



GOOD NEWS! July, 2023

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.”
(John 14:1)*



Vacation Bible School 2023:
A “Stellar” Experience!

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MWBC News and Upcoming Events



*Having a blast with Mickey Wey
(aka Dylan)!*

Vacation Bible School Review and Thanks — We had an average of 38 children in attendance each day at Stellar VBS. Some of the time we were pretending to be in a rocket ship on the moon. Kids enjoyed songs, drama, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, movies, and object lessons. Each station tried to reinforce the message for the day. We learned that when life is dark, when people don't get along, when good things happen, when people are sad, AND when people need help — we can shine Jesus' light.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to make VBS a success both behind the scenes and in person: Darby Atchison, Josie Baker, Louann Bartholomew, Andy Bartmess, Nancy Basil, Grace Brem, Barb Cagle, Jim Cagle, Tammy Caldwell, Courtney Funk, Connie Green, Cathy Herren, Dylan Herren, Pastor Karen Johnson, Eileen Kjeldsen, Susan Lattarulo, Donna Malone, Shureka Nyawalo, Holly McIntosh, Sharone Racer, Elias Rechel, Israel Rechel, Johnetta Stallworth, Dianne Steelman, Emily Sutton, Cody Taylor, Luke Tiettmeyer, and the kitchen staff at the Day Care. Thanks also to all who donated for snacks and for the mission, A Caring Place. We certainly saw Jesus' light through all of you!

MWBC to Participate in Independence Day Parade — Under the leadership of Rev. Jim Cagle, a team of people from our church will be walking in Mt. Washington's annual Independence Day parade, to be held on Monday, July 3, at 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to engage with our community and let more people know about our church! We encourage you to come watch the parade as it passes by MWBC on its way to the Legion Hall. Bring a lawn chair and get there early, as Sutton will be closed to traffic prior to the parade's beginning.

Announcing an American Baptist History and Polity Workshop — Have you ever wondered about some of the distinct practices shared by American Baptists, or how and why we differ from other denominations? You are invited to a one-day **American Baptist History and Polity Workshop** on Saturday, August 5 from 9 am to 4 pm, sponsored by the American Baptist Churches of Ohio and hosted in the ABC Ohio office at 136 North Galway Drive, Granville, OH 43023. **Rev. Timothy Mohon**, noted American Baptist historian and Associate Regional Minister for ABC-Ohio, will be the presenter. He will help workshop participants understand our history as Baptists in America and how that history has led American Baptist churches to adopt our current practices and embrace the beliefs we now hold dear. The cost of the workshop is **\$25** for one person, or **\$20** per person if more than one person is attending from the same church. The registration fee covers lunch and instructional materials.



Music

Usually we associate songs in July with patriotism because of the Fourth of July and its celebrations. The hymn "Faith Is the Victory," while not a known patriotic song, still speaks of victory. This victory, however, is the victory we have over death and sin when we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and choose to follow Him instead of the world's glories. The hymn was written by John Yates, an editor of a local newspaper in Batavia, New York. Using several words from scripture as the basis, Mr. Yates wrote how we face battles each day as we seek to reach non-believers. The foe, Satan, is in the world and is constantly looking for new recruits. However, we know as believers that the final victory will be God's over evil. The verse from I John 5:4 is the theme for this hymn: "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." It gives us the assurance that no matter what is placed in our paths as a hindrance, no matter from what side the temptations come, when we believe in faith that Christ died for us and accept the free gift of grace, victory is ours. The verses contain other scripture references such as from Ephesians 6, where Paul writes that the Word of God is our sword, salvation is our helmet, truth is the belt we tie around us, and faith is our shield that protects us from the arrows evil flings at us. The second verse begins with the phrase "His banner over us is love," which is a quote from Song of Songs, while the "white raiment" in the last stanza comes from Revelation. The chorus, "Faith is the victory, O glorious victory that overcomes the world," has to be sung with gusto and a smile as we realize the marvelous gift salvation is and the love shown when it was given to us.

Blessings,
Rev. Jim Cagle, Minister of Music

Missions

VBS Mission Project — This year's VBS Mission Project was A Caring Place. This organization is dedicated to being a source of hope and practical help to women facing untimely pregnancies, as well as families in need, through an array of no-cost services such as pregnancy testing, ultrasound, abortion counseling, adoption consultation, parenting classes, sexually transmitted diseases, and material assistance, which is how our VBS kids and volunteers helped. Thanks to everyone who participated in donating items and filling the baby bottles. Our prayer is that God will bless the families who receive these items.



VBS donations for A Caring Place filled a Pack & Play and then some!

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Mission Overview and All-Church Luncheon — Tim and Stacy Reese, ABCUSA Global Servants who are endorsed to serve among the Haitian sugarcane Bateyes in the Dominican Republic, will join us in worship on Sunday, July 9, to provide an overview of their background and what they will be doing in the DR. An all-church luncheon, sponsored by the Mission Board, will be held after the worship service, giving us additional time to meet the Reeses and learn more about their ministry. Please plan to attend the service and luncheon!



The Reese Family

The Mission Board will be presenting a check for \$1000 to the Reeses to help with their children's education and would like to offer the congregation an opportunity to add to this gift. Envelopes will be available at church on Sunday. Your generous support will be of great help to the Reese family.

Pastor Karen's Article (continued from page 4)

My challenge to you as we begin the summer is to look around you, identify half a dozen or so key places, and post Scripture there. It's okay if it takes you a while to get it all done. Be on the lookout for good Bible quotes that speak clearly to you. And in the process of "Scripturifying" your surroundings, observe how you feel. See if it doesn't help you, as it does me, stay closer to God and search the Bible for meaningful passages.

In the Interim, Rev. Dr. Karen E. Johnson

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*"Answer me, Lord, out of
the goodness of your
love; in your great mercy
turn to me."
(Psalm 69:16)*

The vision of Mt. Washington Baptist Church is to be an eternal family. We seek to live as strong families who are fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We are passionate about helping people find their place in God's family. Our hope is to bless families for generations through worship that is a sacrifice of praise, deep relationships, spiritual transformation, and meaningful ministry.

*This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Today I worship the God of creation,
of salvation, of time and eternity.
The God of all nations, of all conditions,
of all people everywhere.
Praise the Lord.
All that is within me, praise God's holy name.
Praise the Lord and remember all his kindness
in forgiving our sins; in curing our diseases;
in saving us from destruction;
in surrounding us in love.
The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.
The Lord is slow to anger and
willing to give us gifts of love.
May all that is within us
Praise the Lord!*

This poem, with much of it taken from the Psalms, will be a responsive reading this Sunday in Worship. It speaks to me as a way to say howdy to God in the morning.

If we wanted to greet God each day with this poem, we might tape it to our morning pillbox. It could be the screen saver on our cell phone. Or on the door that you use to leave your home for work. Or on the remote control for your TV.

My friend and colleague Rev. Pam Wantz from Linden Avenue Baptist in Dayton gave me a wonderful idea a few years ago when she gifted me with a Scripture calendar. She told me that she loves to surround herself with God's Word, and that she hoped the calendar would be a part of that process in my home. And it was.

It made me think. . . . If the Bible is the central book of our faith, why wouldn't I put verses that touch me personally around my home, office, car, etc.?

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Messages for July

July 2, 2023
"Finding the Way"
John 14:1-7

July 9, 2023
*Mission Overview -
Tim & Stacy Reese*
All-Church Luncheon

July 16, 2023
"Getting in the Game"
Luke 5:1-11

July 23, 2023
"Christmas in July"
Matthew 1:18-25

July 30, 2023
*"Hide and Seek
with God"*
John 2:1-11

*"All the ways of the Lord
are loving and faithful
toward those who keep
the demands of his
covenant."
(Psalm 25:10)*