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Making Worship a Habit...the Good Kind!

I sometimes hear the phrase, "I've gotten out of the habit of coming to worship."

I hear this and understand how difficult it is to get up in the morning most days and get out of the house, including Sunday. I also know that the habits that we have developed do not always align with our hopes and priorities. So how can we make worship a habit?



Habits are a part of our lives, some good and some bad. At the beginning of the year, I told Jon that I wanted to make some changes in my life around the habits I have for food. It's not easy, but the truth is that I know I will feel better when I eat healthier. But, how do I change my habit? A few things I have realized about my own habits:

1. Habits are hard to break.
2. Habits take time and consistency to change.
3. Habits are much easier if you have someone to talk to about it and support you.

I would like to challenge us all to make worship a habit, the good kind of habit, the kind we look forward to, and the kind we help others to participate in as well. As we come move from the summer to fall season, how can we help one another make worship a priority, a good habit in our lives?

Just like I know that my food choices will make me feel better, coming to worship can be like that; it can be a place to leave the baggage of your previous week. It can be a place to praise and worship God, and experience God's love to feed your soul. It can be a place to be challenged to live differently, and to get more out of your life. It can be a place to connect with friends, and find support through our shared belief in Jesus Christ who teaches us to love, be filled with peace, and to go into the world to serve others in the attitude of love and grace.

Here are some suggestions for making worship a good habit:

1. Start coming consistently on a weekly basis.
2. Think about what time you need to get up for church the night before, knowing that you will continue to grow and be filled from being a part of it.
3. Call a friend to meet you at worship, and sit with them, share coffee with them, and enjoy the time for fellowship.
4. Realize that its okay if you miss a Sunday, but jump back into worship the next week.

May you have a wonderful summer, and wherever you are, may worship become an exciting habit that feeds and fills your life with God!

Peace, *Pastor Beth*

WELCOME: "Welcoming others into a relationship..."



We are excited to have David Quillen as our intern this summer here at Hope Ridge! David is 21 years old and will be a junior at Kent State Stark in Canton, studying Interpersonal Communication. He has grown up in the church as his father, Rev. Clint Quillen, has been a pastor for almost 30 years, currently at Wintersville UMC. David is using this internship opportunity to help discern whether God is calling him to be a pastor or a counselor after college. He will be taking advantage of many opportunities to expand his knowledge and experience with the multiple branches of ministry provided in and through Hope Ridge. David loves to swim, hike, watch movies, read, is always up for a new experience and loves to meet new people.

Extend our Hope Ridge hospitality to David by inviting him to come along with you and/or your family on your next outing: like a ballgame, the beach, a hiking trail, or fishing. Invite him to dinner or a cookout at your home. He isn't familiar with the Cleveland area yet, so maybe even sightseeing! Please contact David to make arrangements. Thanks!

A two-session children's *Baptism and Communion* class is scheduled for July 20 and Aug 3 from 5-6pm. If you and your child are interested and have not yet signed up, please contact Pastor Beth, pastor-beth@hoperidge.com, for details. At the same time, Pastor Jon would like to meet with you (the parent) to discuss nurturing your child's growing faith. Dinner will be provided.

A baptism celebration and potluck picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, Aug 17**, from 4-6 at Fairport Harbor Beach. Details to follow.

Pizza with the Pastor will be held after the 10:30am worship on **Sunday, August 10** in the Conference Room. This is an opportunity if you are new to Hope Ridge and would like to become a member, or would like to ask questions of the Pastor Beth. This is an informal opportunity to eat and to meet and find out what Hope Ridge is all about. RSVP on the Connection Card.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be during worship **Sunday, August 17.**

Before they all head back to class, we invite children to bring their backpacks and receive encouragement, prayers and blessings for them and their teachers for the new school year.



New members will be welcomed and introduced during Hope Ridge worship on **Sunday, September 7.**

A Youth Group Kick-off Picnic for Hope Ridge Middle School/Jr High/Sr High with parents, **September 7, 5-7pm!** Mark your calendars...more details to follow!

September 14, RIDGE KIDZ WORSHIP KICKOFF AND SUNDAE SUNDAY!! Come join us for the first Ridge Kidz 10:30am worship experience just for ages 3 thru 5th grade! Music, prayers, and small group lessons will be part of the fun each Sunday. After worship on September 14, join us for make-your-own sundae Sunday.

Note to parents and guardians: For security, parents must check their child in and out of the Youth Room and/or Nursery each week. Our new electronic check-in system is an added security and safety resource to help our teachers to better know the students and their needs. We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new electronic check-in procedure!

HOPE RIDGE PRESCHOOL ENROLLING NOW!

Our Hope Ridge Preschool still has class openings for fall enrollment. Class orientation begins the week of September 2. If you know of any preschooler whose parents are looking for a "Step Up to Quality" certified preschool, with a wonderful community reputation and loving teachers, please have them contact Director Alice Griffith at 440-639-8817, or email questions to [hoperidgepsdirector @yahoo.com](mailto:hoperidgepsdirector@yahoo.com) for registration information.

WORSHIP: So that they can worship God,...

Sunday Services

- 8:30am A traditional worship with Communion each Sunday in the Chapel with traditional hymns.
- 10:30am A contemporary service in the Worship & Family Life Center (WFLC), with a mixture of praise songs, special music, and hymns. Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.
- 10:30am Kids Sunday School in the Youth Room for age 3-5th grade. June 29-July 27.
- 10:30am Ridge Kidz Worship in the Youth Room for age 3-5th grade begins September 14.

Who Is God?

In this summer message series through August, we hear how God creates, claims, cares, carries, communicates, calms, calls, connects, celebrates, challenges, and equips us to be His children.

What a wonderful God we all have!

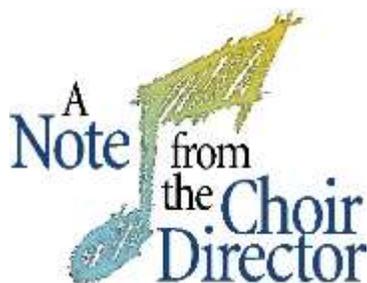


UPCOMING SERMON SERIES:

August 24-Sept 7 *3 Simple Rules*
 Sept 14-28 *The Real Social Network*

SAVE THESE DATES:

- ◆ **On Sunday, July 27 plan to stay** a few extra minutes after the 10:30am worship for an **all-church meeting** to vote on a change in the endowment bylaws. If you have questions, see Larry Fritinger or Pastor Beth.
- ◆ **On Saturday, August 23**, all committee and team leaders and members should plan to attend **the Town Hall Meeting from 9am-noon** in the WFLC. The agenda will include a time to celebrate ministries and practice with our Child Protection Policy and Emergency Action Plan.



Attention Handbell and Choir members and all others interested in joining!

The first practice for the fall is scheduled for Thursday, August 21 in the Music Room. 6pm for Handbells and 7pm for Choir. The first choir performance will be September 7.

Children's chimes and Youth bell groups will be forming this fall. See Tom Dingeldein for info. Watch the announcements for Sunday practice and performance times.

NURTURE: Be Nurtured by the Holy Spirit and one another,...

Hope Ridge VBS— *The Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together!*

July 28-August 1, 9-noon



We're looking for souvenirs from different countries...

This year our VBS theme *Everywhere Fun Fair* goes to 5 different parts of the globe: Japan, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico. Do you have anything from your travels to these countries that we could borrow so the children see and maybe touch items they have never seen before? If you do, please label it with your name and bring it to the church office or give to Kathy Nagy. (Nothing extremely valuable or breakable please, and it will be returned to you after VBS.) Thanks!

VBS additional volunteers still welcome! (You do not have to be available all 5 mornings.) **We could use a few Bible story "actors," a puppeteer to interact with the children, and 3 -5 "floating" helpers. Let us know on the Connection Card, or see Pastor Jon ASAP.**

Mark your calendars: **VBS Celebration Sunday—August 3rd!!** The VBS kids will perform the songs they have learned and the East Coast Custard truck will be here after 10:30am worship for any who would like a cold treat (free for VBS children)!

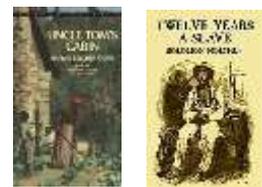
9:15am adult Sunday School: *The Acts of the Apostles* in the Conference Room.

10:30am Kids Summer Sunday School in the Youth Room, June 29-July 27. Children will enjoy watching popular children's movies and discussing the message within. **The summer Kids Sunday School offering** will be donated to Families Moving Forward, which provides a safe place for children to study and stay after school until the Project Hope shelter opens. Go to lakefmf.org for details on this important cause in our community.

Women's Bible Study each Tuesday @ 1pm in the Conference Room. Join us for the *Transformational Journal* through July 29. ***The Book of James***, a 5-week Bible study will be taught by Pastor Beth, Tuesdays, Aug 5-Sept 2. RSVP on the Sunday Connection Card if you can attend this study.

Summer Lunch Bunch— all are welcome—men and women! The next get-together for fun and fellowship will be at Red Hawk Grill at 7481 Auburn Rd. in Concord on **Tues, July 22 @ 11:35am** (doors open at 11:30). If interested, please contact Winni Rodriguez at 352-1416 or RSVP on the Connection Card.

Hope Ridge Book Club is reading *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northrup **and** *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe. The group welcomes all who would like to discuss these books on **Monday, August 25 at 7pm** in the Library. If you want to read ahead, *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk Cross, will be discussed on **Monday, September 22.**



Hope Ridge Outings to Lake County Captains Baseball games in Eastlake— "Faith Nights"

Monday, July 12, 7pm, Buck Night and post-game player testimonies.

Friday, July 25, 7pm, bobblehead give-away with post-game fireworks and post-game player testimonies.

Saturday, July 26, 7pm, jersey give-away with post-game fireworks and post-game player testimonies

Contact our summer intern, David Quillen or indicate on the Connection card if you would like tickets.

Fall Emmaus Walks: Are you looking for a break? Would you like to spend three days with Jesus and just rejuvenate yourself spiritually and physically? The Emmaus Walk is spiritual walk with Jesus and an opportunity for you to do just that! Prayerfully consider a fall walk this year... Men's Walk **October 9th - 12th** (Deadline Friday, September 26, 2014); Women's Walk **October 23rd - 26th** (Deadline Friday, October 10, 2014). Contact Maggie Gruss or anyone that has been on the walk for more information and a registration form.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University coming again this fall! Look for this and more classes to be involved in here at Hope Ridge. Details coming in August...

SEND: and be sent out to serve others in Christ's name."

Annual Back-to-School School Supply and School Uniform Drive for the Painesville City Schools

We will kick-off the drive at the July 27 church services then conclude with the backpack blessings on August 17. Please bring your donations to the collection table in the narthex. Lists also available on the Info Desk.

UNIFORM DONATIONS PERMITTED:

SIZES: Child's 6 thru Adult sizes

Shirts and sweaters- NO LOGOS

Solid colors: red, white, black, navy or light blue

Long or short sleeve shirt- 2 to 5 button polo-style collared, turtlenecks, or traditional button-down oxford-style dress shirt.

Sweaters: Crew neck or V-neck, or non-hooded sweatshirts

Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, or jumpers- NO LOGOS

Colors: Khaki, navy, black; flat-front or pleated.

No cargo pants, painters pants, or jeans.



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:

Backpacks, Black or blue pens (not erasable), Calculators, Colored pencils,

Composition notebooks, Glue sticks, Bottled glue, Hand-held pencil sharpeners, Highlighters, Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide or college-ruled), No. 2 pencils, Pencil cap erasers, Red pens, Rulers with English and metric, Spiral bound notebook

(1 subject) with hole punch, Supply boxes, 1" or 2" 3-ring binders, Pencil cases that have 3-ring holes for binder,

Binder dividers, plain or folder-style, Folders that fit in binders, Index cards, Kleenex, Dry-erase markers

Volunteers...

RIDGE KIDZ WORSHIP will begin Sunday, Sept 14 at 10:30am in the Youth Room! Join the fun and kick-off our new children's worship. **Volunteers are appreciated** as greeters, leaders, tech help and "grandparents." If you would like to be a part of this growing ministry, see Mark or Gretchen Seyfried, or sign-up in the black book on the Info Desk to be contacted. It is great to be building on the strong foundation that our Sunday School has created. If you have already signed up, thank you! You will be contacted with details soon.



East Ohio Conference Early Response Training: Spiritual Care Training

Saturday, Sept 20, 9am-5pm at Wadsworth UMC, cost of \$15 includes lunch.

After a disaster, the church reaches out to people within the community to extend a listening ear, a word of comfort, and a caring presence. Trained spiritual and emotional caregivers are better equipped to offer much-needed support and encouragement to survivors. If this is a gift you would like to nurture, registration forms are available on the Info Desk and church office.

- **THANK YOU** to all who generously contributed tools for the tool box Hope Ridge is donating to the Lake County Community Network's (LCCN) 5th annual Chinese Auction July 18 at St. John Vianney. A special thanks to **Stephen Hart and Carter Lumber in Chardon** for supplying the tool box and many tools. We are very proud of our contribution! Hope Ridge is one of many churches that partner with LCCN, who "facilitates the relief of suffering for those in need" in Lake County.
- **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the 2014 Baby Bottle Boomerang for Hannah's Home in Mentor!
- **THANK YOU** to all who gave to the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for the Father's Day/ One Great Hour of Sharing. Over \$1173 was raised! Read how UMCOR is helping on our behalf at UMCOR.ORG.
- **THANK YOU for a successful 2014 UMW Rummage Sale!** "May 31, 2014 was a GREAT Hope Ridge Rummage Sale, earning a record sum of over \$4000, with several items still for sale on e-Bay. The UMW will meet later this summer to decide which projects and missions to support within Hope Ridge, in our community, our Conference, and our worldwide Mission. One definite project will be the "tune-up" cleaning, etc. of our much-used 6 burner industrial stove in our kitchen. Thanks to everyone who contributed their good "Junque." Even more important, thanks to all the ladies, and a few men, who volunteered to sort, arrange, and price each item during the week. It's important to emphasize that we (you) contributed more than just cash to this ministry. Hope Chest received bedding, dishes & clothes. The Preschool program has extra goodies. The Lake County Historical Society has more "treasures" for their displays. Customers love our facilities, the Café, and especially the friendliness and helpfulness of our member/volunteers. Some will return on a Sunday. Our Rummage Sale is certainly a Mission Project. Thanks to everyone who made it happen. -Pat & Laura & Gail & all"

News Around the Church

May Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering in May was \$1,936 less than our needs. Based on our year-to-date giving, we were still able to pay our full apportionment amount for the month, plus an additional \$1,400 from the Easter offering which will be used for mission activities. We still remain slightly ahead of our needs year-to-date.

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2014 Year-To-Date</u>	
May Operating Expense Needs	\$28,176	YTD Operating Expense Needs	\$145,738
May Apportionment Needs	<u>2,633</u>	YTD Apportionment Needs	<u>13,165</u>
Total Offering Needs	<u>\$30,809</u>	Total Offering Needs	<u>\$158,903</u>
Offerings May 1-31, 2014	\$28,873	YTD Offerings thru May 31	\$159,691

June Report of Our Financial Support of the Hope Ridge Community & Ministries

Summary: Our General Fund offering in June was \$13,551 above our needs. This was due to your generosity along with a matching gift donation we received from Progressive Insurance Foundation for our members who work there. We also had 5 Sundays in June. We paid our full apportionment amount for the month. Because of your generosity in June, year-to-date remains slightly ahead of our needs!

<u>Monthly</u>		<u>2014 Year-To-Date</u>	
June Operating Expense Needs	\$27,796	YTD Operating Expense Needs	\$173,534
June Apportionment Needs	<u>2,633</u>	YTD Apportionment Needs	<u>15,798</u>
Total Offering Needs	<u>\$30,429</u>	Total Offering Needs	<u>\$189,332</u>
Offerings June 1-30, 2014	\$43,999	YTD Offerings thru June 30	\$203,690



WOO-HOO! Abitibi income from our paper recycling bins totaled \$1,438 for the first 6 months of 2014. Thank you to all who bring their paper and cardboard to Hope Ridge. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to bring theirs as well. This helps the environment and our church trustees funds.

Electronic Giving— So easy and convenient!

Hope Ridge now suggests electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.



Go to www.hoperidge.com at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.



Hope Ridge Celebrations

September BIRTHDAYS

July BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kathy Nagy
- Joan Schick
- 2 Jan Benroth
- Darren Timura
- 3 Jennifer Kovell
- 5 Tony Rodriguez
- 6 Eva Hancock
- 7 Rachel Jeavons
- Blaise Toman
- 11 Ashley Hancock
- 13 Jesse Jeavons
- 15 Debbie Molner
- David Noviski
- 17 Erin Finan
- Bill Nahumck
- Tyler Weber
- 18 John McLaren
- 21 Erin Clayton
- Reece Hartman
- Kay Wheelock
- 23 Brad Cudzilo
- 24 Dominic Duncan
- Vic Noviski
- 25 Lauren Jeavons
- Makella Slavick
- 26 Kristen Hanson
- Ken Lillibridge
- Samantha Meunier
- 27 Sarah Pribulsky
- 29 Chandler Loomis

July ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bill & Sue Nahumck
- 4 Gary & Yvonne Oyler
- 5 Gene & Joyce Laubach
- 8 Jim & Nicki Davies
- Tony & Winni Rodriguez
- 17 Dave & Cherie Martin
- 18 Jack & Joy Olpp
- 21 Jim & Laura Moll
- 22 Gordon & Diane Hanford
- 24 Rick & Melissa Pottenger
- Dale & Cindy Sawchik
- 27 Keith & Jeannie Nelson
- 28 Dean & Janelle Slavick
- 29 Fred & Becky Dingeldein

August BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Yvonne Oyler
- John Schick
- 6 Morgan Nelson
- Courtney Root
- 7 Trent Loomis
- Connie Mareino
- 8 Cindy Aubin
- 9 Caroline Campbell
- 11 Sue Nahumck
- Jean Tanger
- 12 Eva Thomas
- 13 Judy Fritinger
- 15 Linda Kallay
- 17 Jennifer Eshler
- Cherie Martin
- 19 Shawn Rodeheaver
- 20 Olivia Fiebig
- 21 Jamie Chamberlain
- Madelyn Warner
- 23 Winni Rodriguez
- 25 David Hedstrom
- Laurie Rider
- 26 Pat Jones
- Janelle Slavick
- Bob Snyderwine
- 28 Imogene Drobnick
- 29 Jerry Burnfield
- Steve Davies
- Mason Weber
- 30 Nathan Ferencak
- 31 Sharon Chamberlain
- Mark Sakach

August ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Geoff & Julie Weber
- 3 Bob & Ruth DeGraff
- 7 Al & Peg Marks
- Jason & Samantha Meunier
- Jon & Beth Wilterdink
- 11 Bob & Cathy Colvin
- Tom & Karen Sadler
- 12 Ross & Andrea Beebe
- 15 Joe & Sharon Eckerle
- 16 Gary & Carol Darr
- Dennis & Lola Meek
- 18 Jamie & Sharon Chamberlain
- 26 Dan & Sally King
- 27 Rich & Beth Fellenstein

- 1 Chuck Price
- 2 Ruth DeGraff
- 3 Fred Dingeldein
- Keith Nagy
- 4 Mae Ferguson
- 5 Andrea Beebe
- 6 Cheryl Noviski
- Ashlyn Seyfried
- 8 Betty Bowerman
- 9 Pat Meyer
- 10 Gary Silver
- 11 Neil Newman
- Norm Wheelock
- 12 Sandy Monthey
- 13 Al Marks
- 14 Owen Hartman
- 15 Damian Rutti
- 16 Joyce Laubach
- 18 Sue Dieterle
- 20 Bob Bittinger
- 21 Brody Nelson
- Bob Rader
- 22 Bruce Clark
- 23 John Schuping
- 24 Samuel Baptie
- 25 James Mowry
- 26 Lynn Kasserman
- Dick Winter
- 28 Cindy Harris
- Joe Wolf
- 30 Sally Cardaman

September ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Ken & Jill Murphy
- 10 Tim & Christine Egensperger
- 13 Derek & Chelsie Bittinger
- 13 Michael & Jennifer Kovell
- 17 William & Judy White
- 22 Jim & Debbie Molner
- 24 John & Lori Toth
- 26 Doug & Gail Allcock
- 28 Bob & Maureen Zahn
- 29 Richard & Tammy Thayer



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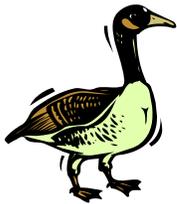
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From Our District Superintendent, Sondra Snode



I've recently been fascinated by two geese who took up residence in a parking lot. A busy parking lot! Cars everywhere ... people coming and going at all hours ... and yet, it is in this place these birds decided to build their nest. It's just crazy. Apparently no one told the fowl that this was an unlikely place for new life to emerge. They seem to have ignored the obstacles, and instead forged ahead with hope. Day and night they have expectantly waited for new life to emerge.

This is the challenge of faith. This is the call of ministry. This is the amazing grace of God! God can bring new life in the most unlikely places, and people. God does not look at obstacles, sin, failures, brokenness, and uncertainty the same way humans do. God redeems past mistakes. God restores broken pieces. God resurrects the dead. When God breathes His Spirit into people, churches and communities, new life emerges.

Life is what I've discovered during my first year among you. We shared baptismal stories during Charge Conference, and discovered that regardless of where or when we were baptized we serve One Lord, share One Faith, proclaim One Baptism! At consultations we shared honest conversation about our hopes and fears, and together prayed and dared to believe that our faithful God will guide us forward. During worship services (30 of 59 churches visited!) gifted preachers and faithful laity have found ways to lead others along the path that leads to life. And even in the challenging moments, we have dared to trust Jesus to be our light and our salvation. It has been a life-enriching year.

Now I'm left to wonder where new life will emerge in the coming year? Where will God's grace be offered? How will risk-taking mission impact others? Who will discover new life in Christ? Are there any crazy geese among us?

Because new life can emerge in the craziest places! I spotted proof last week: 2 geese with 4 goslings in tow, stopping four lanes of traffic as they waddled along. It seems that when new life happens, everyone stops to notice.

Forging ahead with hope, *Sondra*