



# **ECHO**

Issue 3

May-June

**WELCOME! To Pastor Mark Young. Mark will be with us through September.**

## **Dates to add to your Calendar**

July 21st-Picnic at the Ortolf's— 3:00 p.m.

Meat, paper products and silverware provided, bring covered dish to share, your favorite drink and lawn chair.

Car pool if possible.

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July 22nd-Potluck after church—paper products, silverware and drinks provided bring a covered dish to share.

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August 12, 2012 @ 4:00 p.m.— Dayton Dragon's Game  
**Save September 16, 2012 for our 175th celebration at  
Colligan's Lodge @ 10:00 a.m.**

**If you have any pictures of FSJ people over the years to share, give them to Jeanne Walther. Include your name (so they can be returned) and please identify those in the photo. There will also be a baby picture contest. Bring your baby picture.**

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Articles for September— October will be due

August 26th. Put articles in the Echo hanging file at church or email to me Eileen Fletcher.

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# ***In the Garden Hymn***

I don't know about you but my favorite hymn is *In the Garden* written by C. Austin Miles. I can visualize Jesus sitting in the garden with me. I found this in a book of hymns and their origins.

The art of meditating on Scripture involves using one's imagination. Instead of simply reading a passage. We must read it, close our eyes, and visualize the scene, perhaps even putting ourselves in the picture. That's what the author of this hymn did.

C. Austin Miles was a pharmacist who began writing gospel songs and eventually became an editor of hymnals and songbooks, as well as a popular music director at camp meetings, conventions, and churches. His hobby was photography, and he found his darkroom perfect for developing, not just his photographs, but his devotional life. In its privacy and strange blue glow, Miles could read his Bible in total privacy.

One day in March, 1912, while waiting for some film to develop, he opened the Bible to his favorite chapter, John 20, the story of the first Easter. Miles later said: "As I it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene...My hands were resting on the Bible while I stared at the light blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. It was Mary. As she came in the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she came to the tomb, upon which she place her hand, she bent over to look in and hurried away. John in flowing robe, appeared, looking at the tomb; then came Peter, who entered the tom, followed by John.

As they departed, Mary reappeared, leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb. She wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing; so did I. I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms outstretched and looking into his face, cried, 'Rabboni!'

"I awakened in full light, gripping my Bible, with muscles tense and nerves vibrating. Under the inspiration of this vision I wrote as quickly as the words would be formed the poem exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening I wrote the music."

## July

- 4 June Pierce
- 17 Jeri Sullivan
- 23 Marie Wurzbach



## August

- 8 Marge Rowland
- 20 Kathy Reece
- Elaine Weiss
- 25 Elmer Weiss

### July Prayer Circle

Karen Alfrey  
 Eloise Andrews  
 Vernon Arnold  
 Jim Arnold  
 Ada Mae Begley  
 Barb Bogan  
 Mel Brown  
 Levi & Kay Bowling  
 Payton Cauchran  
 Linda Chalk

Don Hartley  
 Vicki Howard  
 Roger Hornsby  
 Marilyn Jeffers  
 Alex Kip  
 Tamara Kirkwood &  
 Twins  
 Keith Lipphardt  
 Jackie McKinney  
 Harold Saylor



U.S Armed  
 Forces &  
 Their  
 Families

Please leave a message for the prayer circle with Shirley. Include the following information: name of person, illness.

Thanks, Shirley M. Lovely,

726-6223. Please check names carefully.

If there are any names that need to be

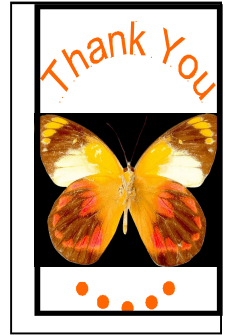
Dear First St. John

Thank you so much for your church's very generous donation of \$1000.00 to the work of Supports to Encourage Low-Income Families (SELF).

SELF is dedicated to assisting low-income families and individuals in overcoming barriers to self-sufficiency through employment and education. We appreciate your generous contribution, as we know that every donation helps us to have a positive impact on a low-income Butler County family.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Diver



Members of First St. John

I'm grateful for the gift you gave me. It has been used for things such as books, rent, and my application fee to the University of Cincinnati. I'll be graduating from OSU in June. Time flies.

Sincerely,

Meagan B. Webb

## **Jackie McKinney's grandson, Ben Bratton is playing percussion in the World Choir Games**

### **Community Dinner**

This is a great mission work for our community. They can use help for serving or cleaning up. Let LaVada Fletcher know if you would like to help. The workers have dinner at 5:00. The community dinner is served at 6:00

They had 174 families and friends for the month of June. They had 100 people go through line in the first 15 minutes this past month.

If you would like to donate any of the items for the menus, please contact LaVada. They always need donations whether food or monetary. It costs on the average \$300 each month

## Community Dinner Menu

July, 2012	Ham, Green Beans & Potatoes, Cornbread, Cookies
August, 2012	Baked Pasta, Salad, Corn Bread, Cool Sticks
September, 2012	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Applesauce
October, 2012	Chili, Cheese & Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Salad, Halloween Cookies
November, 2012	Ham, Mac & Cheese, Bread, Green Beans, Pumpkin Cake
December, 2010	the crew is off.
January, 2013	Vegetable Soup, Corn Bread, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Jello Cake
February, 2013	Waffles, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Cocktail
March, 2013	Chicken-Potato Casserole, Salad, Bread, Brownies
April, 2013	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Applesauce
May, 2013	Little Hot Dogs, Baked Beans,

# July 2012

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship	2	3	4 9:00 Happy Stitchers	5	6	7
8 10:00 Worship	9 6:00 Serve City Dalton's	10 5:30 R & A Team	11 9:00 Happy Stitchers	12	13	14
15 10:00 Worship 9:20 Wor- ship Team	16	17 6:30 Council	18 9:00 Happy Stitchers	19	20	21 3:00 Picnic at Ortolfs
22 10:00 Worship Pot Luck	23	24	25 9:00 Happy Stitchers	26	27	28
29 10:00 Worship	30 6:00 Commu- nity Meal	31				

# August 2012

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**Our God is a compassionate God. His ear is always inclined toward our hearts. He listens with understanding and long-suffering. He does not grow deaf to our cries or turn away from our repetitious pleas. He loves to rejoice with us in our victories and mercifully hears our confessions. Even more than we long to be heard, He desires to listen.**

**Our Mission:**

To use our individual and congregational gifts, talents and resources to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to bring to all His word, His healing, His compassion and His forgiveness by being a warm accepting and loving faith community.

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