



# The Shepherd

February 2012

*"Our Mission is to build disciples, grow in faith and serve in Christ's name, by reaching out in Christian love"*

## **Our Staff**

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Rev. Paula K. Archdeacon

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## **Sunday Schedule**

Chapel Service 8:45am

Sunday School 9:30am

Bagels & Blessings 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:40am

## **Pastor Paula's Page**

**HEALING SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 P.M. IN CHAPEL**

Instead of my usual letter or sermon or reflection, this month I'm using the space for the pastor's page to tell you about a special event coming up February 19<sup>th</sup>. It has been on my heart to provide a healing service for some time, and the timing seems right to provide it now. I've invited Rev. Lenore Robinson, a member of the Conference Board of Health and Welfare, to assist me in the service.

Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing. Spiritual healing is God's work of offering persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Through such healing, God works to bring about reconciliation between God and humanity, among individuals and communities, within each person, and between humanity and the rest of creation. The New Testament records that Jesus himself healed the estranged and sick and sent out his disciples on ministries of healing. James (5.14-16a) calls us also to pray for and anoint the sick, that they may be healed.

All healing is of God. The Church's healing ministry in no way detracts from the gifts God gives through medicine and psychotherapy. It is no substitute for either medicine or the proper care of one's health. Rather, it adds to our total resources for wholeness.

Healing is not magic, but underlying it is the great mystery of God's love. Those who minister spiritual healing are channels of God's love. Although no one can predict what will happen in a given instance, many marvelous healings have taken place.

God does not promise that we shall be spared suffering but does promise to be with us in our suffering. Trusting that promise, we are enabled to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury, and estrangement.

Likewise, God does not promise that we will be cured of all illnesses; and we all must face the inevitability of death. A Service of Healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but it provides an atmosphere in which healing can happen. The greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God. When this happens, physical healing sometimes occurs, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced, and relationships are healed. For the Christian the basic purpose of spiritual healing is to renew and strengthen one's relationship with the living Christ.

Many of us find ourselves in circumstances of brokenness: mind, body, or spirit. This special service will offer a time of healing and restoration through prayer, anointing with oil, and laying on of hands. You are invited to participate (and feel free to invite others) and experience Christ's healing peace.

Information adapted from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

The Youth Group have been busy over the Christmas season.

The Operation Christmas Child was a success this year. We sent out 33 shoeboxes. We tracked 13 boxes which ended up in the countries of Colombia (South America) and Botswana (South Africa). Thank you to all who contributed shoeboxes, loose items and monetary gifts! You are an awesome congregation!!

The Youth Group also made Christmas cookies and delivered to the local nursing homes and shut-ins. I want to thank Sally Bricker for accompanying us and helping us with the Christmas carols. She and I also visited the Salem nursing homes. We also dropped some off to members who had recently come home from the hospital. We delivered 15 plates of cookies in all.

The kids were rewarded with a lock-in recently. We had 11 teens and two adults, and had a great time!

If you know of a teen looking for a teen group, you can contact me at anytime.

Karen Culp

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### February Birthdays

John Sutherin	02/03
Judy Cook	02/04
Marion McKim	02/05
Jennette Van Pelt	02/06
Terri Geer	02/08
Don Kabler	02/15
Donald Firestone	02/19
Dorothy Mossor	02/20
Ken Duelley	02/26
Hannah Louk	02/28
Frank Snodgrass	02/29

**\*Happy Birthday! We hope your day is very special\***

(If we have missed your special day,  
please notify the church office to be added to the list!)

### Book Club

Tuesday, February 7th at Kimpels

"The King's Speech" by Mark Logue and Peter Conrad  
Prince Albert, who took the name of George VI in 1937 never expected to become king. But his brother Edward decided to marry an American divorcee named Wallis Simpson and gave up the throne.

Albert had a confidence-shattering stammer. How would he be able to make all the speeches a king was expected to make, especially with a war looming. To the rescue comes Lionel Logue, an Australian speech therapist. Mark Logue, Lionel's grandson, discovered diaries and correspondence between the king and his grandfather and wrote his story. The movie, The King's Speech, won the Academy Award.

Next month's book will be "The Woman I Was Meant To Be" by Susan Boyle.

### United Social Action Outreach for 2012

First United Methodist Church of Columbiana will be continuing on with other churches in our community to donate monies, canned goods, taxable products such as bath tissue, paper towels, Kleenex, diapers, bath soaps, laundry and cleaning supplies to help those who find they must count on this agency along with The Way Station for help to get thru each month!!

Each of us can choose to give whatever our compassionate and Christian heart leads us to choose! Let's keep on praying and choosing how best to give and "weary not in well doing"!!

### Notes From Council...

We are pleased that the roof project is almost completed. There were some additional costs as the work progressed and John McGraw is compiling a detailed report for the congregation. Gifts are still being received and the total for R.O.R. stands at \$75,864. All current bills are paid and we hope to continue with fund raising projects this year. A special time is being planned to celebrate the completion of Phase 1 of the roof project.

One phone line was damaged during construction and it was replaced with a base unit and hand held phones for the offices. Missions/Evangelism Team would appreciate any suggestions for outreach ministry. Contact Suzanne Horvath or Pastor Paula.



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## February 2012

February 2	UMW Meeting @10am Trustees @6:30pm
February 7	Book Club @7pm
February 8	Finance @7pm
February 12	Sloppy Joe Luncheon <i>(after Worship)</i>
February 19	Service of Healing @6:30pm
February 20	President's Day
February 21	Council @ 7pm
February 22	Ash Wednesday Service @7pm
February 29	Bible Study

Every Tuesday -Pastor's Prayer Group @9am

Every Thursday—Choir Practice @7pm

## *Thank you*

To: Rev. Dan Bryant & his Wife and  
The Dale Sheely Foundation for their  
recent donations to our special Mission  
projects that are ongoing in our  
Church.

To: Nick McMillin who has taken on the  
task of coordinating Liturgists for the  
Sanctuary service each week. We  
appreciate your willingness to serve the  
church in this way.

To: George Garrod, Bob Belding, Don  
Fioravanti, Larry Stevens, Nick  
McMillin, Jack Sutherin and all the  
other "helpers" during the roof  
construction!

February 29th 7-8:30pm—A Five-Session Study

*Heaven is for Real: A little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back*

Colton Burpo has a message for the world: heaven is for real and you're going to like it! Colton's unexpected trip to heaven and back during an emergency appendectomy when he was not quite four years of age has defined his life and changed his family forever. As we learn more about Colton's story, and as the group dives into scripture, we'll discover answers about what heaven is like, and experience God's love and plan for us in wonderful new ways.

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Food Pantry Items

February 5th	Peanut Butter
February 12th	Soup
February 19th	Corn Vegetables
February 26th	Macaroni & Cheese
March 4th	Peanut Butter
March 11th	Jelly
March 18th	Can Fruit
March 25th	Tuna

**\*These are only suggestions and any donation is acceptable and appreciated.**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the Prayers and Cards. Dave got a great report and we are leaving for Florida! Thanks again and may God bless each of you!

Dave & Judy Neiser

**Purse & Jewelry Sale**

Donations are being accepted now for the purse and jewelry sale that will be held in April. More information will be available soon.

**Christmas Room Donations**

If you would like to donate any Christmas decorations as you take them down, please drop them off in the Christmas room.

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Dorothy Mosser will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on February 20th! Cards can be sent to her at: 501 W. Park Ave, Columbiana, OH 44408

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**\*\*Important Notice\*\***

As of February 5th, 2012, the Columbiana Post Office is no longer accepting Bulk Mailings *and* we do not qualify anymore for the bulk rate. In an effort to save on postage, the monthly Newsletter will now be available in the Narthex for you to pick up by the 1st of the month starting in March.

You can also read it on our website!

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Newsletters will still be mailed to our shut-ins and anyone else who cannot attend Church.



The Cookie Walk total profit was \$747, we donated \$75 to The Salvation Army and paid the Church's current gas bill.