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NEW LIFE NEWS

The
Monthly News
Magazine of
New Life
United
Methodist
Church



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

Why do you volunteer in the ministries of New Life? Here are some of the answers I hear: "New Life does what the church is called to do." "I can put my faith into action here." "I feel like I'm doing something meaningful." "It's a way I can give back for all that God has given me." "This is what Jesus wants us to be doing." "I like talking to people. I've made friends here with some of our neighbors and I like coming to see them." "It's fun!"

Surely you have your own reasons. Whatever they are, I am grateful that you have chosen to be a part of our shared ministry, where we come together as one Body to offer Christ's love to all of our neighbors who come in our doors. The week of April 15th is "Volunteer Appreciation Week," which gives me the opportunity to say THANK YOU to the over 200 volunteers representing about 25 churches and service organizations for your commitment to serve your neighbors at New Life. This ministry is only possible because of YOU!

On Easter Sunday, many churches will have a sunrise service, remembering how the women went early on the first day of the week to find that the tomb was empty — Christ had risen indeed! Thinking about the gospel accounts of that first Resurrection Sunday, notice that the women went to the tomb not to worship, but to serve. They went to care for Jesus' body out of their love and devotion to him.

At New Life, we have a sunrise service every Sunday morning! We come early in the morning to serve, motivated by our love and devotion to Christ. And often while serving, we experience the Risen Christ in our midst. We see his reflection in the faces of our neighbors. We feel his presence and get caught up in the Spirit — His Spirit — in this place. That's what motivates us to return again and again.

And it's not just on Sundays. It may not always be at sunrise, but there are many times throughout the week that we come to serve, and experience His Spirit in this place. It's every Tuesday and Wednesday when the Clothing Room opens, and Tuesday evenings when mentors spend time with students, working on homework and building relationships. Christ is alive and among us. We find that to be true again and again at New Life. And, as some dedicated volunteers work together to bring our holistic health ministry into being, soon many will experience the new life the Risen Christ gives us in every way.

I know that our neighbors experience the loving presence of Christ in the hospitality, compassion, generosity, and even just the smiles all of you offer them because they tell me! My hope is that in this season in which we celebrate that Christ is alive and lives among us (and throughout the year) as you serve our neighbors at New Life, you too would be aware of his presence, and see his reflection.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jennifer*

Holy Week Events

Passion Palm Sunday Celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and the events that would ultimately lead to his crucifixion. The New Life Choir will sing "God So Loved the World." The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. UMCOR special offering — please bring your coin banks
April 1, 10:30 AM
New Life UMC

Holy Thursday Traditionally called Maundy Thursday, after the Latin word "mandatum" referring to Jesus' new commandment to love one another. We will remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples by celebrating Holy Communion. King Avenue and St. Luke's UMC's will join us for worship. Combined choirs will share in the leadership of the service.
April 5, 7:00 PM
New Life UMC

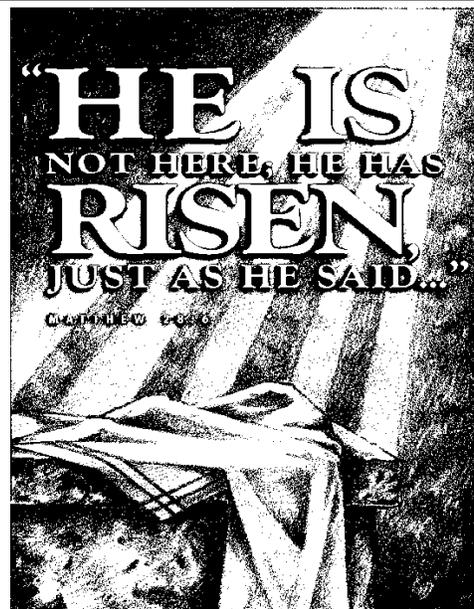
Good Friday We will hear Luke's telling of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, death on the cross by a variety of readers, and remember the gift of salvation we receive because of that sacrificial death. This is a very important day, second only to Easter, to worship our Lord Jesus. After worshiping with our partners in ministry at Trinity, we will have lunch and work together packing linens generously provided by Trinity for the clothing room.
April 6, 12 noon
Trinity UMC
1581 Cambridge Boulevard

Easter— **Christ is Risen!** Need we say more about having a reason to celebrate! A quartet from Church of the Messiah will bless us with an anthem rejoicing and worshipping the Risen Lord.
April 8, 10:30 AM
New Life UMC

A "Prayer of Dedication"

Lord, we thank you for this opportunity to tithe. We pray that this money may be used to pay New Life's water bill, which enables us to wash the breakfast dishes of more than 150 diners every Sunday morning. We pray that this money be used to pay our electric bill, which enables us to light our Clothing Room that provides warm clothes on these cold days. We pray that this money may be used to pay our pastors, who provide an umbrella of care and compassion for our unique congregation. Thank you, Lord, for this church and its mission in this neighborhood.

Doral Chenoweth, Liturgist
March 4, 2007



From Student Pastor Cathy

Very recently, a good friend of mine from Michigan passed away. **John** and his wife **LaVonne** have been great mentors to me in the church and wonderful friends to my family. Their kind and encouraging words have always touched me in some special way. The last time I saw **John** was at our wedding. He came and embraced me with a tear in his eye. He reminded me that I was always like a daughter to the both of them. **John** and **LaVonne** have always been there in the big moments in my life, serving as examples and friends.

For our wedding, they gave us a 'Christmas Goose.' This hand carved candy dish of a duck with a Santa hat on its head sat for the next couple of months full of my favorite chocolates. I looked at this goose every now and then wondering about it. Where did it come from? What compelled a person to create this piece of art? As I thought more and more about this ordinary candy dish, I realized how extraordinary it is.

The detail in the feathers and the hat stood out. It would always hold the perfect amount of candy, not too much or too little. It always created some great conversations. I can not wait to get the goose out next Christmas.

In our every day lives we run into the most wonderful things. We see the work of God in nature. We celebrate God's love each time we see a friend in passing. The most ordinary things in our world can be truly extraordinary experiences.

One of the things I love doing every day is taking some time to read a bit of a book. This every day event takes me away from the ordinary if only for a moment. I praise God for the ability and the imagination to do this. Even our young disciples are learning the joys of the every day things like reading. **Daisha** has moved, in a short while, from not reading short words to completing entire books on her own. Seeing the glimmer in her eyes each time she accomplishes something that we all do every day is truly a sign of the extraordinary.

With my friend **John's** passing, my heart is a little sad. Yet, we will always have that 'Christmas goose' to remind us of his friendship. This beautiful piece of art will always be full of my favorite sweets. The every day things in our lives have the potential to be extraordinary. It is not always clear how wonderful or useful something can be. Take some time to find for yourself how extraordinary something as simple as reading can be. God is so good. May God's blessings fall on each one of us always.

Peace,
Pastor Cathy

VICKIE IS A JEFFERSON AWARD NOMINEE

Vickie Moseley, our Clothing Room Steward, has been selected as a finalist among those nominated for the prestigious **Jefferson Award**. This award is given by local media partners to those “unsung heroes” among us who are performing extraordinary deeds –mostly without recognition. We know that **Vickie** meets that criteria! Each week, **Vickie** provides servant leadership in the Clothing Room. Hundreds of our neighbors are served each week, receiving free clothing, linens, and personal hygiene items. She has helped to create an atmosphere of hospitality, balancing grace with fairness, relating to people with the kind of patience, consistency and firmness that a mother would have! **Vickie** knows many of our neighbors by name, and is never too busy to take time to chat with them.

In order for everything to run smoothly and efficiently, **Vickie** has recruited, organized and directed a volunteer core of over 80 people, representing about 15 churches, as well as students from OSU and Upper Arlington High School.

We are grateful to **Kathy Cooper**, a member of Worthington United Methodist Church, and faithful volunteer in the Clothing Room for nominating **Vickie**. **Kathy** will join **Vickie** and her husband, **Phil** at the award luncheon on March 30th. There, “five Jefferson Award winners will be chosen locally. From among these five local winners, one will be selected, by a national committee to represent our community in Washington D.C. The local winner will compete against Jefferson Award winners from across the United States for the National Jefferson Award in a special ceremony held in June,” **Angela Pace** wrote in the letter congratulating her on her achievement. But whether or not she “wins,” we celebrate **Vickie** for her faithful discipleship lived out in the Clothing Room and elsewhere. It is clear that her true motivation is her commitment to serving Christ by serving her neighbor in need.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” (Matt. 25:21)



Calendar of Events

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

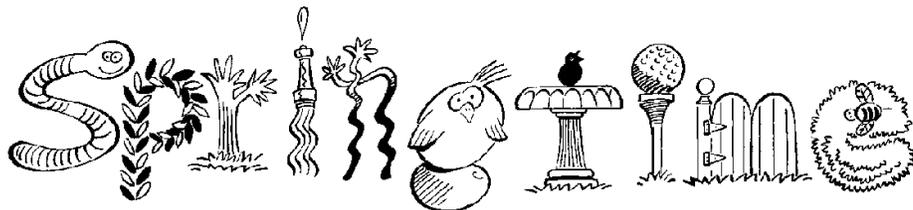
- Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,
Young Disciples Church, Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous
(1:30PM & 7:30PM), Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)
- Monday:s Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesdays: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast, Plugged In (6-8PM),
Drummers Alcoholic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

April Calendar

1		Palm Sunday	
	10:30AM	Sacrament of Holy Communion	
1-7		Holy Week	
4	7PM	Bible Study	
5	7PM	Maundy Thursday Service	
6	12noon	Good Friday Service at Trinity UMC followed by lunch and linen packing	
8		Resurrection Sunday	
11	7PM	Bible Study	
14	6-10PM	Bluegrass Festival Fundraiser	
15		Newsletter Deadline	
18	7PM	Bible Study	
25	7PM	Bible Study	
29	3PM	Sunday Family Dinner	



**New Life United Methodist Church
2007 Budget***

Operating Budget

Capital Expenses

Church	\$5,000
Parsonage	<u>2,000</u>
Total Capital	7,000

Staff

Director of Music	4,160
Guest Musicians	150
Lay Personnel	1,820
Custodian	8,400
FICA	2,900
Medicare	225
Workers Compensation	<u>225</u>
Total	17,880

Pastor's Compensation

Pastor Salary	33,629
Pastor Housing Allowance	6,240
Pastor Travel and Expense	2,650
Pastor Health Insurance	13,379
Pastor Pension	<u>8,000</u>
Total	63,898

Building Expenses

Custodial Supplies	3,000
Building Maintenance Services	3,000
Building Maintenance Supplies	3,000
Equipment Purchase and Maintenance	4,000
Church Utilities	20,000
Telephone and Internet	1,000
Organ and Piano Maintenance	700
Parsonage Expenses	5,000
Insurance	<u>3,200</u>
Total	42,900

Administrative Expenses

Office Supplies and Printing	4,000
Stewardship Expenses	1,000
Church Gift Fund	<u>1,000</u>
Total	6,000

Program & Worship

2,000

Connectional Ministries Mission Share

Conference Apportionments	11,279
District Apportionments	1,164
Local Church Benevolence	<u>1,000</u>
Total	13,443

Total Operating Budget

153,121

Restricted Funds for Outreach Ministries

Minister of Youth and Families Salary	28,000
Youth Ministry Health Insurance	7,000
Youth Ministry Travel and Expense	1,000
Youth Ministry Program Cost	<u>3,000</u>
Total Youth Ministry	39,000

Breakfast Ministry	24,000
Clothing Room	6,000
Student Pastor Compensation	<u>6,000</u>

Total Outreach Ministries Budget

75,000

Total 2007 Budget

\$228,121

FINANCIAL



NEWS

Report of the Treasurer

Feb. 2007

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$12,848.84
Deposits	19,216.74
Withdrawals	15,194.29

Balance \$16,871.29

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in

Feb 2007 and Year

Total Plate	\$3,795.33	\$8,337.69
Friends	855.00	2,790.00
Partner Churches	6,658.34	11,697.15
Breakfast Ministry	1,042.95	2,151.70
Youth Ministry	2,660.00	3,376.00
Clothing Room	25.00	100.00
Parsonage Rent	1,110.00	2,360.00
Memorial Gifts	70.00	846.00
Computers	1,000.00	1,050.00
Group Meeting Income	20.00	440.00
Chiller Fundraiser	1,980.12	2,150.12

Total Receipts \$19,216.74 \$35,298.66

-Rebecca Naas, Financial Secretary

Balance Sheet February, 2007

Assets

City National checking acct	\$16,871.29
Savings & Investments	102,841.44
Total Assets	\$119,712.73

Liabilities & Fund Balances

General Fund	45,123.08
Youth Ministry Fund	30,284.30
Misc. Ministry Fund	(10,313.59)
Memorial Fund	9,152.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund	17,836.66
Clothing Room Fund	8,190.32
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,137.51)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	728.07
Lillian Skeelee Fund	10,899.17
Beginning Bal. correction	(49.14)
Liabilities	(00.63)

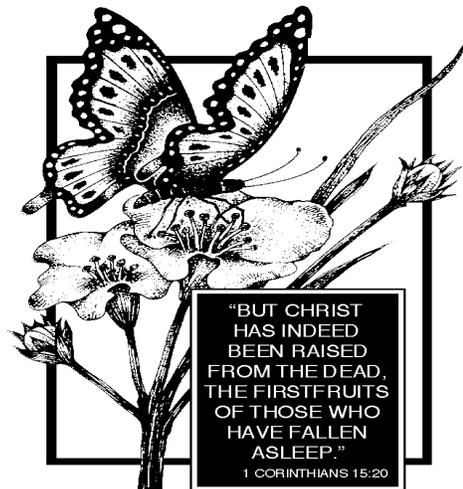
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal. \$119,712.73

Clothing Room Report February, 2007

Hours of Operation:

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

Weekday Guests	844
Sunday Guests	518
Total	1362



"BUT CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP."
1 CORINTHIANS 15:20

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in the name of Jesus Christ*

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Saturday April 14, 2007

6:00 – 10:00 P.M.

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**A CONCERT TO BENEFIT
NEW LIFE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S
MINISTRY WITH PEOPLE IN NEED**

SCHEDULED TO PERFORM:

TRADIN' UP!

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ALUM CREEK SINGERS

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**(FEATURING TYLER ASHCRAFT,
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AND MISS MEGAN MURPHY)**

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THE KING AVENUE UMC BLUEGRASS QUARTET

WHERE:

**NEW LIFE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
25 WEST 5TH AVENUE**

**IN THE SHORT NORTH AREA OF
COLUMBUS, OHIO**

MUSIC STARTS AT 6:00

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE AT 5:30

SILENT AUCTION OF UNIQUE ITEMS!!!

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**PACKAGES OF NEW SOCKS AND NEW
UNDERWEAR WILL ALSO BE GLADLY ACCEPTED**



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Treasurer • Office of Fiscal Affairs

January 30, 2007

New Life United Methodist Church
Attention: Treasurer
25 W Fifth Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201

Dear Treasurer,

May the Lord bless you and your congregation? Our records indicate that 100% of the 2006 conference apportionments have been paid. Congratulations!

By your generous gifts the church is participating in mission and ministry throughout the conference and around the world. You are helping to build new United Methodist churches across the conference and around the world. A new school and orphanage have been built in the North Katanga Conference because of your faithful stewardship. You are offering hope to troubled and abused children in Ohio, feeding thousands of people each day and bringing the presence of Christ to prisoners. In a season of global unrest and terrorism, you promote the promise of peace.

The world needs the message the church has to bring. As John Wesley said, "Offer them Christ". The faithful people of New Life United Methodist Church have helped to make Christian faith a reality through your full payment of apportionments. In appreciation of your generosity and faithfulness please accept this Certificate of Achievement.

May the Holy Spirit continue to be with you and the people of New Life United Methodist Church.

Grace and peace,

W. Brownson
Chairperson, Council on
Finance and Administration

R. Stanley Sutton
Conference Treasurer

cc:
Bishop Ough
Rev. Cyndy Garn

With best wishes to Jennifer.