to.
- If you don't want to sign up as a host/hostess - persons will be asked to keep our cupboard stocked. This means you can buy a package of cookies or mini-donuts and put them in the freezer, bake something and put it in the freezer, or buy a couple canisters of presweetened drink mix. If you don't know where to store these supplies, ask Lynn.
- Soup or Salad Sundays are usually the second Sunday of the month, but are often changed when something else is on the calendar. For May, the Salad Sunday will be May 17. Let Lynn know if you will be bringing something. Bread for Salad or Soup Sundays is also welcome.

Judith Putzi is asking if anyone would be able to donate a working TV to her. She owns a conversion box for analog TVs. Judy is of limited means and this donation would be greatly appreciated. If you are able, call the office (961-2998) or talk with Judy after the worship service.

CATERING WESLEY FOUNDATION LUNCH

CUMC will be providing lunch for students at Wesley Foundation in Cincinnati on Tuesday, May 19. Please contact Cathy Hale at 541-0540 to donate a salad, sandwich makings or cookies/brownies. If you are able, consider joining the students for a meal and fellowship on that day. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in the important ministry of hospitality that the Wesley Foundation offers to the UC student community!

POSITION OPENING: CHILDREN'S PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Where: Wesley Chapel Mission Center 76 East McMicken Avenue Over-the-Rhine
 When: Monday - Thursday after school
 Who: Enthusiastic adult who loves Jesus and has experience teaching children
 Start Date: July 15, 2009
 Pay: \$14.00 per hour for 25 - 30 hours per week
 Description: Replace outstanding coordinator who is retiring
 Implement excellent after school program for K - 4th grade students
 Required to be present 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. every Monday - Thursday that
 Cincinnati Public Schools are in session
 Contact: Becky Costello, Director 721-6204 becky.costello@fuse.net

**We will be observing \$5 on the 5th
 On Sunday, May 31st
 Your generous gift of \$5 will be given to the
 United Methodist Children's Home.**
