Friends in Christ,

These first months have passed so quickly as I learn names and discover the wondrous ways of worship and fellowship here at Collingwood! Now the new year begins, and with it I sense an ‘itch’ among us that needs to be scratched. Now the ‘new’ pastor is here, what is next in God’s plan for us?

I remind you of one of your most endearing qualities: your dedication to this neighborhood is compelling. You are neither grim-faced nor apologetic when you say to me, or to the Presbytery, and to one another “Collingwood is where we worship. Collingwood is where we minister. Collingwood is where we raise our families, pray for the sick, mourn our dead, and greet the future with excitement.” The words may be mine, but the thoughts and feelings are yours. I hear them in your voices when we speak together. I read them in your body language as a worshipping congregation each Sunday.

Here is another compelling quality: you want Collingwood to grow in our current location; so do I. There may be some among us, or around us, who think that this location is a detriment, using the real estate adage of ‘location, location, location’ as the critical factor that determines church growth. Location is an important factor, of course, but not necessarily critical. Worship. Ministry. Education. Prayer. These factors are so much more important than location because each touches the lives of those who participate with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Collingwood is well positioned to speak God’s words of love, acceptance and hope to the Millennial Generation. This generation is defined by age (18 – 33) and not by wealth (middle-class), education (high school grads), or by religion (main-line or non-denominational). John Wimberly, formerly of the Alban Institute, identifies a figure of 80 million people who fall into this age group. Furthermore, research tells us that 86% believe in God; 58% believe absolutely and the remaining 28% hedge a bit, but still believe. This group is suspicious of religious institutions, but respond positively to quality traditional worship, a strong sense of community and vigorous mission work at home and abroad. They preferred architecture for a church? Cathedral!

Not all 80 million live in Toledo, but some of them do! Our two worship service provide a strong sense of community at the Garden, and quality traditional worship in the Sanctuary. I believe our building attracts positive attention. A sharper, crisper focus on mission that identifies Collingwood as a congregation in the Holy Spirit can touch the hearts of our neighbors.

Did I find the itch? More scratching to come!

Grace to everyone,

Pastor David
Deacon Ministry

Deacon of the Month
The Deacons of Collingwood are working to fulfill our mission of supporting the members and friends of Collingwood Church. In order to accomplish this mission, we have established “Deacon of the Month”.

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY: CHRISTINE PALMER

Each month, one deacon has been assigned the responsibility of providing support with hospital visits, acknowledging new babies, attending memorial services, serving as a liaison for the church, etc. If you have a need, please contact Rolanda at the church office and she will be in contact with the “Deacon of the Month”. Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission!

Birthday Blessings

Our Shut-ins:
Margaret Hallenbeck
Jeanne Galliers
Jill Disher
Patricia Sims

Cancer Treatment:
Jessica Harrington (friend of Linda Witkos)
Pam Swart (Barb Klopfenstein’s daughter)
Deidre Wells
Jackson Fineske

Those Needing Continued Prayer:
Nancy Kanter
Larry Young
Peter Sims
Brian Roush
Doug Wiemer

1/03 Malcom Kanter
1/05 William Hufstader
1/07 Leslie Cribbs
1/08 Edward Kubiak
1/08 Shannon Benge
1/08 Isaac Kuhlman
1/11 Dorothy Byers
1/12 Alice Atrip
1/16 Jeanne Galliers
1/21 Nancy Kanter
1/22 Vince Kuhlman
1/23 Tom Tousley
1/25 Karen Callinan
1/26 Marilyn Morris Porter
1/27 Jack Lindbergh
1/29 Jeremiah Jones

Beverly Koch
Casey Lambert
Audrey Swart (Barb Klopfenstein’s granddaughter)
Kami Callinan Prendergast (daughter of Mike & Karen Callinan)
Anthony Bell
Stella Wodarski (Melanie Holt’s mother)

Those Serving our Country at Home and Abroad

Those Who Working at the holidays in public service and safety

Caregiver’s and Family, Friends, Paid and Volunteer

Our Friends at the Cherry Street Mission and Sparrow’s Nest

Our Presbyterian Missionaries at Home and Abroad

Families of Recently Deceased:
Liz Lacy
Giving Envelopes
Giving Envelopes are now available. You can pick up your 2015 box in the Fellowship Hall near the entrance to the Kitchen. Please let everyone know. If you cannot find a box with your name on it, let Crystal in the office know and we’ll get one for you.

2015 MISSION YEARBOOKS ARE HERE!
The 2015 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study is devoted to the compassionate and prophetic disciples among us. They proclaim God's justice—extending God's reign each and every day through their lives and work. Their stories will inspire and encourage you.

They are $16.50 each this year. Because of the drastic price increase we are keeping the yearbooks in the church

Al–Anon
Saturday, January 17th the Al-Anon Group will be celebrating their third anniversary. What began with just a few people now has twenty or more attending.
An Al-Ateen group has also begin to meet at the same time.
Thank you Collingwood for sponsoring this group.

The 2015 Flower sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for the dates that you wish to contribute flowers. Don’t forget to call the church office to let me know what you want said in the bulletin and to send a payment of $50.00 for the arrangement!

Newsletter Update
Next month Collingwood News will be available on the church website a link will be emailed when the newsletter is ready.
Community Dinner
Sunday, January 25th
4:00-5:00pm

Baked Pasta Dishes

Salads • Veggies • Garlic Bread
Desserts
Join us on January 11, 2015
Installation Service

The Service of Installation of David Robert Aber as Minister for the Collingwood Presbyterian Church

The congregation and Session of Collingwood Presbyterian Church warmly invite all members and friends of the church to celebrate our call to David Aber to serve as our next Moderator of the Session and pastor for the church.

Worship begins at 3:00pm.
A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the worship service.

Members of the Installation Commission are:
Teaching Elder Jorge Betancurt, Christian Community for Reconciliation and Revival, Norwalk Ruling Elder Delores Penn, Grace Presbyterian Church, Toledo
Teaching Elder Jim Miller, United Presbyterian church, Pemberville
Ruling Elder Hugh Hanes, First Presbyterian Church, Huron
Ruling Elder Susan Russel, First Presbyterian Church, Findlay

Dr. Michael Carter, Praise City Ministries
Commissioned Lay Pastor Don Loving, Milan Presbyterian Church is the Moderator Designee.
Our mission is to lead our precious young people on a meaningful faith journey and to sustain the faith of our members and friends.

**Calendar of Events**

**January**

- 4 Sunday School
  - Youth Group
- 11... Sunday School
  - Youth Group
- 16-19 Youth Group Mission Trip
- 18 Sunday School
  - NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING
- 25 Sunday School
  - Youth Group Ushering
  - NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING

**Sunday School 9:45-10:45am**

*Children will be dismissed to Sunday school after the Children’s Sermon*

**AGES 3- KINDERGARTEN**

*Little Sunday School*

Children learn about God’s love through songs, stories, movies, crafts and play activities. Using our WHIRL Sunday school curriculum.

**GRADES 1– 5**

*W.I.L.D Sunday School*

*Walking In Loving Discipleship*

Children participate in mission projects, and special holiday activities and learn to spread God's love. Through our WHIRL curriculum, children interact with the Bible in every lesson.

**Christian Education News**

**Nursery**

**AGES 0-KINDERGARTEN**

*9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

Infants & toddlers are welcome each Sunday in the Nursery located next to the Floyd St. entrance.

Pagers are available for parents to take with them to worship.

Our Child Care staff meets basic needs and provides songs, stories, and play activities that tell about God’s love.

**YOUTH GROUP**

**GRADES 6th– 12th**

*Sunday 6:30-7:30pm*

Young Faith is our small but growing youth group. Youth find real friendships and learn about Jesus as we connect students with real community needs, teach them to take ownership of their faith and live it out in their lives.

We have regular activities and retreats as well.

**Christian Education News**

**December**

4... Sunday School

Youth Group

11... Sunday School

16-19 Youth Group Mission Trip

18 Sunday School

NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING

25 Sunday School

Youth Group Ushering

NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING

**Sunday School 11:00-12:00**

*Little Angels Choir*

1st and 3rd Sundays

**Movie Series**

2nd & 4th Sundays

**Christmas Eve**

*9:00 p.m.*

Christmas Eve service.

**Christmas Day**

*December 25*

Christmas Day service.

**New Year’s Eve**

*December 31*

New Year’s Eve service.

**New Year’s Day**

*January 1*

New Year’s Day service.
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JANUARY’S SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE MONTH IS

MRS. HEATHER ELLIOTT-FAMULARO

Biography
Name: Heather Elliott-Famularo
Birthdate: April 24, 1973
Occupation: Professor of Digital Arts, BGSU & Filmmaker
Current Research: Designing interactive digital curriculum on the Holocaust for high school students that goes beyond history and talks about inclusion.

Family
Spouse: Lucio Famularo
Children: Felicia (9) & Isabella (6)
Pets: Elana (dog)

Favorites
Food: Lucio’s lasagna
TV Show: The Voice
Song: All of Handel’s Messiah
Game: Anything with my family
Candy: Jelly Beans
Movie: A Christmas Story
Color: Turquoise
Youth Group Mission Trip

Where: Camp Kirkmont, Zanesfield, OH
When: January 16-19
Cost: $25 permission slips due 1/11

We will serve at Camp Kirkmont and other local agencies. We have been invited by First Presbyterian church in Belfountain to attend their youth group meeting and worship services on Sunday followed by a lunch hosted by their youth group.

Little Angels Choir

Congratulations to our new children’s choir with their debut performance on Christmas Eve.

Choir director, John Garcia, assisted by Ronda Garcia, prepared the children for several weeks for this wonderful gift to the congregation.

Little Angels Choir will continue with choir practice on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 11am-12pm.

We are looking forward to more performances in the future!
Tis the Season!

Christmas caroling during Tours de Noel in the Old West End

One Night in Bethlehem
May the Blessings of God be Showered on You & Your Family in this Year...

Wishing You & Your Family A Very Happy & Prosperous New Year
Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
INSTALLATION SERVICE AND RECEPTION  
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
AL-ANON GROUP 3RD ANNIVERSARY  
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
COMMUNITY DINNER  
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