



Canal Fulton

United Methodist Church



*Our mission is to reach out to welcome all and together walk with Christ*



Allison and I and her family went up to an Indians game to see the Indians/Guardians crush the Anaheim angels 9-1 in an excellent Baseball game not too long ago, and we also got to experience some of the food in Cleveland as well! A great time was had by all, but one of the highlights (aside from the win of course) was the fact that it was dollar dog night. Now I enjoy a hot dog just as much as everybody else, but since it was dollar dog night, the lines for those delicacies were pretty long. Since I wanted to watch the game, I decided to branch out, and instead go to a lesser known stand and get a “Slider Dog”, which consists of a hot dog, chill, cheese, bacon bits, mac and cheese, and.....FRUIT LOOPS. I don’t know if the Indians have a deal

with Toucan Sam, but I decided to throw caution to the wind and try it. To my surprise (as well as all the others around me who were horrified by all that was on the bun), it was actually pretty good. Sometimes, things that don’t seem like they would go together at all, actually work quite well.

Likewise, in our faith, we believe that Jesus Christ was fully God and fully human, but that He came to earth to show not just a select few how to get to heaven, but He came to show EVERYONE. When Jesus walked around, preached, and taught others, he taught all who were willing to listen. Whether they were rich or poor, healthy or unhealthy, righteous or unrighteous, Jesus came to show and spread the gospel to all. When people think of Jesus, and the movement that he built (aka, the Church), they might think of someone who was Holy, someone who was always devoted to God, but they might not think of Him as someone who would spend time with those who maybe weren’t as devoted to God, or weren’t as Holy as Him. However, according to the Scriptures, we know that this is not true. In Mark 2:13-17, it states, “13 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. 14 As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. 15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” At first glance, we might think that Jesus and Sinners don’t belong together. Though Jesus of course wishes everyone to repent of their sin, Jesus still spent time with those who really didn’t care to spend time with him.

Just like fruit loops and hot dogs (you wouldn’t think this would be a good combo) go together though, so does Jesus and sinful people. The Church as a whole, though it is of course guided by and inspired by the Holy Spirit, it is still made up of sinners from across all walks of life. Whether you came from a good upbringing or a poor one, God still loves you and wishes to offer you the salvation that He has imparted to all the others who have heeded His call over the years. With Jesus, and the way of life that he wishes us to live, there are a lot of things that “go together” that we wouldn’t initially think of. The one thing that pairs with everything well though, is God’s love, and I pray that you may all have a lot of that as we go into the fall season.



## **Prayer Chain**

We have a wonderful prayer chain group that can be notified of those needing special prayers. Contact the church office at 330-854-3573 or cfumc1@sssnet.com if you would like prayers for yourself, friends or family members.

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

### **NEEDING PRAYERS**

**Ken and Sheila Berwinkle**

**Nancy Corral (nursing home)**

**Betty Doyle**

**Barbara Gregis (Danbury Nursing Home)**

**Mary Kocsis (health)**

**Larry Kopp (health)**

**Terry Litten (Beth's Canfield's father)**

**Chip McCullough (heart problems)**

**Miriam Moore (pain management)**

**Miriam Moore's grandson, Mike (cancer)**

**Ike Nicholson (back problems)**

**Michael Reighart (health)**

**Rose Rhodes (health)**

**Joann Shankland (eye problems)**

**Mickey Shankland (sciatic nerve)**

**Rachel Slater (brain tumors & friend of Doris Walker)**

**Shirley Starr (health)**

**Frank Tailor, Robin VonBonin's brother**

**Luther Waybright**

**Connie Westfall (health)**

**Holly Wilhelm (scoliosis with back pain)**

**Bev and Jack Wilkinson (health)**

**Nick vonBonin (health)**

**Carole Zay (nursing home care)**

**Ann (Carolyn Kaster's aunt)**

**Jack (Jill Manda's brother)**

**Cathie (heart surgery)**

**Rich Ries (health)**

### **IN THE MILITARY**

**Lt. Jacob Bickett**

**Nathan Walker**

### **COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**Janelle Ferrell**

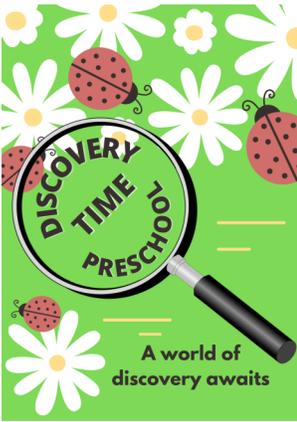
**Ethan Lower**

**Morgan Lower**

**Morgan Manns**

**Lauren Spradling**

**Those with addictions, those wishing to harm themselves or others and sick children everywhere**



# Discovery Time Preschool

We are excited to start preschool again! This year's 4/5 class has 24 kids and the 3's has a Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday with a total of 14 kids over the two classes! We have many fun things planned this year and can't wait to get back into the groove!

HAPPY  
*Anniversary*

Ron & Pat Williams 9-18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kay Stewart 9-3

Rob Steinberg 9-6

Robin Sundheimer 9-10

Sarah Diley 9-17

Nancy Corral 9-20

Jack Hall 9-20

Flo Peterson 9-22

## CFUMC UPDATES

For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, the CFUMC Ladies had a wonderful luncheon on July 28, at the Canal Grille here in town. There was a large turnout and lots of conversation. It was really great to see everyone. We are hoping we can do it again soon. Special thanks to Margaret Lowe for organizing the event.



# CFUMC UPDATES: CONTINUED

On Sunday, August 8, the CFUMC congregation had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of Matthew and Dallas VonBonin. Pastor Shaun did a wonderful job. We were blessed with the presence of many members of their family with a fellowship hour to follow the services. Blessings to

Matthew and Dallas as they have committed to a life with God. From Page 42 of our hymnal: “The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.”



On Sunday, August 22, the congregation welcomed for the first time the Biscan twins, a boy named Otis Emil (after their grandpas) and a girl named Viera Rae (pronounced V-air-uhh meaning faith). They were born on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the parents, Kent and Mindy Biscan. We look forward to their next visit with us.





# Flat Rock

Restoring Hope. Transforming Lives. Living Faith.

Flat Rock Homes has been a place of safety and security for children and youth for 155 years! We continue to serve our individuals as they age. They came in as children with developmental, intellectual, and physical disabilities and they are not asked to leave when they become adults in years. This is their home where they are loved, cared-for and safe.

This doesn't just happen on its own, but by the compassionate prayers and partnerships of individuals, churches and organizations who care...people like YOU!

Thank you for keeping Flat Rock Homes, Care Center and Community Services in your daily prayers.

God bless all

*Rose Darling*

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## Bible Study

Wednesdays 10:30am

Bible Study will be returning Sept 1st. John MacArthur takes readers through the book of Revelation with its vivid imagery, assuring Christians that God is in control of all past, present, and future events.

## Adult Sunday School

Sundays 10:30-

Join Jim Lower and our Sunday School group in studying "Satisfied". Satisfied is for those drowning in debt, but also those getting farther and farther ahead financially. It is for those who are crippled by comparison. It is for those with full closets and empty souls.

