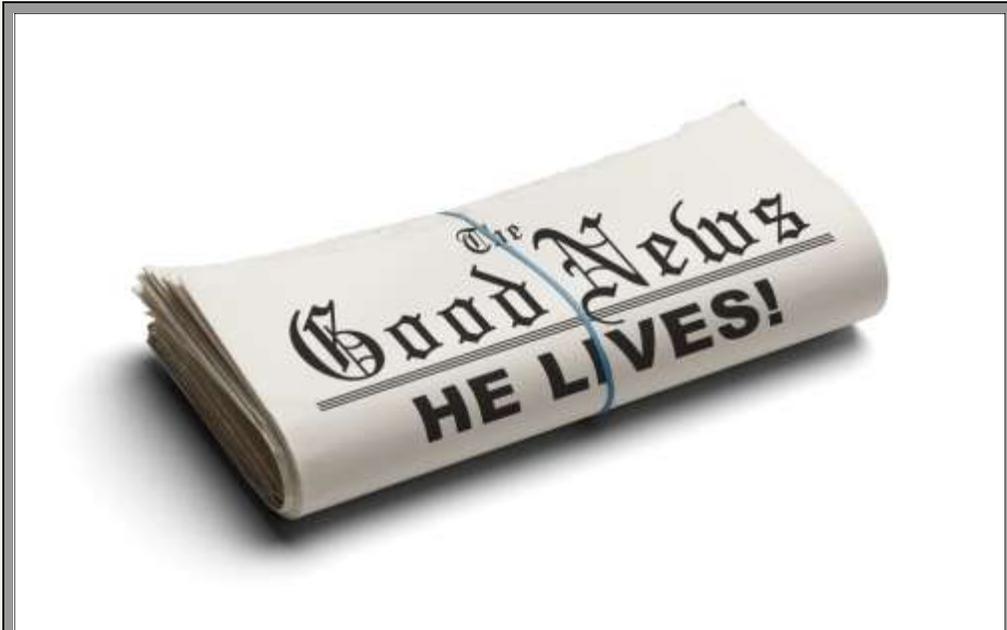




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It's difficult in times like these: ideals, dreams and cherished hopes rise within us, only to be crushed by grim reality. It's a wonder I haven't abandoned all my ideals, they seem so absurd and impractical. Yet I cling to them because I still believe, in spite of everything, that people are truly **good** at heart... Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!



-Anne Frank
90th Birthday Honorarium
Born- June 12, 1929





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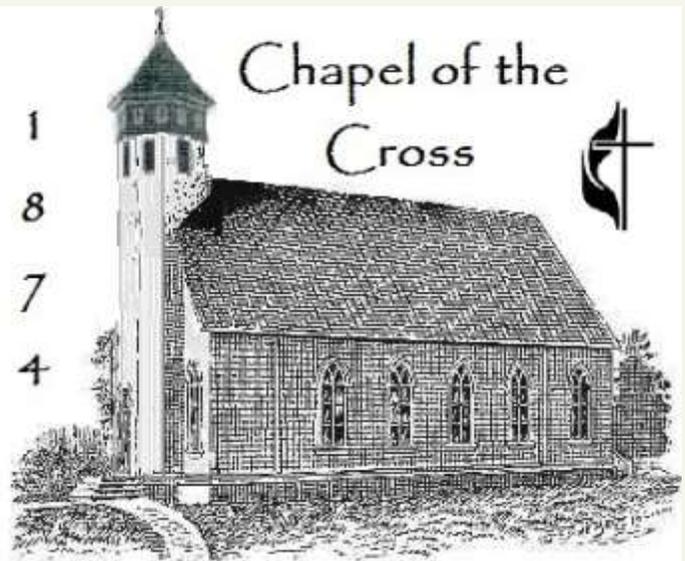
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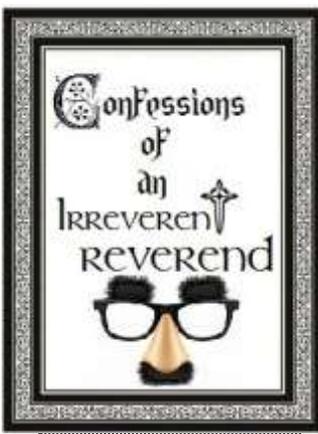
Having this online resources enables you to tell ANYONE about how amazing our place of worship is, as well as giving you the resources to talk about our Missions, Program Ministries and Events.

On the larger level, our Canal District is featured on a section of the Conference webpage— and you can get there at this location: www.eocumc.com/canal There you can see our District Newsletter learn more about District Events and missions.

On the Conference webpage, you can see everything going on in East Ohio Conference, a collection of nearly 800 churches! Go to- www.eocumc.com - to see all the mission, excitement and ministry going on!

General Conference— Special Session 2019

Where Are We Now?



Rev. Bob Mitchell

As many of you are aware, our denomination had a pivotal Special Session of General Conference in February of this year to specifically discuss 1) the denomination's stance on LGBTQ marriage and 2) the denomination's stance on LGBTQ ordination & clergy orders. The current law of the United Methodist Church, under the 2016 Book of Discipline (our legal rules) does not recognize or allow LGBTQ marriages to be performed in our churches or by our clergy, and the Discipline also does not allow the inclusion of LGBTQ persons for ordination & clergy orders. To be clear, (something that several media sources got wrong) the current language of our denomination's Discipline does not exclude an LGBTQ person from church membership or from leadership positions within a church.

The Special Session was composed of 864 delegates (total) who were elected from every Annual Conference in United Methodism— from the 54 Annual Conferences in America and the 75 Annual Conferences in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. Our East Ohio Conference sent 6 clergy and 6 lay delegates to represent us. The body considered 3 separate plans, recommended by the Council of Bishops. All delegates studied (over 800 pages of material) and prayed collectively for 2 yrs prior to the Special Session. All three plans were put before the Judicial Council (Supreme Court of the UMC) and all 3 were highlighted with specific areas that would need to be corrected in order to be passed as 'constitutional' (meaning all 3 had some problems, which would need to be 'fixed' at the Special Session so that they could actually be put in place). Not a big deal... at the time.



The 3 plans to choose from were: 1) the One Church Plan, 2) the Connectional Conference Plan and 3) the Traditional Plan. In very short (down-to-Earth) here is a fast summary of the three.

- 1) The One Church Plan would grant full inclusion to LGBTQ persons to marriage and ordination / clergy orders for LGBTQ clergy, but churches (or clergy) who wouldn't want to perform LGBTQ weddings would not be required to do so. Equally, conferences would specifically appoint clergy and congregations that were on the same side of the issue of LGBTQ inclusion— so conservative congregations would not be appointed liberal clergy— or vice versa.
- 2) The Connectional Conference Plan is really VERY difficult to explain— suffice to say that it involved having 3 different 'kinds' of United Methodist Churches existing simultaneously, side-by-side. Yeah. No one really understood, or liked this option.
- 3) The Traditional Plan was essentially maintaining the same language of the current Discipline (no LGBTQ marriage or ordination / clergy orders), while **adding** the ability for conferences, agencies and jurisdictions **to enforce** the church law by removing orders of those who violated these laws (something the current language of the Discipline doesn't discuss).

On Feb 23-26 of this year, all 864 delegates met in St. Louis, Missouri. Thankfully, their work was not interrupted by outside distractions, as had been the case in 2016. All delegates met a day early of session, specifically for a whole day of prayer. Then on Sunday, delegates were given instructions on voting methods, shared in mutual discussion, worship and more prayer. The actual delegation and voting took place on Monday and Tuesday. Before voting took place on Monday, one of the first courses of action was the adoption of a new piece of legislation for the 'de-investment' of those churches that would want to get out of

the denomination, depending on how the voting might go. After that new legislation was passed, the delegates were given an overview of all three plans with presentations to fully explain the ins-and-outs of the proposals, as well as opportunities for other parties to give a fair rebuttal of the 'down-sides' to each proposed plan. After this, delegates voted on WHICH PLANS WOULD BE VOTED ON at the Plenary session (on Tuesday). This means that a plan would need to receive a majority vote to move forward— in order to be considered for the 'official vote' on Tuesday. During this voting, the Traditional Plan was the only plan to receive enough votes to be considered



on Tuesday– although the voting was EXTREMELY close and clearly showed the enormous divide in our denomination.

On Tuesday, the delegates met in Plenary session for final decisions, where the Traditional Plan was considered and fiercely debated. Again, it was clear that there were a number of persons on all sides of this debate and the obvious divisions splintering in our denomination. Following Parliamentary procedure, the ‘minority report’ of offering the One-Church Plan a second time for consideration was EXTREMELY CLOSE to being passed, but failed a majority vote, by 58 votes. As the Traditional Plan was brought to vote, it narrowly passed, 438 in favor and 384 against. The debates, on both days, consumed a tremendous amount of time and the process was more labored than expected. As a result, among fierce debate and heartfelt appeals on both sides, the Traditionalist Plan was passed, but the portions of the plan which were highlighted as ‘unconstitutional’ by the Judicial Council were never corrected. They ran out of time. And THAT was General Conference 2019!



SO– the Traditional Plan would come into play on Jan 1, 2020. However... the plan passed by General Conference is still ‘unconstitutional’. The total plan is going back before Judicial Council at the end of April, but all the Judicial Council can do is recognize the same 15 portions of the plan that it already said were broken. So– what happens when Judicial Council says that these parts are still ‘unconstitutional’? Some are saying the whole mess becomes a part of the 2020 General Conference. The Council of Bishops, however, has said that this verdict would undo the whole process and take the Traditional Plan off the map.

I think the reason that the Council of Bishops are pushing that direction, is the prayer for a more amenable situation than the one we are working through– with one side, or another, winning a vote. Regardless of your preference to ‘sides’ on this issue, I think you’d have to agree that the last thing that God would want is fighting and a divided church. Jesus would want us all to find the Truth together– Amen? In any vote that is so divided, by just pushing ahead- conflict and division is intensified. Calling something a win, when 50% of our denomination walks away, is hardly a “win”- Amen? If our goal is to find the Truth, then our means should always be focused on finding more ways to dialogue and work together, instead of choosing to close doors and just press ahead. Friends– this isn’t a sided speech. I would be typing out this same article if the One Church Plan had passed and our Traditionalist side was looking to leave the denomination. I have to believe there is a better way. My life and ministry has shown me that discussions are always better than arguments. Arguments work (and fail) at determining WHO IS RIGHT, while discussions work (and succeed) in determining WHAT IS RIGHT.

In either case, the reality is before us, that even though the Traditional plan passed, it passed in such a narrow margin (5%), that it might not pass, if up for consideration again. This debate of our denomination clearly showed a divided church, and I don’t think that the sides (which were so clearly drawn in February)



have lessened any (on either side) just because the voting is over. The sides are still equally drawn, the questions haven’t gone away and the debate is certainly not over. Polls are showing that the majority of those who were “PRO” to the One Church Plan– are not choosing to ‘deinvest’ from the UMC and just ‘go away’. They are hanging on to continue the conversation and to bring the same debate again in future General Conferences. This is not the end, friends, but just the beginning.

So... am I excited about the idea of MORE ongoing debates, potential fighting and continued arguments? Absolutely not! I’m completely tired of all this nonsense– and I just want to get back to worship! Like the Council of Bishops though, I am in constant prayer that SOME kind of miracle will enable ALL OF US to be able to find the Truth together. How does that happen? I don’t know– but I’ve certainly witnessed God work far more amazing miracles than that in my life. In the church, our common foundation has always been Scripture and I pray through God’s guiding words of Wisdom, we can find Peace together again. Jesus can do all things, if we can surrender ourselves to His amazing guidance and profound Truth, as provided in our Scriptures. I ask we can all keep our prayers active and our patience centered on our Christ, who can heal all wounds and help us find Peace. In the meantime... I plan to get back to the work that I love, in serving the Cross and giving praise to our Lord!

–Rev. Bob



Many, Many Thanks !

The Safety Team wanted to lift up our thanksgiving for the extremely generous (anonymous) donation to the Chapel of the several new doors located throughout the church building. These doors are much more secure, more weather resistant and provide easier access to the building. We are equally thankful for the extremely generous (also anonymous) donation to the Chapel of the church security system, which is a tremendous asset to the building. Finally, many thanks to all the helpful hands and reminders who keep our building doors locked and secure.



Music Sunday

Invite a friend for Sunday, May 19– for our annual Music Sunday Celebration! All the church choirs and music ministries will play to give Glory to God! Come together as Chimes, Bells, Choirs and Puppets all give praise!

Our annual Mission Team Spaghetti Dinner will be held on April 27th from 4:30—6:30 pm. If you would like to help in anyway, please see Margaret Glenn, or contact her @ 330-832-6923. This fund raiser is to support our Missionaries and our mission work teams that go out to help those in need, to give them a better quality of life, and to share God's word.



All Choir Weiner Roast!

All choirs (Chimes, Puppets {both the cloth and human variety}, Bells, Adult & Children's Choir and our Music Staff) are invited to this Annual celebration at the end of our musical season, on Wednesday, May 8th @ 5:30pm. Hot dogs provided, so meet up at the Chapel Parking lot with a dish to share with friends, as we give praise to God and give thanks for such an awesome musical season! ****DON'T FORGET YOUR LAWN CHAIRS! ****



Many Hands Making Mats– *Becky Workinger*

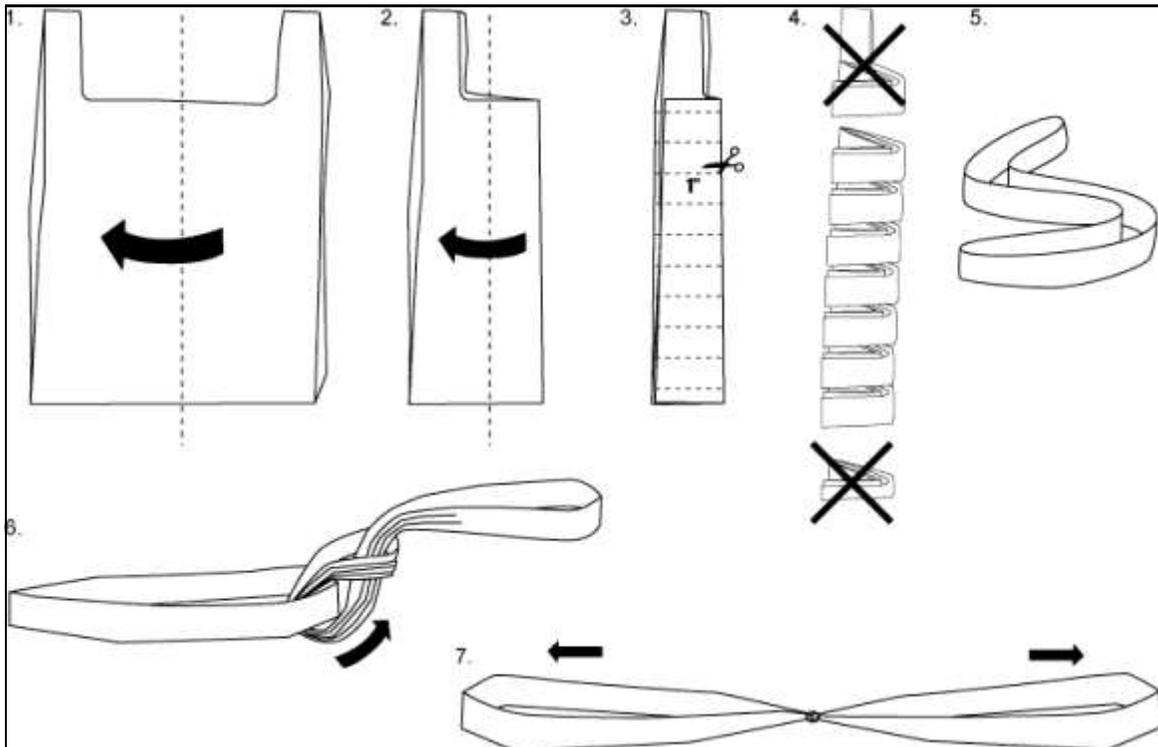
Mats For the Homeless project was introduced to us back in November 2017 and has become part of the many ministries in the Chapel family. Our Youth started asking for bags and the congregation met the challenge... Cutting and winding it into “plarn” balls for crocheting mats.

Here we are in the spring of 2019 and Yes we are still making mats! We plan to continue throughout the year and we will continue the great efforts to make the mats for homeless. We have sent mats to Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Columbus and West Virginia. At this time our group effort has produced over 50 mats, made and passed out to the homeless!



At the first of the year, we asked the congregation to stop bringing bags in, because we were backed up by 25 garbage bags (the 55 gallon!) stuffed full of shopping bags! The request for help to make bags into “plarn” was given, and on Wednesday mornings (and evenings) many came out to tackle the task. Some worked from home, while others faithfully came to the church all winter long. Thanks to all that helped with this project.

Going forward, we are going to continue to meet on Wednesdays at 9 am -12 noon. We are taking bags again– since it takes an estimated 600 bags to crochet a 30 x 70 mat! We have had as many as 16 ladies crocheting, so we pray for this continuing ministry. We have had a request for teaching the process, so other groups and churches can serve. There are so many names to name, but instead we can proudly say the Chapel family has been faithful servants in contributing with our work effort in meeting this special need. May God receive the Glory!





Bright Sunday!

Bright Sunday is an awesome celebration of our faith– to remember the joy of Christ’s resurrection, and the ‘joke’ that has been played on Death. Our Christ rises from the tomb, and we can celebrate with Him, that nothing can separate us from the Love of God. Bright Sunday (this year on April 28th) is a historic tradition that follows all the way back to the early Christians, as a time of celebration, laughter and joy. Shaping the foundations of “April Fools Day”- this Sunday is a day for practical jokes and generalized silliness. Congregants are encouraged to wear bright, ‘crazy’ colors, Hawaiian shirts and neon fabrics. Invite a friend to come and share in the worship, and a time of fellowship, as we ‘brighten up’ our

food with amazing colors as well. Come and share in God’s laughter and the joy of Easter, that follows us throughout the year!

On Bright Sunday (April 28th), our church will have a potluck meal right after regular church service. The Fellowship Team is providing pulled pork sandwiches, so bring along a dish for all to share in this great time of faith, fellowship and fun. To make things especially BRIGHT, consider using some creative applications of food coloring! So... bring a dish... bring some brightness... but the important thing is to bring yourself!

A-H Salad
I-P Dessert
Q-Z Casserole



Chapel **Office** **Closed**

During the East Ohio Annual Conference (June 9-13)– Rev Bob will be attending– so our Chapel office will be closed. Please keep our Annual Conference representative, Becky Workinger, in your prayers- as well as our local District representative to Annual Conference, Jonah Mitchell. If there is any emergency during this week– please don’t hesitate to contact Pastor Bob on his mobile number, 419-606-8516.



MEN’S PRAYER **BREAKFAST**

On the second Sunday of every month, the men of the Chapel meet at 7am for breakfast, prayer, devotions, laughter and some excellent discussions! If you are interested, plan on showing up at the next breakfast and share in the fellowship!



Our Chapel Youth provides an excellent environment for teens, Grades 7-12, to experience their faith and learn more about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ! Invite a friend to come along today!

The Chapel Puppet Ministry provides a fantastic place for our youth to express their own faith, while teaching others about the foundations of Christian life! It's a place, where the lessons they have learned throughout their years of Sunday School, Confirmation and Christian formation— all shape into a single ministry they can share in worship!



Chloe Mitchell (not a very chatty young lady) was suddenly very open to speak about her experiences in Puppets. *“The hardest part is working with those misbehaving puppets! There have been several incidents of the puppets biting the puppeteers! Eventually, they start to behave and we can get to work. The Puppet Team is really fun and we work as a team to not just make entertainment for the little kids, but also serve God by brightening someone’s day. On our worship days (when we puppeteer) the parts and the rhythm and the directions all start to come together... much better than they can in practice... because God makes our time into a worship. We’re always looking for more puppeteers to share in that!”*

If you know any youth who would like to participate in this amazing program— please have them contact Ron or Shannan Poland (Our Chapel Puppet Leaders) today!



As we approach our Easter Celebration again this year, the Chapel Youth are anxiously preparing for their annual Sunrise Service. It is a Chapel tradition for the youth to lead this worship, and they always provide an AMAZING worship opportunity that tells the Easter story in a very powerful way.

Jonah Mitchell, one of our graduating seniors had this say about the Sunrise Service. *“ It really is an awesome worship experience! Our Youth Group puts a lot of effort into it, both practicing and planning. As we have been preparing for this worship, over the last few weeks, we have been having a lot of fun, but it changes... slowly. Over time, the planning develops into a kind of worship itself. As we plan on helping other people get closer to God, we find ourselves getting closer to God. I guess that’s what our Youth Group is all about, really... not just about having great relationships with each other, but helping others (and each other) get closer in our relationship with God. Youth group is really great for spiritual development and leadership experience.”*

Make your plans to attend the Annual Sunrise Easter Service at the Chapel— at 7am— to share in an amazing worship and to have an opportunity to hear God’s Word, expressed in story, song and seen through the eyes of our youth. Come and celebrate the Lord!

If you know any youth, have them give Jonah a call to learn more about the Chapel’s Youth or Puppets programs (330-236-6073).



Holy Week Calendar



Holy
Thursday

April 18th ~ 7:00pm

Come and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and remember the sacrifice of our Lord.



April 19th ~ 2pm—8pm

Walk along a Prayer Path to the Cross... a 30-minute journey of 14 stations to help us connect more deeply with Christ's journey to the cross. The Prayer Path will be open at the times listed above.



7am

Sunrise Service with our Chapel Youth! What an incredible way to begin the celebration of Jesus' resurrection! Join the youth of the Chapel, as they celebrate God's gift of salvation!



Immediately following the Sunrise Service (till 9am) the Chapel Men will be hosting their Easter Breakfast. Bring a friend to share in some good fellowship and a warm breakfast! Regular Sunday School is from 9am-9:45am)



10AM- Come together, as OUR KING rises from the tomb and sets us free, from the bondage of slavery to sin and death. This is our day of Victory! He is Risen!



Backpack Blessing



The Chapel will take part in the Tuslaw Schools Community Back to School event that will be held in early Aug to help families in our community as they prepare to send their children back to school this fall. The program helps the families to make sure their children are prepared for the new school year. We continue to collect backpacks and school supplies for our Backpack Blessing program all year. Last year, we were able to donate 30 backpacks filled with school

supplies to community children and 30 backpacks for the Chapel Kids. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Backpack Blessing Ministry make your check out to: Chapel of the Cross—and note it on Memo: Backpack Blessings.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in this ministry and outreach to our community. The Backpack Blessing Ministry is collecting the following School supplies:

-  Bottle of Elmer's Glue
-  Glue Sticks
-  Yellow highlighters
-  Scissors
-  1 Subject College/Wide Ruled Notebooks
-  College/Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Paper
-  3 Prong folders – Orange, Blue, Yellow, Green, Purple and Red
-  2 Pocket folders—Orange, Blue, Yellow, Green, Purple and Red
-  Plastic pencil boxes
-  Colored markers
-  Colored pencils
-  Pencils



Do you have clothes and shoes your family has outgrown?

Our Tuslaw Local Schools will be collecting these items for local children who are in need, so if you have items, we can get them to where they will be certainly used! Here is how you can help! We will start collecting gently-used (clean) clothing items, shirt, jeans, shoes etc. children size 4T- Adult sizes. Bring your clothing items to church. The clothing will be placed in the Backpack Blessings room downstairs and the Outreach Team will

take them to the school when they are collecting (during the Back to School Collection Event). Also, we will be excepting new socks and underwear as well as any extra hangers you have. If you have any questions, see Carey Mitchell or Julie Hickman. Thank you for being a blessing to others!

“I was shivering and you gave me clothes” (Matt 25:36)



Food Pantry Report

Our Tuslaw Food Pantry is doing AMAZING work, serving **25 households** / month with groceries. We are continually thankful for the generous contributions of groceries from MANY sources, finances from our community and time from our INCREDIBLE volunteer staff.

We are especially grateful for the thoughtful benevolence of Faith United Methodist Church, who contributed a gift of \$4,250 to the Pantry during their final closing in November. Our Team has prayed over this blessing, and we are moving forward with the purchase of an industrial freezer, to be able to expand our giving (through the generosity and our involvement with the Akron Area Food Bank) to include more frozen foods and

meats. This will be a great advancement in our provision.

Community Dinner

Sit down with a stranger and leave with a friend

The monthly community meal continues to serve (approx) 40-60 people per month, many of whom might not have a meal otherwise. This provision is not just for

a hot meal, but the ministry provides companionship, prayers and amazing fellowship during our meal.

- 👏 Grocery Giveaway is 3rd Friday, monthly 9-10am
April Giveaway is moved to April 12
- 👏 Community Meal is 3rd Saturday, monthly 4:30-6pm
April Community Meal is moved to April 13



The Hunger Ministry will sponsor its annual fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, May 5th from 8am-9:30am.

On April 6th, the Hunger Ministry Team met to make an assortment of frozen meals to take to shut-ins and our congregants recovering from surgery. Our thanks to the many hands that made this work possible and for the thoughtful ministry to care for our congregation.



EOC Cleaning Buckets!



EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKETS

Every year at Annual Conference, the EOC collects Cleaning Buckets that are filled with specific supplies, so they can be distributed to people who are in need during national disasters, flood victims and other emergency situations. Becky Workerger, (our Chapel delegate to AC) provides the buckets, gathers the needed supplies and graciously takes our assembled buckets to AC every year. If you would like to contribute to this vital ministry by purchasing some of the items below, please gather the

needed items and get them to Becky W. by Sunday, June 2nd.

- 👤 liquid laundry detergent - 16-32 oz
- 👤 liquid household cleaner - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner, no spray cleaners
- 👤 dish soap - 16-34 oz. bottle, any brand
- 👤 1 can air freshener - aerosol or pump
- 👤 1 insect repellent spray - 6 - 14 oz. aerosol spray pump
- 👤 1 scrub brush - plastic or wooden handle
- 👤 18 cleaning wipes- handi wipes or reusable wipes
- 👤 5 scouring pads—not SOS or steel
- 👤 36- 50 clothespins
- 👤 Clothesline - 70 - 100ft.; cotton or plastic
- 👤 24 roll heavy duty trash bags
- 👤 5 dust masks
- 👤 2 pair disposable kitchen gloves - rubber or latex
- 👤 1 pair work gloves - leather palm necessary
- 👤 \$3.00 to cover cost of sponges and shipping– place in envelope (not in bucket)



The North Lawrence Fire Department will be hosting it's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th @ 1pm SHARP— come rain, shine or snow! Ages for the event are 1-10– so please let others know, and invite friends along for this great day. Our thanks and prayers for the many helpful hands that put this event together, and our thanks for all that our local Fire Department does for our community.





During this season of Lent, we consider the sacrifices that Jesus has made for us, and we also **consider the 'barriers' that keep us from our Christ.** Without doubt, our two MOST common barriers are 1) time and 2) finances.

These are the same two things that 'stall out' the fire of our personal relationships and strangle the **life out of our potential for happiness! Issues around 'money' and 'time' are** usually the foundations of our struggles, personal conflicts and marital arguments– so no wonder these are the same things that God is most interested in receiving as gifts, when we are looking to 'sacrifice' something. Let's be honest– God doesn't need money– Amen? The reason we sacrifice our finances,

is to surrender the hold that our finances have on our lives! By giving of ourselves from these important commodities of time and financing, we are choosing to allow God to STEER these most important and vital areas of our lives.

God is looking to BLESS these things in our lives, to transform them into useful tools, rather than

frustrating **burdens. So...** give with gladness and receive God's blessings!

General	R & I	Missions
This 'Fund' pays for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gas, Electric, Phone, etc... ☞ Church Staff Salaries ☞ Program Ministry expenses ☞ Office Expenses ☞ All other 'regular' expenses of the church where funding is needed 	This 'Fund' pays for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Building campaigns ☞ Trustee's maintenance and repair needs ☞ Physical 'care and maintenance' of the church building 	This 'Fund' pays for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Missionary Investments in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earl Bailey Mission Red Bird Mission Samaritan's Purse SAFY Foster Care Sarah Meek Ramsey Mission Home Missions ☞ Part of this fund also goes to support our World Service & Benevolence Apportionments

Going away to visit family?

Drive safely! Please remember your tithing relationship though, which is your personal giving commitment to God, and not something that you want to forget!



My Offering

Chapel of the Cross
 United Methodist Church
 North Lawrence, OH 44666

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The Chapel VBS Team is looking forward to another exciting year of AMAZING Adventure! This year with ROAR!- as we discover not just how WILD life can get, but also how GOOD God is!

VBS is an amazing opportunity for our congregation to reach out into our community to connect with new families and to spread the message of Jesus Christ. ALSO– it is a TON of fun! Seriously! I think the adult volunteers have more fun than the kids.

I spoke with Lisa Gardner (one of our VBS Directing Champions) about why she keeps coming back to VBS every year. *“I love VBS because I love watching the children come and sing the songs and learn about Jesus through games, crafts, stories and videos. They are so excited each and every day– it makes everyone else excited. You know this is an amazing ministry, when you see the kids who have ‘outgrown’ the age to come to VBS, and they look forward to becoming helpers! It makes me so proud to see these young adults value their faith so much that they want to share it with others. The VBS program makes the lessons very easy to follow and everyone works together. IT IS A BLAST doing God’s work this week!”*



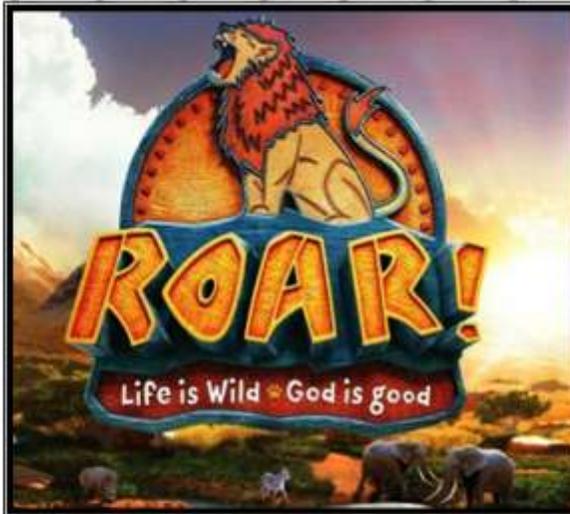
If you’d like to help out at VBS, there is definitely a position waiting for you! There are spots to help out in many areas– and you don’t have to be a Biblical Scholar to share your faith. Many of our adults learn right along with the kids about ways to deepen our faith! So, chat with Lisa personally, or e-mail her today at gardnerbestmom@yahoo.com !

Sponsor A Child

The Chapel has never charged a registration fee or an attendance fee for our ministry programs, because we feel Educational Ministry is a gift, both to the volunteers and to the participants. Many of the costs associated with individual stations are thoughtfully paid for by our own volunteers, who truly love this service in ministry. Every year we receive VBS Sponsorships, which offsets the cost of the program and for the materials for each participant. These sponsorships help to purchase individual student bible reminder tags, bible memory books, CD’s for each student to take home (so they can sing VBS songs ALLLLLLL summer long...) and much more. If you would like to support this fantastic outreach to the community, please consider offering a sponsorship of \$10. Your gift will help to make a tremendous impact in a young persons life!



And you thought the animals were wild!



VBS 2019

June 24 - 28
9am - 12noon



Ages: 3yrs - 6th Grade
(just finished)

Come and explore the fun! Vacation Bible School is a week long exploration of a child's faith, as they are introduced to the truth that while LIFE IS WILD- Jesus can prepare us for ANYTHING! Using multisensory activities, incredible crafts, awesome snacks, amazing songs, powerful Bible lessons... all led by adults and teens who love the Lord (and love working with kids!)... Vacation Bible School provides an environment where children *experience* the Scripture stories *come alive* before them! Every day is a BLAST!

This year's theme is 'ROAR!' - an epic African adventure that engages the whole herd! At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that can power them through this wild life!

We know with busy schedules, that many kiddos are unable to attend the full week, which is quite common. Each day's lesson is separate, and delivers a ton of fun along the way. Of course everyone is invited to the big celebration, on **Sunday June 30th @ 10am** - as we celebrate our nation and our VBS kids share their week in song!

On the other side of this page is the Registration Form. Please bring this along on your first day. For children's safety, we ask for an adult to bring children into the building and do a pickup every day (rather than dropping kiddos off). Your child's safety is always our first concern.

Lastly, if you have any questions about the program or the content, please don't hesitate to call or text Pastor Bob - 419-606-8516.

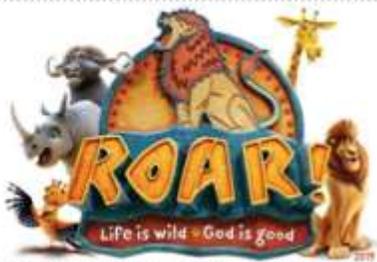
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And Jesus said: *"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 18:3





REGISTRATION 2019

CHILD NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

CELL PHONE _____

PHONE _____

GRADE ____ DATE OF BIRTH ____ AGE ____

ADDRESS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT # _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

Does your child have any food allergies? ____ Yes ____ No

Please list _____

Does your child have any relevant medical conditions? ____ Yes ____ No

Please list _____

Do you presently attend a local church? ____ Yes ____ No

Name of Church _____

Occasionally, the Chapel uses photographs/videos of children/youth in publicity such as newsletters, brochures, Facebook posts and on the church websites. No child's names will be used in these publications. Indicate below if you **DO NOT** wish your child's photo to be used.

Please **DO NOT** include my child's picture/video in any publicity.

***Who are the people that are eligible to pick up the child?**

Identification will be requested. ONLY those listed here will be eligible to receive the child from our care. Permission notes, phone calls or signed statements of permission from the parent will NOT be accepted for release. Please understand, this effort is to create the safest environment possible for children. We appreciate your cooperation.

For their safety, children will remain in the church and must be signed out by the persons listed on this form. No child will be permitted to leave without an adult escort to the car. This policy is in place for the safety of the children.

Medical Waiver

I, the undersigned have legal custody of the student named, and have given our consent for Them to attend events being organized by the church. In the event that my child is injured and requires the attention of a doctor, I consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. In the event treatment is required from a physician and/or hospital personnel designated by the church, I agree to hold such person free and harmless of any claims, demands, or suits for damages arising from the giving of such consent. I also acknowledge that we will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by the health insurance provider.

I agree to the 'pick-up policy' on this document, and I understand that only those persons listed there (with appropriate identification) can pick-up this child from the care of Chapel leaders.

Finally, I authorize my child to have entirely too much fun, and, as a consequence, probably bring some of that fun home with them. I am a parent. I am ready for anything. Bring it!

Signature _____



Don't forget that on Memorial Day our local Boy Scout Troop #933 hosts a Pancake/Sausage Breakfast at the Chapel starting at 7:00 AM. Proceeds of the breakfast support the activities and programs of Troop #933. They will also be serving following the Memorial Day Program.

2018 MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

Please join us for our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet to be held on Saturday, May 11th at 5:30pm for a fantastic meal (prepared by the men of the church). Come and enjoy the evening of faith, fellowship and fun. This event is for ALL ladies—as a Family of Faith, we all serve as Grammas, Mothers and Daughters for each other.



Name: _____
Phone # _____
TOTAL # of persons attending: _____
Number of Adults (\$8) _____
Number of Children age 6-12 (\$5) _____
Number of Children age 5 and under (free): _____



Total money included with RSVP: _____

Please return reservations by Sunday, May 5th to Becky McCullough or Regina.



Our Chapel Trustees always have done such an amazing job maintaining and caring for our church building. We appreciate their service and continued care!

Church Pavilion

The Chapel Trustees were quite impressed (and proud) of the amazing plans drawn up by Darryn Kiko for the building of an outdoor Pavilion on the small adjoining property west of the church. After careful review of the plans, the project has been approved by the Trustees and the Leadership Team of the Chapel. A new house number was required for this



property, and was entered into county records as 14477 Orrville St NW. Planning will continue, with an expected completion by Fall 2019 for Darryn's Eagle Scout Project.



Table & Chair Policy

As a reminder, the church does lend out tables and chairs for church members who might need them, but the policy (Jan 31, 2008) is to use the wooden tables and metal chairs which are kept in the storage area across from the choir room. The white tables and chairs are to remain in the fellowship hall. If you do need to borrow the wooden tables or metal chairs, you just need to contact Miss Regina, in the church office to schedule their use and return.

Food and Drink Policy

We are so grateful for the amazing work done to clean our church carpeting! As that work continues throughout the building, it's important for us to take some steps to maintain our church flooring. Simple spills and drips are so easy to miss, and can really add up over time! Please let's help one another to remember that (outside of the Fellowship Hall) there shouldn't be any beverages, except water. Also, there shouldn't be any food consumption in the building, outside of the fellowship hall. We appreciate your cooperation in this work, to keep our church shining bright!



Church Rental Policy

On the next two pages are the Chapel's updated contracts for church use, both for weddings and for other occasions. If there are any questions, or if you'd like to schedule an event, don't hesitate to contact our office manager, Miss Regina, for arrangements.

Building Use Agreement

Policy Revised: Dec 2018

Chapel of the Cross
United Methodist Church
14411 Orrville St NW
North Lawrence, OH 44666
330.832.6885

Date Requested: _____ Time to be Used: _____

Contracting Person: _____ Planned Use: _____

Address _____ Phone _____



*This form **MUST** be authorized and passed through our Church Office Manager, and only those events that are passed by that office will be put on the church calendar. Any 'rental' of the building requires a \$25 "Facilities Usage Fee". There should be no use of other parts of the building not requested under the 'rental', otherwise incurring additional fees on the 'renter'. No person should operate any of the church electronics, musical instruments, air conditioning / heating systems or the church pipe organ. If your group needs a sound technician to operate the sound system, or if the pianist or organist are required, further arrangements can be made by contacting our Church Office Manager. Consumption of alcohol and use of tobacco products are expressly prohibited on church property. Animals, outside of licensed service animals, are prohibited from the building. Any 'setup' or 'takedown' of additional tables, chairs, personal equipment or the moving of furnishings is completely at the responsibility and liability of the 'renter'. There is to be no beverages in the sanctuary area, except water. There will be no commercial sales on the church property, and any non-profit sales will occur in the Fellowship Hall only.*

Fees: Member (no rental fee)

- Usage Fee- Kitchen & Fellowship Hall (\$25)
- Usage Fee - Sanctuary (\$25)
- Sound Technician (up to 3hrs) (if needed- \$40)

All rentals require a \$50 (refundable) deposit- pending approval of the Post-Rental Evaluation

TOTAL DUE AT SIGNING \$ _____

Non-Member

- Church Rental Fee- (\$100)
- Usage Fee- Kitchen & Fellowship Hall (\$25)
- Usage Fee - Sanctuary (\$25)
- Sound Technician (up to 3hrs) (if needed (\$40)

All rentals require a \$50 (refundable) deposit- pending approval of the Post-Rental Evaluation

TOTAL DUE AT SIGNING \$ _____

****All fees must be paid at the time of contract.** All fees paid directly to "Chapel of the Cross", except the "Sound Tech fees", which should be paid directly to person providing service. **All paid fees are non-refundable.**

I, _____ agree on behalf

(printed name of individual responsible for building use)

of _____ to the following conditions:

(name of individual or group)

If anything is damaged during the use of the facilities, I agree to notify the church immediately and personally assume the costs for repair or replacement. I agree to the rules and terms stated above for this building rental. I also agree to completing the check off list on the back of this form, to be sure the building is cleaned. If the building is not found to be clean (during the post-rental evaluation), the deposit will not be refunded- but will be used to cover expenses for custodial services to clean the building.

Signature of Contracting Person

Date

Chapel Office Manager

Date

Church Use Agreement Page 1

Please fill out the following checklist to be sure that you return the church to the same condition before your use. The deposit is held on the agreement, until approval of a post-rental evaluation.

Rental Agreement Checklist

Trustees Committee

Check off any items for rooms used

- ___ Bathrooms are clean of all trash. Pick up any paper on the floor and put in trash can and pull liner to be put in dumpster out back if it is full and put new liner in trash can. Toilets are clean and flushed upon leaving. Bathroom floor is clean and clear of garbage. Bathroom sinks and mirrors are dry of any water. Lights out.
- ___ All lights in building are turned off.
- ___ Make sure all church doors are locked upon exiting.

If Fellowship Hall is used:

- ___ Fellowship hall floor and kitchen is swept. Also mopped of any visible spills or stains. Mop is cleaned and put back where it was found.
- ___ Tables and chairs are wiped down with a wet rag to clean any liquid or food from them. Tables and chairs are returned to where they were before.
- ___ All trash cans and garbage is taken out to the dumpster. New liners placed in cans.

If Sanctuary is used:

- ___ Sanctuary is clean of any trash (pews, back of pews)
- ___ Floor is clean and vacuumed

If Kitchen is used:

- ___ All coffee pots are cleaned and put back in original spots. Clean out the coffee filters.
- ___ Kitchen is cleaned of any containers or trash and all counters and stoves wiped clean.
- ___ All trash is removed from the kitchen and fellowship hall and taken to the dumpster.
- ___ Any towels used are put neatly on the edge of the sink to dry.
- ___ Ensure ovens and stove are turned off. All equipment is put away.
- ___ Dishes and utensils are washed, dried and put away.

Wedding Building Use Agreement

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 United Methodist Church
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Date Requested: _____ Time to be Used: _____

Contracting Person: _____ Planned Use: _____

Address _____ Phone _____



Policy Amended: Dec. 2018

This form **MUST** be authorized and passed through our Church Office Manager, and only those events that are passed by that office will be put on the church calendar. ANY wedding or marital service performed on the church property must be approved by the residing pastor. There is no 'rental fee' for church members, but there is a \$100 fee for non-members. Any 'rental' of the building (by member or non-member) for a wedding requires a \$75 fee (paid directly to our custodian) for custodial services to maintainance the bathrooms, cleaning any rooms that are utilized and cleaning before our normal worship services. An additional \$25 is added to the Custodial fee (paid directly to our custodian) **if** the Kitchen / Fellowship Hall is requested for a reception after the wedding service. There should be no use or travel to parts of the building not under 'rental', (excluding areas for changing, photography... etc) otherwise incurring additional fees on the 'renter'. No person should operate any of the church electronics, musical instruments, air conditioning / heating systems or the church pipe organ, except those persons trained to do so. An church wedding will also require the use of a church authorized Sound Technician for \$40 (paid directly to the Sound Tech), who will be available for the rehearsal and the day of the wedding. If a pianist or organist is required, further arrangements can be made by contacting our Church Office Manager. The professional honoraria for clergy services, counseling and preparation for the service is \$175, paid directly to the pastor. Other additional services, and optional fees are outlined on the reverse of this contract. Any use or misuse outside of this agreement will open the renter to personal liability. There is to be no beverages in the sanctuary area, except water.

Total of fees due to Chapel of the Cross- (due at signing)- \$ _____	For Office Staff <input type="radio"/> paid <input type="radio"/> paid <input type="radio"/> paid
Fees paid to Clergy- (due before rehearsal) \$ _____	
Fees paid to Custodian- (due before rehearsal) \$ _____	

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I, _____ agree on behalf
(printed name of individual responsible for building use)

Of _____ to the following conditions:
(name of individual or group)

If anything is damaged during the use of the facilities, I agree to notify the church immediately and personally assume the costs for repair or replacement. I understand that no serving or drinking of alcoholic beverages is permitted on the church premises. Further, I understand that no smoking will take place anywhere on the church property. I understand that no unauthorized person may use the church sanctuary sound system, pipe organ or piano.

 Signature of Contracting Person Date Chapel Office Manager Date

Below are the outlines costs and standard fees, as well as the optional fees available for services related to a church wedding at Chapel of the Cross. Please select all the items that apply in either the Member- or Non-Member box.

Fees:	Member <small>(no rental fee)</small>	For Office Staff
<input type="radio"/> Custodial Fee- <u>Wedding</u>	(\$75)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Sound Technician	(\$40)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Pastoral Fees	(\$175)	<input type="radio"/> paid
 Optional Fees:		
<input type="radio"/> Organist <small>(if needed)</small>	(\$75)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Custodial Fee - Kitchen & Fellowship Hall <small>(if needed)</small>	(\$25)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Wedding Program <small>(if needed)</small>	(\$15)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Communion During Service <small>(if needed)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Groom only	(\$5)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="checkbox"/> Congregation	(\$20)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Aisle Candelabra <small>(if needed)</small>	(\$20)	<input type="radio"/> paid

OR

Fees:	Non-Member	For Office Staff
<input type="radio"/> Building Rental Fee	(\$100)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Custodial Fee- <u>Wedding</u>	(\$75)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Sound Technician	(\$40)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Pastoral Fees	(\$175)	<input type="radio"/> paid
 Optional Fees:		
<input type="radio"/> Organist <small>(if needed)</small>	(\$75)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Custodial Fee - Kitchen & Fellowship Hall <small>(if needed)</small>	(\$25)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Wedding Program <small>(if needed)</small>	(\$15)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Communion During Service <small>(if needed)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Groom only	(\$5)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="checkbox"/> Congregation	(\$20)	<input type="radio"/> paid
<input type="radio"/> Aisle Candelabra <small>(if needed)</small>	(\$20)	<input type="radio"/> paid

*****All church fees should be paid at the time of contract. Other fees for individuals should be made before the evening of the rehearsal.***

-  Custodial fee paid directly to our church custodian- "Theresa Lemon".
-  "Sound Tech fees" should be paid directly to person providing service, which varies. Consult the Pastor on who will be providing these services.
-  Church fee paid to "Chapel of the Cross".
-  Clergy fees should be paid to "Rev Bob Mitchell"
-  Organist fees (if needed) should be paid to "Betty Dale"



The Missions Team works to raise funding for the missionaries that our Church Family regularly supports. Our Team also works to send out a mission work team every year, to help with annual mission projects. Our church supports several fundraisers throughout the year to support these mission projects. Please continue to keep ALL of our missionaries— both 'in house' and 'away' on your prayers.

This Month's Missionary Highlight



SAFY is a national organization that seeks to provide community based care for youth and children, resulting in permanency and well-being for families. SAFY provides services and assistance in foster care, adoptive services, mental health services, behavioral services and a host of other assistive interventions to help

families in need.

The Chapel was excited to continue our "Angel Tree Ministry" before the Christmas season, which provided gifts, clothes and needed support for families under SAFY's care. This continued support is a great assistance to SAFY and our own Becky McCullough (who works at SAFY), was excited to reply:

The support from Chapel of the Cross through providing gifts for all of our Foster children for the past 3 years has been such a blessing to us. In addition, the Missions Team's yearly monetary donation allows us to show our Foster Parents our appreciation through Retention activities and gifts. Statistics show that in Ohio there are over 15,000 children in Foster Care. The prediction is by the year 2020 that number could rise to over 20,000. SAFY continuously works to recruit, train, & support families willing to care for these children. We couldn't do that without the support from churches like you. On behalf of all of us at SAFY Canton/Akron as well as the children and families we serve, Thank you.

We feel so blessed to have such good friends, as our fellow servants of Christ, working at SAFY. Thanks, again, to all the many helpful hands, and thoughtful hearts that made such a HUGE impact on the lives of some young people, who now know that they have a Family in Christ. If you'd like to know more about the amazing mission going on at SAFY, please don't hesitate to ask Becky, or to check out their very informative webpage, at www.safy.org.



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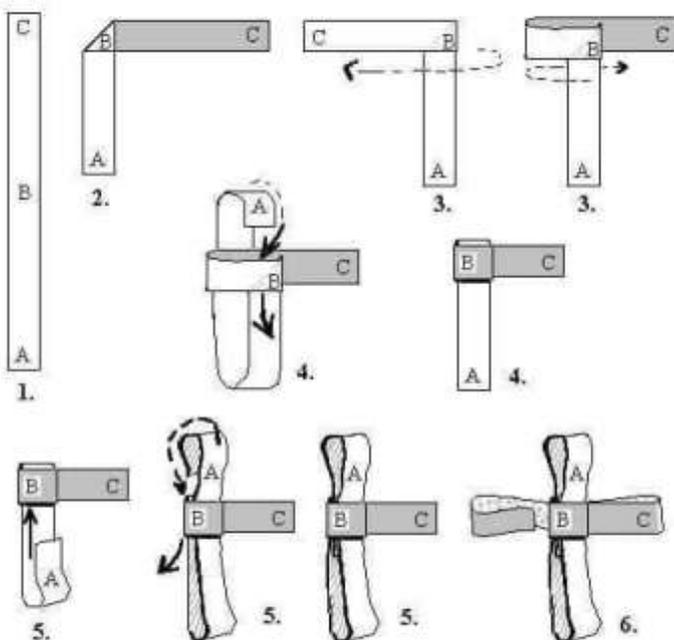
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Folding a Palm Cross- Our thanks to Ron Poland who's provided these images on how to fold the palm fronds from Palm Sunday to create the AMAZING Palm Crosses that he has brought to church for kids on Easter Sunday! Here are two different ways to fold the palms so you can make a keepsake for someone too! Thanks, RON!

HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS



Palm Leaf Cross Directions

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.

