

The Churches of the Living Waters Cluster  
*Brookfield, Coalburg, Hubbard and Masury United Methodist Churches*

This week's

## Church News and Notes

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### Welcome to the LWC News and Notes!

John Wesley pointed out that each of us in our faith walk, we are going on to perfection. This week that holds true for our weekly Church News and Notes too! Many of you have just become part of the mailing list and are wondering what this News and Notes e-news thing is all about. Our four churches: Brookfield, Coalburg, Hubbard and Masury comprise the Living Waters Cluster (LWC) of United Methodist Churches. Every week we are sending out this e-news of events, happenings, thank-yous, articles, possibilities and news from our churches to help keep folks up to date with all that God is about in our churches. It is likely that some of you are getting this e-news at several different addresses – please let us know to delete an address by sending a note **from** that address to: [LivingWatersPreach@yahoo.com](mailto:LivingWatersPreach@yahoo.com) if there is a duplicate address that you would like to have removed from our contact list.

### Speaker at East Fairfield UMC

Save Saturday, September 17, 9-12 for an opportunity to learn from one of Methodism's premier Bible teachers, **Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas** (Disciple Bible Studies, the "...From the Back Side" series). Invited to our district by Lisbon UMC, he'll lead a lively session for all interested clergy and laity at East Fairfield UMC on 9/17. Includes a light breakfast."

### BROOKFIELD MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR PRACTICE TO RESUME: Wednesday, September 7 will be the first choir practice for the fall. Thank you to everyone who provided special music through the summer months. If you are interested in become a part of the chancel choir, please contact Karen Saker (330-394-1662) prior to the 7th to make arrangements for a private audition. New members, of any voicing, are welcome. You do not have to read music, but you do need to be able to carry a tune! We practice on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 PM and then meet at 10:30 Sunday mornings to go through the music for that day. The choir room is located in the "old" parlor, right outside the fellowship hall. The ramp door is open on Wednesday nights so there are no steps to climb to get to rehearsals. Come and help us sing a joyful song to the Lord as we serve Him and our church with beautiful and inspiring music.

### Behold, have you not seen, have you not heard? I about to do a New Thing!

One of the new things with becoming part of the Living Waters Cluster of churches will be the the beginning of the Living Waters Cluster Faith Academy this fall. We will be offering different types of selections, places and times for you to choose from as you grow ever closer to Christ in faith and knowledge. Our LWC Pastors (Ray Ake, Dan Yargo, Bill Johnson) will all be leading sessions as well as some of our lay folks. Our hope is that you will find ways to address the health, spiritual and fellowship needs of your lives in these different offerings. Our selection and design probably hasn't

made it to perfection yet – but you can help! Please let us know what else you would be interested in for our spring schedule so we can focus on the interests and needs of our congregations.

In vital and dynamic churches, ones that are growing and actively sharing the gospel of Christ as they make a difference in their communities, there is an expectation for every member to be part of a Bible Study or other small group and participate in at least one hands on mission opportunity each year. Most have the additional requirement that to serve in any capacity of leadership in the church you MUST be part of an ongoing class. Those who are going to lead God's church need to be engaged with God! How about you? Join us, as we stretch bodies, minds and hearts toward God.

Last week we listed the LWC Academy selections by church, this week it is listed by days of the week

## **GOD WANTS TO KNOW -**

LWC Faith Academy

**“When works the best for you?**

LWC Faith Academy

**- I'll see you there!**

Mondays 1:30pm Disciple Bible Study – OT, starting September 12<sup>th</sup>, at Brookfield  
7:00pm Disciple Bible Study – OT, starting September 12<sup>th</sup>, at Coalburg

Tuesdays 6:30pm Zumba, \$3 per session, (Tue & Thurs is \$5), ongoing, at Masury  
7:00pm Grief Recovery starting October 11<sup>th</sup>, at Brookfield

Wednesdays 4:30pm Pathways for Children, starting October 5<sup>th</sup>, Masury  
5:30pm Beginning Yoga, \$5, starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, at Brookfield  
6:30pm Advanced Yoga, \$5, starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, at Brookfield  
Kid's Ministries, starting in October, at Hubbard

Thursdays 6:30pm Zumba, \$3 per session (\$5 per week), ongoing, at Masury  
6:30pm Christ-Follower – Gospel of Luke, starting September 22, at Coalburg  
7:00pm Small Group/Devotional, starting September 8<sup>th</sup>, at Masury  
7:00pm Weight Management, starting September 15<sup>th</sup>, at Hubbard

**DISCIPLE** is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders.

It focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer, and servant while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support, servanthood.

**DISCIPLE** assumes that the Bible is key to renewal in the church and affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us

**The group members' commitment will include:**

- Studying about thirty minutes daily in preparation for the weekly study session.
- Participating in an orientation session and all of the weekly study sessions.

**What does a follower of Christ actually look like, and how can I become one?** *Christ-follower* focuses on the fundamentals of the Christian faith, going directly to the words of Jesus in Luke chapter 6 to answer important questions like, Who does Jesus claim to be? How does he pray? Whom does he bless? How does he treat his enemies? How does he say we should view ourselves? **And what does this mean for me today?**

**Weight Management** A scripture based effort to help us to look at nutrition, food and exercise. Prayer

partners and mufti-resourced, Guest speakers, weekly UN-recorded & NOT public weigh-ins, keeping track of group weight loss and successes

**Small group Upper Room Devotional** on Thursdays at Masury, 7:00pm. Christ is among us in fresh ways when we gather together, listening to God and to each other. Once a week we will gather with other to share a devotional time of about an hour

**Pathways for Children** Ages 3 to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Homework help, a meal, VBS type lessons all are welcome. The kids will present a Christmas program and there will be a final program and family dinner.

## **Time Bank Mahoning Watershed**

Monday I happened to meet Tony Budak in a parking lot and in our conversation he shared his passion and vision around the idea of a “Time Bank” and his dream of creating community 'one hour at a time'. “A Time Bank is a community of people who support each other. When you spend an hour to do something for an individual or group, you earn a Time Credit. Then you use that Time Credit to 'buy' an hour of a neighbor’s time or engage a group activity or skill offered. It's that simple. Yet it also has profound effects. You get to know your neighbors and build an old fashioned extended family of people who take care of each other”

Huh, sounds like church and Jesus to me – “What you do unto the least of these you do unto me”, “Do unto others what you want others to do unto you.” I also really liked this comment in the brochure he let me have, “The question: 'How can I help you?' needs to change so we ask, 'How can we help each other build the world we both will live in?' Anyway check out the Time Bank Mahoning Watershed at [www.TBMW.org](http://www.TBMW.org)

For those of you who are still looking for the personal ministry that God is calling you to give back to our community: If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck and looks like a duck – it's a ministry!

## **Coming Up This Week**

Sep 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Zumba, Masury Sep 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Ad Council Coalburg Sep 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm Career Consultation with DS Sep 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 & 6:30pm Yoga, Brookfield Sep 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm SPRC Masury Sep 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Small Group Devotional, Masury

## ***What Every Child Should Experience: A Guide for Leaders and Teachers in United Methodist Congregations***

a guide for leaders and teachers of children in the area of faith formation. The resource contains a comprehensive guide to scripture significant for children as they develop cognitively and theologically. It also contains a chart of what children need and understand developmentally around the beliefs and concepts of God, Worship, the Bible, Home and Family, Everyday Life, Community, and Wesleyan Heritage. It is

available as a free download! ***What Every Child Should Experience:***  
[http://www.gbod.org/atf/cf/%7B3482e846-598f-460a-b9a7-386734470ed%7D/WHATEVERYCHILDSHOULDEXPERIENCEUMC\\_2011.PDF](http://www.gbod.org/atf/cf/%7B3482e846-598f-460a-b9a7-386734470ed%7D/WHATEVERYCHILDSHOULDEXPERIENCEUMC_2011.PDF)

## **Church Capital Campaigns**

East Ohio Foundation is sponsoring a Church Capital Campaign Workshop Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Montrose Zion UMC, 565 N. Cleveland Massillon Rd., Akron, OH. The Why, When & How will be presented by Rev. Dr. Michael Reeves & Rev. Dr. Bradley Call.  
Cost is \$25/per/person

## **Your Neighbors need You!**

Please consider giving a kind hand and tender heart to others when they need it most, when they are terminally ill. The Hospice and Palliative Care Program of Sharon Regional Health System will begin a Volunteer Training services on September 13<sup>th</sup>. This series of classes will run once a week for 5 weeks of Tuesday afternoon sessions. Having folks with this type of training would be invaluable to the church, and Hospice Volunteers and needed at Sharon in several areas ranging from office help, companionship, running errands, minor household chores and some other special projects. All adults are welcome. There is an special need for men as Volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about these programs and/or attending, please call Hospice at 724.983.3878 or toll free 866.852.3960 any weekday from 8 – 4:30pm.

Every person in a relationship with Christ needs to find the specific ministry that they are being called into as part of the living Body of Christ. If you are relatively new to the church, or just haven't found your personal ministry to share the love of Christ to the community yet, this may be God's burning bush for you! Five Tuesday afternoons just may equal a lifetime personal ministry!

## **Attention Youth, Kids and other Young People – Parents give this to your kids!!!**

I've noticed no matter how much all of us old folks do to keep church boring, full of really old music and everything, that all of our churches still have youth!! Hi YOUTH!!! So I have a question (I really would like answers guys – text or call me at 330.531.4221, catch me on FB (Ray Ake), or even e-mail at [LivingWatersPreach@yahoo.com](mailto:LivingWatersPreach@yahoo.com) ) OK, back to: I have a question or two for you. I know that the Brookfield and Masury kids are meeting one week at one church and the next week at the other already – So, would it be cool to have all the youth in all four churches (Brookfield, Coalburg, Hubbard, Masury) getting together as one big group? Anybody interested in meeting one week a month at all four churches, kind of rotating around? On months when there are 5 weeks we could go on a trip or special event or something. Or is that just a dumb idea and too complicated. Also, the pastors (You know the old guys get up front and talk forever every Sunday at church) where kind of thinking of doing a joint kick off on Sept 11 with a band (Raising Chains) somewhere with the youth from all 4. So let me know what you think - P.ray (Pastor Ray)

## **Brookfield Events and Happenings**

**KETCHUP SUNDAY” AND FELLOWSHIP HALL DEDICATION**

- Sunday, September 4, 2011 – following worship
- Yoga – Wednesday, September 7
- Beginners class – 5:30 pm

- Advanced class – 6:30 pm
- Youth Group Meeting – Sunday, September 11
  - 6:00 pm
  - Rally Day – “STRENGTH FOR SERVICE”
  - Sunday, September 11
    - 9:30 Sunday School
    - 10:30 Worship
- 8 week Disciple Bible Study – Old Testament @ BUMC with Pastor Ray
  - Monday’s 1:30 pm starting September 12<sup>th</sup>

Brookfield UMC offers Angel Food Ministries

Once a month Food Program

Order dates for September are Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8

Pick up at the Brookfield Township Administration Building on Saturday, September 24