



S.U.M. News

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Mike Grant, Pastor

Mike's Page

The Apostle Paul knew the importance of saying hello. Of sharing in conversation and being welcomed. Many times in his letters he encourages the faithful followers of Jesus to greet one another. Greeting and welcoming is important. Many years ago there was an article by Richard Stanford about something that happened on Atlanta's public rail system. He shared about the robotic movements of society as they make their way to their appointed stations. People would enter the railcar, and other than the sound of the tracks, nothing would be heard. Even though many of the same people see each other on the way to work most every day, they made no effort at conversation, or for that matter even eye contact with one another. Many would just stare at the ground or out the window, or talk on their phones or listen to music. Others would put on makeup, read the paper, or prepare something for work. Anything but make contact with another person.

Then Mr. Stanford recalled a special moment. The train had arrived at the central interchange. Standing a few feet away from the exit doors was a little lady. With a smile on her face, she would greet everyone with an offered hand and an enthusiastic "Good Morning!" Then the change happened. People who were robotically going through the motions began to look up and smile. People didn't resist the handshakes, they appreciated them. Stanford concludes that there was an amazing transformation that took place all because somebody made the effort to greet others.

Paul encourages us all to do that. He goes as far as to encourage us to greet one another with a "holy kiss." We don't do that too much here in America, but we do give holy hugs, and handshakes, and smiles of recognition and welcome. These acts of greeting can be the difference between going through the motions and really being present on Sunday Morning. A smile, a hello to old friends, and a welcome to new friends is what makes a church a family, and what keeps them a family. I know over the years, when I would be gone for a week or two, somebody nearly always would say, "Pastor, I missed my weekly hug." For some of them, I suspect it is the only hug they get all week. We need those interaction, whether we admit it or not.

From what I have seen, Shreve does an amazing job greeting new people and sharing their love with old friends. I cannot stress how important this is. If nobody says hello to a visitor, they will probably never return. Please don't ever take friendliness for granted or become complacent. I know one church that encourages their folks to spend the first 2 minutes after church greeting someone they don't know before they seek out their dear friends. This lets them meet someone they don't know, or don't know well, touching a life and still leaving plenty of time to catch up with others. I think this is a great way to be, and encourage you to give it a try this October. You could make a new friend, and you very well might change somebody's day or even life.

I want to challenge you this October to step out of your comfort zone and get to know some new people. Come early and sing in the choir or play the bells. Maybe come at 9:30 and join a Sunday School class. Take the time to turn around in an elevator and shake a hand or smile at a stranger. You might just change a life. You might even have a chance to share Jesus. Paul challenged the churches to 'greet' one another. Paul had it right. May God richly bless your October. Rev. Mike

NOVEMBER

November Church Committee Schedule

Missions	Mon	Nov. 6, 7:00 pm
Evangelism Mtg	Wed.	Nov. 8, 7:30 pm
SPR	Thur	Nov. 9, 7:00 pm
Trustee Mtg	Mon	Nov.13, 7:30 pm
Finance Committee	Tues	Nov.21, 7:00 pm
Church Council	Tues	Nov.21, 7:30 pm



Rock-N-Worship November 11, 7-8 pm

Come join us for an hour of contemporary music and praise.



Titan Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday November 14, 6:30 pm



Coffee Hour

Wednesday, November 15, 5:00 pm

Come join us for coffee an hour before the Open Doors Dinner



Wednesday November 15, 5:30 pm

A free meal for the church family and community. In addition to providing a meal, this event provides a time of fellowship for those who might enjoy a meal with others.



UMW Meeting – Wed. November 15, 8:30 am

Program: Thank Offering-A Thank offering will be taken.
Devotions and Refreshments—Sharon Emler
East Ohio Conference Meeting– November 23-24



Retired Men's Luncheon Nov. 16, 11:30 am

We meet the second Thursday of the month at "Farmer Boy" Restaurant, 2448 Cleveland Road, in Wooster. If you are available at that time, and "wish" you were retired, we'd be glad to have you join us, as well. Questions, contact Fred Lendrum at 330-567-2651 or the church office for more information.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm. We are studying the book of Philippians. This study is open to everyone, whether you have been studying scripture all your life or just want to begin



Early Morning Prayer Community Prayer

6:15 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS.

Church Family Notes

thank you!



Thanks so much for get well wishes and the prayers that were lifted on my behalf as I had knee replacement surgery. Those prayers were heard and answered. Special thanks to those who brought meals to our home. That was so kind of you and we enjoyed sitting down at the table to the meals you prepared. Pastor Mike, your visits to the hospital were much appreciated. We are once again reminded of what a special church family we are blessed with. In His Love, Lynn Baker

Thank you so much for your support of myself and the ministry at Ohio State! I am so appreciative of the many ways that Shreve church has supported, both when I was younger and a member of the youth group and during mission trips and now that I've become a missionary! You, as part of the of body of Christ, have been a huge blessing to me and the ministry at Ohio State. I am so excited to keep the church updated of all that God is doing on campus! Thanks you! Diane Gress

Thank you to all those who donated so generously to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The church is making significant donations to both of those advanced Special giving items. Your gifts will make a difference to many people in need. Thanks again for your great generosity.

The Lay Leadership Committee has been meeting and calls continue to go out to those being asked to serve on Committees. I want to say thank you to those who have accepted positions and encourage that if you are called to prayerfully consider serving. Rev. Mike

Thank You

Thank you to all those who have helped out in a special way in the life of the church in the last month. A special thanks to those who helped with the WCA Simulcast. Thank you to those who helped with the Open Door Dinner, to those who hosted and attended the Cottage Meetings. Thanks to the Evangelism Committee for the special Small Group Picnic in the Park. Thanks to those who helped with the screen installation. Thanks to all of our new acolytes and to those who did the Acolyte training.

Cottage Meetings

Thank you to all those who attended one of the Cottage meetings. It was so great to fellowship together and to have a chance to do that in such wonderful settings. These small group times help us to grow and have been really great for me to get to know a lot of people in a short period of time. I wish I could say I remember all of your names, but I now remember most of your faces and can picture where you sat in the meetings. It's a start. Thanks again for the hosts and for SPRC for giving this gift to Holly and I.

Wednesday Prayer Time

The church doors are opened at 6:15 and we start a time of prayer at 6:30. We are praying for each of the needs lifted up in worship and for the short and long term prayer lists. Each person also has a chance to pray for about the praises, issues, and concerns they have on their heart. We have been keeping the time to under an hour and we would love to have some new folks come and join us in this important ministry of the church.

Emmaus

We had four people take part in the Walk to Emmaus and I am thankful for their willingness to step out in faith. I would be glad to talk to anyone further about the possibility of attending a future Walk. They are wonderful ways to grow in faith and can be a real blessing.

Philippians Bible Study

We are meeting on Wednesday nights at 6:30 to study the book of Philippians. This study is open to everyone, whether you have been studying scripture all your life or just want to begin, you will find a place with us. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this kind and open group.

Hospitals or Pastoral Visits

If you are going into the hospital, or are in need of a pastoral visit, please give me a call. My rule of thumb is that I would rather hear about a concern 10 times, than have everyone assume I know and then miss out on being there for someone in the church. Thanks in advance for your help in this area. Rev. Mike

DYCE

It was announced and you should have received a letter sharing with you that Matt Diffenderfer will be leaving the position of Director of Youth and Children's Ministry. We are thankful for all that Matt has done for the children and youth over the last 7 years with us. He will be leaving us no later than the end of this year. The SPRC has been working on updating the job description and will likely have started their search before this Newsletter comes out. If you know someone who might be a good fit for the position and the church, please see Clark Sprang or Pastor Mike. Please keep Matt, the Youth, the Children, and the SPRC in your prayers.

Video Project

At the time of this writing the Projector is up and working and the New screen is in place. The new internet has been installed and run into the sanctuary and it works great. There is still a lot to do and most likely some of it will have been done before you get this note. Hopefully in the coming weeks this project will be completed. It is good to see some of this bearing fruit I want to say thanks for all those who have helped and sacrificed to make this needed improvement. I am very thankful for Denny Wells, Matt and Marcus Garst, and Paul McMillen for their hard work helping with the installation. You guys were amazing.

New Phones and High Speed Internet

The Trustees have approved changing phone and internet providers to allow for faster speed and greater reliability in our network. Our phone numbers will stay the same, but this has required us to change our emails. Pastor Mike is switching to shrevepastor@gmail.com and the new office account will be shreveum430@gmail.com. Thanks for your patience with this. In the long run we hope to have a better system in the office and Sanctuary and save a couple of thousand dollars a year.

All Saints Sunday

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday. This is a time to remember the saints of the church who have gone to be with the Lord within the last year. There will be a special time in the service to remember these loved ones, so please plan to come and be a part of this special day.

Charge Conference

We will be holding our Charge Conference on November 5th at **Orville Trinity UMC at 3:00 pm.** Charge conference is open to all to attend, but all Council Members have a vote, as well as many other key leaders. This is an important meeting for the church, as we approve leadership, set the Pastors' salary and package, and deal with any membership issues. It you would like to attend, and want to caravan over, let me know. Rev. Mike

Commission on a Way Forward

I had a chance last month to share about the Commission on a Way Forward. In the future I hope to have a chance to share more about the progress and possibly even teach a class on the material called A Firm Foundation. Please continue to pray for the Commission and for the United Methodist Church. If you would like to talk further about these things, please let me know and I would be glad to meet with you. Rev. Mike

Grieving?

Know someone who is?



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

Saturday, Nov. 18th 9:00 am to Noon here at the church

Breakfast provided / Child Care Provided / No cost

Contact Holly Grant at (330) 567-2295 or

shrevegriefshare@gmail.com to pre-register by Nov. 11th.



Christmas Poinsettia Sale



Poinsettias are a lovely addition to your Christmas décor! The proceeds from the poinsettia sale will go to benefit Operation Christmas Child!

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Poinsettias come in four different colors and will be sold for \$11 each. Orders need to be in by November 21st!

Color	Quantity	Total (Quantity x Price)
Red		
White		
Marble		
Picasso (white with red specks)		

Poinsettias can be paid for via cash or checks. Checks need to be made out to Shreve United Methodist Church with "poinsettia" in the memo line.

Return this order form to Kathy Tisher, Carla Lendrum or Lisa Gress. Please contact Lisa Gress at 330-231-0284 with any questions!

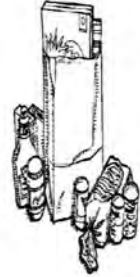


Give a Christmas Project

The Caring & Sharing Committee is beginning preparations for the annual "Give a Christmas" project. As in previous years, the generous support of the congregation makes this a very special project for the less fortunate in our community.

In the narthex, beginning November 19, you will find brown paper bags with a shopping list attached. Take a bag with the list attached to do your shopping for the food baskets which we give to each family. You may purchase some or all of the items. Place the items around the Christmas Trees in the sanctuary.

Please return in bag provided
BY DECEMBER 10



If you choose to purchase Christmas gifts for children in need, tags will be available from the "Give a Christmas Tree" starting Sunday, November 19. Any questions, please contact Sandy Smetzer at 330-466-1872. Thank you for your continued support of this project!

All gifts must be returned to the church
NO LATER THAN
DECEMBER 10



PRAYER IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child not only impacts the child who received the box, but that child's parents or other family members. Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

A child only receives one box in their lifetime, and that box contains your gift, a prayer, and a 12 week small group Bible study. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our Explorers and Believers classes are putting together OCC boxes. We encourage you to help by purchasing items off the OCC Christmas tree, taking and building your own box or by praying for the occ ministry. This year we have OCC boxes with a list of suggested items inside. If you would like you can take a box or two to fill, or you can take tags off the tree and bring items for the Explorers and Believers to use to fill their boxes. The youth will be working on their boxes each week, and all boxes need to be returned by November 19th.

Shipping for each box is \$9.

If you have any questions, please ask Amy Young, Kathie Tisher or Lisa Gress



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Dan & Christi Franks	2 Cheryl Gordon  Denny & Jody Wells Dick & Lynn Baker	3 Addyson Diffenderfer	4 Noah McClintock
5 Ally Chandler Erma Miller	6 Vance Wilcox 	7 Karen McFarland Ruth Meredith	8	9	10 Kate Starr	11
12 Lucas Garst Marcus Garst Phil Peck  Ty & Mallory Moorhead	13	14	15 Katie Wiggam	16	17	18 Lisa Haberbusch Kathy Murphy Dale Smetzer
19	20	21 Joy Acker	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving 	24 Dorothy Callihan	25
26 Bonnie Sheeter Laurie Sidle	27 Thomas Gress	28 Donna Daugherty	29 Jayden Ackerman	30		 Denotes Wedding Anniversary



December 2017/January 2018 Newsletter

Deadline is Nov. 20, 2017

If you have an announcement or activity you would like included in the newsletter, place the information in Kaye Janes' mailbox, which is the top left file tray, on the mail table outside the church office. Please email the information to shreveum430@centurylink.net or put in my mailbox

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15 am Community Prayer 6:00 pm Jr. High ComMISSION'd 7:00 pm Cottage Mtg. @ Weaver's	2 6:00 pm Elementary ComMISSION'd 7:00 pm Nominating Mtg.	3	4 6:30 pm AA
5 Veterans Day 8:00 am Bell Choir 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 3:00 pm Charge Conference 6:00 pm Sr. High ComMISSION'd	6 12:00 pm Helping Hands 3:00 pm Voting Setup 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Mission Mtg 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	7 5:00 am SUMAC Res. Voting .	8 6:15 am Community Prayer 6:00 pm Jr. High ComMISSION'd 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Evangelism Mtg.	9 11:30 am Retired Men's Luncheon 5:00 pm Nomination Mtg. 6:00 pm Elementary ComMISSION'd	10	11 7:00 pm Rock N Worship 6:30 pm AA
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Those Serving Us In November

Greeters

5 Don & Gretchen Van Lieu
12 Bill & Deb Fair
19 Brenda Kohli
26 Mary Schlabach

Acolytes

5 Lexi Starr & Zoey Zehnder
12 Aeron Meshew & James Latimer
19 Anthony Sidle & Justice Kiner
26 Jack Rohr & Olivia Warren

Lay Leaders

5 Adam Starr
12 John Weaver
19 Aaron Boothby
26 Barb Long

Ushers:

Jim Daniels, Don Long, Steve Myers,
Jeff Sparr, Eule Schartiger

Nursery

5 Luke & Rebecca Rohr
12 Gary Sidle & Lisa Haberbusch
19 Sheila Wells & Rhonda Boothby
26 Elsie Burkholder & Ruth Sprang

Explorers

5 Meghan Wright
12 Beth Acker
19 Jen Zehnder
26 Christi Franks

Believers Month of November

Matt Diffenderfer

Tech Support

5 Rosemarie Daley, Carlos Visocky, Luke Daley
12 Jeremy Burnison, Laurie Sidle, Tyler Zimmerly
19 Dennis Daley, Jeremy Burnison, Alan VanLieu
26 Dennis Daley, Luke Daley, Seth Franks