

Clift Notes

May 24, 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 17:6-19
Additional Scriptures
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23

PREACHER:

Rev. Suzanne Fontaine

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Linda Young

HOSPITALITY TEAM:

Bill & Corinne Gutjahr

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 25 Office Closed

May 27

9:00 AM Book Discussion

9:30 AM Community Care
Coordinating Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4 6:30 PM
Finance Committee

June 7 Peace With Justice
Sunday

June 8-11 Annual Conference

June 8-12 Office Closed

June 14 Salad Sunday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/26 Sam J.

5/30 Shuba M.

5/? Tom Berger

PENTECOST IS COMING!

May 31, 2009

GET YOUR RED ON!

TRY THIS AT HOME

By Rev. Suzanne Fontaine

Dear Ones,

Have you ever been at a loss for words? Sometimes that happens to us when we're trying to describe something glorious, magnificent, out of the ordinary, something words simply cannot describe. This week we'll be hearing the author of the letter to the church in Ephesus try to find enough of just the right words to describe God's love for God's people. The letter is attributed to Paul, although there is still debate about whether it's an authentically Pauline epistle. Whoever wrote it, however, used the language of prayer to write one of the most beautiful passages in the New Testament.

As you prepare for our worship celebration this week I suggest you give yourself the gift of prayerfully reading the passage in Ephesians 1:15-23. Then *try this at home*: cut out the words I've taken from that prayer and listed below. Turn them over and choose one or two at a time to make into your own prayer. Add some prepositions, some pronouns, some articles, whatever you need to make your own prayer in as few or as many words as you want to use. Carry one of the words with you during the day to offer to God in thanksgiving for your life and for our lives together in community.

faith

love

saints

thanks

remember

prayers

God

Christ

glory

immeasurable

revelation

eyes

heart

enlightened

hope

riches

glorious

inheritance

saints

wisdom

believe

raised

name

head

church

fullness

fills

all

spirit

greatness

Now ... give yourself one more gift. At the end of the day turn to an equally beautiful prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21, picture our gathered community, see God's glory on each face, and rest in God's spirit as you pray yourself out of your day.

See you Sunday

Suzanne

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 24, and 31st and we are asking each member to donate one dollar for this offering. **TOTAL TO DATE: \$ 47.87**


A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in to make Tuesday's lunch at the Wesley Foundation a success. The students came hungry and were enthusiastically appreciative about the meal we prepared for them.

THANK YOU to Bill, Corinne & Chris Gutjahr, Cathy Hale, Jenny Stevens, Bethann Green, Joey Ash, Sharon & Randy Sallee and Don Deems who worked to beautified the church grounds on Saturday, May 16th. The Senator Place entrance is wonderful.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Established by the 1988 General Conference, Peace with Justice Sunday supports programs that advocate peace and justice at home and around the world. Since half of the offerings collected by your annual conference is retained to fund local peace with justice programs, you can see a difference made locally. In addition, half of the offering is remitted to the General Board of Church and Society to help fund U.S. and global work in social action, public-policy education and advocacy.

To get involved, you can contact the Peace with Justice Coordinator in your annual conference, as mandated by the 2004 Book of Discipline. Additionally, you can [give online to Peace with Justice Sunday](#) at any time. Together, we can work together for a faithful and loving world for all and bring hope for our future. Locally, Clifton United Methodist Church has supported the Wesley Foundation's Drake Peace With Justice Intern, in memory of Rev. Tony Drake.



**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.**

