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

From The Pastor

A rare event took place in the church kitchen recently: I was in there cooking! For those who don't know, I don't cook. At all. But on this particular Tuesday morning, part of the usual crew (**Cathy Brunskill, Ed Phillips, Kathy Williams**) were "off," and others (**Ed Timmons, Ken Brooks**) had not arrived yet. So, **Steve Penn** and I (and ultimately **Bill Seiber**) were left to our own devices to see that all of the preparations were completed for our Hospitality Breakfast. It was about 20 minutes until the doors opened when I realized that we had not made any toast to serve our neighbors when they came pouring into the dining room. So there should have been at least 5 loaves already in roaster pans ready to serve. Surely I could handle toast! So, I turned on the large rotating toaster and got some bread lined up, only to discover that when it had finished going through the entire cycle that it was just barely warm. Oh — you have to turn up the temperature! So, second round — still not very toasted. I'm working on the same six pieces of bread, over and over! Starting to become anxious about the time, I got out one of our 4 slice toasters, only to discover that it was set too high, and burning the toast! So, finally I got both of those toasters going OK, but by then, I was barely through one loaf! I got out a second 4 slice toaster, and had to plug it in way at the other end of the counter so I didn't blow a circuit... meanwhile, the clock is ticking. As the process went on — put the bread in, take the toast out, remember to put more bread in, and don't forget about the big toaster — I began to look like Lucille Ball on "I Love Lucy" running back and forth from one end of the counter to the other, trying to fill 2 roaster pans with toast before 9 a.m.! "Cooking" can be VERY stressful!

OK, so I may have been a little over dramatic in my anxiety, but it did remind me of a couple of key values we have in New Life's ministries, and the Church in general. We are one Body, with Christ as our Head, made up of many members, multifaceted and interdependent, each bringing our own unique and diverse talents and energies to engaged in our shared ministry. Some have talents needed in the kitchen (not me!), others have gifts of music, teaching, and preaching. Still others offer their compassionate care giving, business minds, strong bodies, administrative skills, lifelong experiences in the church, and financial support. All of us come together as servants of Christ to live the gospel call to love God by loving our neighbors in need.

And, in the midst of the "organized chaos" that often describes our ministry, there is the presence of God, who is the God of Love and Hope and Strength and Peace. Thank you for sharing your gifts in the ministries of New Life. May your awareness and trust in God grow as a result.

-Pastor Jennifer

Sharing Our Crayons, Coats, and Computers Demonstrates Christ's Love

School is in full-swing now for all our Young Disciples and we are "Plugged In" to **J**esus, **E**ach other, **S**cripture, **U**nlimited success, and **S**chool! "Plugged In" is of course New Life UMC's mentoring program for kids (K-12). We meet Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. in our new computer lab and this is our schedule:

- 6:00-6:05, opening prayer, pair up with a mentor (one-on-one)
- 6:05-7:00, homework with mentor
- 7:00-7:15, snack and fellowship time
- 7:15-7:50, students' choice of continued homework (if necessary), educational games or tutoring, surfing the 'net (safely), fellowship time
- 7:50-8:00, clean-up, closing prayer

Life-long Learners Effectively Share the Gospel (Prayer, Care & Share!)

We are learning from each other, naturally engaging in both academic *and* theological (God-talk) education. Our conversations have included the relationship between Protestantism and Catholicism (the question was: "Are Catholics Christian [yes!]?"), what a Christian response might be if someone's mean at school, and our dreams for our future (this includes the adults!). At Plugged In, we help each other see an unlimited future filled with God's direction and grace. We learn together, give thanks for blessings, and pray for strength to overcome challenges. We know that with God all things are possible!

New Life's clothing room has now distributed nearly 300 school supply packets to local children. The abundant supplies we received this year are being shared with local schools for teachers to distribute as needed. This is a great way for New Life's youth and family ministry to connect with the local schools and partner with them to help meet children's many needs. I recently met with a local school psychologist and social worker; both said their kids always need school supplies, but really need coats, hats, and mittens. I relayed this to **Pastor Jennifer** who said, "We've got those!" So, we're inviting families in local schools to our Oct. 31 "Coat Extravaganza." Also, we will distribute hats, scarves, and mittens to as many kids as possible in our neighborhood schools. Send yours before the snow flies! And for fun, King Ave. UMC has organized a Halloween costume drive!

"Prayer, Care, and Share" is a simple formula for evangelism. We hold our youth and families in prayer, we care for each other – whether through crayons, coats, or computers – and when God leads us, we share the stories of Jesus Christ and the way he taught us to love one another. Experiencing God, our world, and each other in our church activities reminds us to be lifelong learners, a quality that helps us share the gospel on whatever path God leads us. Upcoming paths to join us on: Kickball Saturday, Oct. 6, Children's Sabbath Worship Service, Sun., Oct. 14, Crop Walk, Sun., Oct. 14, Parents' Dinner, Tues., Oct. 23 (during P.I.).

Love and prayers in October as always from **Pastor Laura**
(laurayoungmoats@yahoo.com)

Opportunities to Serve as Leaders in 2008

This is the time of year in which we begin to determine who will serve on our various committees and teams who are responsible for making decisions on behalf of the congregation, and who provide leadership in various areas of our ministry. Most of the committees only meet when necessary, so the number of meetings is minimal. HOWEVER, these committees are very important for two reasons: most of them are mandated by the Book of Discipline, and, there are important decisions that need to be made regarding staff issues, building needs, administrative issues related to our ministry, financial concerns, and the vision for future ministries. There are many vacancies and openings for more members including some committee chairpersons. **Key leadership positions that MUST to be filled are: Finance Committee chairperson and Staff/Parish Relations Committee chairperson.** If you would be willing to serve on any of the following committees, including as chairperson, please contact **Pastor Jennifer** at nwlifeumc1@att.net, or fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

Leadership opportunities:

Administrative Council – lead decision making committee on such things as budget, mission offerings, and changes in our ministry.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee – addresses all issues related to the pastors and other staff persons.

Committee on Lay Leadership – determines who will be asked to serve in various capacities. It is helpful if you know most of the people in the congregation.

Board of Trustees – addresses all matters related to the building and property.

Finance Committee – creates and manages the budget.

Ministry Board – individuals from several partner churches and New Life work together to strengthen partnerships with other churches, and create the vision for our future ministries.

Health Ministry Team – works together with people from other partner churches to develop our evolving health ministry. People with medical or health related professions are most helpful, but not necessary.

Persons from partner churches who are reading this: We would welcome your participation on either the Ministry Board or Health Ministry Team.

As a disciple of Jesus Christ and member of New Life, I am willing to serve on the following:

_____ Ad Council

_____ Staff/Parish Relations Committee

_____ Board of Trustees

_____ Committee on Lay Leadership

_____ Finance Committee

_____ Ministry Board

_____ Health Ministry

Name _____

Phone & E-mail _____

We celebrate the life of **Jessie Millner** (November 19, 1946 - September 21, 2007)
"Then the Master will say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your master.'" Matt. 25:23

Buckeye Tailgate Party provides needed resources for Breakfast Ministry

People left the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café on August 31st saying this was the best Tailgate Party we've had to date! The food was wonderful. Entertainment was great. Balloon Guy is still popular after all these years! The Silent Auction was full of unique items – more than ever before. Lots of partner churches and friends filled the room, making memories that will bring all of you back next year! **The profits to date are \$7,500!!** All of it will support the breakfast ministry on Sunday and Tuesday mornings. The Breakfast Ministry annual budget is currently about \$25,000, so one third of our expenses are covered with the money raised this one evening of great "Buckeye Fever" fun!! Thanks to all who sold and purchased tickets, our sponsors, donors and buyers of auction items (by the way, there are still a couple to be picked up!), **Bill Casto**, who handled much of the details, and especially the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café for their gracious hospitality and **Dave Tebay** (member of Meadow Park Church of God) for making it all happen!

Mark you calendar now for next year's event on August 28, 2008 – the Thursday before OSU football season opener! See you there!

New USED Bus at New Life Needs Drivers

Kieven Hill, a good and generous friend, has purchased a used 84 passenger school bus just for our use in New Life's Breakfast Ministry. This is a WONDERFUL gift to us and to our friends and neighbors from the shelters and the streets.

Kieven has been driving his own vehicles for many years as a part of our transportation fleet and the old blue "HILL FARM" bus just gave up and had to be scrapped. But, **Kieven** was determined to follow God's call to him for service in our ministry. So, we have this wonderful NEW (to us and to him) "HILL FARM" bus.

But **Kieven** is the ONLY person we know of who has the proper license to drive this very large school bus. He will drive it MOST of the time, but we need several substitutes for him for when he is out of town, ill or just needs a Sunday off.

SO, if you have a COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE with a CLASS B PASSENGER ENDORSEMENT and would like to sub occasionally on this duty, please let **Bill Casto** know at billcasto@worldnet.att.net. And if you can find ways to let your church members know of this need in order to help us recruit subs, that would be WONDERFUL.

FOURTH ANNUAL WINTER COAT EXTRAVAGANZA THIS MONTH!!

During this summer's sweltering days, when one is dripping with perspiration, winter coats are the furthest thing on our mind. Yet, it is time to begin collecting winter coats for New Life's Fourth Annual Winter Coat Extravaganza.

The Winter Coat Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, 9:00 -11:30am in New Life's dining room. (On Tuesday, October 30, the clothing room will be open and the continental breakfast will be served. The clothing room will **not** be open for shopping on Wednesday, October 31).

The success of this big and important event calls for many coats to be donated and numerous volunteers to give their time. Last year over 1000 coats were donated. Ski-type coats with hoods are the preferred style. Women's long wool coats are not very popular. **Men in particular like a larger size to wear over layers of clothes.**

Given the great number of coats donated and our lack of storage space, we are once more making a special request of all churches to please help in the following ways:

- Collect coats in advance and keep them at your church.
- Coats must be clean, gently used, with no missing buttons or broken zippers.
- Sort coats by men, women, children; mark with masking tape
- Size coats as much as possible; mark with tape
- Place on hangers, facing to the left with top button or snap fastened, hoods intact.
- Hangers may be borrowed from the clothing room.

**Deliver to New Life on: Sunday, October 28, 1:00-3:00pm
Monday, October 29, 9:00-12:00n or
Tuesday, October 30, 12:30-3:00pm**

We anticipate a large turn out. Last year 175 neighbors shopped and were given 313 coats on the day of the event. Over two hundred coats were given on the following Sunday and during the following week. All through the winter more coats were given, especially to men. So your generous support is needed and most appreciated.

Volunteers will be needed for the following days:

Saturday, October 27 9:00-12 noon getting coats out of storage
Sunday, October 28, 1:00-3:00pm receiving coats
Monday, October 29, 9:00-12:00noon receiving coats
Tuesday, October 31 12:30-3:00pm receiving coats, setting up the dining room

Last year a total of 81 volunteers from 10 churches helped with this event. It takes nearly 50 volunteers to keep everything running smoothly on the day the coats are given. The volunteers enjoy this day of sharing with our neighbors; their smiling faces and personal help is appreciated by those they serve.

To volunteer: contact Vickie Moseley at vickiemoseley@wowway.com or 614-766-0583.

We are looking forward to a successful event with the reward of knowing we are helping our neighbors keep warm during the cold of winter.

Blessings to all and many thanks for your cooperation, your coats and your help.

-Vickie Moseley, Clothing Room Steward

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:

Oct Calendar

3	7:00 PM	Bible Study
6	10:00-12:30 PM	Young Disciples Kickball game and picnic
7	10:30 AM	World Communion Sunday
10	12:30 PM	Clothing Room Luncheon & Training
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
14	10:30 AM	National Children's Day celebration
		CROP WALK
15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
17	7:00 PM	Bible Study
23	6:00-8:00 PM	Parents' Dinner
24	7:00 PM	Bible Study
27	9:00-12:00 NOON	Winter Coats Work Day
28	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
29	9:00-12:00 NOON	Winter Coats Work Day
31	9:00-12:00 NOON	COAT EXTRAVAGANZA
	7:00 PM	Bible Study



FINANCIAL



Report of the Treasurer

This report will appear in the November Newsletter

-Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in

Aug 2007 and Year

Total Plate	\$5,393.41	\$ 41,806.91
Friends	1,152.00	20,120.00
Partner Churches	4,291.67	39,982.07
Breakfast Ministry	278.00	8,609.45
Youth Ministry	725.00	17,875.00
Clothing Room	25.00	2,925.00
Parsonage Rent	1,135.00	8,395.00
Memorial Gifts	0.00	4,376.00
UMCOR	0.00	362.95
Computers	0.00	1,050.00
Group Meeting Income	420.00	3,475.00
Flowers	0.00	168.00
Maundy Thurs Service	0.00	368.42
African Children's Fund	67.35	67.35
Bluegrass Fundraiser	150.00	4,364.96
Chiller Fundraiser	0.00	2,555.12
Buckeye Fundraiser	<u>2,910.00</u>	<u>2,910.00</u>

Total Receipts \$16,547.43 \$159,411.23

-Rebecca Naas,
Financial Sec'y

Balance Sheet August, 2007

Assets

City National checking acct	\$4,119.55
City National MM acct	113,249.30
Savings & Investments	<u>26,662.38</u>
Total Assets	\$144,031.23

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$656.67
Operations	64,788.94
Youth Ministry Fund	32,496.68
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,419.24)
Memorial Fund	22,682.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund	15,644.97
Clothing Room Fund	9,337.63
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.	\$144,031.23

Clothing Room Report August, 2007

Hours of Operation:	
Sunday	7-9:30 am
Tues. & Wed.	9-11:30 am
Weekday Guests	1923
Sunday Guests	<u>528</u>
Total	2451

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