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WHERE WE MEET

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Worship Service

11 AM

Sunday Mornings

Thoughts from our Senior Pastor: **Service Change**

Since the first week in December, we have had both 9 and 11 am Worship Services on Sunday mornings. While this has been very helpful for us in some ways, it has also revealed where we need to continue to grow in some others. By opening up seating at 11 and creating new seating at 9, we were confident that this would help us manage the growth that we have been experiencing. We were correct.

However, the 9am service has revealed a greater issue for us as a church. We currently do not have the amount of people in serving roles needed to accommodate two services. This has put an undue strain on our current volunteer staff. After some quick calculations, it was determined that roughly 40% of the people attending the 9am service are there to volunteer and are also volunteering and/or attending the 11am service.

After discussions as an Elder team it was determined that the wisest solution is to go back to a single 11am service. We will be making this change on April 20th. That is Easter Sunday. Still, the greatest obstacle that we face is the reason that we moved to two services in the first place: to open up seating allowing us to continue on our path of growth. While the numbers would indicate that we have grown since adding an additional service, there may be better ways to accommodate and foster this growth.



The first way is to be certain that we are utilizing all available seating. As we look at the 11am worship service, it is easy to see large pockets of empty chairs. We need to do a better job of getting people into those chairs. We are certain that a more proactive approach to greeting and ushering will solve part of the issue.

A second more simple solution is to add more chairs. The purchase of approximately 75 more chairs will give us the seating we need to grow to a worship attendance of close to 300 worshippers before we would need to look at once again adding an additional service.

I know that there are several of you who have enjoyed a 9am service. We have enjoyed having you. Unfortunately, since the greatest resource in the church is people, we are obligated to manage our resources well. Thank you to those who have served during or attended the 9am service. If we continue to stay obedient to the Lord's call on our church, it should only be a matter of time before The Elder Team will once again be having conversations about additional services.

Sincerely,
Pastor Josh

United Brethren Activities: Camp Cotubic and Women's Conference

UB Women's Conference

Date: September 19-21, 2014

Location: Huron, Ohio

Join hundreds of other United Brethren women and friends for the 2014 UB Women's Conference. The conference will be held at the beautiful Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio. That's a little east of Toledo, very close to the Cedar Point amusement park. We held the 2007, 2009, and 2011 US National Conferences at Sawmill Creek, so it will be familiar to many of you.

Full Details and Register Here:

<http://ub.org/women/womens-conference/>

CAMP COTUBIC

<http://campcotubic.com>

In Pursuit Camp (Grades 7-12) - June 8-13th.

Discovery Camp (Grades 5-6) - June 29-July 4th.

Voyager Camp (Grades 2-4) - July 13-17th.

For full details see Camp Cotubic's [website](#). Scholarships are available. Contact The Well at office@thewellathuntington.org.



Frontline Ministry

Are you looking for a way to serve at The Well? Frontline Ministries is actively seeking additional volunteers to help on Sundays. Frontline Ministries includes greeters, ushers, hospitality, umbrella service and more! Bring a smile to someone else's face on Sundays and make them feel welcome at The Well. If you are interested, would like to recommend someone, or want more information, please contact Marcy Hawkins at marcy@thewellathuntington.org or (260) 388-6080.



Youth

The snow is gone, and we're back outside playing more Gaga again! Thankfully the month of March hasn't just been about playing Gaga. We've put the Proverbs series on hold and started a new series called Uprising. It's a four-week series that goes along with Easter, ending with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The students will be playing a lot of Easter games, and can look forward to our big Easter egg hunt on April 13!!!

Students are still working towards their trip to Skyzone in early May, and I highly encourage parents to work with their children on memorizing their verses. We hope to see T-shirts coming soon, designed by our students!

Upcoming events for the Youth include:

April 6th: Uprising series. 6-7:30pm
 April 13th: Uprising series, and EASTER EGG HUNT!!! 6-8pm
 (Students, please come with a basket)
 April 20th: No Youth Group. EASTER!
 April 27th: Proverbs series. 6-7:30pm



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Neighborhood Kids

During the month of March, The Neighborhood Kids have been extremely busy learning a variety of cool things! They started out the month learning about the story of John the Baptist (Matthew 3; Luke 1, 3; John 1). They also learned about when Jesus was tempted in the desert and chose his helpers (Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4-6). They completed the month by discussing The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6). We have many exciting things coming up in the next few months! A huge thank you goes out to all of the many volunteers for giving their time to the kids of The Neighborhood!

If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering in The Neighborhood on Sunday mornings, please contact tyanne@thewellathuntington.org or call/text [260-241-8572](tel:260-241-8572). There are a variety of opportunities and we would love to help you find an area for you to serve!

We Have an App for That

“We have an app for that” can be heard virtually every time you turn on the TV, or listen to the radio. Apps are applications that can run on your smartphones, tablets, and computers. They provide access to your favorite web sites, games, social media, and other tools. Some apps are free and some will cost you money.

There are apps to tell us how to get places, where to eat, what to buy, and how to score good deals. There are apps for games, education, and productivity. There are apps for photography, watching movies, and exercising.

If we’re honest, many times God can get lost in the context of all this technology. He doesn’t use a cell phone or an iPad! He doesn’t send us text messages when we’re about to make life changing decisions. If we think of God in a technical way, maybe it looks something like this: There are believers and non-believers all over the world who are lost and have no idea where to turn to for directions. Do you find yourself at times being hungry and thirsty for God’s love and support? God has an “app” for that: prayer and scripture.

In John 4:10-15 it states:

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will

become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

God’s “apps” are free. We don’t have to use a credit card to download his love and blessings. He only asks that we not keep His words and His blessing to ourselves.

Tell others about who God is and what he is doing to better your life. I have an iPhone and yes, I have a few apps downloaded on there. It’s not necessarily a bad thing to play games on your smartphone or tablet, but instead of only focusing on the fun stuff, let’s make use of the resources available to integrate God’s word into our technological lifestyles. There are apps to guide you through reading the Bible, like YouVersion, which contains dozens of different Bible translations. You can also make use of a reminder app to prompt yourself to spend some time in prayer and reading the Bible. We can find God where we seek Him, and that can definitely include our smartphones.

Pastor Jim Hippensteel



Pictures from our First Neighborhood Block Party!



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We Want You to Have a Bible

If you are in need of a Bible, The Well has one for you. See Pastor Josh on Sunday morning.

Parking and Seating on Sunday Mornings

If you are able, please park in the lower, south lot to allow closer parking for those who need it. Also, please take advantage of the open seating in the front of the sanctuary so others can easily find seating as they arrive.

Men's Prayer Group

Meets on Mondays at the church, 7 PM

Serving Opportunities

Some of you may be wondering how you can serve at The Well. We currently have opportunities in our Children's Ministry, Worship Ministry, First Impressions Team, with more opportunities coming! If you want to get plugged into The Well, contact any of the pastors and they will help you get connected.

Getting the Newsletter?

If you know someone who isn't getting the newsletter, for whatever reason, let us know. Send us an email at office@thewellathuntington.org.

The Well Moms Group

Any mom is invited to join other Well Moms on Mondays, 10:30 - 12:30.

Children are welcome.

We will meet in the children's area. Questions? Contact Amber Degitz at amberdegitz@gmail.com.

Good Friday Service

We will be offering a Worship Service on Good Friday, April 18th at 7 PM. The service will be held at The Well and also include College Park and New Hope UB churches.

Easter Worship Service

Sunday, April 20th.

We will only be having the 11 AM service. This will be a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to your church.

Frontline Ministry

If you would like to serve as a greeter, usher, or in any other area of hospitality on Sunday mornings, contact Marcy Hawkins at marcy@thewellathuntington.org.

Cleaning Ministry

If you are available to help serve by taking an hour a week and cleaning our building, please contact Pastor Marvin at marvin@thewellathuntington.org

Prayer Available

If you have any prayer requests or would like to pray with one of our pastors contact Pastor Jim Hippensteel at jim@thewellathuntington.org. He is also available for prayer, before and after our worship service.

Check Out Our Website

www.thewellhuntington.org

