

The Herald Of Hope

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Men's Breakfast

On January 8th at 8:00 AM there will be breakfast for the men of Hope Church. Herb Steffenson will tell us about the work of the United Methodist Men. We will also continue with our study that we began last month. All men are welcome. Tom Gant will again be preparing a great breakfast!

H ighlights Of The History Of Hope Church (continued) 1855-2005

Ministers Continued...

Grundy Couch

Grundy “grew up” in Hope Church, answered the call and served as a Methodist Minister for a number of years. I remember Grundy as an advisor and counselor at Camp Wanake. He was the son of Millie and Charley Couch. Remember “Charley the Barber”? I do! Grundy is now retired from ministry.

Larry Speicher

Larry, son of Fritz and Vivian Speicher also “grew up” in Hope and answered the call to the ministry. Like Jim Skinner, Rev. Dumm and his wife, Alice, were prime nurturers of Larry’s faith along with the youth leaders. Larry has served churches in Seattle, Washington. In recent years we have lost contact with Larry and his wife, Loretta. If anyone has information on the Speichers please let me know.

Ken Ward

Ken also grew up in Hope Church and like Jim and Larry, the Dumms were a prime factor in his decision to answer the call to the ministry. He is the son of Paul and Mildred Ward, long-time members of Hope. He and his wife, Sue serve a church (United Methodist) in Dearborn, Michigan. Ken wrote me the following words in a letter in response to an invitation to attend the Millennium Homecoming in 2000. I would like to share them with you: “My memories of Hope Church are many and warm. I was fortunate as a young man to be a part of a church with a strong, excellent Youth ministry and caring dedicated adult leaders. I realize I was part of those peak years in youth ministry, which are longingly remembered by many churches. But Hope was unique at that time both in the size of its

program- nearly 100 young people involved in the total program from grades 7-12, and the impact the program made on the lives of many youth. I trust that Hope not only remembers those years fondly, but seeks to be just as faithful in following the Lord now.

Dick Leonhardt

Dick along with his wife, Carol, answered the call to be a lay-minister. Dick and Carol were at our Homecoming in April of 1984, when we celebrated 25 years of being in our present church building. We have lost contact with the Leonhardts, but wherever they are we know souls are being fed.

Brian Russell

Brian and his wife, Jackie grew up in Hope Church and were very active; remember Jackie’s beautiful singing voice? Brian is very intelligent and learned young man. He attended Asbury College in Wilmore, KY. He has a PH.D of the Old testament. At the present time Dr. Russell is Associate Professor of biblical Studies at Asbury Seminary in Orlando, FL. He is well-learned in Hebrew and Greek. He has computer classes on the internet. He and Jackie have two daughters. Brian is the son of Midge and Dale Russell.

It is so heart-warming to me and others at Hope Church to see what those I have written about, have accomplished through guidance from the Lord. We are proud of each of them and their families. We have them in our hearts and prayer. I will write about the missionaries in the next issue if the Herald of Hope.

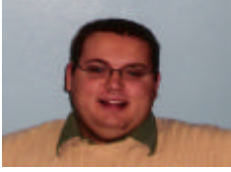
Your Church Historian
Isabelle Smith

Mission Of The Month

The mission of the month for January is Dale Kinkade. He is the the director of East Ohio district of the Christian Service Brigade (CSB).

This Month's Teacher Feature

Sam McKeown- Junior/Senior High Youth



Hello I am Sam McKeown, one of the Junior/Senior High Sunday School teachers. I have been teaching the class for almost a year now. I love every moment of working with the youth. It is a blast to hear what the youth of our church have to say and what they think about the subjects that we talk about. We always have interesting discussions on the topic of each lesson. The kids make the class fun; it is always a learning experience for me too. We try to encourage the kids to take a turn and teach the class a lesson of their choosing. So far it has worked great! I along with Jeremy, am a youth leader, and I am one of three Battalion (boys group) leaders. We do many events and outings throughout the year. The Battalion just recently held the first Klondorah (hopefully many more to come). The Klondorah is a combination of two competitions that Battalion participates in throughout the year. Last year I participated in Project Shine for the first time and loved it immensely! I loved it so much that I am a trustee on the board that helps plan for the project every year. I truly believe that working with youth is what I am called to do and as long as I can, I will. Come and be a part of our Sunday School class. There is plenty of room and we are very welcoming. Sunday School meets every Sunday from 9:15-10:30 AM. Youth group meets on Wednesday nights from 6-8 PM and Battalion meets on Sunday afternoons from 4-6 PM.

Jeremy Veppert- Junior/Senior High Youth



Sweetheart Banquet

(sponsored by the Youth)



When: February 12th

Where: Hope UMC

Time: 5:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00 per ticket
\$6.00 for age 65 and over

Menu: Chicken Parmesan
Seasoned Potatoes
Vegetables
Bread
Beverages

Couples and Singles welcome!

Please call Jeremy Veppert or the church office to purchase tickets. All tickets must be purchased by February 6th. The proceeds will go to offset the cost of the Youth's Spring retreat. Thank you.

Prayer Chain

Do you need prayer? Please call the office or Patti Reeves at 330-784-6707

Prayer Chapel Meeting

We meet each Tuesday at 7:00 PM. We pray for individual needs, our church, and our nation. See Patti Reeves or Pastor Ken for directions or a ride.

Worship Opportunities

February 6-

- 9:00 AM- Bring A Friend Breakfast
- 9:15 AM- Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship-
Release The Light
- 6:00 PM- Evening Service

February 13-

- 9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship-
- 6:00 PM- Evening Service-

February 20-

- 9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship-
- 6:00 AM- Evening Service-

February 27-

- 9:15 AM- Bible study for all ages
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship-
- 6:00 AM- Evening Service-

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- **SINGLES PLUS** •
- **February 4** - Meet at noon at the •
- church for BYOL & B in the overflow. •
- **February 18** - We will have a Lunch •
- Eat Out at Casa Mim at 1:00 PM. no •
- smoking, 2214 Manchester Rd. 330- •
- 745-4447. If you need a ride, call •
- Genevieve Seibert (330-753-1351); •
- Joan Burdeshaw (330-753-9207); or •
- Millie Miller (330-745-8272). •
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Happy Birthday!



- 1- Roger Campbell
- 2- Terry Walquist
Ron Phillips
- 3- Jill Hodges
- 6- Doris Holman
Angie Veppert
Martha Baillis
- 7- Bob Russell
- 8- Matthew Rhodes
Michelle Rhodes
- 9- Sandy Onusic
- 11- Robert Filiatreau
- 12- Marnie Mellinger
- 14- Scott Campbell
- 17- Melissa Scott
Stephanie Howell
- 18- Beverly Fincher
Julie Thomas
Penny Snyder
- 22- Heather Semelsberger
- 25- Sondra Myers
- 28- Gwenn Bresslauer

Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord's work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Jamie Lebold or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office. Memorial gifts given since the last Herald are given by:

- ◇ Buddy Dunn in memory of Dick Snyder
- ◇ Jerry & Judy Lake in memory of Dick Snyder
- ◇ Elinor Knotts in memory of Arnold Knotts & Dick Snyder
- ◇ Mary Ord in memory of Donna Davanzo

Please let us know if we missed you on our birthday &/or Anniversary list. Thank you!

Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Davis who were united in marriage on January 8, 2005 by Pastor Ken. Their address is 168 S. Miller Rd. # 3.

ANNIVERSARY

- 4- Carol & Benny Griffith
- 12- Glen & Rita Veppert
- 18- Gerald & Bernice Sayre
- 21- Ken & Marcia Oeffner

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING UPDATE

(through January 16, 2005)

Ministry goal YTD	\$	9,201.24
Received, YTD	\$	
Difference	— \$	
Flat Rock-	Received:	\$321.89
	Sent:	\$325.00

Pastor's Pen

