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Rev. Bill Johnson

Shipmates;

AS most of you know, I believe worship should be an hour or less. And I believe sermons should be 15 minutes or less and that they should be practical, relevant and biblical. I also believe the pastor's newsletter article should be the length of an *Upper Room* Devotional or less (Not so, today, as this one will be the longest I will ever write.). I will list each main point and the fact that there will be at least 4, means you might want to get another cup of coffee and get comfortable.

1. On Oct. 1st there will be a wedding at Western Reserve United Methodist Church in Canfield, Ohio. Rev. Russell Addams will be officiating and the time is 12 noon. William Talbert Johnson and Janice Lee Brenner will be married forever and ever. After the ceremony will be refreshments at the churches fellowship hall. **All of you are invited.** That same afternoon will be a reception at the home of Kim and Johnny Zde- lar's at 6336 Merwin-Chase road in Brookfield, Ohio, 44403. All of you are invited but unlike the wedding, more than yourselves bring a covered dish. **All of you are invited** and the time is 4-7 pm.

2. On Sunday, Sept. 4th the church will be dedicating the refurbishing of fellowship hall at the 10 am worship hour, in the hall. Please note the 10 am time as that is the last Sunday for summer worship and the next Sunday will be at 10:45 am. Also on that Sunday, Sept. 4th, we will be having “ketch-up” Sunday. I have been neglectful of my giving to the church during the summer months and will “Ketch-up”. For those in same boat, you can Join me. Hot dogs will be served following worship.

3. On 9/11 Sunday we will be celebrating Rally day. Sunday school for all ages will start up. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 9:30am. For those with no class you are invited to the newly named Obermiyer class, an intergenerational class taught by Jimmy Burdette. At the 10:45 worship hour, we will welcome the choir back and also give thanks to those in Armed forces, local police and firefighters.

4. Also for this fall will be the introduction of the new Living Water Cluster of four churches, Brookfield, Coalburg, Hubbard and Masury United Methodist. You will meet soon the other Pastor’s if you haven’t already. Pastor Ray Ake as the lead pastor and Pastor Dan Yargo along with me are per Bishop Hopkins part of a shared ministry. As noted in this newsletter, is the fall faith academy where we will stretch our bodies, minds and hearts toward God.

I will be making a commitment on Oct. 1st to Janice and we will grow together as husband and wife. My challenge is the opportunity to all of you and myself is to make a recommitment to Jesus Christ and grow together as His disciple. Exciting days are ahead. To God Be the Glory!

Pastor Bill

FELLOWSHIP HALL REMODELING FUND RAISER:

The Church Council approved selling woven cotton throws featuring the Brookfield Township Schools (past and present) as a fund raiser for phase 2 of the Fellowship Hall remodeling project. A sample of the throw is on display in the Narthex.

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NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

Throws will be ARE available for pick up at the church. If you want the throw sent to you, there will be an additional charge for shipping (\$10.95 priority mail).

Mark your Calendar's:

**“Ketch- Up” Sunday &
Fellowship Hall Dedication**
Sunday, September 4

Yoga

September 7
Beginners Class – 5:30pm
Advance Class – 6:30pm
\$5.00 per Class

**Rally Day –
Strength For Service Sunday**
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship



SPAGHETTI DINNER DATES:

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner
Meatballs, Salad Bar, Homemade Dessert, Beverages.

October 22, 2011

November 19, 2011

Dinner will be served from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Takeout orders only will be available beginning at 3:30 PM

Ticket cost:

\$7.00 for Adult

\$3.00 for Children ages 6-12

If you are interested in helping; contact Mary Kay Melvin at 330-534-1606. There is a sign- up sheet in the Narthex on the Bulletin Board. If you can't help then come and eat!!!

Rally Day

Wow, summer has come and the warm weather is wonderful after all that snow and rain. So much has happened already and now we are looking forward to the Fall and rallying around the beginning of Sunday School on September 11. Teachers are already talking about the new school year.

This date will be the 10th anniversary of 9/11/01. Part of our celebration will honor those heroes who gave so selflessly. We have a fun filled morning planned for **all ages** and look forward to catching up with friends on their summer activities. Light morning refreshment will be provided. Please plan to attend our Rally Day Sunday and get reacquainted with your Christian friends.

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.

Finance Committee Notes

(Matthew 22:21)

This year, our Church has been very successful in its list of accomplishments. We have remodeled the Fellowship hall, refurbished the Church classrooms, and most recently, completed our second “Summer Fest” festival. Within a week, we will reaffirm our achievements with the dedication of the Fellowship hall during the 9/4/11 worship service. This is truly a remarkable string of accomplishments that reflect the resilience of our congregation’s commitment and belief in our Church’s Christian ideals.

However, as we enter the last four months of this year, our Church is being challenged with even greater economic burdens. As a congregation, we are being confronted with an ever increasing financial debt on a monthly basis. Our General Fund collections have, on a monthly basis, declined almost a thousand dollars from what they were a year ago at this time. Consequently, we, as a congregation, are currently facing a financial shortfall of approximately \$27,000.00 in the Church’s operating expenses by the end of the year.

Paramount among our concerns, is the possibility that our Church could lose its qualification for a Full-Time Minister, that the Church office could be reduced to a volunteer operation, and that many of the Church’s Outreach and Missions projects could be completely eliminated.

Consequently, we, the members of the Finance committee will be calling on all members of the congregation to *Step Forward and Recommit* their financial stewardship to the Church. We will also be exploring new financial procedures for the Church, so that we, as a Christian community, can maintain our independence and integrity in this time of fiscal challenges.

What's in it for You?

LWC Faith Academy

Christ is!

The Fall LWC Faith Academy

LWC Faith Academy

One of the new things with becoming part of the Living Waters Cluster of churches is going to be 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, and 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.

It has been discovered recently that in vital and dynamic churches, 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.

Brookfield

Grief Recovery – Pastor Bill. Tuesdays 7pm beginning October 11th

Yoga – Professional Instructor. Cost \$5.00 Wednesdays beginning September 7, 2011
Beginning Yoga – 5:30pm Advanced Yoga 6:30pm

Discipleship Bible Study – Pastor Ray. Old Testament, Mondays 1:30pm beginning Sept 12th 8 weeks

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, servant hood.

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.

Coalburg

Discipleship Bible Study – Pastor Ray. Old Testament, Mondays 7:00pm Sept 12th 8 weeks
(see above class description)

Christ-Follower – Pastor Dan. A study based in the Gospel of Luke, Thursdays 6:30, Sept 22nd

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?** Pastor Ray – Discipleship Bible Study - Old Testament, Mon 7:00pm beginning Sept 12th, 8 weeks

Hubbard

Weight Management – Pastor Ray. 8 weeks, Thursdays, beginning September 15th

A scripture based effort to help us to look at nutrition, food and exercise. Prayer partners and multi-resourced, Guest speakers, weekly UN-recorded & NOT public weigh-ins, keeping track of group weight loss and successes

Kid's Ministries, Wednesdays beginning in October

Masury

Small Group – Pastor Bill. Thurs 7:00pm beginning after Labor Day

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 believers to share a devotional time of about an hour. Facilitator: Pastor Bill

Pathways – Sheila Stigleman. Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:00pm Oct 5th thru March 25th

Age's 3 to 12th 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

Zumba – Heather C. Cost \$3 per session or \$5.00 per week. Tues & Thurs 6:30 -7:30pm ongoing

***The Churches of the Living Waters Cluster**
Brookfield, Coalburg, Hubbard and Masury United Methodist Churches
Will have a weekly newsletter that you can access on our website
www.brookfieldunitedmethodist.com



Brookfield United Methodist Church hosted the 2nd Annual Summer Fest on the Green, August 13 & 14.

BUMC extends heartfelt thank you's to EVERYONE for making this a great success.

- Jaime Freidenberg and the Brookfield Township Road Dept.
- Dan Faustino and the Brookfield Township Police Dept
- Melissa Kerr - organizing the 5K run/walk
- Jim Richmond & Kathy French - Organizing the Parade
- John Koosh - organizing the Car Show
- Herman Reigelman - Antique Tractors
- Daryl Bousner - Dunk Tank
- Karen Wallace, Diane Bulick, Mary Kay Melvin, Sylvia Addicott, Patty Inskeep - Food Tent
- Elizabeth Boozer - pop and water sales
- Ellen Jessup & Christy Gibson - Games
- BUMC Congregation for all the help and support!

Thank you to all the local craftsmen who came out and set up for the weekend. Also a big thank you to all the people that was brave enough to get in the Dunk Tank and be Dunked!!

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Altar Flowers

The flowers for the altar cost \$15.00 for both vases. These arrangements may be taken home after the 10:45 AM service.

If you would like to put flowers on the altar please mark the Flower Calendar in the Narthex with your name and complete a form (by the Flower Calendar) to indicate the person in whose memory or honor the flowers are donated. Please be sure that the church secretary knows who your flowers are in honor/ memory of so that it can be printed correctly in the bulletin.

Checks should be payable to the **Brookfield United Methodist** and sent/dropped off at the church office. Please write "flowers / date" on check memo line. **Please pay for your flowers when you order them. Thank you!**

You may also contact the church office at 330-448-1001 if you have any questions.



ALTAR FLOWERS SEPTEMBER

9/4
9/11 Florence Jarrett
9/18
9/25

ALTAR CARE
Naomi Manion

LITURGISTS

9/4 Richard Sloan
9/11 Matt Melvin
9/18 Lois Klouse
9/25 Kathy French

If you are willing to be a liturgist please
Contact Maud McBride.

GREETERS

9/4 Florence Mizer & Florence Jarrett
9/11 Dennis & Darlene Morain
9/18 Herman & Sally Reigelman
9/25 John & Rhonda Zebroski

If you are willing to be a greeter, please
Contact Dorothy Frazier

USHERS

1st Sunday Phil and Nancy Wray
2nd Sunday Just Friends
3rd Sunday Upper Spirits
4th Sunday Charlie's Angels
5th Sunday Middle Management

SEPTEMBER

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4 Hall Dedication & "Ketch-Up" Sunday	5 Office Closed	6 Finance 7 pm	7 Yoga 5:30/6:30 Choir Practice 7 pm	8 PPR 7 pm	9	10
11 RALLY DAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Youth Group Meeting 6pm (grade 9-12)	12 Trustees 7:00 PM Bible Study 1:30 w/Pastor Ray	13	14 Yoga 5:30/6:30 Choir Practice 7 pm	15	16	17
18	19 Bible Study 1:30 w/Pastor Ray	20	21 Yoga 5:30/6:30 Choir Practice 7 pm Lamplighter Deadline	22	23	24 AFM Dist Wedding
25	26 Bible Study 1:30 w/Pastor Ray	27	28 Yoga 5:30/6:30 Choir Practice 7 pm	29	2011	

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