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# news

## Youth Ministry

**New Schedule for fall**

- Middle School Sunday School each week (except 1st Sunday) at 9:45am and youth group each week from 5:00-6:30pm.
- High School Sunday School each week (except 1st Sunday) at 11am and youth group once a month 5:00-6:30pm (combined with MS, usually the 1st Sunday)

- Youth Group promoting the McKinley Center 5K on September 21
- Bake sale for Salkehatchie during Soup Sunday (November 3)
- Project Feed through the conference on November 17 •

## Best Years Luncheon

It's changed names throughout the years.

Year unknown, but Loretta Trinkle started the Merry Munchers, she was famous for her spaghetti dinners. Jeannette Schaefer took over after Loretta stepped down, and the name was changed to Best Years Club. After Jeannette stepped down, Nancy Quick took over. Currently Sharen Ott is in charge and thus after the organizational meeting, the named was changed again to Best Years Luncheon.

All ages are welcome to attend with a RSVP. So, come and enjoy the (Fun, Fellowship, and Food) and of course entertainment. Blessings, Sharen •

## Did You Know…

RICK POLBURN

Did you know that there is a love triangle that actually works? Christianity calls this love triangle the Trinity. I, as I am sure many of you, have tried to make sense of what the Trinity is, which has caused all kinds of debate, confusion, and in my opinion has kept us from understanding Jesus' Great Commission. First some clarification. In the statement "in the name of the Father and in the name of the Son and in the name of the Holy Spirit" the word 'name' needs to be understood. In Hebrew "the name" always refers to a life responsibility or purpose. It is not just what you call somebody when you want to talk to them. The second thing that needs clarification is the word "spirit". Unfortunately in the King James translation the Hebrew word for spirit has been translated as "ghost". The Hebrew word actually refers to "breath" which in my opinion also means life-giving. If you understand that the word "holy" refers to something that is used in the service of God, then you end up with the idea of a breath or life in service to God. In today's vocabulary we might even call it an attitude or mind-set in service to God. With those clarifications out of the way we can take a lot of the mystery out of what the trinity means. First of all we have the purposes of our Creator God as taught to us by the Son of God and enacted by us by incorporating what we have been taught into our daily lives. I am in no way trying to change anyone's belief about the Trinity. I am only trying to put forth a practical application for the benefit of all. •

## Small Group Opportunities

**Sundays, 9:30 am in the Library**
**Led by Patty Dorsey**

Lectionary Bible Study: looking at the verses that Pastor Max will be preaching on each week. This is open format, meaning you do not need to attend each week to participate.

**Sunday, 4 pm in the Library**
**Led by Pastor Max Beery**

New members Class. Starts September 8th for four weeks (Sunday only) Childcare available upon request.

**Sunday, 5:30 pm in the Library**
**Led by Dana Flemming & Ben Howes**

FPU (Financial Peace University) Class. Starts September 15th for nine weeks. Childcare available upon request.

## Celebrating Our Membership!

Congratulations to the following members of our congregation who will reach milestone years of membership this month!

**Celebrating 49 years**
Duane Bellumori

**Celebrating 35 years**
Gary Jacobs
Linda Jacobs

**Celebrating 34 years**
Carol Matthews
Herb Matthews

**Celebrating 31 years**
Joy Byron

*Congratulations, and thanks for your continuing service to the Lord through WHUMC!* •

**Monday 10–11:30 am in the Library**
**led by Anne Horvath**

Starts September 9th. A time for women of all ages to meet for devotion, prayer, and support. Childcare available upon request. Come when you are able.

**Tuesdays, 10–11:30 am in the Library**
**Led by Patty Dorsey**

Starts August 20th (identical session on Wednesday)

Studying 1 "Corinthians" bring your Bible. Childcare available upon request.

**Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am in the Library**
**Led by Patty Dorsey**

Starts August 21st (identical session on Tuesday). Studying "1 Corinthians" bring your Bible. Childcare available upon request.

**Thursdays 10 am–12 pm in the Library**
**Led by Dr. Laura Tradowsky**

Starts September 12th, then weekly starting October 3rd. Spiritual Formation / Bible Study: Jerry Flora "Amen" and "Into Your Hands". Childcare available upon request.

**Saturdays 8–9:30 am in the Library**
**Led by Dr, John Borgert**

Men's Bible Study …studying the book of Hosea/ Ongoing! All men are welcome! •

# Kids 4 Christ Update

2.KID'S CHOIR

Kids Choir starts @ 10:30am! *every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month.* We begin gain September 8th!

3.KID'S QUEST: *every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month.*

New Kids Quest classes Sep 8th! We will be separating the kids for Sunday mornings beginning Sept 8th. Preschool-3rd will be together and 4th-5th will be together. This will require a minimum of 4 teachers each week. A sign up link has been emailed out. Thanks so much for your help to make this work!!

4. Kid's Moments: Each service Pastor Max will give the picnic basket to one family. You take it home and put anything in it (except a live or expired animal) and he will make up a children's message from the contents. Whichever service you receive the basket is the one you come back to the next week with the basket.

# From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 14:25-27

Great crowds were following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, "If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters — yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.

And you cannot be my disciple if you do not carry your own cross and follow me.

Luke 14:33

So no one can become my disciple without giving up everything for me.

I'm introducing the Willoughby Hills UMC 4G Challenge. I'm going to share with you the 4G's of the challenge and try my best to show you why you need to do it. It really comes down to this.

If we are going to be a dangerous church that God uses to reach our community for Christ, if we really want to experience God's presence at Willoughby Hills and we're ready to see miracles happen, then we've got to accept and accomplish this challenge together.

What Is The 4G Challenge? It's a 90 Day Commitment to Gather – Grow – Give – Go!!!

Beginning Sunday, September 1:
Gather: Be here every Sunday morning for the next 90 Days to worship!
Grow: Connect with a small group and/or read the Bible in 90 days!
Give: For the next 90 Days, give 10% of your income to God through WHUMC.
Go: For the next 90 Days, you're going to influence and invite everyone in your circle of influence to come check out Willoughby Hills.

This is a huge commitment challenge. You will be asked to sign on the dotted line. There is a peculiar tagline I'd like for us all to adopt for this challenge. It simply says "Impossible itself says, "I'm possible." I hope you will join me in this 4G challenge!!!

Peace,
Pastor Max

UPCOMING DATES:

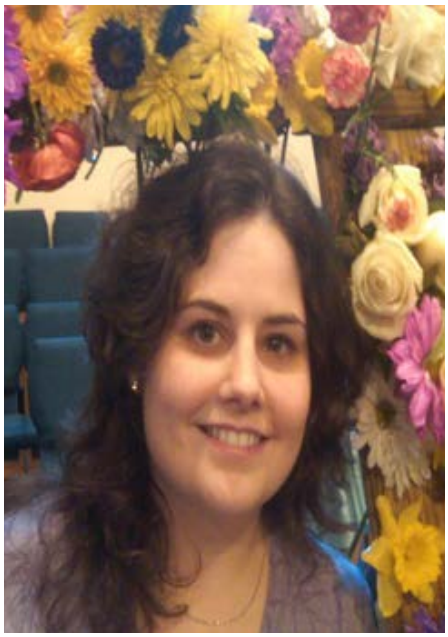
September 8th Bible Sunday for 2nd graders

October 26th 4-6pm Fall Fest

December 8th Christmas pageant at 9:30am

December 14th Angel Breakfast 9:30-11am

NANCY BRASS



MAGDALENE PESCH

DAVE BALDWIN

I wanted to introduce you to our regular Kid's Quest

(SUNDAY SCHOOL) TEACHERS!!

Dave & Magdalene teach most of the year & Nancy teaches throughout the school year... at the 9:30 service.

If you see them around please let them know what a gift they give you and your child!! •

## Thursday Small Group

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 5th. We will be having a "Healing Power of Forgiveness retreat at the church from 9:30 – 4:00. Lunch will be provided. •

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# WHUMC Exterior Brickwork Project

Willoughby Hills United Methodist Church is a very welcoming church not just inside, but from the outside. Entering the driveway looking at our church you notice the tan brick exterior, the white steeple, and the beautiful stained-glass windows. Looking at our church's exterior it is saying to the world "Welcome! Come Worship With Us."

After seeing many photos of the exterior brickwork project at various stages of completion, I was interested in the why's and how's of the project. This article is about the exterior brickwork done on the new addition (including sanctuary, classrooms, and bathrooms) and the congregational members who volunteered to make it happen. All individuals shared their own perspectives about the project and what they remember about the specifics of brickwork construction.

Ben Howes was the project manager and also an employee of Drake Construction.  Drake Construction was the general contractor for the project.

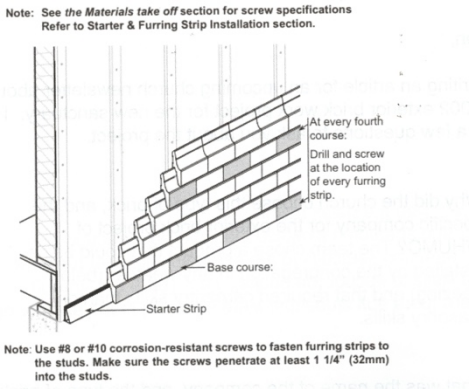
I posed the following questions about the exterior brickwork to

**Ben Howes:**

- Why did the church choose this type of brick, and the specific company for this project? — “The team chose a product that could be installed by the congregation in any weather (below freezing) and that required carpentry skills than on masonry skills.”

- What was the name of the company, and the type of brick used for the project? — “NovaBrik, you can find them at: www.us.novabrik.com.”

- Were there any strips that were attached to the exterior of the walls to anchor the bricks? — “Yes, there are ‘furring strips’ attached vertically to the exterior walls over the vapor barrier and sheathing to which the NovaBrik is screw attached. See the detail below.”




- Did the volunteers get training to install the bricks? — “Yes, a training session was held, interestingly enough at Cleveland Yacht Club in Rocky River, Ohio. The meeting was hosted by the local supplier who happens to belong to the club. Eight

volunteers attended the training session including Ben."

- Did any of the volunteers have previous experience installing bricks? — "Yes, but not with this screw attached, dry set product. Their experience was with traditional brick and mortar products."

- How many volunteers helped with this project? — "Probably at least twenty (20) different folks cycled in and out over the several months of installation. Ladies and gentlemen worked together on this portion of the project."

- How long did it take to complete this project? — "I seem to remember 3-4 months."

- Did the exterior and interior projects go on simultaneously? — "Yes"

I also posed questions to the volunteers, who worked on the project: "Who volunteered with you?"; "Did you work full time or part time?"; "Did you go to the training session in Rocky River to learn how to install the bricks?"; "Do you know approximately, when the brick was installed?", and "What were the procedures of installing the brick?". I also asked if there was any additional information the volunteers would like to add about the project.

**Bob Lacey**

“I worked a lot with Mel Schaefer. Mel and I worked full time, but there were many people working at different times as a group. Yes, I attended the training session. I drove over to the westside for this lesson. There was about eight of us that took this class.”

Concerning the use of wooden strips (furring strips) on the outside of the building. Bob mentioned, “The important thing about the wooden strips was that the initial leveling at the very bottom row was so important. Thanks to Bill Dorsey and Herb Matthews for this.” Bob elaborated about the procedure for installing the brick: “Long metal screws (3-4”) and drill bits were used. You drilled through the brick into a metal stud. You only did this every fourth row of bricks, and that was the support system.”

“We started in early spring/summer 2002 and was finished before the fall or bad weather.”

Bob added, “It’s just too bad that photos were not taken on a daily basis to capture all the different volunteers that pitched in.”

**Eric Hanson**

“It was a team effort, it took a lot of people to finish the job Herb Matthews, Bob Lacey, Bob Studer, Mel Schaefer, Ben Howes and

more. I just helped when my schedule allowed. A few afternoons, evenings, and weekends. There was a lot to do back then. Drywall, a lot of dirt moving and exterior work. I did not go to the training session. We trained, and we still had to redo some of our work, when bricks did not line up. It sounded easier than it was. It required a lot of drilling bricks, and through the metal studs, then screw tight. Change drill bits and repeat, repeat, repeat."

Eric described the procedures of installing the brick, "Levels were our friends and making sure each course of bricks was tight to the lower course and screwed through a metal stud to keep it secure. We got better as the project continued." … "We were working under each other and next to each other. There were a few bruises along the way… I knew this group of people wanted this church to be bigger and better together." Eric stated the brick was anchored to the furring strips, "But the screws had to go into a heavy gauge metal stud behind the strips. Drill, break bit, replace and repeat."

"We had most of the building sealed up by the end of the fall."

**Herb Matthews**

Herb volunteered with "Bob L., Mel S., Bill D., Eric H., Mike T., Ben H. Elmore Nord, and Dick Schmidt are in one of my pictures." Herb states that he attended the training session in Rocky River.

“Ben Howes set it up. We got diplomas at the end. I worked part time evenings, and weekends.”

Herb explained how the bricks were installed. “Under the bricks are wood furring strips attached to the metal stud walls. The starting point was the bottom at a corner. There were inside and outside corner blocks to start the row. The corner blocks were glued together and screwed to the furring strips. The bricks are shaped to be supported by a ridge on the back. There was a starter metal strip the first row could sit on. That had to be straight and level. Those bricks had to be secured to the wall with long screws. We had to drill the bricks and the metal studs to get the screws in. The second row sat on top of the first staggering the seams of the bricks. That row was only secured at the furring strips with screws. That process continued to the top.”

“We had diamond blades in the saws to cut the bricks as needed to stagger and finish a row. So, when you get to the front the bricks had to be carried up the scaffolding to where you were working. Hard hats were needed then to protect from falling bricks or tools.”

“We had to modify the installation some because we had metal studs. The screws they provided did not work too well, that was part of our learning curve. The other thing was the bottom row was the most important. If it was not straight and level, the wall did not come out looking very good. Building and rebuilding the work scaffolding in the front was lots of work.”

“The bricks were at the end of the project. We finished the platform, then moved out to do the brickwork. The West wall was

first. It was done at least two times as part of the learning curve. The front was last. The stucco on the front was about April 2002. We were finishing the front in the fall of 2002. I do not remember an exact start date."

**Mel Schaefer**

Mel stated, "Bob Lacey and myself did the high work. Greg Engle cut pieces on the ground." Mel did not go to the training session. "It was on the job training. The project took two months, and the bricks were screwed on."

**Bob Studer**

The people who volunteered with Bob were: "Ben Howes, Elmore Nord, Bob Lacey, Herb Matthews, Mel Schaefer, Bill Dorsey, Jim Ford, and Al Kopper, who tinted caulk for applications on inside corners, where brick met the existing finished siding." Bob did not attend the training session in Rocky River.

Bob recalled the procedures of installing the brick also in great detail. "The outside corner bricks were anchored to the plywood and steel corner studs. Each corner brick was also glued to each other by an exterior stoneware adhesive. The lower row of brick was hung on a base metal strip, which had been leveled and anchored to the plywood and steel studs. The next three rows were hung on each of the previous row without screws. The fourth row was anchored by screws, after being checked for the

horizontal. This was repeated for the entire vertical wall. Only every fourth row was anchored by scews.  The first and last brick of each row was cut by an electric mitre saw, with a special blade for stone/ceramic work to make the bricks offset by one half brick. Each row was started at a corner brick. Each brick that was anchored by screws had to be drilled using a special drill bit."

One or two bricks (minimum) were cut in each row, so that the seams were staggered to maintain the pattern of the brick.

Bob stated, "The brickwork project was done during the summer and fall of 2002."

**Bill Dorsey**

Bill Dorsey oversaw the exterior brickwork project. Bill stated eight volunteers attended the training session including him, and that he worked full time on the project.

I asked Bill if the bricks were anchored to the plywood or the furring strips. Bill replied, "It depended on where the brickwork was installed. The metal studs in the building front were heavy gauge metal so we covered the surface with plywood, which let us connect the brickwork wherever we chose to screw them on. The factory recommendation was to apply furring strips over the house wrap wherever a stud was located, and to screw the bricks on at that location. This is what we did everywhere except in the front of the building."

"On the last day of the brick installation, the small team working were together high on the scaffolding. After the final trimmed bricks were screwed on or glues on with construction adhesive. We sat and watched a beautiful sunset. The very next day it got very cold and snowed."

Some of the other volunteers that worked on the project were Dave Baldwin, Carol Matthews, and Karin Virostko. Bob Studer also shared that, "A person who worked on the brickwork project purchased these shirts."

Yes, Willoughby Hills United Methodist Church has a welcoming appearance from the outside, but the most important thing about our church are the people inside the church. The people follow our Mission and Vision statements that are both printed on our

bulletins every Sunday. Our Mission: “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” and our Vision: “Joyfully helping God heal broken lives.”

Thank you to all the people who helped me with this article, and the volunteers on this project.

*If anyone has any addition information about the exterior brickwork project, please contact Meg Sondey or Roxanne Wozniak at wozniak_roxanne@sbcglobal.net.*