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# NEW Life NEWS

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New Life  
United  
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Church



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"Here there are no strangers;  
only friends we have not met before."  
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## From The Pastor

In the November 2005 edition of "New Life News," the Finance Committee and I communicated the difficult reality which we were facing. Due to our expenses exceeding income by up to \$20,000 a year for the past several years, we anticipated that if that trend continued, we would have used all of our operating funds by about this time. We would then be dependant on the money reserved for outreach ministries to keep the building open (and the pastor paid!). Those funds would be exhausted in less than a year from now.

Here we are, one year later, and I am thrilled to share with you that we are in a much more stable financial situation than we were a year ago! This is NOT because expenses have decreased — we all know from our own personal finances that hasn't happened! It is because of the groundswell of support that came as a result of sharing that difficult news last year. It was absolutely amazing to see and hear from so many partner churches. Even more so, individuals who share in our ministries communicated that we just **could not** stop, or even cut back on what God has called us to do. So many of you — members, friends, partners — have gone the extra mile to provide the necessary finances to do just that.

Do not misunderstand. We are still in a very vulnerable financial situation. We will need the same level of support and investment to continue in order to maintain stability in our shared ministries. At the same time, it is uncertain that there will be adequate ongoing resources to ensure that we can sustain the staff position for our ministry with children and families. You will see in this newsletter that we are once again stepping out in faith and seeking someone for that position even as we are seeking the needed resources, because we believe that ministry is so critical. This was reinforced for me on a recent Sunday when the younger elementary children wrote letters to their "leaders." They could write to their teacher, principal, pastor, etc. All but one chose to wrote to President Bush sharing their concerns about the war. In simple, innocent, poignant words, these young disciples expressed their sadness and fear, asking their president to do something to stop the violence. It revealed how important it is that we create a safe, loving environment for kids in which they can express their feelings, grow in their faith, and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in a broken, and sometimes violent world. It's important for the rest of us too, because their presence gives us hope for the future and joy in the moment.

I am grateful for all of you in the extended New Life community who continue to invest yourself in giving, serving and offering the love of Christ with the thousands of neighbors who come to New Life for food, clothing, a safe place, spiritual growth, acceptance and hope.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Jennifer*

### Annual Church Conference on November 14

**Time: Fellowship at 6:30 p.m., Worship at 7 p.m.**

**Location: King Avenue United Methodist Church**

This year, Church Conferences in our area being handled a bit differently. Due to the restructuring of the Annual Conference, there are fewer districts, and almost double the number of churches in each one. Therefore, we are having “cluster” church conferences with other churches. We will worship and celebrate our individual ministries together, then break out into our own churches for the business meetings. We will be blessed to share a cluster with many churches who are in partnership with us in ministry.

Members of Ad Council are expected to attend, but all members and friends are encouraged to attend, as well.

**The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet at a different time and location.**

**Time: Thursday, November 9 at 7:15 p.m.**

**Location: Maple Grove UMC**

This meeting will be with our District Superintendent, **Rev. Cyndy Garn**, primarily to discuss issues related to **Pastor Jennifer’s** ministry among us.

While all of us have busy schedules, please make attendance at these annual meetings a priority.

—**Ed Phillips**, Ad Council Chairperson

### Annual Make & Take Event!

**Time: Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

The Make & Event gives the young disciples (in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades) an opportunity to make Christmas gifts for their families. It’s always the highlight of the year!

This year, we’re handling the event a bit differently. We are looking for 12 people with creative and artistic gifts to create or find a craft idea, and come on December 2 prepared to teach and supervise the making of that craft by the participating kids. This includes providing the materials needed for the craft (We may already have many of the supplies needed, so you can check before shopping). These craft items do not need to be elaborate, in fact, they should be simple enough for the young disciples to be able to make one in 15 minutes at the most.

We definitely need gift boxes of every size and shape and some “wrappers” to help the kids wrap their gifts after making them.

Interest in being part of this exciting event? Please contact **Pastor Jennifer** (who has very little talent in this area!) at [nwlifeumc1@juno.com](mailto:nwlifeumc1@juno.com) or 614.294.0134.

## From Student Pastor Cathy

Very often I love to ask the young disciples what are they happy about? What are the things that make them smile? I get all sorts of answers. They range from the Michigan Wolverines to Barbie dolls. One consistent answer I get is family. They love doing things together with their siblings, as well as with their brothers and sisters in faith.

In the things that we do with the young disciples, we are often focused on doing things together. I will pair off **John** and **Timeeka** to play a game of Sorry. I will watch as **James** and **Mike** play the game of Life. It is fun to watch **Daisha** and **Sarafina** play Connect Four. On Tuesdays at Plugged In, our young disciples work together with their mentors to finish homework, practice other school work and just have fun at getting to know one another.

When we work together, a lot can happen. I hope to spend a lot of time this month remembering what can happen if we work together. Think about all the times in the church when you've seen successes because two people took the time to make something happen. The best part of all this is that even when we are alone, we are always doing something together with someone else. God is always with us.

We read in worship a few weeks ago from the book of Job about how God is as close as the air we breathe. God is like our friend sitting across the table from us. God is like the mentor who teaches us something new about science. God is like the quilt that a friend makes to keep you warm.

During Thanksgiving this year, we celebrate our families. We celebrate all the good things in our lives. We celebrate all that God has given us. This year, take a moment to celebrate all the time you've worked together to accomplish a goal. It does not matter that the goal was a big one like hosting a fundraiser for the church or a little one like passing a spelling test. Celebrate them! God has given us some wonderful opportunities and people. Celebrate God's amazing love, grace, and presence in all those that we meet.

As we join together around a common table either during the meal with family and friends or at church during Holy Communion, let us celebrate each other. I want to leave you with some of the words from a favorite hymn of the Young Disciples, *Give Thanks*.

*Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son.*

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Pastor Cathy**

*In Celebration*

*Together with their parents,*

*Catherine M. McKenzie*

*And*

*Michael L. Christman*

*invite you to their wedding on  
December 16, 2006  
at the Frankfort United Methodist Church  
Frankfort, Michigan*

*The ceremony will begin at 1pm.  
The reception will begin at 4pm.  
Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.  
Music will begin at 7pm*

*There will also be a celebration at the Methodist Theological  
School in Ohio located at 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware, Ohio  
on Saturday January 20, 2007 at 1pm.*

*Please RSVP by November 27, 2006  
If you have any questions, please contact me at the information  
below.*

*cmckenzie00@hotmail.com,  
(231)342-3728,*

*or*

*Cathy McKenzie  
3081 Columbus Pike, Box 123  
Delaware, OH 43015*

## Tailgate Party Profits

Have you been wondering what our profit from the Buckeye Tailgate Party back in August is? We all have! We were waiting for a big check to arrive before announcing it (and other money is still trickling in). The grand total is more than **\$12,800!!!** This money will be used to support the Breakfast Ministry (it's about half of the annual budget for that ministry). Thanks to all of you who made it an AWESOME success! Plan now to attend next year's event which is sure to be bigger and better than this year!

## Spaghetti Dinner

About \$1200 was raised at the annual "Noodle Sunday" fundraiser at King Ave. UMC, which will benefit the ministries of New Life. Special thanks to **Joe Spinelli** and the "Kitchen Cabinet" volunteers for such a delicious meal.



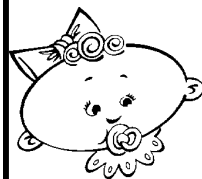
To **Cathy Zimmerman**, member of Trinity UMC for designing a display that is appearing at every church conference cluster gathering this fall and will be used when we travel to other churches to talk about our shared ministries.

To **Don Hallman**, for addressing an emergency plumbing problem on a Friday night. Thanks also for remodeling the downstairs apartment in the parsonage to prepare it for rental this fall. It looks great!

To members of King Ave. UMC who provided Halloween costumes for some of our Young Disciples.

Dear **Jennifer**, Thank you so much for your support and that of my New Life Family during my mom's illness and death. The flowers although appreciated only pale in comparison to the thoughts, prayers and connection we have.

**John, Chuck and the Spang Family**



**NEW ADDITION  
TO THE NEW  
LIFE FAMILY!**

**Adrienne Elizabeth Williams**

Born October 12, 2006

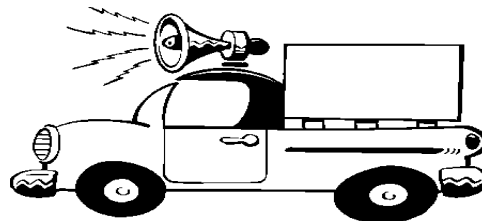
Proud Parents: **Erin and**

**Darius Williams**

Excited Siblings: **Allie, Whitney  
and Max**

## **Spread the Word! Seeking someone for the Minister of Youth and Families position**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has updated and revised the job description for a full time Minister of Youth and Families. For more information, or to get a copy of the job description, please contact **Steve Waldron** at [Stephen.Waldron@mcgraw-hill.com](mailto:Stephen.Waldron@mcgraw-hill.com), or **Pastor Jennifer**.



## **Don't forget to vote on November 7!**

Remember the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, and Jesus' teachings in the gospels when voting on ballot issues dealing with an increase in the minimum wage, smoking ban (NO to 4, YES to 5), and gambling for education.

## Calendar of Events

- \*\*We gather to Worship God each Sunday morning at 10:30AM\*\***
- Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,  
Young Disciples Church, Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous  
(1:30PM & 7:30PM), Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)
- Monday:s Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesdays: Clothing Room\*, Hospitality Breakfast, Plugged In (6-8PM),  
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)
- Wednesdays: Clothing Room\*, Bible Study (7 PM),  
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)
- Thursdays: Breakfast Ministry Preparations,  
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Fridays: Cocaine Anonymous (8PM),  
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (10PM)
- Saturdays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

\*Clothing Room hours are 9:00 AM—11:30 AM

In addition to our weekly scheduled ministries and meetings as listed above, please note these dates:

### Calendar

1	9:00 AM-12:00 NOON	Coat Extravaganza
2	7:00-9:00 PM	Homeless Awareness Series @ Trinity UMC
4	9:30-11:00 AM	Health Ministries initial meeting
5	10:30 AM	Sacrament of Holy Communion
7		DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
9	7:15 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting @ MAPLE GROVE UMC
14	6:30-9:00 PM	Church Conference @ KING AVE UMC
15		Newsletter deadline
21-22		Clothing Room closed; no Hospitality Breakfast
22		No Bible Study
23		Happy Thanksgiving!
26	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner

Thanks be to God, who makes all things new!

# FINANCIAL



# NEWS

## Report of the Treasurer

Sept, 2006

### Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$4,723.98
Deposits	26,333.83
Withdrawals	<u>(15,922.13)</u>
Balance, Sept. 30	\$15,133.68

—**Steve Waldron**, Treasurer

Receipts in	Sep 2006	and Year
Total Plate	\$ 4616.22	\$ 47,399.13
Friends	2,430.00	16,663.00
Partner Churches	6,683.86	28,278.15
Breakfast Ministry	90.00	10,457.20
Youth Ministry	566.50	19,649.70
Clothing Room	55.00	3,059.00
Bus Passes	0.00	50.00
Parsonage Rent	550.00	4,983.00
Investment Income	0.00	124.43
Mauddy Thurs Service	0.00	561.86
Memorial Gifts	100.00	535.00
One Great Hr of Sharing	0.00	275.00
Bethel Fundraiser*	0.00	620.00
Assoc Pastor (student)	762.00	3,397.50
Gift Fund	0.00	589.00
Group Meeting Income	0.00	4,520.00
Buckeye Tailgate**	10,480.25	13,235.25
Holiday Flower Income	0.00	154.50
Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>

**Total Receipts**      **\$26,333.83**    **\$155,151.72**

**-Rebecca Naas,**  
Financial Secretary

## Balance Sheet September, 2006

### Assets

City National checking acct	\$ 15,135.68
Savings & Investments	<u>77,841.44</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$92,977.12</b>

### Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$ 17.62
Operations	32,485.97
Youth Ministry Fund	19,504.69
Misc. Ministry Fund	(8,203.65)
Memorial Fund	18,006.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund	13,057.75
Clothing Room Fund	7,778.68
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(1,248.04)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	728.07
Lillian Skeelee Fund	10,899.17
2006 Begin. Balance Correction	<u>(49.14)</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>	<b>\$92,977.12</b>

\*Tickets purchased at New Life

\*\*Fundraiser party

## Clothing Room Report September

Hours of Operation:

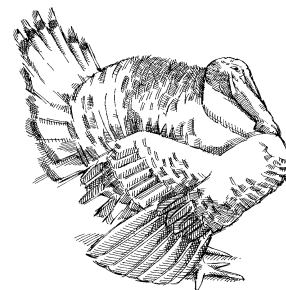
Sunday	7-9:30 am
Tues. & Wed.	9-11:30 am

Weekday Guests	1840
Sunday Guests	<u>558</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2398</b>

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