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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

April 2015

Pastor Greg Hogan

*For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God
in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
1 Corinthians 6:20*

We are often invited to **“Remember your baptism and be thankful.”** Several people have mentioned to me the question they have at that invitation. “I was a young child when I was baptized, so I can’t remember it.” This invitation in our United Methodist liturgy is not to recall the situation of our physical baptism, but to put ourselves under the meaning of the Baptism. Our baptism is a mark. We are marked by God as one of his and part of his visible church. As Romans 6 reminds us, baptism shows that only through the death and resurrection of Christ are we brought into new life.

Baptism is to show all of us that there is nothing we can do earn our own salvation. Only by trusting Jesus Christ as the one that died for us and was raised again from the dead, can we receive the gift of eternal life from God. So the next time you are invited to “Remember your Baptism and be thankful.” Don’t fret over the history of the event. Just rejoice that God has set his love upon you, Jesus died for you and by his grace you are given eternal life. And that is the reason we have this spiritual exercise.

New Series for the Season of Easter

The season of Easter is the weeks between Easter and Pentecost. And during this season the texts for the morning sermons will be from the epistle of 1 John. **“Deepening our Experience of God’s Love”** will be the theme of this series. In this epistle, the Apostle John invites us to experience God’s love in its multifaceted manifestation in our life. My desires for us as we study these passages are that we would be overwhelmed by the love of God, and feel more secure in it day by day.

Sunday	Text	Deepening our Experience of God’s Love
April 12, 2015	1 John 1:1-2:2	Deepening our Experience of the Forgiveness of Sin
April 19, 2015	1 John 3:1-7	Deepening our Experience of our Calling as Sons of God
April 26, 2015	1 John 3:16-24	Deepening our Experience of the Outworking of God’s Love
May 3, 2015 Communion	1 John 4:7-21	Deepening our Experience of the Family of God
May 10, 2015	1 John 5:1-6	Deepening our Experience of Believing that Jesus is the Christ
May 17, 2015	1 John 5:9-13	Deepening our Experience of the Witness of God

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Birthdays

Carl Lane (4th), Michael Lanham (8th), Amber Dailey (10th), Erin Ruggles (13th), Kristen Burt (14th), Jennifer Cline (19th), Justine Chapman (20th), Stephen Presley (22nd), Josh Hillier (25th), Fred Ormanis (30th), Kathy Palmerton (30th), Jodie Strausser (30th)

Anniversaries

Chas & Lucy Landreth (8th), Bill & Sally Bisson (23rd)

Prayer Requests

Warner Family, Janet Proudfoot, Denton Cottrill

Rummage Sale

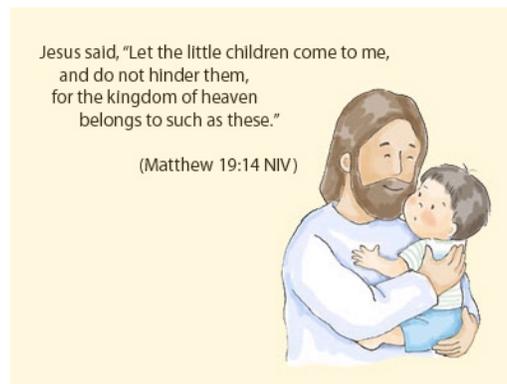
The Charlestown United Methodist Church Rummage Sale will be April 24 from 10:00-6:00 and April 25 from 9:00-4:00. It is going to finally be at the church this year for the first time! During the Rummage Sale, we will also be having a bake sale and some food items available for lunch.

Memorial Day Observance and Parade

It will be SUNDAY May 25. The parade steps off at 11 a.m. Anyone wishing to take part in the parade with a float or vehicle should meet at the township park by 10:30. The parade will proceed to the cemetery for the service. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided compliments of the Charlestown United Methodist Church before the parade. There will be no adult Sunday School that day and worship service will begin at 9:30 and end at 10:30.

Kids at the Oasis

A Bible-based Sunday School class held at 10:30 for kids ages 5-12.



Youth Annual Conference 2015 - SHINE - June 12-14 held in Lakeside, OH. For more information, visit <https://www.Facebook.com/eocyouthministries>.

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