

# THE COURT STREET COURIER

March 2023



**CORNERSTONE**  
Global Methodist Church

## *A Note from Nathan*

The Israelites needed rescuing. They were desperate. Their ancestors had immigrated to Egypt under God's protection, but over time the Pharaohs had become increasingly evil and oppressive and now the Israelites were full blown slaves whose baby boys were being murdered. They needed a hero to rescue them, so God called Moses to go be a hero. But he didn't feel like a hero. He was afraid, he was self-conscious, and he was focused on his own limitations rather than God's power. So God asked him, "What's in your hand?"

***Exodus 4:1-3 Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'" Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?"***

***"A staff," he replied. The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground."***

And you know what happened – God used Moses' staff to do multiple miracles in front of Pharaoh and then in front of the Israelites that helped the Israelites to escape slavery! Moses had what he needed to do what God needed him to do – he just didn't realize it.



# A Note From Nathan Cont'd

Maybe you're in a situation where you see only limitations. Maybe you're homebound; maybe you can't get around like you used to; maybe your brain and body seem to be on strike and are revolting against you; maybe it's easier for you to feel sorry for yourself than to feel useful. ALL of us have felt or will feel like that at some time. Every single one of us. And then God will ask, "What's in your hand?" Can you write a note? Type an email or text? Make a phone call? Send a flower? Speak a word of encouragement? Cook a cookie? Sew a little gift? Draw a picture?

And: Can you pray? I'm convinced the #1 cause for our depression that comes when our bodies become limited is a lack of faith in the power of prayer. Somehow our praying doesn't seem like it's of any value...but that's only true if the Bible is wrong. Prov. 15:29, God "hears the prayer of the righteous." 1 Peter 3:12, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer." James 5:16, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." Powerful, and effective.

So I pray that you the reader will believe in and accept the righteousness that comes by faith in trusting Jesus as your Savior and Leader. And then, I pray that you will pray for me and your church, and for others you love, and then especially for all of the unsaved people who are lost without Jesus. It's powerful, and it's effective. You may get to witness to them directly, and you can most certainly pray for their souls.

I told a member of our church recently that throughout Covid and Disaffiliation I was surprisingly healthy, all things considered. He said, "Our prayer group has been praying for your health the whole time." I said, "I know. That's why I'm telling you -- because I recognize that it was the powers of your prayers that helped me!" Thank you friend for your prayers.

And for the other people who are benefitting from your prayers, especially the lost souls who are being helped through them as you pray that people will witness to them for their salvation – I also say for them, THANK YOU!

# Retired Members' Birthdays/Anniversaries, Announcements & Financial News

*Happy Birthday*

## Birthdays

- 3 Ron Haupt
- 13 Mary Jane Snodgres
- 15 Will Wible
- 17 Ruth Foreman  
Jan Dunn
- 24 Bonnie Larkin
- 26 Jack Schimmel
- 28 Debbie George
- 30 Bill Johnson

*Happy Anniversary*

## Anniversaries

- 17 Ralph & Phyllis Simpson
- 25 Dick & Jeannette McConnell
- 30 Don & Mary Gallogly

## Women In Mission 2023 Annual Rummage Sale



Friday, March 10-9am to 6pm  
&  
Saturday, March 11-9am to 1pm

**QUESTIONS or want to Volunteer?**  
Call Jeanette McConnell (937-309-5478)

## Please donate to THE BAKE SALE

Bake Sale is on:  
Saturday, March 11

**Bring items on  
Friday, March 10**  
(labeled  
"Bake Sale").

Drop off in the  
kitchen  
Thank you!!!

The rummage sale  
leadership team  
kindly suggests a **note  
or label** on your  
donations such as:

- \*No nuts
- \*Gluten free
- \*No dairy
- \*No sugar

Our shoppers do ask  
and your time and  
attention will help us  
answer truthfully.



**Rhonda Vincent &  
The Rage**  
Friday, March 17, 2023  
Doors open at 6:00pm  
Showtime 7:00pm

**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**Would you like more volunteers to  
help with your ministry group?**

**Let's coordinate together!!**

Email Teri:  
teri@ourcornerstone.org  
or call the office:  
937-642-4712

- Please let the office know of any  
ministry groups that  
congregants can volunteer with.
- Who is the contact person?

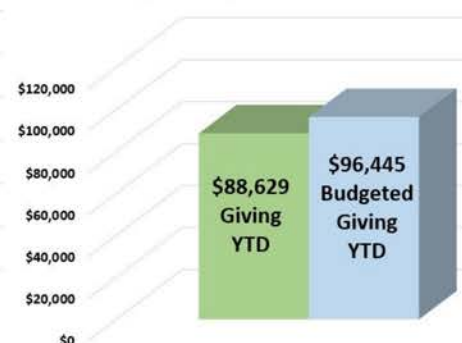
Notify the church office, if you would like added to the Court Street Courier mailing.

## Financial News

Giving vs Expenses Year to Date Jan 2023



Giving vs Budget Year to Date Jan 2023



### SENIORS:

DO YOU WANT YOUR NAME  
ADDED TO OUR BIRTHDAY  
AND/OR ANNIVERSARY LIST  
IN THE COURT STREET COURIER?

WE'D BE HAPPY TO ADD YOU!!

Please notify the office:  
teri@ourcornerstone.org  
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# Member Spotlight

## George & Bonnie Spurling



Hello, we are George and Bonnie Spurling, and we are excited to share a little bit about ourselves and our family.

George was born and raised in Marysville. His parents were also born and raised here. He has a sister Becky (David) Carson 3 years younger, a brother Bill (Deana) 10 years younger, and a sister Janis

Palmer 11 years younger. You can see, his parents basically had 2 families because of the age differences.

George was born July 2, 1946 and graduated from Marysville High School in 1964. While growing up in Marysville he was the neighborhood paper boy, so everyone knew him. After high school, George enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Sam Houston, a submarine during the Vietnam War. He served the Navy for 4 years.

Upon returning to Marysville after the Navy, he worked for 11 years at Rockwell until the plant closed. After the plant closed, he worked for Dana Corporation for 17 years until that plant closed. He has also sold cars, drove for U-Cats and made deliveries for Dave's Pharmacy until he retired in 2017. George likes to keep busy, so in 2020 he became Property Manager for our Condo Association, The Retreat at Green Pastures. He enjoys OSU football, golfing, vacations with the family, OSU football, belonging to the Masonic Lodge, OSU football, and more OSU football. (Can you tell he likes OSU football??) He and

# Member Spotlight Cont'd

around 20 of his classmates get together every Monday for dinner at different restaurants. They have also gone on 4 cruises together, and they consider themselves family.

Bonnie was born in New Boston, Ohio on July 30, 1946. She had very loving and active parents who supported all of her activities. They were very active in their church and took care of their parents. Her dad was a Postman and her mother was a stay-at-home mom. She has a sister, Jean, who is 3 years younger and lives in Michigan. Bonnie was a 1964 graduate of Wheelersburg High School and a 1964 graduate of Portsmouth Interstate Business College. Bonnie moved to Marysville in 1973 from Columbus. She was a Child Care worker for several years in her home plus worked part time jobs in the evenings.

She has had several jobs spanning her lifetime. She worked for BancOhio, Union County Savings & Loan, and was a tax collector in the Union County Treasurer's office. Her final job (she thought) was in marketing in the health care field. She worked for a couple of nursing facilities which, then took her to the Marketing Department at Memorial Hospital. She retired in 2009 from the hospital and thought she was done. However, God had other plans for her. She started working for Connolly Construction after a summer off and stayed for 11 years.

Bonnie enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She volunteers for ViaQuest Hospice. She is also a member of Eastern Star, and has held offices for over 40 years locally and state wide.

A friend introduced George and Bonnie in June 1990. Each had been married before, Bonnie 25 years and George 24 years. The friend thought they would be a good match. It must have been a good match, because this coming June they will have been married for 32 years! George proposed to Bonnie in November 1990 at an Emmaus closing. To say the least, Bonnie was in shock and can't remember saying yes, but everyone there said that

# Member Spotlight Cont'd

she did (through tears). They were married in our beautiful sanctuary on June 1, 1991 by Senior Pastor Charlie Cecil, who by the way, was the pastor in the Methodist Church in Wheelersburg, Ohio when Bonnie was in junior high.

They have a beautiful blended family. Bonnie has sons, Gordon (Kelly) Johnson, Rick (Julie) Johnson, and a daughter Missy (Kevin) Vollrath. George has a daughter Shelley (Kevin) Troutner, a son Steve (Beth) Spurling, and daughter Jill (Paul) Huffman. So, you can see why they are called the Brady Bunch...3 girls and 3 boys. They currently have 16 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 3 on the way. Their lives are very family-filled!

George was baptized at Marysville First United Methodist Church on January 1947 and confirmed in the spring of 1961. He attended the Men's Emmaus Walk in September 1990. He has served on many committees during the years, and currently, one of his biggest blessings is the Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study. He was among one of the first members which started 17 years ago! Bonnie attended the Women's Emmaus Walk #2 and has served on the board, has been a lay director, and has been on multiple teams, not only in Central Ohio, but also other communities.

Bonnie and George love worshiping with their church family as well as serving with their church family. "We are truly blessed to call Cornerstone Global Methodist our home."

## ***Kids Sing***

Shelley Williams, Judy Baldwin, and Patti Cosgray have done a marvelous job teaching music to our three-year olds through kindergarten KICK kids each Sunday, and we were blessed to hear them sing "The B-I-B-L-E" and "Jesus Loves Me" in each of the services.



# Happenings Around Church

## ***Ash Wednesday***

There were over 200 people in attendance for our Ash Wednesday Multigenerational service in the sanctuary on February 22. It was beautifully lead by various kids, teens, and adults.



If you missed the opportunity to donate a hymnal to the congregation, you may still do so through the church office. Each hymnal costs \$30 and each donation defrays the overall cost to the church while honoring our loved ones.

## ***New Hymnal Dedication***

We began 2023 as a new denomination with a new name – and now with new hymnals! We retired the “old” blue United Methodist hymnals and now have our “new” blue hymn books, *“Our Great Redeemer’s Praise.”* The congregation donated over 80 hymnals in memory or in honor of a loved one! We prayed over and blessed our new books on the first Sunday of Lent, February 26 at the 9AM traditional worship service. We sang joyful praises and cited ancient creeds from the pages of our new hymn books, and we look forward to years of wonderful worship using these beautiful books!



# Upcoming Dates

## Wednesday mornings at the church

**7am** Men's Bible Study (All welcome)

**9am** Golden Girls (All welcome)

**1030am** Faith Sisters (All welcome)

## Wednesday evenings at the church

**6pm or 630pm start times**

Multiple ages welcome for spiritual growth and development  
classes and activities

(please email Pastor Peggy for more info [peggy@ourcornerstone.org](mailto:peggy@ourcornerstone.org))

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<b>Mar 1-9</b>		Rummage Sale pre sort
<b>Mar 5</b>		Rummage Sale set up
<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>9 am - 6 pm</b>	Rummage Sale (BFLC)
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>9 am - 1 pm</b>	Rummage Sale (BFLC)
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	Rummage Sale breakdown
<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>2 am</b>	Daylight Savings Time - Turn clocks back
<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Both Services</b>	Confirmation Sunday
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Quilters (All welcome) (Rooms 155 and 157)
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Bluegrass Concert: Rhonda Vincent & The Rage (doors open at 6pm)
<b>Mar 19 - April 2</b>		Food Drive for local food pantry
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>10 am</b>	WIM Meeting (Mill's Lounge)
<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Quilters (All welcome)(Rooms 155 & and 157)