

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

THOUGHT: Life is hard yard by yard; inch by inch, it's a cinch.

Last summer, while on vacation, I went to a small church in a small town on the central Oregon coast. It was a wonderful service, and I was blessed by the singing as well as the spoken word.

However, it was during the announcements that the “word of the Lord” came to me in a way that nothing else in the service had. The announcement that interested me concerned *the start of a class on how to use a defibrillator*.

I thought, “I wonder how many churches could use a defibrillator right now?!”

What’s a defibrillator, you ask? You’ve probably seen on television, or in the movies, scenes where a doctor applies paddles to the chest of a person who appears to be dead. These “paddles” carry electrical current to the heart. The medical team hopes that the shock will jolt the patient back to life. The doctor shouts, “Clear!” Then the paddles are placed on the body, and the body twitches to life immediately. If the person is nonresponsive, the paddles are applied again.

Sometimes, the problem is simply an irregular heartbeat. Sometimes, there appears to be no heartbeat at all.

In any case, this church that I was visiting was learning how to use one! What a great idea! But I thought to myself, “I think there are many churches which, sadly, are experiencing irregular heartbeats, i.e., they’re not beating rhythmically. And some churches don’t appear to have a heartbeat at all! What the church needs is a defibrillator! Something to wake them up! Something that will shock them back to life!”

The defibrillator we need is the Bible, God’s word. Sometimes, we need a couple of good paddles to the heart to wake us up! In the Scripture reading from Isaiah listed above, the Lord has a remedy. God advises us to “listen” (v. 3) to God “so that you may live.” We are also told to “seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near” (v. 6). We must “forsake” the things we do that are bad (v. 7).

When we do these things, our hearts will come to life. The life of the church will be revitalized. God will “have mercy” and “abundantly pardon” us (v. 7).

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Gracious and loving God, thank you for your word which holds for us the words of life. May I be willing to submit to the teachings I find in your word. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

BELLS WILL BE RINGING!

PLEASE NOTE



It's
"time"
to resume
"bell" rehearsals
following summer
"rest". We are making
an ap"peal" to
former
"ring"ers
and any
others
who
want to
"tune"
in.
Please
"note"
that
will

rehearsals
begin at 6:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, Octo-
ber 8. We don't want
to "harp" on it, but all
are welcome. We look
forward to the "Sound
of Music" returning!
"C" you there!



ACH PAYMENT

Automatic Giving

Did you know you can have your offering automatically transferred to the church from your bank account? Just like an automatic payment for your mortgage, car payment, or any other regular deduction, your giving can be set up to be transferred weekly, monthly, or at whatever intervals you are comfortable with. No more scrambling for cash, a checkbook or looking for your giving envelopes. And if you are out of town or miss worship due to illness, your offering is already taken care of! Contact the church office to set up automatic giving.

In order to offer the fellowship that many of our guests have missed, on October 29, 2025, the community meal will be moved inside. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:00 pm. Carry-outs will be available inside. (There will be NO drive-thru.)

Free Dine In or Carry Out Thanksgiving Dinner



Thursday, November 27, 2025
Noon - 2:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
510 West Maple Street, Clyde



Important Upcoming Date

Charge Conference
Saturday, November 8
10:00 am

Norwalk First United Methodist Church
All members may attend.



CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 22, 2025
First United Methodist Church
510 West Maple Street, Clyde
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to reserve a space,
please complete the registration
form found in the newsletter.

Or, if you know
of someone who is interested,
please pass along the form.

The church will have a bake sale
table and would welcome items
for that table.

More details will be
in upcoming bulletins.

Prayer Chain:

The Congregational Care Committee has a very active prayer chain. If you would like to be part of this ministry as a caller, please contact the church office 419-547-0734 or Barb Davis 937-243-4715.



Prayer Cards

There are prayer cards available in the pews for you to write your prayer requests (joys and concerns) and give to an usher before the end of the first hymn/song to be prayed for during the prayer time. Or if you feel comfortable, you can always pray yourself out loud during the prayer time when it is indicated to do so.



The Red Cross will hold a blood drive
at the church on

Wednesday, November 12, 2025,
from noon-6:00 pm.

Please consider being a donor.
Your donation will help save lives.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



October Birthdays

Jeff Drown	10/02
Melanie Taylor	10/03
Cindy Murphy	10/04
Sandra Scheerer	10/05
Bill Stines	10/06
Robert Greenslade	10/09
Deb Huston	10/09
Brian Gable	10/13
Shirly Harsh	10/14
Jennifer Hohman	10/14
Patricia Stiger	10/16
Barry Hohman	10/20
Terri Simpkins	10/20
Diana Bilbrey	10/29

November Birthdays

Zander Owens	11/01
Kimberly Hagemeyer	11/04
Robert Zachery Gray	11/11
Barbara Rutherford	11/11
Cole Daniel	11/14
Sherry Bauders	11/15
Zachary Warner	11/15
Brent Arndt	11/16
Marvin Arndt	11/17
Jon Benfer	11/20
Callie Hoppes	11/21
Brooke Michael	11/21
Brinneth Michael	11/25
Herb Brooks	11/27

Anniversaries

October

Ken & Kelly Cravens	10/01
Don & Carol Wineland	10/16
Ken & Carol Winke	10/16
James & Ashley Kramer	10/19
Jeff & Amy Gill	10/22
Rich & Melissa Stombaugh	10/23

November

Brent & Heather Arndt	11/04
Jarrette & Vickie Taylor	11/14
Jeff & Chris Drown	11/18
Gary & Debbie Overmyer	11/26

Readers

October

Oct 5	Amber Keegan
Oct 12	Karen Auxter
Oct 19	Linda Robinson
Oct 26	Leah Stines

November

Nov 2	Carolyn Gray
Nov 9	Jeanette Greenslade
Nov 16	Joan Gable
Nov 23	Jeanette Greenslade
Nov 30	Karen Auxter

Ushers

October

Bill and Leah Stines

November

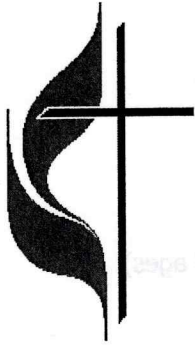
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October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:00 am	6 Sisters 6:30 pm Sandusky River Valley Beekeeping Association 7:00 pm	7 Trustees 6:30 pm	8 Bells 6:00 pm	9 	10	11 Jeff Perry Memorial Service 4:00 pm
12 Worship 9:00 am	13 Sisters 6:30 pm	14 FANS 9:00 am	15 Bells 6:00 pm	16	17	18 
19 Worship 9:00 am	20 Sisters 6:30 pm	21	22 Bells 6:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Worship 9:00 am	27 Sisters 6:30 pm	28	29  Community Dinner 5:00-6:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm	30	31 	

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9 Worship 9:00 am	10 Worship Committee 6:00 pm Sisters 6:30 pm	11 Finance 6:00 pm Church Council 6:30 pm	12 Red Cross Blood Drive Noon- 6:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm	13 	14	15
16 Worship 9:00 am	17 Sisters 6:30 pm	18 FANS 9:00 am	19 Bells 6:00 pm	20	21 Set up for Craft Show 3:00-5:00 pm	22 Craft Show 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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30 Worship 9:00 am						



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9:00 AM – Worship

10:15 AM – Sunday School (All ages)

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2025 CRAFT SHOW RESERVATION FORM November 22, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

All sales are handled by the exhibitor, and exhibitors are responsible for obtaining a vendor's license and paying their own tax.

The exhibitor agrees that he/she will not hold First United Methodist Church or anyone associated with the church responsible for any damage, loss or injury sustained either during setup, the actual show, or take down.

Insurance is not provided for vendors. This must be obtained by the vendor at the vendor's expense.

Please complete this contract and return with all necessary fees.

All checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Please list a brief summary of items that will be sold _____

_____ spaces measuring 8' without electricity \$25.00 each space

_____ spaces measuring 8' with electricity \$30.00 each space

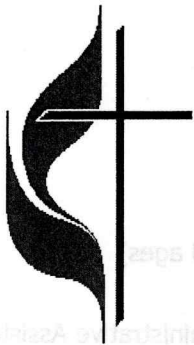
_____ tables \$5.00 each (each space will be given 2 complimentary chairs)

I agree to the conditions stated above regarding the Craft Show held on November 22, 2025 at First United Methodist Church.

Signature _____

Date _____

Total amount submitted with signed contract: _____



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Contract Addendum

- Spaces will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- If you require electricity, you must provide your own heavy duty extension cords.
- Set up may be done Friday, November 21st, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 22nd, from 7:30-8:30 a.m.
- Vendors and displays are expected to remain set up until 3:00 p.m. Items are to be removed between 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Deadline for cancellation of a reservation is Monday, November 10th. There will be no refunds after that date.
- Free coffee will be available during the show. Food will be available for purchase.
- For additional information, please call the church office at 419-547-0734.

Who Packs Your Parachute?

Charles Plumb, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, was a jet fighter pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a Communist prison. He survived that ordeal and now lectures about lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!"

Plumb assured him, "It sure did – if your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform – a Dixie cup hat, a bib in the back, and bell bottom trousers. I wondered how many times I might have passed him on the Kitty Hawk. I wondered how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you,' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot, and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute? Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day."

Take time out to encourage and thank the people who provide the parachutes in your life.



How to Cultivate a Thankful Heart

- 1. Start Each Day with Gratitude**
Begin your day by thanking God for three things. It could be as simple as the gift of life, a sunrise, or a kind word from a friend.
- 2. Keep a Gratitude Journal**
Write down blessings daily. Over time, you'll see a pattern of God's provision and faithfulness.
- 3. Express Gratitude to Others**
Thank those around you—family, friends, coworkers. A kind word of appreciation not only lifts others but also reinforces a thankful mindset.
- 4. Pray with Thanksgiving**
When bringing requests before God, start by thanking Him for what He's already done. This shifts your prayers from a "wish list" to a meaningful dialogue with your Creator.
- 5. Choose Contentment**
In Philippians 4:11-12, Paul writes about learning to be content in all circumstances. Contentment isn't about denying desires but about trusting God's provision for today while holding hope for tomorrow.