

MARCH 2015

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS

Our Children's Ministry has an immediate need for a Grades K-1 Sunday School teacher as of March 29th. A married couple would be ideal. Those interested would be welcome to observe a class to see if it would be something you feel led to do.

STAFF TRANSITIONS

We are excited to welcome Katie Bronson as a new part time office assistant! Katie will begin her training on March 2nd and will work 20 hours per week assuming responsibilities that Darla Rupp will be leaving as she transitions into a slightly new role. Katie will be answering phones, scheduling the facility rentals and assisting Sherrill Woodard. Darla Rupp will continue to coordinate Samaritan Ministries, building maintenance and serve as Pastor Matt's administrative assistant, but will also assume the additional responsibilities of coordinating Crossroads adult discipleship ministries. Darla is passionate about discipleship and has demonstrated strong leadership in resourcing discipleship relationships and herself, discipling others. Darla's coordination of adult discipleship ministries comes in response to Pastor Nate Hamblin's plans to lead a church planting initiative in Adrian, Michigan with Caleb Barrows. As a result of this new initiative, Pastor Tyler Quillet will take on more preaching opportunities at the Wauseon Campus in addition to his ongoing ministry of pastoral care. Youth

Helping searching people discover and develop an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pastor Matt Strader will also step into the pulpit more frequently at Wauseon. Katie's job description is available upon request from the Church office. Adjusted job descriptions for other staff members in response to the Adrian Initiative will be forthcoming. Thanks Crossroads for welcoming Katie and these changes as together we adjust to advance the mission of the gospel.

COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING

The Community Garden team will be meeting with interested gardeners in the Crossroads lobby on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. You may choose your garden plot (10'x20' or 20'x20') and receive helpful gardening information at that time. Individuals and/or families, even small groups, are welcome to sign up for a plot on which to grow fruits and vegetables for your own use or to give away. Participants are required to follow guidelines and care for the land. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the church office or David Smith at 419-337-7634.

SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8th. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before heading to bed Saturday night or you'll arrive at church just in time for the closing song!

UPCOMING TEACHINGS

SUNDAYS IN MARCH

- Mar 1** Messy Church: 1 Cor. 8
Pastor Nate Hamblin
- Mar 8** Messy Church: 1 Cor. 9
Pastor Nate Hamblin
- Mar 15** Messy Church: 1 Cor. 10
Pastor Matt Boyers
- Mar 22** Messy Church: 1 Cor. 11
Pastor Nate Hamblin
- Mar 29** Messy Church: 1 Cor. 12 & 14
Pastor Matt Boyers

WEDNESDAYS FOR WOMEN

God reveals himself to us through Scripture. Join us as we learn different methods of engaging with Scripture with the purpose of giving the Holy Spirit room to more fully form the life of Christ in us. Join us in the Dining Room each Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS FOR MEN

Men of Character—that's who Christ calls and equips us to be. Each Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

CHILD DEDICATION

Are you interested in publicly dedicating your baby or child to the Lord? If so, please contact the church office to schedule a time to meet with a pastor who will talk with you about the responsibility and privilege of biblical parenting. A time can then be scheduled to introduce your family and little one to the church body.

MAN CAMP

Men, it's time to reserve your spot for a great weekend at Miracle Camp. Crossroads' men plan to attend Man



Camp weekend 2, March 27 - 29, 2015. Register directly at www.miraclecamp.com,

list "Crossroads" as your roommate option. Spots are limited, so register early! Financial assistance is available by calling the office.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar for this year's Women's Retreat, May 1-3, 2015. This women's conference of is full of workshops, activities, and the ever popular rejuvenation day option with its spa treatments, massages, and relaxation. There is great Bible teaching, passionate worship, and opportunities for you to connect with other women. Register directly at www.miraclecamp.com and list "Crossroads" as your roommate option. Spots are limited, so register early! Financial assistance is available by calling the office.



COUNSELING TRAINING

There is an open invitation for another training on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00–11:30 a.m. for anyone who is considering being a part of our gospel-centered volunteer counseling ministry. It does not matter if you were unable to attend our last training in January. A small brunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Sid Siebert at ssiebert@crossroadswauseon.org by Monday, March 16.

FUNERAL DISHES

If you have donated food for funerals or other church events, please check the counter in the kitchen for any dishes that may belong to you. Any dishes that are not claimed by the end of March will be donated.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN'S PINEWOOD DERBY

Kids grades K–5th who have completed a derby car will participate in our annual Pinewood Derby Wednesday, March 4th. Registration will begin in the gym at 6:00 p.m. with races beginning at 6:30 p.m. A suggested donation of \$5 per child is appreciated to cover the costs of the cars.

VBS SAVE THE DATE!!

VBS in the Park planning has already begun! Before you begin to plan out your summer vacations, be sure to mark off July 19–23, 2105 to ensure that your children (completed grades K-5) won't miss out and that you are able to help serve during this fun week of ministry!

MIRACLE CAMP SUMMER CAMP!

With all this snow still covering the ground, you may think that it's too early to start planning to send your child to summer camp. But, believe it or not, there's no better time than right now! Miracle Camp and their amazing staff of counselors offer campers a high energy, fun-filled week of spiritual growth for kids entering grades 2 through 12. However, the cost of a week at camp can be expensive. We'd encourage you to begin putting aside money for this purpose right now and to think of creative ways to help your child raise the required funds (babysitting, mowing lawns, snow shoveling, work around the house, etc). To further help offset the costs, we're happy to partner with you through a **partial scholarship** to make sure your kids don't miss an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Jesus. These weeks fill up fast, so be sure to check out miraclecamp.com for details on summer camp and to register your child. For information on scholarships, please contact Tyler Quillet.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to all of our friends and family who have supported us over the past couple weeks. Through the breaking of Sue's ankle and the passing of our son/brother Travis T-dog Coll, it has been such a blessing to have the comfort of Gods arms wrapped around us. Those of you who have reached out with meals, prayers, visits, memorial gifts or words of comfort we would like to thank you. Travis always said he wasn't afraid to die because he knew he was going to heaven. A couple years ago he said, "God has not told me to give up yet, but when he does, I will give up. Until then I will continue to fight this disease." So I have no doubt that Jesus called our precious son home. He has fought the fight and now he is free of all his earthly illnesses. Even though our spiritual hearts rejoice in the fact that Travis is in heaven and with our Lord Jesus, our human side of our hearts are missing his physical touch. We rejoice in the fact that we will all be together again someday. Thank you to each and everyone of you who loved our son/brother while he was here on earth.

- Tim and Sue Coll, Mary (John) Kay, Joshua (Brooke) Coll, Allison Coll and Danielle Coll

A heartfelt thank you to my church family for the love and prayer support this past year. I am humbled...and so grateful. - Wes Rupp

We would like to thank you for participating in the Wauseon Christmas Parade! It takes many hands to put together the Christmas Parade and without everyone's help we could not do it. It is because of you and your willingness to participate that we were able to have a great parade again this year. We have already started discussing bigger and better things for next year and are anticipating another great parade in 2015. We look forward to having your participation. If you are interested in helping with the parade in 2015, please let us know. Follow us on Facebook and Wauseon Christmas Parade and Wauseon Downtown Association to get information regarding meetings and all other Wauseon Downtown Association activities. Call Ruth Ann Kast at 419-335-8457 or email: wauseondowntownassociation@gmail.com for more information.

- The Wauseon Downtown Association

FINANCIAL UPDATE



How'd we do? The numbers below represent monthly receipts (offerings/deposits) compared to our monthly expenses.

	Receipts	Expenses	Difference	Avg Offering
DEC:	\$130,563.21	\$87,158.60	\$43,404.61	\$22,866.00
JAN:	\$91,344.23	\$77,642.05	\$13,702.18	\$31,928.86
FEB:	\$	\$	\$	\$

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEEDS

SINGLE & PARENTING GROUP

As a single parent, you know there aren't many people who truly understand the unique challenges you face. You deeply desire to do what's best for your kids, and you worry you aren't. Sometimes, it's all you can do to survive from one day to the next. Single & Parenting, sponsored by the providers of DivorceC-are, is a special group that will bring hope to your life.

Single & Parenting is a group where single parents:

- Meet together and find practical help and hope
- Watch dynamic video sessions featuring single-parenting experts, the stories of single parents, and instructional parenting demonstrations
- Enjoy small group discussions

Sessions will be held at West Clinton Mennonite Church on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. January 26 - April 20, 2015. Call 419-337-4776 to register (\$15 registration fee).

***Any submissions for the April *Link* should be turned into the office by Wed, March 25, 2015.**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

2 Zoe Siefker	8 Sarah Ballmer Carson Burget	14 Kevin Boyers	Lorna Ziehm	Amy Warncke
3 Delight Fricke Melvin Stickley	9 Elyse Mosier	15 Jillian Martin Eunice Oyer Max Rufenacht Cherie Schenck	20 Sam Beck	25 Angie Behnfeldt Andrea Robinson
4 Lincoln Tester Mike Thompson	10 Elizabeth Garlinger Timothy Rettig, Jr. Sid Siebert	16 Blake Hitchcock Leisa Onweller Wade Wooley Brogan Zeigler Landon Zunk	21 Nate Hamblin Mackayla Kearney Collin Sintobin	26 Fawn Hartman Toby Spengler
5 Larry Conrad Keith Mann Revie Stevens	11 Matt Boyers Kerry Morris	18 Vicki Miller Jensi Shaw Ashley Smith Barbara Weis Barb Zimmerman	22 Ashley Zimmerman	27 Sage Marshall
6 Erin Andrews Tessa Herring Anneli Shaw Jake Yoder Larry Zimmerman	12 Angie Bernicke Sherrie Heldman Scott Sugg	19 Madyson Yackee	23 Aaron Brazier Bobbie Jo Duncan Madisyn Hazel Rachel Jagodzinski Elijah Seibel Micah Strader	29 Nicky Grime Renee Quillet
7 Benjamin Morris Lindy Zeigler Frank Ziehm	13 Jane Aeschliman Jacob Buchhop Tyler Deck Elizabeth Flores		24 Audrey Fricke Helen Leady Andy Roth Joan Vance	30 Jaret McDermott David Saffell Vickie Smith
				31 Railey Boyers Megan Brazier

ANNIVERSARIES

^ 25 - 49 years * 50 years or MORE

Mar 6	Olen & Mary Ann Stutzman*
Mar 16	Ron & Jean Hefflinger
Mar 27	Richard & Sue Batdorf^
Mar 28	Don & Peggy Wood^
Mar 29	Jay & Nadine Magee^
Mar 31	Zachary & Ashley Franz

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~If your anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office for corrections.

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