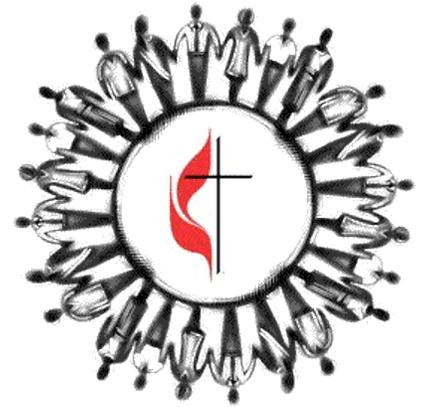

September/October 2017

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Rally Day
September 10

Staff Parish Relations
September 11
7:00

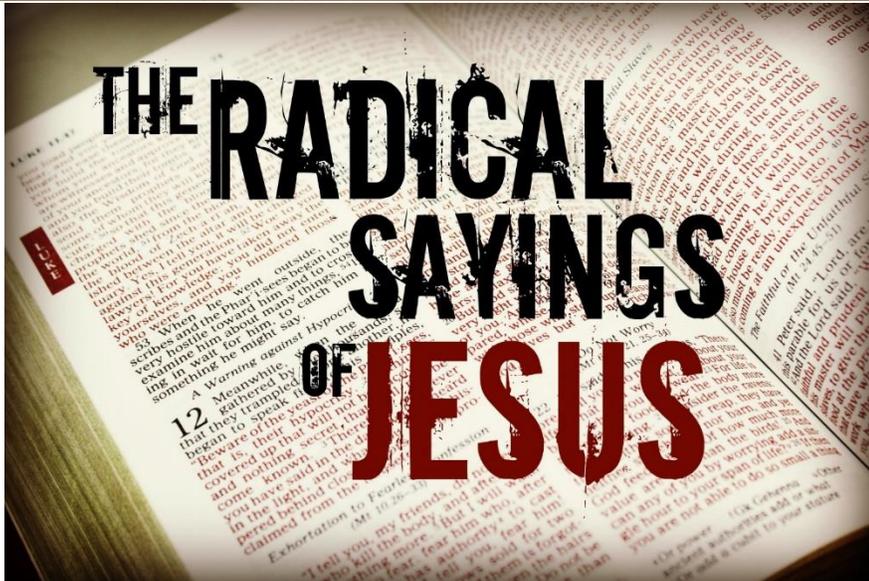
Trustees
September 11
7:00

Daughters of God
September 14
October 12
6:00

Administrative Board
September 19
7:00

Blessing of the Animals
October 1
3:00 pm Woodland Haven

Communion
September 3
October 1
November 5
8:30 9:15 11:00



2017 Autumn Sermon Series

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "A thorough understanding of the Bible is more valuable than a college education." That quote reminds us that Americans have always valued the Bible. At Western Reserve, we value the Bible too. I am confident a Bible can be found in each one of our homes. Annually, Western Reserve gives Bibles to third graders. Several times a year, I give a Bible away to someone who needs one. We cling to our Bibles during life's most challenging moments and we recite certain verses of the Bible during life's most sacred moments. For us, the Bible is more than a book. It is the inspired word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

That is what makes my newest sermon series so challenging. We are going to look at some of Jesus's most challenging teachings. I have called this sermon series, *The Radical Sayings of Jesus*.

These teachings can't be dismissed, because they are part of the Holy Scriptures. They call us to accountability, responsibility and action. They will not let us off the hook. We must wrestle with them. As people who value the Bible, we must examine each one of these sayings and apply them to our lives. Below you will find my tentative preaching schedule. Each message is available upon request. Feel free to share them with the people in your life or better yet, invite them to church. May God bless us as we begin this new sermon series together.

In His Service,
Russ Adams

September 10
Be Anxious for Nothing
Luke 12:22-34

September 17
Sell Your Possessions
Mark 10:17-31

September 24
Ask and You Will Receive
Matthew 7:7-12

October 1
Do This in Remembrance of Me
Luke 22:14-20

October 8
I Did Not Come to Bring Peace
Matthew 10:34-39

October 15
Love Your Enemies
Luke 6:27-36

October 22
The Poor Will Always Be with You
Matthew 26:6-13



Chancel Choir

The chancel choir will have their annual picnic on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00. Anyone interested in singing in the choir this year is invited to come. New voices are always welcomed. The choir practices every Wednesday at 7:30 PM.



Children's Sunday school will begin for the year on September 10th at 9:30 AM. All children up to the eighth grade are asked to gather in the sanctuary to meet their classmates and teachers. The high school class will go directly to their room.

This year's Sunday school teachers are:

Nursery: Kristen Kuntzman

Kindergarten: Harriet MacAvoy and Alexis White

1st and 2nd Grade: Joy Eichert and Sharry Himes

3rd and 4th Grade: Carrie Boyer and Kelly Stevens

5th and 6th Grade: Anna Adams and Laura Kollat

7th and 8th Grade: Nancy Jarvis and Marikay Kuntzman

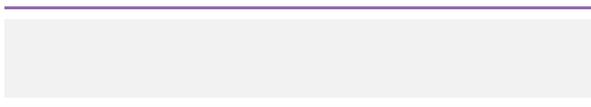
High School: Tom Stellers

Jr. Church is available during the 11:00 service for all children between the ages of four years and the fourth grade. Younger children are welcomed in the nursery.



Confirmation 2018

This year's confirmation class will begin in the next few weeks. Anyone who is in the seventh grade or older is welcome to attend. Confirmation Sunday is tentatively scheduled for Pentecost, May 20, 2018. Please call the church office if you have any questions.





World Communion Sunday

This year's World Communion Sunday is October 1. The elements will be offered at all three services, 8:30, 9:15 and 11:00. The message of the morning, *Do This in Remembrance of Me*, will celebrate the uniqueness of our faith. World Communion Sunday began in 1933. It is a time to celebrate Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.



On Thursday, October 5, Drive-thru Swiss Steak dinners will begin. For only \$9, get a full dinner with beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll and dessert. Pull up to the fellowship hall doors for curbside service or eat inside if you prefer. 4 PM until sold out.

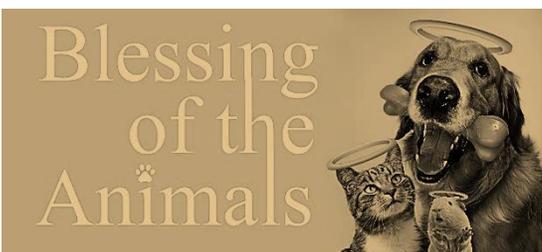
If you are interested in helping in worship at 9:15 or 11:00 with Powerpoint or sound, please call the church office.





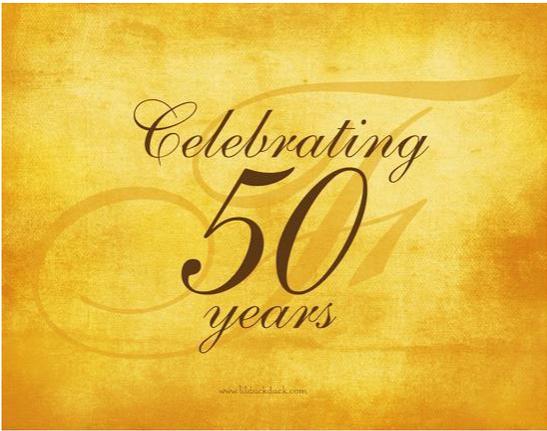
Mission Trip to Baton Rouge

Western Reserve is organizing a mission trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana during the winter of 2018. We will be helping with flood relief from Hurricane Harvey and past storms. An organizational meeting will be held on September 17 at noon. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



This year's Blessing of the Animals is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, at 3:00 in Woodland Haven. It is a service that was created by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. It celebrates the truth that human beings are only one of a myriad of God's creatures. Each one is a blessing in God's

eyes. This service is open to the community. All creatures are invited. A free will offering will be taken to help support Angels for Animals.



In 1967, the Western Reserve United Methodist Church was created when the Cornersburg and Epworth Methodist congregations merged. Are you interested in helping us celebrate our anniversary? Would you support such an event? These are the questions a small steering committee is trying to answer. Your input is important. Please contact the church office if you would attend.