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

A very special member of our church family, **Kent Haught**, recently passed from this life to life everlasting after a difficult battle with cancer. **Kent** was an inspiration to so many people throughout his life, but it was his relationship with kids that made the most difference. It didn't take long after **Kent** and **Marlene** joined New Life for him to get involved in our ministry with young disciples. He drove the van when needed, helped with Young Disciples Club, was a mentor at our tutoring program, Plugged In, and someone to sit with in worship. He was positive role model, an example of Christian discipleship, and they found in him someone who truly cared and believed in them. It was clear how special **Kent** was to the kids when most of them attended his funeral, and truly grieved the loss of their mentor and friend.

One of the young disciples who was particularly effected by **Kent's** death was **Leo**. He wanted to do something to honor "**Mr. Kent,**" as the kids called him, so he came up with a wonderful idea. **Leo** would make a "memorial" shirt. He found a picture which perfectly captured **Kent** — completely engrossed in some project he was doing with the kids. That would go on the front, with **Kent's** name. And on the back a short obituary about **Kent's** life. The completed project would be wonderful — mostly because of the enthusiasm and dedication that **Leo** had in making it. **Kent** would be very proud of him. Even in his death, **Kent** was helping to bring out the best in someone — in this case, **Leo's** creativity and capacity to love.

I'm not sure **Kent** would even know how significant of an impact he made on **Leo**. Nor will we know how the seeds **Kent** planted in his, and many others' lives will bear fruit. I'm sure all of us can name those who were responsible for planting the seeds of faith and love in our lives, and helped us to recognize our special gifts and potential. In our ministry together at New Life, we have opportunities to plant those kinds of seeds in others. We may not set out to do so, but our acts of compassion, our consistency in faith, our recognition of gifts can make a difference in someone's life, long after we are with them. With so many of our neighbors being transient, we don't always know where they are, what happened to them, or if their lives have gotten better or worse when they stop coming to New Life. The only thing we can do is take the opportunity when they are here to plant a seed of hope, and trust that God will cause that seed to live, grow and bear fruit. At the same time our neighbors are planting seeds in us, challenging us in our judgments of others, our priorities, our sense of justice, as well as inspiring us by their fortitude and faith in very difficult lives.

As Paul says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow." As all of us share in ministry, I am confident that many seeds will continue to be planted, and just as much so that we will see the fruits of those seeds planted long before us — likely by people like **Kent**.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

From Student Pastor Cathy

This time, a few years ago, I was on the streets of New Orleans celebrating Shrove Tuesday with my classmates and friends. We ate a lot, watched the parades, smiled, laughed, and all the while had a great time. That evening, we shared a meal around the communion table in order to prepare our hearts for the coming of Ash Wednesday. This day of excess has deep roots in history. "Fat Tuesday" got its name as it was the day before the start of Lent. This was the day to use up all the sweets, fats, oils, and overall excess in the home in order to avoid temptation during the coming time of fasting and penitence.

The next day, Ash Wednesday, brought on a whole new world. We walked from our campus to the streets where just a day before there was a world of craziness. Instead of seeing thousands of people crammed into the small streets, we saw the emptiness that was to be our journey through Lent.

This experience impacted me tremendously. It has me thinking, even today, about things that are unnecessary. What do I have in my life right now that I do not need? Why do I spend that extra money on that candy bar when I could save it to do laundry? I'm humbled every now and then when I hear about how some people can not pay their bills and I'm complaining about how I have to wear the same dress shoes to church.

I recently read for class, *The Use of Money*, by John Wesley. In this message, Wesley gives us three methods of dealing with our money. Earn all you can, save all you can and give all you can. I think he is talking about much more than money. Earn all you can with your time and money. Be prudent about spending extravagantly, and be resourceful about spending time with your family. Save all you can because you will then have the resources available to you for the work of God. You will have that extra time to stop in and say hello to the young disciples. Lastly, give all you can to the glory of God. Give God what is God's. Do not neglect your loved ones, but do not forget that you are loved by God.

This year, "Fat Tuesday" is on February 20. I implore you to experience the change from Shrove Tuesday to Ash Wednesday. Spend some time thinking about the ways that you live in excess. Eat the chocolate in your house so you will not have it the next day. Just as it is done in New Orleans, at midnight on the 20th, wash your hands of all this extra stuff. Let this season of Lent, be one of true penitence.

Make a sacrifice this season that you would not have ever done before. As Wesley said, earn all you can, save all you can and give all you can. Earn this time of prayer and peace through the giving up of something that is too much. Use the money you saved from not shopping so much to give to the glory of God.

May your walk with Christ this Lenten season be one of communion and peace.

Shalom,
Pastor Cathy

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Put your IT, Computer, and Info Systems Skills to Work

If you are knowledgeable, competent, or trained in computers, systems and networks, you might be interested in being part of the team that is working to improve our current Computer Lab, used by our young disciples to learn computer skills, for educational games, and class projects. We are looking for volunteers willing to serve on a team that will determine our computer needs, build overall strategy for how the computers can be used, evaluate existing equipment, coordinate and install new networks, and give ongoing support on an as needed basis. Our hope is that we will be able to acquire new computers that will better serve the students, as well as being a greater resource in our ministry with the community in general. We are currently not in need of used computers. If interested, contact Pastor Jennifer nwlifeumc1@juno.com, or **Eric Mak** who is providing leadership for this team, at eric_c_mak@hotmail.com.

In Memoriam
H. Kent Haught
July 24, 1934 — January 2, 2007
"Well done, good and faithful servant!
You have been faithful over a few things;
I will put you in charge of many things.
Enter into the joy of your master."
 —Matthew 25:21



Dear New Life,
Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. I enjoy playing for the church and look forward to another year of the sometimes unpredictable life at New Life!
Peace,
Jenni Kristoff

Dear Friends at New Life,
*The children and I thank you for your many thoughts, prayers and cards during Kent's illness and subsequent passing. A special thanks to **Pastor Jennifer** who was there from the beginning to comfort and strengthen us. While we miss him greatly, we know he is in a better place and no longer in pain.*
Gratefully,
Marlene Haught

Please note
 New phone number and e-mail for **Marlene Haught**
 614/403-9270
 lmhaught@yahoo.com

Shopping for a Bus
Keavin Hill is one of the drivers who transports people from shelters to Breakfast each Sunday. He does so in his 24 passenger bus.
 It is at the point of needing to be "retired," so **Keavin** is looking to purchase a bus that holds 24 people or more. If anyone knows of a church, organization or business that owns one, and is interested in selling it, please let **Pastor Jennifer** know. **Keavin** (and his bus) is an integral part of the Breakfast Ministry and we want him to continue to be, as does he!

Ash Wed Service at King Ave UMC
 We will join with our brothers and sisters in Christ from King Avenue and St. Luke's United Methodist Churches for worship on **February 21 at 7 p.m.** The service will be held at King Ave. UMC, with dinner served at 6:20 p.m.
 On Ash Wednesday we come to church to kneel, to pray, and to ask God's forgiveness, surrounded by other sinners. We come with a "broken and contrite heart," in the words of Psalm 51. On this day, ashes are smeared on our foreheads, a symbol of our mortality, of our brokenness, of our sinfulness. The ashes are smeared on us in the shape of a cross, a reminder that through the death of Christ, we find forgiveness and the fullness of life. Ash Wednesday is the gateway to the season of Lent, when we die to an old way of being, and being born to a new way of being, a way of being centered once again in Christ. Coming in repentance and faith to worship and to be marked with ashes is a perfect way to begin this centering process.

Calendar of Events

****We gather to Worship God each Sunday morning at 10:30AM****

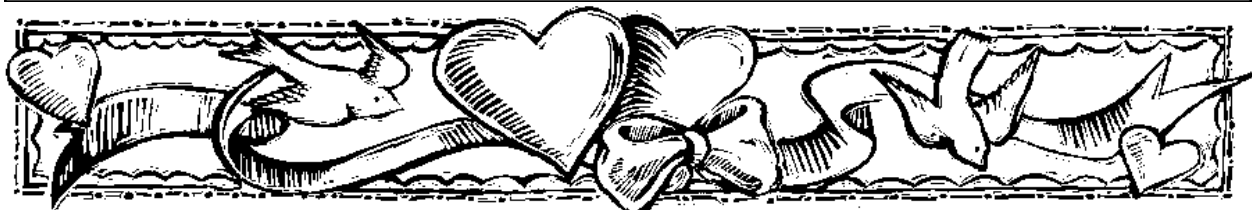
- Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,
Young Disciples Church, Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous
(1:30PM & 7:30PM), Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)
- Monday:s Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesdays: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast, Plugged In (6-8PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)
- Wednesdays: Clothing Room*, Bible Study (7 PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)
- Thursdays: Breakfast Ministry Preparations,
Drummers Alcohol 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:

February Calendar

4	10:30 AM	Sacrament of Holy Communion
7	7:00 PM	Bible Study
11	4:00-6:00 PM	Family Skating Party fundraiser @ The Chiller
14	7:00 PM	Valentine's Day Bible Study
15		Newsletter deadline
19-26		Pastor Jennifer on vacation
20	6:00PM	Shrove Tuesday Celebration
21	6:20 PM	Dinner @ King Ave. UMC
	7:00 PM	Ash Wed. Service @ King Ave. UMC (no Bible Study)
25	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
28	7:00 PM	Bible Study



FINANCIAL



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Report of the Treasurer 2006

Checking Account	
Beg. Balance 1/1/06	\$9104.11
Deposits	216,625.58
Withdrawals	<u>203,722.04</u>
Balance 12/31/06	\$ 22,007.65

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in	Dec 2006	and Year
Total Plate	\$ 7,279.71	\$ 63,627.86
Friends	7,680.00	30,378.00
Partner Churches	2,017.00	36,076.55
Breakfast Ministry	1,930.00	13,842.20
Youth Ministry	1,465.00	24,325.70
Clothing Room	1,180.00	4,589.00
Bus Passes	0.00	50.00
Parsonage Rent	1,250.00	7,352.36
Investment Income	0.00	124.43
Mauddy Thurs Service	0.00	561.86
Memorial Gifts	100.00	835.00
One Great Hr of Sharing	0.00	275.00
Bethel Fundraiser*	0.00	620.00
Assoc Pastor (student)	0.00	3,647.50
Gift Fund	0.00	589.00
Group Meeting Income	840.00	6,180.00
Buckeye Tailgate**	50.00	16,667.25
Spaghetti Dinner	0.00	62.00
Altar Flowers	150.03	312.03
Building Fund	500.00	500.00
Christmas Offering	160.00	160.00
Staff Christmas	565.00	565.00
Christmas Cantata	1,289.00	1,289.00
Other Income	<u>12.50</u>	<u>612.50</u>
Total Receipts	\$26,468.24	\$213,242.24

Balance Sheet, 2006

Assets

City National checking acct	\$ 22,007.65
Savings & Investments	<u>90,841.44</u>
Total Assets	\$112,849.09

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$ (222.31)
Operations	44,916.95
Youth Ministry Fund	24,394.59
Misc. Ministry Fund	(9,693.53)
Memorial Fund	18,306.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund	17,027.54
Clothing Room Fund	8,535.26
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(1,993.51)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	728.07
Lillian Skeelee Fund	10,899.17
2006 Begin. Balance Correction	<u>(49.14)</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$112,849.09

-Rebecca Nass,
Financial Sec'y

*Tickets purchased at New Life

**Fundraiser party

Clothing Room Report December

Hours of Operation:	
Sunday	7-9:30 am
Tues. & Wed.	9-11:30 am
Weekday Guests	1502
Sunday Guests	<u>636</u>
Total	2138

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