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Crestline, Ohio

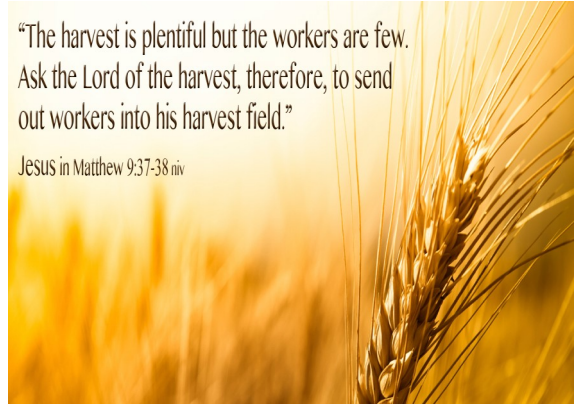
So That They May All be One.

Harvest Blessings

It is that time of the year again when we count our many blessings and give of yourself to others! During the month of September we will be collecting non-perishable food items such as boxed cereal, potatoes and pasta and also canned items of fruits, vegetables and meat that are urgently needed by the Crestline CAMP to fulfill the needs of many of our low income families. A box will be located in the narthex for all donations. Checks will also be accepted made out to CAMP, with Harvest Home month in the memo. If you have any questions, please direct them to Bob or Eileen Parr or Debra Ritter.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus in Matthew 9:37-38 niv



Labor Day

Labor Day will be celebrated on Monday, September 7 this year, not only to gratefully recognize the sacrifices of those who organized for justice in our workplaces, but to remember the torch we must yet carry to manifest an economy that guarantees security and resources for all who work—and those who can't for any reason. Labor Sunday recognizes the decades-long, often dangerous activism and advocacy of laborers in a multitude of professions and workplaces who collectively fought for human dignity, safety, and with a goal to thrive in all endeavors.



It is the combination of both power and love which makes a community workable and sustainable. It is the combination of power and love which Christians call the Spirit and which empowers us to shape our common future for the good of all. Anne Primavesi

While I was searching for something profoundly wonderful to share with you, I found this in a book of worship resources. I have to admit that it took me some time to fully understand what Anne Primavesi was saying.

Using the word power threw me for a bit. After all, I think many of us tend to think of power as control over someone or something. We hear a lot about people having too much power or using positions of power to coerce or force. Wielding power may instill a sense of fear and foreboding these days.

Yet as I began to reflect on these sentences, I realized that the writer wasn't talking about power in its negative sense, rather, I think she meant to convey the opposite.

In the author's viewpoint, power has a way of working with love to instill a sense of empowerment for communities of faith such as ours here at Calvary United Church of Christ to move forward with confidence, knowing that the Holy Spirit is empowering us to reach out beyond our doors, as we find ways to serve our neighbors.

As we enter these days of autumn, we begin to think again of all the ways God's Spirit is alive in us and our faith community. We have so many opportunities to share our gifts with each other and with our own community and the world.

We are reminded that love does have the power to do great and wonderful things. And it is through the power of God's Spirit that we can live out our faith with more than just words.

Over and over again, I hear people tell me that they feel so much a part of our faith community because of the power of the loving Spirit that is evident every day.

We have been blessed by God with the power to love and the determination to share our love with others.

May we always remember that power can be wonderful as long as it is used with love and mercy.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Diane

Patriot Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers. We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls. Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.

FLOWERS

A Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign up at least 2 weeks in advance, if possible, to allow time to notify the florist and the church off ice for the bulletin. You can contact Annette Smith or Lisa Gibson or fill out an envelope and leave it in the office. The cost is now \$35.00.



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Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to
Pastor Diane on
Sept. 23rd!!

Happy Grandparents Day!!

Sunday, Sept. 13th to all the wonderful grandparents in our lives.

OUR LOVE TO GOD IS MEASURED BY OUR EVERYDAY
FELLOWSHIP
WITH OTHERS AND THE LOVE IT DISPLAYS.
ANDREW MURRAY

Heart To Heart

Heart to Heart will be meeting at City Grill in Mansfield this month. The address is 37 E. 4th St., Mansfield. This is in the Carrousel district. There is a large parking lot at the east side of the Richland Carrousel. It runs between Main St. and Diamond St. You can enter the lot from either of those streets. City Grill is right across 4th Street from the parking lot, a couple of doors west of Diamond Street. We will meet there at 6:00 p.m. on September 15th. Please let Karen Kindinger know of your plans to attend.

Choir

Choir practice will start Sept. 23rd. The first Sunday we will sing will be Sept. 27th. Anyone is welcome to join the choir. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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*****If you or someone in the congregation would like to be added to this list, please let the church office know.***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship 10	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12
13 Wor- ship 10 Grandpar- ents Day	14	15 Heart to Heart 6:00	16	17	18	19
20 Worship 10	21	22 Autumn begins	23 Choir 7 Pastor's Birthday	24	25	26
27 Worship 10 Choir sings	28	29	30 Choir 7			

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