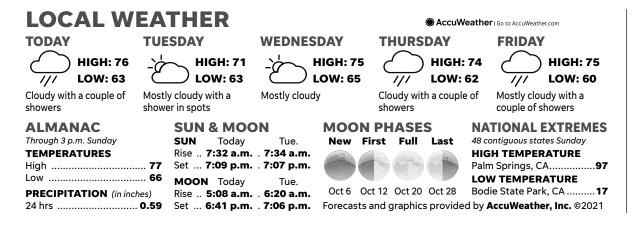
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BIBLE DIGEST

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." (Psalms 19:14 AKJV)

Are our words and thoughts pleasing to God? Think it over.

Diversity

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He said there are fewer instructors than ever.

Recent classes have included about 12 people, with most being white men and somewhere between one to three women and one to two people of color rounding out the class.

Bond said getting more minorities through the training is important as agencies try to better police an evergrowing population of minorities living in rural America.

The 2020 census data showed that despite overall population totals declining, many minority groups saw a jump in population in Sandusky County.

Hispanic or Latino population rose by 11.4%, while the number of Black residents jumped by 10.2% from the 2010 to 2020 census.

The largest rise in population came from those reporting two or more races (172.7%) and American Indian, which grew by 49.2%. The Asian population grew by 6.9%, according to census data.

"It's really not the numbers we love to see. We need more women in law enforcement."

Jim Bond

Veteran police academy commander a nd former Monroeville Police captain

Although smaller academy class like EHOVE will not have the sheer numbers larger academies like Owens Community College or Toledo would have, he said the classes will have around the same percentage of minorities, often coming in around 10%

"Communities are diverse, and we need to have people out there to meet that need," Bond said.

Social media marketing

EHOVE does try and market its academy to appeal to young recruits, with investment into social media to show what goes on during instruction. It's become a unique recruiting tool to appeal to younger men and women.

Cunningham said the college's marketing department does much to get the word out on the academy, but he also visits local vocational schools to speak to students about the academy at Terra State.

The need for diversity goes beyond race and ethnicity, Bond said; officers from different religious backgrounds also can make for better community policing.

At EHOVE, Bond said, academy training goes for 20 weeks before a short two to three week break before cadets take their final test to determine if they will be certified.

Ohio reforms police training

Days before George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, the state of Ohio was working on police training reform.

Part of the reform would be independent use of force investigations, a new Bureau of Criminal Investigation unit dedicated to officer-involved shootings and advanced training that was more local to officers and more efficient.

Body cameras also would be more widespread among departments in Ohio, something Sandusky County Sheriff Chris Hilton has been pushing for as one of those departments that uses body cameras.

When the sheriff's office went to body cameras, Hilton said it was about being more transparent with the public, so any questionable interactions could be reviewed by footage from body cameras.

As tensions surrounding officer-involved shootings of minorities have risen over the past few years, Bond said, he has not seen a rise in the number minority cadets.

"The people that come in... you can see it in their heart and soul they really want to be cops," Bond said. "They don't care what the media says, they want to come in and do some good."

Bond said being a police officer is not for everyone; it's a profession you have to want to be involved in and give everything to.

"If people don't show up and apply for job it's hard," Bond said. "We have great opportunities, great benefits. If people aren't up to do that, it's hard to get diversity in departments."

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Clyde First UMC is on "Piety Hill" at the corner of Maple and Race streets in Clyde. **Two hundred** years ago, the church's first congregation met in a log cabin at the same location. Standing in front of the church is the Rev. Sheryl Seitz, the church's first female pastor in its two century history. SHERI TRUSTY/

CORRESPONDENT



TODAY IS: NATIONAL TACO DAY

Today is a day for tacos. There is some evidence that tacos with small fish were eaten in the Valley of Mexico before Spaniards arrived to the continent. In the 18th century Mexican silver miners used "plugs" or "wads" - paper wrappers with gunpowder fillings - to extract ore, and these were also called tacos.

Tacos likely got their modern name because they resembled the explosives. Tacos usually consist of a protein such as beef, chicken, pork, or fish, wrapped in a hard or soft shell made of corn or flour. Toppings may include tomatoes, onion, lettuce, cheese, refried beans, cilantro, salsa, sour cream or guacamole.

Traditional Mexican tacos include the al pastor, carne asada, tacos de camarones (shrimp tacos), tacos de pescado (fish tacos), and others. They are often served at taco stands and many times are accompanied with sliced red radishes, lime, salt, and chilis.

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'Piety Hill'

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'This is where we belong'

Although it is unusual for families to remain at one church for so long, Nancy said she and Jim never considered attending elsewhere.

"We always felt this is where we belong," she said. "My kids are members here, and I have 10 grandchildren, and they attend church here, too. Only my youngest daughter doesn't attend, because she lives out of town."

The Rev. Sheryl Seitz, who pastors Clyde First UMC, said the church's long-committed families have helped the church survive for 200 years.

"We have several multi-generational families here, and some have been here since the beginning," she said.

The current church building was dedicated in 1968, and the sanctuary was added in 1977. In the interval between the McMillan cabin and the present church, the congregation met in the Dewey schoolhouse, a church building on Duane Street, and a church building on the corner of Buckeye and George streets.

The size of the congregation varied through the years but grew tremendously under the impact of the Second Great Awakening, a religious revival that swept across the United States beginning in 1790 and lasting well into the 19th century. Among those who were drawn to the church at that time was famed Civil War General James B. McPherson.

'The Great Awakening' swept across the country

"The Great Awakening was a national event brought on the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist circuit riders. The Holy Spirit moved in great ways,"

Seitz said. "That's when towns began to spring up. It used to be that, where four farms converged, that's where a Methodist church was."

The church's music has progressed with the times, and today the church's worship encompasses two centuries of musical styles that includes a pipe organ, bell choirs, guitars, and drums. All of those elements will be highlighted during the anniversary celebration

One thing hasn't changed in the church's 200 years of existence - its impact on the community. Two centuries ago, the church became a beacon for spiritual aid and community connection. Today, that impact continues as many local organizations have benefited from the church's support, as well as countless individuals. The church has an especially strong focus on using food to meet financial, emotional, and spiritual support.

"If you look at all the ministries we have, many are driven by our food ministry," Seitz said.

The church offers free community meals, supports the Clyde Back Door Food Pantry, and provides many funeral dinners every year.

Ready to deliver casseroles

"When we hear of someone in crisis, we're there with our casseroles," Seitz said.

No one knows what Clyde First UMC will look like in 10 years, but it is unlikely its foundation of generosity will wilt in the coming decades.

"When we see a need, we do what we can to help," Seitz said.

Clyde First United Methodist Church's 200th anniversary celebration will take place on Oct. 10 beginning with a 10 a.m. worship service led by Bishop Tracy Smith. Reservations are required for the luncheon which will follow the service. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 419-547-0734.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Bids will be received for the River Cliff Park Lodge Mechanical Unit Re-placement Project, River Cliff Park, 1329 Tiffin Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420 by the Sandusky County Park District. Bids must mailed or deliv-ered to the project address listed above no later than 2:00 pm, EST on October 18, 2021. Bids will be read im-mediately following. Proposals received after the date and time shall be considered late and will be returned to the submitting party wrread.

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Ing. Sandusky County Park District Andrew Brown, Director

NOTICE OF PRIVATE SELLING OFFICER SALE UNDER JUDG-MENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5721.39 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE In the Common Pleas Court of Sandusky County, Ohio. Whereas, iudgment has been ren-dered against certain parcels of real pooperty for taxes, assessments, charges, pendities, interest, and costs as follows: The Common Pleas Court Case Ma

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