

May has been a month of celebrations for New Waterford United Methodist Church. Several youth have participated in small group to learn about the Christian faith and United Methodist heritage. At the end of the eight week session each youth were asked if they wanted to join the church. On May 17th seven youth joined the church by profession of faith; three were baptized. On May 31st, two babies and an adult were baptized with three new professions of faith.

What is the sacrament of baptism? In the United Methodist Church we call two things sacraments: Holy Communion and baptism. Sacraments are outward and visible signs of God's covenant with us...God's promise to us and our promise to God.

A covenant is a binding agreement between two parties. Marriage is a covenant in which a man and woman join together and enter into certain agreements with each other. They vow to support one another in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth, and that they will care for each other until death they do part. Both parties make a promise, which forges a new relationship with one another.

Baptism is the sign that we are part of the covenant people. On Pentecost, Peter preached about Jesus' death and resurrection. At the end of his sermon the people said, "What must we do to be saved?" Peter cried out, "Repent and be baptized." Baptism was the first step, the right of initiation into the family of faith. It is the way of saying, "I am choosing to follow God. I am choosing to allow Jesus into my life."

There was only one thing you had to do to join the church: meet me at the river. In front of your family and friends you would be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You publically say, "I enter into a covenant with Christ." When you come out of the water Christ says, "This one is mine. I've covered you. I have washed away your sins. You belong to me." This is the entry point into the Christian faith.

God promises four things in baptism: 1) He promises to forgive your sin. 2) God adopts you as a child. 3) God gives you eternal life. 4) God gives you the Holy Spirit. When a couple joins in marriage, both parties have to say, "I do." The same is true in a covenant with God. God has high expectations of us. We also make promises to the Lord in baptism.

We profess to live for Jesus. We pledge to turn from our sin. We strive our best to live for God. We say, "Goodbye to the person we used to be." We agree that we belong to God and that we will follow him until the day we die. He is not only my Savior, He is also my Lord. We say to Jesus, "I trust you. I believe in you. I need you. I need what you did for me on the cross and I accept that and your grace. I know that you paid a price for me. I believe you rose from the dead. I pledge my life to following you. I am striving to know your will and to do it." That is what we are promising. Baptism should shape our lives.

In the Old Testament God commanded the people to bring their children when they were eight days old as a sign of the covenant between God and the children. He accepted children and extended the covenant. Parents teach the children God's ways and train them in the way they should go. Parents pray for them. Mold them, and shape them. When the child reaches middle school they confirm what has already been true for years.

How much water is needed? Baptism isn't the covenant—it is a sign of the covenant. It doesn't matter how much water you use. The water is only an outward and visible sign of the covenant. As United Methodist we believe in baptizing by sprinkling, pouring, and immersion because the quantity of water doesn't matter.

Here is my invitation for those that have never been baptized: if you are at the point where you would like to enter the covenant with Christ, you are ready to take that step, see me. Pastor Tina



June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Youth date & details will be announced.	1 Margaret's Home Group 1p	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Boy Scouts 3-5:30p	8	9	10	11	12	13 Hall Rental 1-5p
14 Pot Luck Luncheon After Worship Boy Scouts 3-5:30p 	PASTOR TINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE					20
21 Sunday School Breakfast Father's Day Boy Scouts 3-5:30p	22	23	24	25 Napper's Luncheon 11:30am Changed date	26 Prayer Evening with the Crane's 6:30 pm	27
28 Boy Scouts 3-5:30p	29	30				

BIRTHDAYS

Mike Seabolt 6th
 Delaney Wollet 7th
 Carrie Huff 7th
 Terry Cope 8th
 Tom Watkins 8th
 Becky Moore 10th
 Kim Colledge 10th
 Mackenzie Daub 10th
 Loretta Davidson 11th
 Cody Rozeski 11th
 Courtney Mercer 14th

Mendy Whaley 18th
 Deanna Derringer 21st
 Adeline Whaley 25th
 Jeff Cope 25th
 Sarah Herbkersman 26th
 Dena Rozeski 30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Marla Hum 15th
 Tom & Joyce Bowker 21st
 Gary & Debby Bacon 23rd.

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 31st

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Robyn Sodergren
Corrie Sodergren

BAPTISMS

Kathryn Ann Myers
Corrie Sodergren

Join us during Worship and afterwards for refreshments!

**Given their vows by
Pastor Tina
June 17th, 2015**

**Cory Dewell
Kaitlyn Dewell
Taylor Oliver
Seth Oliver
Tanner Daub
Donna Finch
Nick Finch**



*After Worship, Sunday,
June 14th
Please plan on staying for
great food
and great fellowship!*



**SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH
9:30 AM**

The Branches Sunday School Class is hosting a monthly breakfast during the Summer months and everyone is invited!

YOUTH GROUP

They will be meeting only once a month during the summer. Dates will be announced when plans on confirmed.



*Whatever you call
your father...honor
him on Father's
Day, Sunday, June
21st in person, with
a phone call or with
a special memory.*

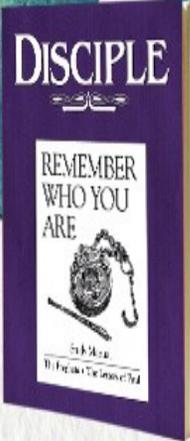
PRAYER EVENING

Will be hosted by Jane & Ken Crane
Friday, June 26th at 6:30 pm
Please rsvp to Jane (330-853-6409)
all are invited to join us!

"Spring being a tough act to follow,
God created June."
- Al Bernstein

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR PASTOR TINA

Everyone is invited Tuesday June 16, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside during East Ohio Annual Conference. You are also invited to a celebration afterward at Lakeside United Methodist Church 450 Central Ave, Lakeside, OH 43440 in the Parlor. A meat tray, cookies, fruit, and beverages will be provided.



DISCIPLE
REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE
By Rick Warren
With Priscilla Shirer

In the Old Testament Prophets and the Letters of Paul, this 32-week study examines the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Participants will find common themes, including calls to remember, calls to repent, calls for renewal, and calls for community.

“Disciple: Remember Who You Are” will begin September 8th at 7 PM at the church.

Second Annual Lake Tomahawk 5K-1M

June 27th 2015

Proceeds to benefit Shadow of His Wings Orphanage, Guatemala
And Boy Scout Troop 22 New Waterford



- 5K-1M Run/Walk: 8:00 am Registration 9:00am Start Time
- Race Day: Registration table located in beach pavilion
- To Register: Go to www.active.com to register or mail in form with check attached to: 8853 Pontiac Trail, Negley, OH 44441 (checks made payable to LTPOA)
- Cost: \$25 registration fee (includes a t-shirt for first 50 registrations
Bracelet and post-race food [fruit and water] for all)
- Questions: For any questions about the 5K-1M email ltpoa@comcast.net

New Waterford Covered Bridge Run



10k & 2 Mile Fun Walk/Run

When: September 19, 2015

Time: Registration 8:00 a.m. Race Start 9:00 a.m.

Where: New Waterford United Methodist Church

46925 S. State St. New Waterford, OH 44445 330-457-7436

Runners and walkers of all ages welcome. All pre-registered runners will receive a goodie bag. All runners are welcome to enjoy an all you can eat pancake breakfast. All others are welcome to eat for a donation. Race timing will be provided by Smiley Miles. All proceeds will go towards the 4 C's and New Waterford UMC.

10k registration by Sept. 3- \$30 after Sept. 3- \$35 2 mile fun run/walk by Sept. 3- \$18
after Sept. 3- \$22

All participants registered by September 3 will be guaranteed a shirt.

Special "Double Dip" Medal

If you complete the Covered Bridge 10K and also the Heroes & Halos 5K that evening, you will receive a special finisher medal. Double dipper registration by Sept. 3- \$40.00 – after Sept. 3- \$50.00

The two mile event will have two categories. Ages 12 and under and ages 13 and over. Awards will be given to the top three men's and women's overall finishers in these categories. In the 10k event, awards will be given to the top three men's and women's overall finishers, plus the top three in age groups will be awarded as follows:

14 & under; 15-19; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65 & up
Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/NewWaterford/CoveredBridgeRun> or Mail Registration form to: New Waterford United Methodist Church 46925 S. State St. New Waterford, OH 44445

Name: _____ Age on Race day: _____ Gender: M or F

Address: _____
_____ City: _____ State: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____ - _____ Shirt Size:
YM S M L XL 2XL

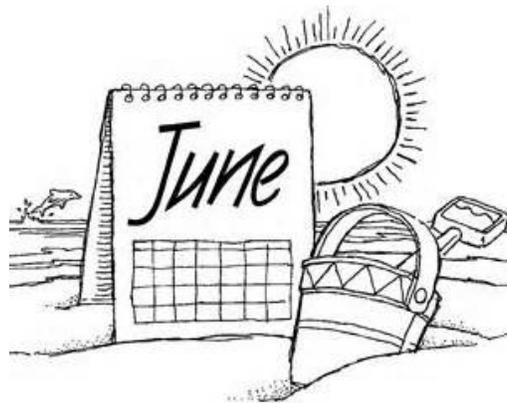
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

RELEASE: In consideration of this entry acceptance, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive any and all legal rights and claims for damage I may have against the New Waterford United Methodist Church and any individuals connected with/and or sponsoring this race, and for any injuries, loss or death sustained by me in the event. I am in good physical condition for this race.

Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____

Signature _____

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"Kind hearts are the gardens;
kind thoughts are the roots;
kind words are the flowers;
kind deeds are the fruits."
- English Proverb