



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

WOMEN

October Church Committee Schedule

Missions	Mon	October 2, 7:30 pm
Worship Mtg.	Tue	October 3, 7:30 pm
Trustee Mtg	Mon	October 9, 7:30 pm
SPR	Tue	October 10, 7:00 pm
Evangelism	Wed	October 11, 7:30 pm
Finance Committee	Tues	October 17, 7:00 pm
Church Council	Tues	October 17, 7:30 pm



Retired Men's Luncheon October 12, 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 330-466-1686 or the church office for more information.



The Wesleyan Covenant Association will be hosting their Annual Gathering On Saturday October 14th in Huston, Texas. This Gathering will be simulcast in 60 locations around the world and we are one of them. The event will go from 10-4 With lunch and snacks provided. We have scholarships available for up to 10 people, but you need to speak with pastor Mike about these.



Rock-N-Worship October 14, 7-8 pm

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



Sunday, October 15, 2017 after worship Wayne County Fair Style

Chicken only for carryout available at Marty's, or Chicken Dinners (1/2 chicken, green beans, applesauce, roll and butter). Meals are \$9 and chicken only is \$6. All proceeds go towards Mission projects in Cuba from Hurricane Irma



Coffee Hour Wednesday, October 18, 5:00 pm

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



Wednesday October 18, 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 – Thursday October 25, 2:00 pm

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



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Will be moving back to Wednesday Nights at 6:30 on October 11th.



Early Morning Community Prayer

6:15 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS.

Church Family Notes



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.

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To Our Church Family,

We would like to thank you for all your prayers, hugs, cards and support during this trying couple of weeks. Also, to Pastor Mike for sitting with us in court. What a blessing you all are!

God Bless!

The Galliher Family

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Thank You so much for allowing us to use the Activity Center to hold our annual family reunion. We had 32 in attendance, and everyone was glad to share a meal and spend time with each other. Tim and I are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church and its generosity.

Thank you!

Tim & Chris Wile

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Thank you for allowing us to hold the Burnison fundraiser at the church. The amazing support from the church family was truly a blessing.

Taylor, Jordyn, Kennedy, Jeremy Burnison  
Steve Thompson, Sherri Thompson, Chris Wile,  
Tim Wile, Pat Visocky,

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Thank you for Books for Cuba!

All 62 cards were collected and returned! The books will delivered to the Pinar Del Rio Seminary and church this fall. Thanks to everyone who supported this cause!

Thank you Continued

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 Hymn sing and testimony time. That was a very nice day and I hope to do those a few times a year. Thanks to all those who helped with the Open Doors Dinner and a special thanks to all those who hosted and attended a Cottage Meeting during September.

Lay Leadership Committee (Nominations)

The Lay Leadership Committee has started meeting and will meet again this month on the 12th. We will be asking church members to serve on committees and in other ministries. For me this is always a prayerful time of discernment as we look for those with the desire and gifts to serve the church in leadership. If you have a heart for a particular committee or area of service, please let me or one of the other committee members know. I cannot guarantee you will be chosen, but I will promise to have you considered. Thank you! Rev. Mike

Help for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

Through much of the month of September we have been collecting funds for Hurricane Harvey. We will be collecting for Hurricane Irma. All money will go to UMCOR to be used in their relief efforts. The United Methodist Committee on Relief uses 100% of the funds collected to help in the areas that the money is designated to go. All administrative costs are paid by our apportionment dollars so that this money can reach the most people and do the most good. UMCOR with the help of the Volunteers in Mission are usually one of the first groups on site in a disaster and are often one of the last to leave. We are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, life changing ministry. If you would like to help, please write the name of the group you would like to help on your envelope or check and place it in the offering or get it us in the office. Your gift is tax deductible. Thank you for your great generosity.

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.

Commission on a Way Forward

I will be setting aside the Sunday School time on Sunday October 8th to talk about the Commission on a Way Forward and the current state of the United Methodist church. The Commission has been assigned the job of finding a way to address the issue of Human Sexuality in the United Methodist church. All are welcome to come and be a part of this time of open sharing and there will be a time of question and answers. It will be held in the Seekers classroom during the Sunday School time.

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

Wesleyan Covenant Association

The Wesleyan Covenant Association will be hosting their Annual Gathering On Saturday October 14th in Huston, Texas. This will be a time of great worship and inspirational messages. The WCA is committed to igniting a new movement of God among the people called Methodists. They are made up of laity, pastor, and churches with a heart for Christ and a traditional understanding of the Wesleyan movement. This Gathering will be simulcast in 60 locations around the world and we are one of them. The event will go from 10-4 and will include times of fellowship, snacks, and a wonderful lunch. Because our church is a member church, the cost for our church family is \$30pp. We have scholarships available for up to 10 people, but you need to speak with pastor Mike about these. To sign up, you need to go online to www.wesleyancovenant.org/huston. Then let them know you are a member and choose the Shreve site. If you have any questions or would like help registering, please talk to Rev, Mike

Philippians Bible Study

Our last Monday Bible Study meeting will be on October 2nd at 6:30. We will be switching back to Wednesday night beginning on Wednesday October 11th at 6:30. Thank you to all those who have been willing to work with this changing schedule to accommodate the Cottage meetings. Please consider coming to share with us as we study the book of Philippians together.

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. There have been a few challenges getting this installed, but it is scheduled to happen in early October. Our phone numbers will stay the same, but this is requiring us 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.

Cottage Meetings

The Cottage groups have been a real blessing to me, as they have helped me get to know folks in a smaller setting. There are still several scheduled for October and they will end on October 15th. Again I would like to thank all those who have hosted for your hospitality and to those who have attended for your willingness to share of your time with us. If you would like to be a part of one, please contact Clark Sprang and he can let know if there are any available times and locations. Rev, Mike

Emmaus

Emmaus is a three-day spiritual retreat that is sponsored by the Upper Room of the United Methodist Church. During these three days, you will hear 15 talks about living out your life in faith. Five of the talks will be about grace and will be given by clergy and 10 of the talks will be given by laypeople. There is singing and communion, and all kinds of fun along the way as you grow together in knowledge and grace. We have four women signed up for the walk on October 5-8th, so please keep them in your prayers. We have one male signed up for the Men's Walk, October 26-29th, and there is room for more to go on this wonderful weekend. To go on a Walk, you need to be sponsored, so if you are interested, please talk to Rev. Mike or Holly Grant. You can find out more information online at wrecommunity.org. These are wonderful life-changing weekends for many, and I encourage you to pray about whether God may be nudging you to step out in faith in this special way.

Trunk or Treat

We will be taking a year off from hosting Trunk or Treat. There are a number of things that have played into this difficult decision and we do not take canceling this outreach event lightly. We will use this year to evaluate the program and make decisions about its future. If you are interested in being a part of the evaluation process, and or to give leadership to a future Trunk or Treat, please let us know in the office.

Video Project

The Trustees have been working hard to bring the Video Project to life. We have hired Dave Calendar of Dover, Ohio to install our new AV equipment. We will be putting a larger HD format screen in the front of the sanctuary. There will be two new projectors with considerably more power. The projector for the front screen will be installed in the back of the sanctuary and the old projector mount and other wires will be removed from the front of the screen.

We will be adding a three camera video and a new computer with improved presentation software. We will also be installing a new monitor in the Nursery and a monitor and amplifier in the kitchen. We were able to do this within the money already raised and should have some left for surprises or other AV needs. This project will be started soon and we expect that the Video Camera, screen and computer will be completed this month, with more to follow. I am very thankful for the Trustees and their great work.

8/31 Indiana	9/9 Oklahoma	9/16 Army	9/23 UNLV
9/30 Rutgers	10/7 Maryland	10/14 Nebraska	10/21 BYE

PARTY!

Join us at 5pm on Saturday, October 21
for an **ALL CHURCH PARTY**
at the **Secret Arboretum Pavilion**

sponsored by our Small Groups Ministry

Bring a tailgate-style appetizer or a dessert
and get ready for a fun night of fellowship!

SEE YOU THERE!

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.

November 18th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at

Shreve United Methodist Church

430 N. Main Street, Shreve, OH 44676

A full breakfast provided / Child Care Provided / No cost

Call Holly Grant at (330) 567-2295 to pre-register

Birthdays/Anniversaries



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tyler Zimmerly	2	3	4	5	6	7 Aaron Cochran
8 Sam Terwilliger	9	10  Jeff & Betsy Sparr	11 Carlos Visocky  Scott & Rhonda Boothby	12	13 Bud Kobilarcik Brevin Wilcox	14 Peggy Gray Elliot Wright Sarah Weiser
15	16 Marilyn Acker Sheri Boals Zach Forcell	17 Glenn Bower	18 Zach Kinney Susan Schlabach	19  Dan & Marj Allen	20 Brian Kinney Helena Ritchey	21
22 RJ Black Roger Dieringer	23 Alan McFarland	24 Keith Patterson  Bryan & Sarah Weiser	25	26 Erik Forcell Dave Rice	27 Scott Murphy	28
29	30	31 Dale Sidle				 Denotes Wedding Anniversary



November 2017 Newsletter Deadline is Oct. 16 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 8:00 am Bell Choir 8:30 am Chancel choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High ComMISSION'd 7:00 pm Cottage Mtg. @ Preston's	2 12:00 pm Helping Hands 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Finance/Budget Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	3 7:00 pm Worship Mtg.	4 6:15 am Community Prayer 6:00 pm Jr. High ComMISSION'd 7:00 pm Cottage Mtg. @ Weaver's	5 6:00 pm Elementary ComMISSION'd 7:00 pm Nominating Mtg.	6 Boothby/Bower Wedding Rehearsal	7 Boothby/Bower Wedding 6:30 pm AA
8 8:00 am Bell Choir 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High ComMISSION'd	9 12:00 pm Helping Hands 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Trustee Mtg 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	10 7:00 pm SPR Mtg.	11 6:15 am Community Prayer 6:00 pm Jr. High ComMISSION'd 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Evangelism Mtg.	12 11:30 am Retired Men's Luncheon 5:00 pm Nomination Mtg. 6:00 pm Elementary ComMISSION'd	13	14 Sanctuary /Fellowship Hall Reserved WCA 7:00 pm Rock N Worship 6:30 pm AA
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Those Serving Us In October

Greeters

- 1 Adam & Kate Starr
- 8 Lisa Gress & Vivian Wolf
- 15 Dave & Linda Repp
- 22 Brandon & Devon Grosjean
- 29 Don & Sue Ann Adams

Acolytes

- 1 Joy Acker & Emma McClintock
- 8 Tyler & Jenna Zimmerly
- 15 Anthony Sidle & Reilly Grosjean
- 22 Vaden Ervin & Lexi Long
- 29 Elliott Daley & Lucy Acker

Lay Leaders

- 1 John Weaver
- 8 Barb Long
- 15 Carla Lendrum
- 22 Laurel Sidle
- 29 Judy Burkholder

Ushers:

Don Adams, Dave Emler, Don Flinner,
Denny Wells, John Gray

Nursery

- 1 Brandon & Devon Grosjean
- 8 Steve & Nancy Myers & Gina Van Lieu
- 15 Brian & Liz Kinney
- 22 Julie Patterson & Ella Boothby
- 29 Burnison's

Explorers

- 1 Meghan Wright
- 8 Beth Acker
- 15 Jen Zehnder
- 22 Christi Franks
- 29 Matt Diffenderfer

Believers Month of June

Matt Diffenderfer

Tech Support

- 1 Rosemarie Daley, Carlos Visocky, Luke Daley
- 8 Jeremy Burnison, Laurie Sidle, Tyler Zimmerly
- 15 Dennis Daley, Jeremy Burnison, Alan VanLieu
- 22 Dennis Daley, Luke Daley, Seth Franks
- 29 Jeremy Burnison, Luke Daley, Tyler Zimmerly