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NEW LIFE NEWS

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Magazine of
New Life
United
Methodist
Church



**“Here there are no strangers;
only friends we have not met before.”**

FROM THE PASTOR

I recently met with **John Angelo**, Director of the Short North Business Association to learn about changes and developments, as well as current happenings in the area. (The Short North is the business district along High St. starting just north of 5th Ave. at Smith Place and continuing south to Goodale Ave.) We talked about the beauty of the area, the “urban” feel of the community that is so enticing to many, and the great festivals, Gallery Hops and other events that really attract people from all over. All are reasons **Bill** and I love living in the neighborhood! He told me about new restaurants and businesses potentially opening in the few blocks closest to us, and especially the new and remodeled residential units being built. There is a new condominium building about to be built literally right around the corner from our church on High St. It’s just one of several such buildings in process or completed in the Short North area. **John** was clear that from his standpoint the diversity of the community, including economic and racial diversity, was one of its greatest strengths, and is important to maintain. We feel much the same way about the diversity of New Life, don’t we!

I share all of this because we need to stay informed about what is happening in our community. All of this may make a difference in how we grow, change, or strengthen New Life’s ministries. It is important that we remain a haven for our neighbors, especially the ones who are homeless and living in poverty, as we provide food, clothing, and health care with compassion and consistency. Also, we need to be concerned that our neighbors who do not have many resources are not squeezed out of housing as property values and rent raise. At the same time, we need to be attentive to our new neighbors and how we can be inviting and welcoming to them. Our mission is **to love, welcome and serve ALL PEOPLE in the name of Jesus Christ**. To do so, we cannot always wait until people come to our doors, but must also go to them to extend that invitation to come and be part of our unique community of faith.

You will read in **Pastor Laura’s** article of an opportunity to go out into the neighborhood to offer the invitation to join us for Vacation Bible School. In the coming months, we will be exploring other ways of reaching out in Christ’s name and with Christ’s love to our neighbors who live in all different directions from our church (just like all of you do!).

In the meantime, pray for our neighbors, and for the healthy growth of our community. AND invite a friend or neighbor or relative to attend worship with you. In fact, many of you reading this article are not part of our worshipping community, so if you are looking for a church home, or simply wish to share in our ministry in another way, we hope you will join us at 10:30 on a Sunday morning. Whatever else we do, that personal invitation always bears the most fruit.

Grace and Peace,

From the Minister of Youth & Families

Pastor Laura Young-Moats (laurayoungmoats@yahoo.com)

Thank you, thank you, thank you all for the warm welcome, reception, and overwhelming support during my first month here at New Life UMC! I am overjoyed and extremely thankful to be here! In looking back on the events of the past five months, I see God's hand guiding me from Methodist Theological School and Church of the Messiah to my new church home here at New Life. My family and I are incredibly excited about the unlimited opportunities to be in ministry with this wonderful church family.

I am tremendously grateful to **Pastor Jennifer** and **Bill**, all the **Kathy's** and **Cathy's**, all the **Ed's**, **Dwight**, **Steve**, **Marlene**, **Robin**, **Doral**, **Gary**, **Vickie**, **Vincent**, **Don**, **Chris**, **Troy**, **Alice**, and *many others* who've helped orient me to New Life's ways; and, especially to all our children who are the reason I am here. Immediately, I saw that this church is extra-special. While swimming in the Haught's pool with a bunch of Young Disciples to celebrate our "Dive Into Reading" Club successes, I thought, "I'm getting paid for this?" I feel incredibly blessed to be with these special families.

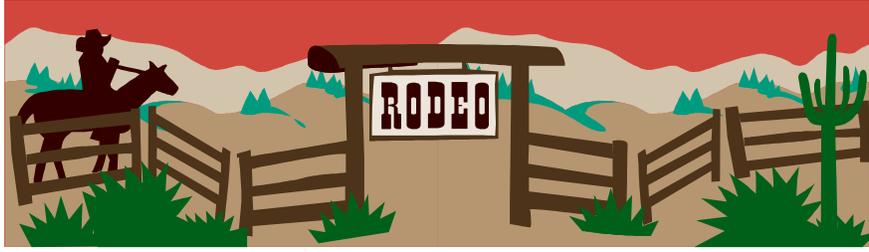
Not only have New Life members and friends welcomed me with open arms, our partners in ministry from many churches have overwhelmed me with generous help and expressions of appreciation for my commitment to grow and nurture the youth and family ministries at New Life. I will always do my best to live up to the trust *all of you* place in me and the investment you make in the families in our far-reaching neighborhood.

August is meet-the-neighbors month! Join my family and me as we canvass the blocks around the church inviting children to Vacation Bible School (August 20-24) and all our church programs. *Please commit to an after-dinner walk with us to extend invitations on August 14, 15, or 16 from 7-8:30 p.m.* Jesus said "Go out" and make disciples, so we'll GO OUT! We all embody "open hearts, open minds, and open doors" as we go.

VBS, "Plugged In," Sunday school classes, school-supply kits, mentoring, mission work, parents' night, pre-school/nursery care, and my first sermon (August 12—prayers, please!) are in the works. We are the church together, just like the song! Let me know what God might be calling you to do in our family ministries. Call or visit so we can get to know each other one-on-one as we continue to go out "two-by-two," as Jesus taught us.

—Love and prayers,

Pastor Laura



Avalanche Ranch:

A Wild Ride Through God's Word

August 20-24 (M-F*), 9 a.m.-12 noon

New Life United Methodist Church

25 West Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201 (614) 294-0134

Dear New Life UMC Parents and All Adults:

Be sure your young disciples, all the kids in your life, have a great Vacation Bible School experience this summer by going to Avalanche Ranch at New Life UMC! They'll find plenty of adventures at this week-long fun and educational experience. Each day young disciples will be part of fun Bible learning they can see, hear, touch, and taste! Games, crafts, songs, and treats are all geared to help faith grow into real life. Young disciples will choose a "daily challenge" as a way to live out what they've learned.

Avalanche Ranch is fun for young disciples of all ages; even teenagers will enjoy being crew leaders who helpers. Please sign up the young disciples in your life today! To register, call the church or e-mail Laura Young-Moats (laurayoungmoats@yahoo.com)

Love & Prayers, Pastor Laura

*Extended hours [9-3] for pool party on Thursday, Aug. 23



CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS HELP

Always, the effort, financial support, numerous donations and faithfulness of volunteers serving in the clothing room is greatly appreciated. Yet, there remains a great need for men's clothes, pants, short, tee-shirts, underwear and sox. Your help is needed.

Doctors Needed

We have now been offering basic medical services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during Breakfast for 3 months. With a 4 person team (greeter, "intake" person who takes vitals, doctor and prayer minister), we have been able to serve about 10 breakfast guests between 8 and 9 a.m. on those Sundays. Currently, we are in need of 1 or 2 more doctors to work in rotation with **Dr. Patty Conrad**, who has served as our physician thus far. If you are interested in living your discipleship by using your medical skills to care for people who are homeless and poor, please contact **Pastor Jennifer** at either 294.0134 or nwlifeumc1@att.net. Thank you!



**OUR
MEMBERS
IN ACTION**

A special thank you to **Jim Stewart** and **Don Hallman** for painting the parlor

Check out the new colors that bring out the beauty of the stained glass windows!

Fifth Annual Season Kick-Off Tailgate Party



The Buckeye Hall of Fame Café
(Between King and Fifth Avenues on Olentangy River Road)

Thursday, August 30, 2007 5-8PM

(Thursday night before the season opener with Youngstown State)

**To benefit people who are homeless and poor in Columbus
through the ministries of
New Life United Methodist Church at 25 W. Fifth Ave.**

Featuring a Variety of Ohio State University Football Related Celebrities including:
Brutus Buckeye, OSU Cheerleaders, OSU Pep Band

**Tailgate Food and Beverage buffet
A HUGE Buckeye Themed Silent Auction
And several hundred Buckeye Fans**

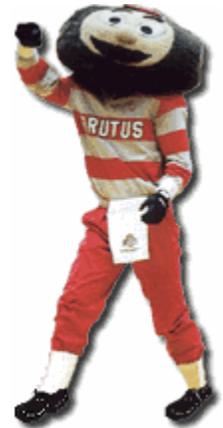
\$20 per ticket for Adults 18 and over

\$10 for Kids 5-17

Free for Kids under 5



BRING YOUR CAMERA



For Information and Tickets: Call 614-294-0134 or
email nwlifecumc1@att.net

Tickets are also available in the Gift Shop at The Buckeye Hall of Fame Café
and at a variety of Churches around Central Ohio.

GO Bucks!

Sponsored By
Buckeye Hall of Fame Café

Calendar of Events

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

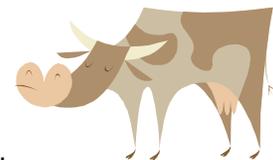
- Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,
Young Disciples Church, Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous
(1:30PM & 7:30PM), Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)
- Monday:s Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesdays: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)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

August Calendar

1	7:00 PM	Bible Study
2	2:00-4:00 PM	Young Disciples Reading Club
5	10:30 AM	Sacrament of Holy Communion
6-13		Pastor Jennifer on vacation
8	7:00 PM	Bible Study
9	2:00-4:00 PM	Young Disciples Reading Club
11	9:30 AM-12 PM	Clothing Room work day
12	7:45-9:00 AM	Medical care offered
14	7:00-8:30 PM	Neighborhood Canvas
15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00-8:30 PM	Neighborhood Canvas
16	2:00-4:00 PM	Young Disciples Reading Club
	7:00-8:30 PM	Neighborhood Canvas
21-24	9:00-12 PM	Vacation Bible School A Wild Ride through God's Word
22	7:00 PM	Bible Study
23	11:00AM-3:00 PM	Young Disciples Pool Party
26	7:45-9:00AM	Medical care offered
	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
29	7:00 PM	Bible Study
30	5:00-8:00 PM	BUCKEYE TAILGATE PARTY



FINANCIAL



NEWS

Report of the Treasurer

Jun 2007

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 12,318.27
Deposits	25,607.22
Withdrawals	<u>22,565.71</u>

Balance \$ 15,359.78

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in

Jun 2007 and Year

Total Plate	\$ 4,911.28	\$ 29,279.18
Friends	5,955.00	17,983.00
Partner Churches	3,951.94	31,932.73
Breakfast Ministry	1,530.00	7,570.45
Youth Ministry	4,364.00	8,825.00
Clothing Room	750.00	2,150.00
Parsonage Rent	575.00	6,160.00
Memorial Gifts	3,500.00	4,346.00
UMCOR	0.00	362.95
Computers	0.00	1,050.00
Group Meeting Income	20.00	2,235.00
Flowers	0.00	168.00
Maundy Thurs Service	0.00	368.42
Bluegrass Fundraiser	50.00	3,714.96
Chiller Fundraiser	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,555.12</u>

Total Receipts \$25,607.22 \$118,700.81

-Rebecca Naas,
Financial Sec'y

Balance Sheet Jun, 2007

Assets

City National checking acct	\$ 15,359.78
Savings & Investments	<u>139,173.64</u>
Total Assets	\$154,533.42

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$ 339.37
Operations	70,126.46
Youth Ministry Fund	36,085.65
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,419.24)
Memorial Fund	22,652.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund	18,155.12
Clothing Room Fund	8,962.13
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,182.97)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	1,091.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$154,533.42

Clothing Room Report June, 2007

Hours of Operation:

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

Weekday Guests	1511
Sunday Guests	<u>554</u>
Total	2065

NEW LIFE CHURCH
HAS A NEW EMAIL
ADDRESS

It is:
nwlifeumc1@att.net

Please make this
change in your
address book now.

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