

Community of Christ

Association for Ministry to Military Personnel



# The Peacekeepers

Newsletter

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## TIM'S SERVICE

by Tim "K9" Kunzweiler, President

This March I've been blessed to participate in two thought-provoking gatherings outside the office (and you know getting away from the office, even if work-related, can be a real blessing).

The first gathering was sponsored by the base chapel and brought together ministers and spiritual support organizations from across the region surrounding Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. The intent was focused as a start of something truly special in providing spiritual care for the Total Force Team here at Wright-Patterson. Throughout the day we learned about the heart the Chaplaincy has for the spiritual welfare of the entire base populace. One concern you may already understand is that the U.S. Chaplaincy, by U.S. Title, is technically restricted to providing ministry only to those in uniform. To illustrate the concern, WPAFB has a working population of over 25,000 people. Around 26% of those people wear the uniform. That means approximately 74% of the base population actually lacks dedicated spiritual support while on base. In the ongoing process, the chapel will be seeking ways to build a community that cares for all Airmen in the Dayton region. Would you pray for success in that focus? I'd appreciate it since, besides being a pastor, I'm actually one of the intended targets of this ministry!

The second event was actually part of a USAF sponsored character and leadership initiative. The focus is for all AF personnel to gain a better



understanding of how professionalism drives individual member behavior. A premise for the activity: Understanding humans in relation to decision making is fundamentally important to the development of effective leaders. Leaders must not only understand how and why humans do what they do, they must also know how to develop environments that encourage an increased level of commitment, loyalty and trust. The world is constantly changing. In consequence, so are the demands on the military. We cannot simply expect to succeed by doing things the same way we have in the past. We have to remain agile.

As mentioned, both the events I participated in were indeed thought provoking. One was spiritually focused. The second, though not spiritually focused, certainly has application within the Body of Christ. Community of Christ encourages us to be Christ to the world of the present. God leads us forward. He does not wall us in (though we may sometimes be prone to wanting to wall God in!). In the testimony of scripture, God also challenges us, according to our gifts and talents, to understand our fellow disciples, and to lead others to a knowledge of Christ. The world is constantly changing. In consequence, so are the demands on the Church. We cannot simply expect to succeed by doing things the same way we have in the past. We have to remain agile. I pray for your growing leadership.



**Easter Blessings.** The Lenten journey may have seemed long. Before our Easter celebration we will have had to face the reality of the cross. Yet, Easter approaches soon. In a unified Alleluia we may proclaim "He is risen!" As an old hymn reminds: Because He lives, we can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear can be gone; because we know He holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because He lives! Live in and for Christ and go forward with joy!

In Christ ó Victory! May God bless all Peacekeepers.

Tim öK9ö Kunzweiler, President.

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## PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE, A PEACEKEEPER BOOTH AND THE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTIONS

by Tim "K9" Kunzweiler, President

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**Preparing for World Conference:** Our Community of Christ Herald has been providing excellent resources toward preparing for Conference. May I suggest we review the March 2016 edition as relates to a significant part of that preparation involving our prayer. As reminder, April 10 has been designated as a day of preparation and prayer. Additional information may be reviewed at the church website: <http://www.cofchrist.org/2016-world-conference>.



**Preparing for Peacekeeper Booth Activities:** As of this writing we have a request in with the World Conference Team, seeking permission for a Peacekeeper booth again. As part of your planning we hope you will schedule yourself and sign up for manning our booth during the available shifts.

**Preparing for Peacekeeper Business Meeting and Elections.** I'dl be suggesting we hold the business meeting the evening of June 8. As our blessing the World Church site shows no "Conference" activities scheduled after 4:30 PM on that date. This is always a time of extraordinary fellowship and for renewing friendships. Do you have agenda items you'd like us to consider for the



formal portion of the Association meeting? In our last newsletter edition I suggested we should be looking for additional support in two Association "operating" areas. Please be thinking about upkeep of the Association web site and about our need for active publicity and seeking contacts with our military members. We need Association member support for our intended operations. Finally, with respect to elections, the offices of President and Secretary were last elected to six year terms covering 2010-2016. The call for candidates for the position of Association President remains yours to answer. Please step forward, with vision, to be nominated for the role of President of the Association. I'dl be looking forward to your contacting me to discuss serving the Association in this role.

Prepare!

Tim öK9ö Kunzweiler, President.

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## NOTES from Curt Heaviland

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Time has a way of passing rapidly especially when you are having fun or if everything is going okay. It seems like it was only yesterday that I wrote a short article for the newsletter and here it is again and almost time to mail it.

I find that the closer I get to 100 I have more of a tendency to forget. As I look toward the bend in the trail to a century I can actually see the curve taking place. I thank the Lord daily for allowing me these advanced years. Daily I see many who are younger than I am having trouble walking or for that matter just getting up or down.

I go out to eat almost every meal and I see a lot of people that I have known for a number of years and as I see the difficulty they are having getting from one place to another I take time to thank the Lord for my health and well being. I think that I am enjoying the springtime more than ever this year. I look back over my lifetime and I just took for granted the things that were given to me to enjoy. It wasn't till I met Nancy and she points out the beauty of the clouds, trees, sunrise, landscape and all of God's nature that I have come to find the same pleasures.

I find that going to church on Sunday morning is a great thing to look forward to. With my hearing

loss I find it very difficult to be able to discern all that is being said, however, just being with the people that I have grown to know and love is all that I need to ask for. It is my hope that my being there will add something to the congregation, no matter how small the contribution may be.

As we study the scripture in church school I am amazed at the things that took place so many years ago, and are still so appropriate today. I fine that as I go along I am still finding things that speak to us today and point in the right direction. It is my hope that you will take time to look around you and try to see all of God's love manifested for His creation and for our benefit and enjoy every minute of it and its beauty.

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## KID'S STUFF

by Mary Yocum

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Oh these kids! I didn't write these down, so I'll forget most of them. We were at our favorite Mexican Restaurant and Dominic ordered sweet tea, no lemon. I ordered unsweet tea, no lemon. So Ian ordered milk, no lemon.

We had the boys this past weekend and Ian came running to find me with his hands flopping up and down like a kite in a windstorm. "Grandma, Grandma with emergency." I asked what the emergency was and he said, "hands go up and down, up and down, fast!" I guess that's good to know.

I sent Dominic into his house with my keys to find his Karate clothes. He came out with the clothes, some toys, and no keys. At least we couldn't find them. After searching the house for several minutes I told him to go to the car. I keep a spare car key in my purse. As I was digging in my purse, Dominic looked up and said, "I see them." They had been dropped in the pocket on the back of the passenger side front seat. Now how did that happen?

Dominic was explaining to our daughter how his dad is like their dog. "I think I understand why Kyle likes Dad so much. They both run around chasing squirrels, jumping around, and making messes." (They really are a lot alike.)



No matter how cute and adorable our kids are, they also get on our nerves, make us frustrated, aggravated and so forth. Last week Beth had to use all three of Ian's names. "Ian Bradley Winsor" she said.

Ian gave her this big innocent smile and finished the sentence for her, "I'm getting on your last nerve?"

God is I'm sorry if I get on your last nerve sometimes. I know you love me though and I really appreciate that love.

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## Quote Corner

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- ❖ Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step toward dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time. — Joan D. Chittister in *Wisdom Distilled*
- ❖ It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end. — Ursula K. Le Guin
- ❖ Happiness is an inside job. — Seen at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Titusville, Florida
- ❖ There is a net of love by which you can catch souls. — Mother Teresa
- ❖ Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. — Mother Teresa
- ❖ There are no hopeless situations, only people who are hopeless about them. — Dinah Shore
- ❖ Values really do matter and real values are the foundation of everything to come. — Dave Ramsey
- ❖ Time is free, but it is priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it, you can never get it back. — Harvey Mackay
- ❖ There is never a day so dark, but God can make it bright; And to the soul that trusts God, there soon come songs in the night. — Source Unknown

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