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## RP Newsletter

September 2016

*It's all about*  
The Journey

- Come
- Connect
- Grow
- Go

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings in the amazing Name above all Names, Jesus Christ! What an awesome God we serve! Just this past week, Austin and I went to the Maysville Athletic Center to practice his field-goal kicking. Well, since the gate was locked we had to jump the fence (don't worry he has permission). In doing so, I got a bit of a surprise. As I was grasping the plastic fence cover to leap over, a wasp came out from under the cover, and unbeknownst to me at the time, I got stung. Of course there was also the problem of getting this 220 lb. out-of-shape 43-year-old man over the fence without killing myself in the process! Eventually I made it and Austin was already patiently waiting for me on the field. Since it was almost 100 degrees on the field, we were only there about an hour. What a journey it was!

Whether we are on a trip to the beach, studying our way through college, growing up from a child into an adult, or working on raising an amazing family, we all experience the nature of the journey in life. Our lives were never meant to be stagnant – without movement. The human body needs exercise and movement to remain healthy. Our minds go stir-crazy unless we are actively involved in something meaningful. Most importantly, our soul cries out to us when we are not on the move in a relationship with our Creator God in Jesus Christ. We are not meant to remain who we were, but were created to daily become more like Christ and move further towards His purposes. Because of that, God invites us into the most amazing Journey we could ever imagine.

That's why at Rolling Plains it is all about the Journey. We believe very simply that we are called as a church, above all else, to help people find Jesus in the midst of their journey. It is all about the Journey! That Journey being **Coming** to Christ as we are, **Connecting** with Christ and others, **Growing** in Christ, and **Going** in Jesus name to serve others. This is our Vision and Mission as a church. God has given us this specific pathway for making disciples of Jesus' Christ for the transformation of the world.

As we Come, Connect, Grow, and Go our church provides specific classes, experiences, groups, and service opportunities to assist in our journey with Christ. Our Discipleship Team has been working hard to bring all of these elements together with some new offerings to form this pathway called, *The Journey*. Our goal is to get everyone on the Journey together as a congregation. Keep in mind, there are multiple entry points and a realization that we will all be at a different place on the Journey. However, *The Journey* will provide us concrete direction in nurturing our relationship with Jesus. What we offer as a church also joins with our personal habits and practices that ultimately form what we will be calling *The Journey*. Starting on September 11<sup>th</sup> we will be living in a four-week sermon series that will follow along with *The Journey* as we take a deeper look into Coming to Jesus, Connecting to Jesus, Growing in Jesus, and Going in Jesus' name. What an amazing season of life and ministry we are about to embark on at Rolling Plains! God is good!

Blessed & Barefoot,  
Pastor John

Come join us on "The Journey"  
September 11 @ 8:15, 9:45, or 11:00 AM

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# THANK YOU! TO ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AT OUR FAIR STAND!

## South Zanesville Food Pantry

As I sit here writing this article, I am reflecting on the past 19 years. That first year (1997) we served 435 people a total of 12,546 meals. Jump ahead to 2015 and we served 6,067 people a total of 54,603 meals. There have been a lot of people who have come and gone, but one thing that is constant are the clients. Some share their stories, while others don't want to be there. We have gone through tons and tons of food. Sometimes we didn't have enough food to serve, but through it all I knew who was in charge and it was not I. God always provided when I wondered how we would ever have enough food to feed our families or enough money to purchase the food we needed to serve them.

So it is with a sad heart that I am writing this to tell you that, after 19 years, I am retiring as the Coordinator of the South Zanesville Food Pantry. It is time to sit back and "smell the roses". The good news is that I have found a wonderful couple who will be stepping into my shoes, Joyce and Jeff Krouskoupf. They have a vast knowledge of the system and the clients, and will be a wonderful fit for the Pantry.

I am asking that you consider picking a day to work at the Pantry. It is only a 2-hour shift, 1 to 2 days a week. I know they would love having you there. Also, please continue to support the pantry with your gifts of food by dropping your items in the Pantry tub in the coat room at Rolling Plains Church.

Lastly, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the support you have given me over the last 10 years. I have appreciated every gift you have given.

Jill Crippen

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***17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*** 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

When we accept Christ into our hearts, we invite the Holy Spirit to begin a new work within us. We ask the Holy Spirit to cleanse us of our old way of life and help us begin a new life that is pleasing to God and Jesus. At Rolling Plains, we call this *The Journey*. Turning our lives over to God is accomplished step by step. Sometimes in our journey we walk, we run, we stumble, and we get back up. The most important thing is to not stand still for any length of time. On **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** during all three services, you will have an opportunity to make a stronger connection with God and others at Rolling Plains. **The Connection Open House will be taking place in the Embers Room.** We encourage you, no matter where you are on your journey, to take part in the Connection Open House and see how you can make deeper connections to God and to each other.

***2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His [sic] good, pleasing and perfect will.*** Romans 12:2 NIV

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It's Back to School Time! This means a few things for our Student Ministries here at RP. Thursday mornings at Tim Horton's is back! Be there at 6:30 AM, before school every Thursday for Breakfast and a devotion. Also, it means InZone is back! After Maysville Home football games, come to the church for food and fun. The dates this year are September 9th and 30th, and October 14th and 28th. If any adults are interested in helping with this, please contact me!

Also, starting this Fall is a new young-adult experience. For anyone in college, just out of college, or a few years out (like me) and looking for a group, there is good news. Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 PM will be the first meeting of a new Young Adult group here at RP. Be there to discuss future meetings, discussion topics, and life in general of an "early adulting" (yes, that word is made up.) Hope to kick things off on a great note!

Beau Dailey, Director  
RP Student Ministries

## ***Bethel Community Center***

A Local Missional Outpost for Rolling Plains

### Join Us in Our Neighborhood

Our **After School Program** launches on **September 12**. We serve grades K through 12, Monday-Thursday afternoons. Servant volunteers deliver the program. We cluster the grade levels to provide separate times for the younger children and the teens. We are still in need of volunteers, especially on Monday and Tuesday from 3:45-5:00 PM. Here are the expectations and requirements:

- Serve one time a week: 3:45-5:00 PM for K-6 grades, 5:00-6:30 PM for the teens. (Of course we don't turn anyone away who would like to serve more than one day.)
- We do a background check and provide volunteer training and a handbook.
- Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires at least two adults be present before admitting children.
- Activities and materials are planned or easily prepared when you arrive. For example, volunteers may read a story or listen to a child read. Our goal is to provide as much individual attention as possible.
- Provide encouragement and positive feedback.

#### **Wish List**

This non-profit faith-based organization operates totally on donations and gifts. You can invest in this program by providing any of the items on our Wish List:

**Equipment:** 3 Mini-Apple iPads; 10-20 metal folding chairs; a vacuum cleaner

**Snack Items:** We can take non-perishable items any time. For perishable items contact our director, Melissa Lichtner, who will put you on a schedule or find out when is a good date for you: **Examples of Snack Items:** Capri Sun, juice boxes, small bottles of water, carrot sticks, celery, sliced apples, grapes, pretzels, Chex Mix, graham crackers, string cheese, gold fish, Go Gurt, granola bars, and veggie chips or straws.

**Meals:** We serve meals on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00 PM. If you, your group, or your ministry would like to provide a meal, please contact our director who will place you on a schedule. You may request a specific date. You may either donate the items for a meal or bring a prepared meal. We will know the number to be served early in September, but in general we serve 15-20. **Examples of items to donate or meals to prepare:** spaghetti and meat sauce, hamburgers and a side dish, hot dogs and a side dish, "breakfast for dinner", deli sandwiches or subs, chicken strips and side dish, mac and cheese and a side dish, tacos or taco in a bag, roast beef, carrots and potatoes, pizza and salad... these are just examples.

We are always glad to have visitors. You may want to "check us out" before you volunteer or you may just want to visit, and that would be fine. Cash donations are also welcome and are tax deductible.

- **Contact our Executive Director Melissa Lichtner** at 740-297-4816 and have a conversation on how you can get connected and serve.
- Like us on Facebook. Visit our website: [zanesvillebethel.org](http://zanesvillebethel.org)

Kay Miller, Bethel Board Member

**The flower bulbs ordered from the United Methodist Men's group will be delivered this month. Watch for announcements as to when they will become available for pickup. Thanks for your support!**

## REVIVAL



*Revival*, by Pastor Adam Hamilton brings us up to where we are today with the urgent theme of Revival. I encourage you to read this book. Rev. Hamilton personally visited many of the sites of the Wesley Heritage in England. Helen and I did the same Wesley Tour 40 years ago and saw the Power Room of Methodism.

In his book, Hamilton tells us, “The house where Wesley spent the final years of his life is located next door to City Road Chapel and across the street from Bunhill Cemetery, where Susanna Wesley is buried. The most moving place in Wesley’s house is his bedroom, with the prayer closet you see in the photo. The kneeler is said to be a reminder of where the power of the Methodist revival came from: it was the power of God that came from the prayers of Wesley and so many others. From this room, Wesley could look out at the chapel as he prayed for God’s continuing work among the Methodists. And it was in this room that

Wesley breathed his last.”

Friends at Rolling Plains, though we are way off in Colorado, our prayers continue in the same urgency of John Wesley. Let there be revival in the midst of our crumbling civilization, as it was in Wesley’s time. We need revival. The Holy Spirit is working all around the world in preparation for His second coming. I believe that God has a revival for Rolling Plains Church. It is a City on the Hill, and God is saying, “Let your light blaze!”

Loren Anderson

## 2016 SOUPer Bowl



Church family, it's that time of year again, time to tell you that the 20th Annual SOUPer Bowl lunch will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the OUZ/Zane State Campus Commons.

Again this year, the soups are being prepared by the students in Chef Marco Adornetto's Culinary Arts technology class. The soup menu this year will be chili, chicken noodle (prepared by Chef Marco and his students), Bob Evans potato, and vegetarian vegetable (prepared by my staff at Christ's Table). We will also have sloppy joes, hotdogs, coney dogs, and cookies; and we will offer coffee, water, and Crystal Lite to drink.

I have adult (\$5) and child (\$4) advance-sale tickets. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$6 each. If you wish to purchase 1, 2, or 20 tickets, see me at church on Sunday mornings or call me at 740/704-6378. For the second year, you will have the opportunity to pay it forward by purchasing tickets to be given to folks that are not able to afford to come for lunch. Here's how it works: If you're not able to attend but want to donate, you can pay for a ticket, which will then be given to one of the people who frequent one of the 5 hot meal programs supported by the SOUPer Bowl. By doing this, they can have a free hot meal that day, so save the date – Sunday, October 16 – for the 20th Annual SOUPer Bowl Lunch.

In His service,  
Tim Collins, SOUPer Bowl Kitchen Coordinator

*After 14 years, I'm stepping away from the position of Financial Secretary. I've enjoyed the experience, and those who worked by my side. Rick is now an invalid and requires my care 24/7. I feel, as I feel God does, that my time should be devoted to him. I ask you to please keep us in your prayers.*

*Blessings, Barb Knox*

# September

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Paula Slack
- 2 Tim Trout
- 3 Tawna Alice, Robert Allard, Sharma Brown, Dan Goins, Terry Montgomery, Ricky Moorehead, Joanne Murphy
- 4 Kim Balsley, Pat Kelly, Doug McConnell
- 7 Donna Collins, Kevin Valentine
- 8 Jenna Hinkle, John Kirkbride, Jim Reed
- 9 Anthony Jenkins, Rick Knox
- 11 Dave McConnell
- 12 Charles Quinn, Nancy Smith
- 13 Rod McDaniel, Roger Smith, Matt Stokes
- 14 Becky Sharkey
- 15 Nancy Barker, Linda Huggins, Brian Law, Jim Morehouse
- 16 Helen Anderson, Mark Burrier, Jackie Heiney, Laura Kelso, Linda King
- 17 John Alice
- 18 Micki Curry, Jeff Hunt
- 19 Jason Bunting, Phil Kinner
- 21 Anita Allard, Joey Kennedy, Sandy Thompson
- 22 Laurie Kelly
- 23 Tina Peyton, Tracey Presley
- 24 Kris Kemp
- 25 Jordin Harmer, Paige Morrow, Brenda Reed
- 26 Elya Taylor, Tim Thompson
- 27 Tonda Adams, Kathy Lavy
- 28 Mike Dale, Lisa DeLong
- 29 Joyce Dixon, Dixie Murphy
- 30 Kasey Kelly, Keely Kirkbride, June Smith

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mike & Janie Moore
- 2 Roy & Shelba Kane
- 7 Chris & Kim Balsley, Dakota & Rachel Matz
- 8 Craig & Vickie Kokensparger, Jason & Marian Valentine
- 9 Doug & Beth McConnell
- 10 Josh & Deidre Johnson
- 11 David & Becka McConnell
- 12 Dick & Karen Newlon
- 13 Nathan & Ciera Raines
- 15 Richard & Dorothy Morrison
- 18 Bruce & Vicki McConnell
- 19 Jeff & Alice Hunt



## Service Opportunity

Christ's Table is in need of volunteer drivers to help deliver our homebound meals. We have 6 routes and only 12 drivers, with only 3 who deliver meals on a daily basis. Most of our drivers deliver meals once a week or every 2 weeks. When we have a regular driver call off on their day to deliver, we scramble to find a driver familiar with that route to make the deliveries or take one of my staff to do the route, which leaves me short in-house.

If you feel led to participate in this service opportunity, please feel free to talk with me at Church, call me at 740/704-6378, or call our office manager, Katie Law, at 740-452-9766.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Tim Collins, Manager  
Christ's Table Kitchen/Facilities

## JOIN THE LEAD TEAM!

**Submit Lead Team Applications to the Church Office by 9/18/2016.  
For information on how to be a member, call the office at 740/453-4192.**

## Baptism & Annual Picnic



Our Annual Church Picnic and Baptism will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM, at Lake Isabella. We will also set aside time at the lake for those who would like to “Remember their Baptism”.

Once the Baptism Service is complete, the church picnic will follow in the main shelter house. Food and place settings will be provided. Please bring a non-refrigerated dessert to share.

Plan to bring the family and enjoy a terrific afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship with others in your church family.



Are any of you local moms looking for friendship, support, and encouragement? MOPS/MomsNext is a great place to find it! We are so excited to announce that the new year of meetings is about to begin!! We will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, right here at Rolling Plains. Our meetings will begin on September 15th at 6:30 PM in the Embers Room.

If you have questions, you may contact Jocelyn Shockley at 614/203-7651 or ecochick411@gmail.com

Hope to see you on September 15!!

## United Methodist Women

At our August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, we enjoyed our annual picnic. Everyone had a wonderful time. We will be hosting the Foothills District meeting at our church on September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM. All women are welcome.

Our next project will be our Fall Bazaars. We will be selling our RADA knives to help with our missions. These make great Christmas gifts.

If you have a heart for missions, United Methodist Women is the place for you! Please come and join us. Our next meeting will be September 20, 2016, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, in the Embers Room. All women are welcome.

Cathy Speer, Secretary  
United Methodist Women



**Join us on Wednesday, September 28 @ 6:30 PM in the Embers Room.** If you aren't sure what your next step towards God should be, start here. This 10-week class will connect you with a small group of people in the same place in their journey as you. While Starting Point is a requirement for membership, becoming a member at the end of the class is always optional. Sign up on the back of your connection card this Sunday for more details about the next class.

## Cross Works... Mission in Europe

September 2016



Here in the USA, late Summer and Fall are considered to be times of harvest, but in God's kingdom we know that His harvest is an everyday occurrence. On Sunday evening, August 7, over 43 friends, family, and supporters joined the festivities at the Bethel Community Center to experience Spanish culture, taste Spanish “tapas,” and celebrate God's amazing work and harvest in Europe, in Spain, and at Asociación Vivé, a Christian outreach center just down the street from where I live in Alcala de Henares.

Just for fun, guests were put to the test to assess their knowledge of Europe. Now it's your turn. Use T (True) or F (False) to answer the following questions:

1. More than 40% of Europeans attend church regularly.
2. Over 250,000 towns and villages in Europe have no evangelical church.
3. More than 85% of all people who live in Germany have no hope for the future.
4. Fifty percent (50%) of all people in France have never seen, held, or read a Bible.
5. Out of 269 indigenous languages that exist in Europe, only 48 have Bibles in their language.
6. China is the least evangelized continent in the world.

### Answers:

1. F (< 10%), 2. T 3. T 4. F (80%) 5. T 6. F (Europe)

### Prayers are needed for:

- Smooth re-entry into Spanish life in September.
- Continued progress with language learning this Autumn.
- New responsibilities with Member Care ECMI-USA.
- Growth in ministry at Asociación Vivé, Alcala de Henares.

Thank you! Your financial support and prayers make it possible for me to share the love of Christ in Europe.

### DONATE:

ECMI-USA, PO Box 2217  
Monument, CO 80132.  
(Sharon Graves # 4060)

<http://www.ecmi-usa.org/get-involved/give/>

## Connections Open House

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
following 11:00 service

If you are already “Coming” we would love to help you get “Connected” with God and others.

This Open House will show you some of the exciting opportunities we have at Rolling Plains – some you may not even know existed.

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