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PASTOR CARY'S CORNER

On **October 31st**, this year, we will be remembering a very special date in history. That date marks **the 500th Anniversary** when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. That simple, yet incredibly bold act by Luther, was the critical event that ignited the Protestant Reformation! The Reformation transformed not only individuals and the church, but changed the entire culture and destiny of nations. More specifically, the Reformation was a key for the church to rediscover that 'we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.' Another one of Luther's central teachings was 'the priesthood of all believers', which infers that each of us, are called to be Jesus' disciples and ministers for the sake of His Kingdom. As His followers, we have the response (ability) to share His Good News in word and deed!

One of the best ways we can celebrate this 500th Anniversary is to not just remember it historically, but to continue to live out the tenants of the Reformation TODAY and listen to how the Holy Spirit is stirring us afresh for this season in our lives. The Reformation is not a singular, once in a lifetime event. It is an organic and dynamic movement that beckons our participation. We become part of this ongoing Reformation as we engage in the work of God's Kingdom, across all denominations! As we say "Yes" to God's Grace... and 'pick up our cross' and become disciples of Jesus, the Holy Spirit transforms our lives, the life of our congregation, our community and even our nation.

I invite you to continue (or begin) to be part of the ongoing Reformation right here at Mt. Union, "the little church with a big heart". As you read through this newsletter, we ask for your prayers and participation for the Cause of Christ. Many Blessings!

Peace in Jesus,
Pastor Cary



ANNUAL YARD SALE

Mt. Union's annual Yard Sale will take place on **Saturday, October 14th, from 7am-2pm**. In addition to items being sold for outreach, there will also be some food, refreshments and great fellowship. This year, all proceeds will be going to help in hurricane relief efforts through Samaritan's Purse. We hope you can join us!



COUNTRY ROADS HAYRIDE

Sunday, October 22nd @ 4:30pm
Pot-luck dinner to follow @ 5:30pm
(Rain Date: Sunday, October 29th @ 4:30pm)

Invite a friend-All guests are welcome!

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U.B. DRUG AWARENESS EXPO

The Union Bridge Drug Awareness Expo will take place on **Thursday, October 5th, from 4pm-8pm**, at the Fire Station. Mt. Union will once again have a table at the Expo. If you can help, please contact Pastor Cary.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As you may know, several of our children and adults recently attended the Holy Communion Retreat at Mar Lu Ridge Camp and Conference Center. We had a great time in God's marvelous creation and also enjoyed the opportunity to grow closer to each other and the Lord! In addition, I believe we all learned more about Holy Communion and what it means to experience God's graceful presence at the Lord's Table and in everyday life. We were blessed to have Amanda Topper, Robin Lambert, Karrie Pittinger, Gary Jolbitado, and Fred Myers go as chaperones. I'm grateful for their help. On Sunday, September 24th, the following children experienced their **First Holy Communion**: Hailey Coshun, Sophia Topper, and Rachel Conaway. Maxwell Jolbitado also attended the retreat, but due to a prior commitment could not be there on the 24th. We look forward to celebrating his First Communion in the days ahead. God's blessings to our children and their families!

JUBILEE COMMUNITY

Beginning on **Thursday, October 19th**, we are starting a new gathering called **Jubilee Community**. It will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, from 6:30-8:30pm. Our time will include worship, a soup and bread meal, sharing the Word (and applying it to our lives), and a time for prayer. Initially, this gathering will be for high school age through the adults. As resources permit, our goal is to include the children.

OUTREACH TO SHEPHERD'S GLEN

Over the last couple of years, we've had the privilege to reach out to the residents at Shepherd's Glen. I know the residents appreciate the time we share with them in fellowship, worship, and prayer. But, as is often the case, as we seek to be a blessing to others, we are the ones richly blessed in so many unexpected ways. Please mark the date on your calendars, so you can join us, as we go to share the love and presence of Jesus with them on **Sunday, October 22nd, around 10:20am** (Note: No Sunday School).



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

For the Lord's healing touch: Nicole Beaver, Thelma Bohn, Leroy Coshun, Terry Harman, Nicholas Johnson, Maxwell Jolbitado, Gail Lesight, Pastor Michael, Eva Michael, Ben Myers, Elwood Myers, Janet Justice, Dr. Pete Nichols, Marlene Petry, and Nabeel Qureshi.

Comforting & healing prayers for the families of Vito Tunzi & Charlie Stambaugh, upon their recent deaths.

We continue to pray for all those affected by the recent terrible disasters in Texas, Florida, the Caribbean Islands, Puerto Rico, and Mexico (and other parts of our nation and world); for those who have lost their lives, those recovering from injuries, first responders, and all those uniting to assist in this rescue operation!

And for those serving valiantly in the armed forces: Brett Boston, Andrew McEnroth, Hunter Held, Warren Moore, Jeramey Justice, Aaron Fuhrman, Ellie Giziński, Benjamin Shifflett, and Justin Frock.

In order to keep our prayers updated, please note there is a prayer list at the entrance to the sanctuary, which is updated at the beginning of every month. We welcome your prayers and we know the Lord hears us!

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR MICHAEL

A reception for Pastor Michael will be held at St. James Lutheran Church in Union Bridge, from 1-3pm. Pastor Michael has served as a faithful shepherd to many people, not only in several congregations (including Mt. Union), but also to the surrounding community. You are invited to come and share in this special occasion. We wish him and his entire family God's blessings!

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