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NEW LIFE NEWS

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Church



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

From The Pastor

How many people does it take to scramble 45 dozen eggs? Or toast 30 loaves of bread? Make 150+ peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for packed lunches? How many people does it take to serve 300 cups of coffee or endless pastries? Or, how about manage constant dips into cereal containers mixed with 15 gallons of milk? Or, how about to cook 50lbs of potatoes, 20lbs of sausage, haul truckloads of food, set 16 tables to look like a fine restaurant? Or, spend the week, especially Saturdays collecting and delivering bread and pastries from various locations in Central Ohio? Serve 150 neighbors in the Clothing Room each Sunday? Wash endless pots, pans and dishes? Haul loads of cardboard to be recycled and many bags of trash to the dumpster? Transport neighbors from all over the city? Minister with medical care and prayer? And do it all again next week? How many? Too numerous to count!

I, of course, am describing a week in the life of our Breakfast Ministry. Each Sunday for 16 years, during blizzards, 90+ degree days, malfunctioning boiler, etc., our doors have opened at 6:30am, welcoming close to 200 of our neighbors who are living in poverty, shelters or outside and who come for good food, comfortable safe space and the hope and love of Christ. The doors open each week thanks to the faithfulness of so many servants who come to put their faith into action, live the gospel call, and to learn a little bit about their neighbors and themselves in the process. We are so grateful to the partner churches who come on a regular rotational schedule, as well as one time servant groups.

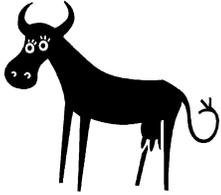
Currently, we are in a state of transition as some partner churches change their regularly "assigned" Sundays, move on to different ministries, or provide fewer volunteers. So, this provides an opportunity for some of our other partner churches to send a servant team to join us. At this time we are in need of volunteers on the first and fourth Sundays of every month. Teams with 8-12 people would be perfect, but more or less is just fine too! Even individuals from any church (or no church) would be welcomed and appreciated.

Please let me know when you would like to be part of this important and exciting ministry. Then, be ready to rise and shine to serve your neighbors at 6:30 on Sunday morning!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jennifer

From the Minister of Youth & Families



Wah-hoo! Avalanche Ranch – a wild ride through God’s word – came to New Life UMC August 20-24 with a herd of Young Disciples learning that God is real, with us, strong, awesome, and in charge! We ate breakfast and lunch together every day and made crafts, played games, sang songs, and had wild Bible adventures! The sanctuary turned into a western town and the assembly room was a barn.

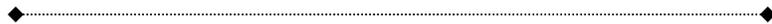
A stampede of “Wow Cows!” on our fence showed all the successes kids had with daily challenges to show God’s love at home. Many thanks go out to all the helpers and participants. It was a group effort! We used props, materials, and even snacks generously donated from Trinity UMC and Church of the Messiah UM, who did the same program we did. I’m already looking forward to next year’s VBS at New Life!



The week before VBS, we went out “two-by-two” and invited almost 400 neighbors to New Life UMC! Pastor Jennifer and I took New Life members, friends, and Young Disciples to meet the neighbors. We met lots of interesting people and had a blast! We’ll do it again!



Our Thursday “Dive into Reading” summer program encouraged our Young Disciples to read for hundreds of hours! Time together, two pool parties, and prizes from church and the Columbus Library rewarded the kids’ efforts.



School’s back in session! School supplies went out to over 200 neighborhood kids. “Plugged In!” begins with renewed energy. Come and see our newly refurbished computer lab in Room 10 with new computers and a printer. Mentors will walk alongside our Young Disciples *every Tuesday night from 6-8 p.m.* as

they navigate their new classes and are supported as they use their Christian faith to tackle life’s challenges. Call if you’d like to mentor students this year – we need your brains and your hearts! ♥



Children are the future of the church! Will you help create our future by ministering to children? We have a Port-a-Crib in the nursery now and have a lead on a changing table; but, most of all, we need people who love children to spread the love of Jesus Christ upstairs! I’ll see you there!

—Love and prayers,
Pastor Laura
(laurayoungmoats@yahoo.com)

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Tonight's successful event would not have been possible without the generosity of these great supporters. New Life Church, and our impoverished friends, say "Thank you" to each of these sponsors.

GO BUCKS!

Special THANKS go to:

David Tebay for having the idea for this event and for making it happen for five years.

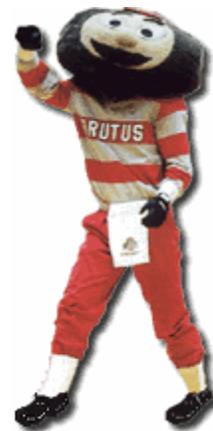
The entire Buckeye Hall of Fame staff for their wonderful support and tireless work every year.

John Self, the owner of the Buckeye Hall of Fame, for the many ways that he has supported this event from the beginning.

Jim Trimmer for organizing the Silent Auction.

Ron Speaks for gathering deserts from all over Central Ohio

And to everyone who donated items for the Auction.



Stand Up for an End to Executions

There is a statewide effort calling for a moratorium (to delay or stop) on the death penalty in Ohio. On September 26, people from across the state are gathering at the Statehouse to call upon our governor and legislature to stop executions.

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church states that “We believe the death penalty denies the power of Christ to redeem, restore, and transform all human beings. The United Methodist Church is deeply concerned about crime throughout the world and the value of any life taken by a murder or homicide. We believe all human life is sacred and created by God and, therefore, we see all human life as significant and valuable. When governments implement the death penalty (capital punishment), then the life of the convicted person is devalued and all possibility of change in that person’s life ends. We believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that the possibility of reconciliation with Christ carries through repentance. This gift of reconciliation is offered to all individuals without exception and gives all life new dignity and sacredness. For this reason, we oppose the death penalty (capital punishment) and urge its elimination from all criminal codes.

We are called to stand with others to advocate for true justice where people are held accountable for crimes committed but not in a way that perpetuates retribution and violence.”

The rally at the Statehouse begins at 12 noon on the 26th. For more information, see **Pastor Jennifer**.



Currently, the following items are needed in the New Life Clothing Room: razors, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, baby powder, diapers, toilet paper, used sheets and towels. The shelves are getting quite bare. There is a great need for men’s pants, shorts, and tee-shirts. And, always, always, always, socks and underwear are needed for men, women and children.

The effort, financial support, numerous donations and faithfulness of volunteers serving in the clothing room is greatly appreciated.

Vickie Moseley
Clothing Room Steward

Receiving New Members

Membership in a congregation is different from other organizations and clubs. There are no specific criteria or qualifications to meet. You do not pay dues. Only you can determine whether you are ready to join.

However, when you join, you are asked to make important promises:

- **Will you follow Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior?**
- **Will you support the church with your:**
 - Prayers—praying for one another, and for our mission and ministry
 - Presence—being present in worship, and in the general life of the church
 - Gifts—being faithful in giving financially. God asks of us what we are able to give, in response to all that God has given us—and sharing talents and spiritual gifts.
 - Service—finding some way of giving your time and talent to build up the church and its ministries.

Membership is about involvement and relationship. We commit to become part of the Body of Christ and love one another as God loves each of us.

If you are ready to make these commitments, or would like to explore the possibility of joining New Life, please speak with **Pastor Jennifer**.

Grants Received for New Computers

With a \$5,000 grant given to us by Church of the Messiah, we were able to purchase five newly refurbished computers, a new printer, and other equipment for our Computer Lab! When Plugged In starts this month, the computers will be up and running, thanks to our IT Team, **Bo Mannarino, Annie Kerregan** and **Chris Gillespie**! Certainly, having this equipment will make learning easier and more fun!



Calendar of Events

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

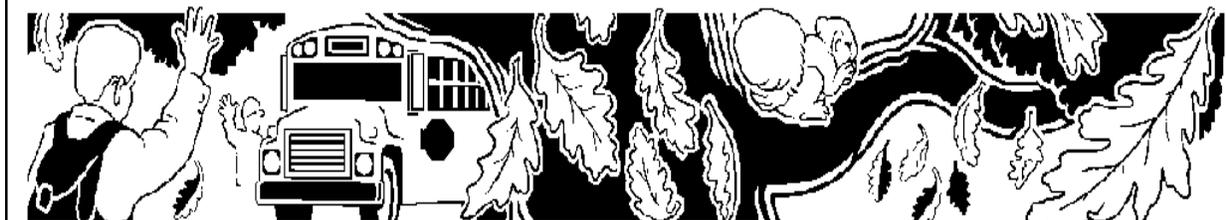
- Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,
Young Disciples Worship, Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous
(1:30PM & 7:30PM), Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)
- Mondays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesdays: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast, Plugged In (6-8PM),
Drummers Alcoholic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

Sep Calendar

2	10:30 AM	Sacrament of Holy Communion
3		LABOR DAY
5	7:00 PM	Bible Study
12	7:00 PM	Bible Study
14	7:45-9:00 AM	Medical care offered
15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
18-21		Pastor Laura on vacation
19	7:00 PM	Bible Study
26	7:00 PM	Bible Study
28	7:45-9:00 AM	Medical care offered
30	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner



FINANCIAL



NEWS

Report of the Treasurer

July 2007

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$14,787.24*
Deposits	24,162.99
Withdrawals	18,954.02

Balance \$19,996.21

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

* After bank reconciliation

Receipts in

July 2007 and Year

Total Plate	\$ 6,534.32	\$ 35,813.50
Friends	1,585.00	19,568.00
Partner Churches	3,757.67	35,690.40
Breakfast Ministry	761.00	8,331.45
Youth Ministry	8,325.00	17,150.00
Clothing Room	750.00	2,900.00
Parsonage Rent	1,100.00	7,260.00
Memorial Gifts	30.00	4,376.00
UMCOR	0.00	362.95
Computers	0.00	1,050.00
Group Meeting Income	820.00	3,055.00
Flowers	0.00	168.00
Maundy Thurs Service	0.00	368.42
Bluegrass Fundraiser	500.00	4,214.96
Chiller Fundraiser	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,555.12</u>

Total Receipts \$24,162.99 \$142,863.80

-Rebecca Naas,
Financial Sec'y

Balance Sheet July, 2007

Assets

City National checking acct	\$19,996.21
City National MM acct	113,249.30
Savings & Investments	26,662.38
Total Assets	\$159,907.89

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$419.67
Operations	72,690.31
Youth Ministry Fund	40,525.91
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,419.24)
Memorial Fund	22,682.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund	15,843.03
Clothing Room Fund	9,312.63
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,182.97)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	1,091.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	11,723.88
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$159,686.24

Clothing Room Report July, 2007

Hours of Operation:

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

Weekday Guests	1552
Sunday Guests	<u>699</u>
Total	2251

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