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An Encouraging Word

Stuff

“Stuff” is big business. The Greater Cincinnati area became one recent example of this fact back on May 14th. That day Amazon CEO, Jeff Bezos, came to the CVG Airport to officially announce the company’s plans to build their main Amazon Prime Air Hub just south of the airport on a 900 plus acre site. The Hub is projected to bring more than 2,000 jobs to the region. They will be jobs created by a company committed to selling and then delivering Stuff within one day to Amazon Prime users.

Stuff is big business!

We need it, want it, work for it, use it, fix it, store it.....our lives are filled with stuff! In Scripture, God does not condemn stuff. However, He has a lot to say about it. Wouldn’t we be wise to know what God has to teach us about stuff? Join us January 12th for the start of a sermon series that will help us get into this “Stuff” together.

—Pastor Mike

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Clayton Justin Nickell, is the son of proud parents, Justin and Hannah Nickell. Clayton was born on November 27, 2019, and weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz and was 21 inches long. Clayton was also welcomed by grandparents, Kevin and Diane Nickell, and great-grandparents, Richard and Marilyn Kirk.

Michael Bernert passed away on November 9, 2019, at the age of 51. Michael was the brother of Theresa Conaty and her husband, Robert.

David Luck passed away on December 8, 2019, at the age of 89. David was the uncle of Chris Luck and his wife, Virgie.

Betty Garrett passed away on December 15, 2019, at the age of 85. Betty was the sister of Charlotte Earhart.

Bonnie Howard passed away on December 21, 2019, at the age of 91. Bonnie was the sister of Glenda Shipman.



Our prayers and love to all family and friends.



As we ring in the New Year, kids are returning to begin the second half of the school year. It's often on our hearts and minds to remember those in need during the holidays, but unfortunately, we sometimes forget that needs continue for the rest of the year too. Our prayer is that Backpack Blessings can reach the neediest young ones in our community and provide them a little extra food over the weekend.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Mt. Orab Police Department who organized a massive food drive with more than 13,000 food items for our food pantry and Backpack Blessings! If we all work together, we can and will make a difference! If you would like to help, please contact me, Melissa Stephen, and I will let you know of our next packing event! Thank you for all of your prayers and support!



January Item of the Month: Microwave Popcorn

February Item of the Month: Easy Mac

—Melissa Stephen, Coordinator

HOLY YOGA

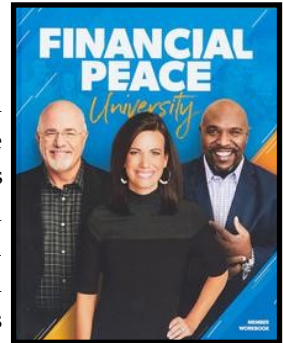
Looking for a time and place to exercise? Every Wednesday Gail Erhardt will lead an hour long class which includes stretching, yoga postures and breath work, all to contemporary Christian music. Gail meets the needs of each participant, no matter the skill level.

Chair Holy Yoga will be offered at the church at 11:00 AM every Wednesday morning. Chair yoga features poses so that they can be done while seated in a chair. These modifications make yoga accessible to people who cannot stand or lack the mobility to move easily from standing to floor positions.

Financial Peace University

Begins Sunday, January 26, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

This 9-week course beginning, Sunday, January 26, on personal and family finance is designed to help adults of all ages handle their money God's way. The video, discussion-based course outlines baby steps that will lead to a lifetime of financial peace. Whether you are single or married, college student, nearing midlife, edging toward retirement, or retired on a fixed income, this 9 week course designed by Dave Ramsey will give you opportunity to study with others as you work your way through the 'baby steps'. This year's course will be taught by Mike Kirk and Lucas Hiler (Lucas was a graduate of the 2019 FPU class at Mt. Nebo UMC). You may register at the sign up table in the Narthex or call the church office.



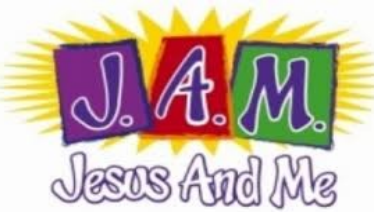
NOTE-Each participating individual or couple will need to purchase the kit that is used during the class (Kits are available at Mt. Nebo and the cost is \$95, which includes a reference book and a year's membership to access all materials online.)



The first Men's Breakfast for the Soul for 2020 will be Saturday, January 11th, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM. The Men's Breakfast for the Soul is a great way to fellowship and share a meal with men and boys of all ages and an excellent way to connect with those who may attend the Sunday worship service that you do not attend. Each month men meet to have breakfast together, hear a God story, and see how God is working in the lives of men at Mt. Nebo UMC. If you are willing to help prepare the breakfast in January, please contact Dan Reed at 513-509-8480.



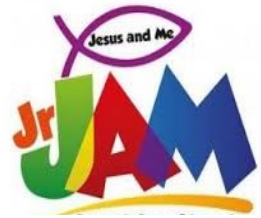
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



JAM is an interactive small group for children kindergarten through 3rd grade. JAM will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of each month (there will be no JAM on Monday, January 27th.) Each

evening it meets, JAM will include a Bible lesson, related activity, and snack. The first JAM for 2020 will be Monday, January 13th, from 6:00 PM to 6:50 PM.

Jr. JAM is a small group designed for preschoolers through kindergarteners and a parent or grandparent. Jr. JAM includes an interactive Bible lesson and related activity each month. Jr. JAM will meet Tuesday, February 4th, March 3rd, and April 5th from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM.



Operation Christmas Child Night



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The 6th grade youth are invited to be part of the 4-5 Small Group that meets Mondays 4:30 - 5:30 PM. This group is a blended group of 4th and 5th graders. The second and fourth Mondays of each month Alyssa Eubanks leads 'Black Belt' Bible lessons; the third Monday of each month we focus on serving others; the first Monday in February, March, and April the group will have a Marvelous Monday either serving or learning through active games. For more information about this group, please contact Neal Massengill, Alyssa Eubanks, Beth Keiffer, Brenda Blair or Brenda Reed. 4-5 Small Group will begin to meet for the new year on Monday, January 13th.



Youth Looking Ahead to Winter 2020

Sunday Youth Group

Sunday youth group for grades 6 through 12 will meet the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday evenings (except for February 16th and April 12th) of each month from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the church Narthex. This will be a time of devotion, prayer, and fellowship. The group will meet February through May.

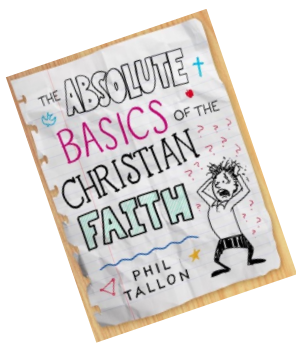
Two Devos and Donuts groups will continue to meet for youth, grades 6-12. The youth and adult leaders join together for breakfast and a time for devotions and prayers to start their day. Choose one of these groups to be part of in 2020. All groups begin the week of January 13th.



Tuesdays—6:50 AM at McDonalds, Mt. Orab, OH

Wednesdays—7:45 - 8:30 AM at Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church

NOTE - Transportation to school following each of these is furnished.



Youth Confirmation

The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith

A video/discussion based class that will explore the basics of the Christian faith. The confirmation class is designed for young people grades 5 through 9 and those who are interested in learning and growing more in their faith. This group will meet Sundays, beginning February 2nd from 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM in Classroom 2.

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Youth Snowtubing Event

All Mt. Nebo youth (grades 6-12) are invited to go snowtubing at Perfect North Slopes, Lawrenceburg, IN, on Sunday, January 26. Enjoy a time of 'winter fun' with the youth for an afternoon of snowtubing. Sign up sheet and permission slips and waiver forms are available in the Narthex. Registration for this event will end January 19th so transportation can be arranged and final count given to Perfect North for our group. Cost for the snowtubing will be \$20 per person plus money for lunch and pizza after snow tubing.

NOTE - If Western Brown schools are closed or on a delay for inclement weather, Devos and Donuts will not meet. There will be no after school programming if Western Brown is closed for the day OR if there is inclement weather on a Sunday that would merit cancellation of youth activities. Notification will be made through the church's One Call system.

Veterans Day
YOUTH HONOR OUR VETERANS



Christmas Snapshots



This year's Children's Christmas play was an album filled with snapshots of the events leading up to the birth of Christ and events that took place that first Christmas. A big thanks to Shelly Arn for her leadership in directing the play and Will Stratton who made sure the media was 'ready to go' for practice and performance. A special thanks to Joe Chirco (who helped with media), Michael Starkey (who made the backdrop), and Kristina Waterfield (who helped with the snapshot props behind the scenes) and to all parents and grandparents who made practicing for the play a priority during November and December. I hope these 'snapshots' on the next page remind you of our Savior's birth in a special way.

Christmas Snapshots
Children's
Program



— Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator

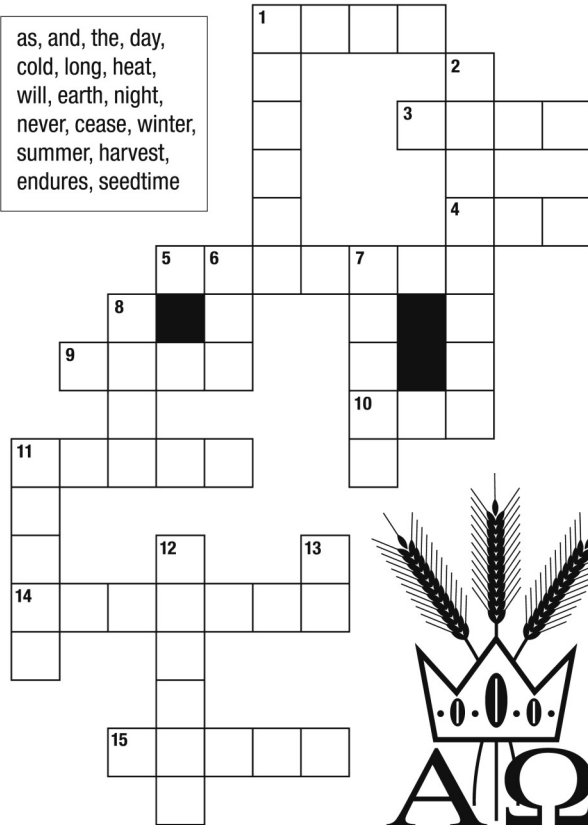
Community Christmas Program
Hamersville School



W I N T E R

Use the word list to complete the crossword. Then fill in the numbered blanks to read God’s promise to Noah — and to us.

as, and, the, day,
cold, long, heat,
will, earth, night,
never, cease, winter,
summer, harvest,
endures, seedtime



“ 13 8 13 10 7 14 ”
2 6 5 9 6
3 12 6 1 down 4
6 11 across 1 across 11 down 15 ”

GENESIS 8 : 2 2 , N I V

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Monday, January 27, 7:00pm

Classroom Area

Childcare and Meal Provided

Designed for anyone relatively new to Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church or anyone who wants to know more about the church. While enjoying a meal together, you will have the opportunity to learn about: Mt. Nebo's 185-year history, our mission and vision, ways you can connect through study, make a difference for God by serving, and resources available to you. Contact the church office or go to the "Sign-Up Table" to make your reservation.

**Welcome
To
Mt. Nebo
Dinner**



**4 Tuesdays: January 28, February 4, 11 and 18,
7:00pm, Classroom 2**

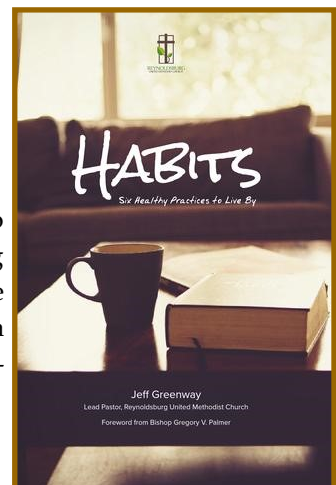
Considering becoming a member of Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church? This 4-week biblical study will explore key membership commitments and invite your questions. Those who attend may decide to become members but aren't obligated to do so.

Habits: Six Healthy Practices To Live By

Thursdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9

7:00pm, Classroom 2

God's Word has some things to say about healthy practices to live by. Each session of this study includes a DVD teaching by Pastor Jeff Greenway. You'll learn about God's principles, the power the Holy Spirits provides, and the benefits of living in a community with other believers. Please bring your Bible. Workbook cost: \$10 Register for this class at the "Sign-Up Table."





**PRIME TIMERS CELEBRATED 2019
HOLIDAYS TOGETHER**

What a great time was had at the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners held at the church this year! Both events were blessed with lots of fun, good food, and a wonderful time of fellowship, (most likely depicted in this newsletter). We wish to thank all those who have planned or hosted our events during this past year.



The Prime Timers have celebrated together for over 18 years and cherish all the memories. On Saturday, January 4th, we held our first meeting of the New Year. This is the time when we



plan our monthly events for the upcoming year. We hope many of you were able to come with new ideas of activities or events we could share together in 2020. We invite others to join us at these events which are usually held on the first Friday of each month. You won't be disappointed. Watch for a schedule of our activities to be on the Welcome Center in the near future. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

—Bonnie Oney, Reporter



Men's Breakfast For The Soul Group

2nd Sat. of each month, 7:30–9 am, church

Begins Saturday, January 11

4-5 Small Group

Begins Monday, January 13

JAM

Begins Monday, January 13

MS/HS Devos & Donuts

(Mt. Orab)—begins Tuesday, January 14

MS Devo & Donuts

(Mt. Nebo)—begins Wednesday, January 15

Chair Holy Yoga

Wednesdays, 11 am, Ministry Annex

Begins January 15

Adult Bible Study

Begins Wednesday, January 15

Women's Heart to Heart Share Group

Wednesdays, 7–8:30 pm, Narthex

Begins Wednesday, January 15

Women's Hand to Hand Emmaus Share Group

Saturdays, 8:45–10 am, Ministry Annex

Begins Saturday, January 19

Women's Study Group

Begins Tuesday, January 20

Financial Pease University

Begins Sunday, January 26

Welcome to Mt. Nebo Dinner

Monday, January 27

Membership Inquiry Class

Begins Tuesday, January 28

Sunday Youth Group

Begins Sunday, February 3

Jr. JAM

Begins Tuesday February 4

Women's Early Morning Group Study

"Women of the Bible"

Tuesdays, 7 am, church

Resumes Tuesday, March 3

Habits: Six Healthy Habits to Live By

Begins Thursday, March 5

Prayer Shawl Ministry

2nd. Monday of Month, 6–7 pm, Narthex

Men's Shoulder to Shoulder Share Group

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Administration Bldg.



Mortgage as December 31, 2019:

\$510,156

Christmas Food Pantry & God's Table Ministry



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HELPERS



January — Dan & Stephanie Kirschner
February — Junior & Ruth Hayslip
To volunteer as a Greeter and Usher for the 9 am service, please contact Harlan Moore.



'plugged in' — Youth Mini Retreat
Grades 7-12
Sunday, Feb. 16th-Monday, Feb. 17th
Christ United Methodist Church
Louisville, OH

Retreat is sponsored by East Ohio Wesleyan Covenant Association and Christ UMC, Louisville, Ohio

The retreat leader will be Duffy Robbins, a thirty-five year veteran of youth ministries. Duffy speaks around the world to teenagers and people who care about teenagers. The retreat registration is \$25, plus youth will need to bring money to cover lunch on Sunday and lunch and dinner Monday on the way home.

Please let Brenda Reed know by January 20th if your youth plans to attend.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus' baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus' mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word "love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900

Answer to Bible Quizzes on Page 15



<u>9:00 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>		<u>9:00 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>	
<u>January</u>				<u>February</u>			
1/5	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Alyssa Eubanks Linda Stover	Emily Myers Jenny Flores	2/2	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Alyssa Eubanks Virgie Luck	A. & M. Shepherd Jenny Flores
1/12	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Kristi Hansel Lori Sams	Ginny Pollard Gail Frazier	2/9	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Kristi Hansel Lori Sams	Erin Edminsten Alicia West
1/19	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Tabitha Chirco Heather Fite	Diana Starkey Brenda Reed	2/16	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	T. & S. Wesley K. Brookover	Gail Frazier
1/26	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Pat Cornett Kelly Day	Kelly Hahn Abby Clark	2/23	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Tabitha Chirco Kelly Day	Diana Starkey



9:00 AM 11:00 AM

January

1/5	Jannah Eubanks/Gracie Zuech	Stella Keller/Emmaline Starkey
1/12	Camryn Graham/Logan Waterfield	Ava Evans/Dani Tackett
1/19	Abby Chirco/Leah Waterfield	Jayden Edminsten/Branson Gartner
1/26	Gracie Zuech/Jannah Eubanks	Addison Brossenne/Jalyn Hahn

February

2/2	Camryn Graham/Logan Waterfield	Stella Keller/Brooke Kunkel
2/9	Leah Waterfield/Abby Chirco	Kenna Stratton/Addison Brossenne
2/16	Jannah Eubanks/Gracie Zuech	Dani Tackett/Ava Evans
2/23	Camryn Graham/Logan Waterfield	Brooke Kunkel/Emmaline Starkey

NOTE: The children / youth, 4th grade and up, who are on the schedule to be an acolyte will take out the 'Light of Christ' during the closing song on the day they are scheduled to acolyte.



9:00 AM

11:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

January

February

- 1/5 Theresa Conaty I. Hicks & T. Conaty
- 1/12 K. Waterfield Emily & Josh Meyer
- 1/19 Theresa Conaty T. Nolan & M. McKinzie
- 1/26 A. Eubanks Kim & Brooklyn O'Hara

- 2/2 Theresa Conaty N. & P. Massengill
- 2/9 K. Waterfield L. Wash & T. Conaty
- 2/16 Theresa Conaty Amy Timmers & Esta
- 2/23 Alyssa Eubanks E. & J. Edminsten

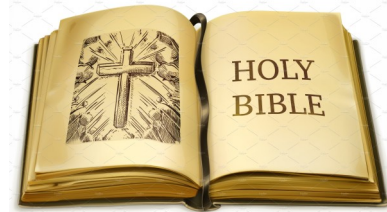
ANSWER FROM PUZZEL ON PAGE 8

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV

Answer to Bible Quizzes on Page 13
Top – A & B (See Matthew 3:13-17)
Bottom – C

January & February

Sermon Topics



January 5 – Rev. Susan Davidson preaching

Sermon Series "Stuff"

January 12 – The Good Stuff

January 19 – Monopoly Stuff

January 26 – Relationships and Stuff

February 2 – The Stuff of Greatness

February 9 – Dangerous Stuff

February 16 – Simplifying Stuff

February 23 – Rev, Greg Stover preaching



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Invite Friends and Family to Worship!



Service Times:

9:00 - 10:00 AM Worship with Hymns

(Children's Church)

10:15 - 11:00 AM Sunday School Program

Heart Shapers (Pre-School - 5th grade)

Middle School and High School

Adult Classes

11:00 - 12:00 PM Worship with Band

(Children's Church)

***Nursery Provided at 9:00 & 11:00**

Our Mission:

To Know Christ and Make Him Known