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# NEW LIFE NEWS

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New Life  
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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

Last year, our Administrative Council approved our participation in the annual Gay Pride Parade which takes place on Saturday, June 28 this year. Lineup begins at 11 a.m. at Goodale Park and at 1 p.m. the Parade travels downtown to Bicentennial Park. This is an occasion when people who are gay, lesbian and transgendered gather for support and camaraderie, and at the same time celebrate the diversity that exists within their community. It is also an occasion for the larger community to honor and respect these folks who are also sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, neighbors and friends, persons of faith and children of God.

New Life's mission is to **love, welcome and serve ALL people in the name of Jesus Christ.** We strive to be faithful to that mission with all who enter our church. But it is also important to communicate that mission beyond our walls. We are a ministry of hospitality where so many people have found a community to which they can belong and are accepted for the person God created them to be. This is true for persons of various races, ages, genders, cultural backgrounds, family structures, political points of view and sexual orientations. People who have much and who have little, those who grew up in church (ours or some other one) and people seeking a relationship with God for the first time, people who struggle with addictions or mental illnesses or issues of faith have all been embraced into our community of faith. We honor all people — members, friends, partners in ministry and neighbors in need — in all of our diversity, and celebrate each one's unique gifts and abilities with which God has blessed us.

We want to make sure that people know about New Life, hoping that they too will want to be part of a church where we as disciples of Jesus Christ live our faith by loving, welcoming, and serving ALL of God's children! And while this is only one way in which we work to make our church more visible in the community, it is an important way.

We will join North Broadway, King Avenue, Broad Street, and Maynard Avenue United Methodist Churches (and perhaps others) in representing our denomination and part of the Christian community in the parade. Several people in our congregation have already committed to walk or ride in our van, and I hope others — members and friends — will join us! If you would like to do so on the 28th, or have questions, please contact me at [nwlifeumc1@att.net](mailto:nwlifeumc1@att.net).

Grace and Peace,

## From the Minister of Youth & Families

“Be changed!”

The Ohio Historical Society suggests you will be changed when you study the Pulitzer Prize winning photographs on display now at the OHS through July 25. The Young Disciples and mentors experienced this exhibit on our “Fun First Saturday” event last month and it was a great opportunity to connect with one another and learn about important historical events. I do believe we were changed! The kids were excited and proud to find our own church member **Doral Chenoweth’s** photograph taken right here on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. in the exhibit of award-winning *Columbus Dispatch* photography. We discussed tough topics and we learned some tough truths. Violence and racism were the most talked-about subjects. Unfortunately, this is part of all our children’s lives; it’s imperative we offer the church’s healing potential to affect these insidious societal problems. I recommend the exhibit to everyone interested in being human! Each month, we do something fun on the first Saturday of the month. Many Saturdays in good weather are spent playing kickball and having lunch at Thompson Recreation Center.

In addition to being published in our New Life News, our Young Disciple **Destiny Ashley’s** essay on homelessness was printed by Columbus’s new street newspaper, *Street Speech*. You can see her picture there and read other stories about life in our church’s area. We are so proud of **Destiny** and all our Young Disciples!

We were thrilled to learn recently that New Life UMC’s Youth and Family ministries has been chosen by Church of the Messiah United Methodist in Westerville to receive another \$5000 grant! Last year they gave us money for computers for “Plugged In,” our tutoring and mentoring program; this year, the money will be spent revitalizing the nursery, which will include a paid staff position in the nursery Sunday mornings (9:15-11:45 a.m.) for one year, and a “Friday Night Live” event of games, music, and food for neighborhood kids, and a new Bible study and youth choir night. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me right away and get in on the exciting plans!

The children are going to “be changed” as the OHS exhibit promises. Let’s provide them with experiences that teach them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ and help them fend off our culture’s predominant messages of violence, sex, and materialism. As we learn and grow ourselves, let’s help all children we meet be changed in ways that emulate Jesus Christ, the Way-shower, the Truth, and our Light.



Love and prayers from *Pastor Laura*  
(laurayoungmoats@yahoo.com)

### June Events for Youth and Families

Sunday mornings, 6:30-9:30: Breakfast & Clothing Room Ministry (come volunteer!)

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:20: Sunday school for all ages, nursery care available

Worship as a Family! Sundays 10:30 a.m., nursery care available

Tuesday nights, 6-8, Plugged In Tutoring/Mentoring

Thursdays TBA, Bible Study and Youth Music Education/Choir Rehearsal

“Fun First Saturday”: June 7, 10-12:30, location TBA (COSI or kickball)

Fourth Friday: “Friday Night Live,” 6-8 p.m. (June 27)

## **Neighborhood Walk set for June 7**

We have a unique opportunity to work with other churches in connecting with our neighborhood this summer and fall through the organization **Faith Vote Columbus**. You have read reference to this organization in previous newsletters, but here is a simple outline of its mission and goals:

- 1. Injecting issues of poverty and social justice into state and national elections.**
- 2. Increasing voter turnout in urban precincts with histories of low voter participation.**
- 3. Recruiting and training volunteers to engage in neighbor-to-neighbor nonpartisan voter education campaigns on an ongoing basis.**
- 4. Maximizing the political power of disenfranchised communities.**
- 5. Protecting the right to vote.**

Faith Vote is a coalition of congregations, neighborhood associations and labor unions who work together toward these goals. **They are not campaigning for particular candidates -- in fact they are careful not to.** Instead, they work on getting out the vote, and influencing **all** of the candidates to take seriously the issues that are most important in improving the lives of those who are often overlooked -- particularly people living in poverty. Weinland Park is the neighborhood just east of High Street where several families who are part of our congregation and a majority of our neighbors who shop in the clothing room live. So, our church has a clear investment in improving the quality of life of our neighbors in that area.

Partnering with Faith Vote is a way in which New Life and our partner churches can be in ministry with our neighbors in a new way. In addition to responding to our neighbors' immediate physical needs, we can work toward justice by encouraging them to hold political candidates accountable to paying attention to the issues that have direct relevance to their lives, like health care and jobs and the economy.

**On June 7, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (which includes lunch) we will join with King Ave. United Methodist Church and Grace Baptist Church for a neighborhood walk.** After being trained, we will go in pairs throughout the Weinland Park neighborhood to encourage registered voters to vote in the general election. There will be other "walks" later in the summer and into the fall. Even if you feel that you are not interested in getting involved in "politics" this is still a great opportunity to say to our neighbors, "New Life United Methodist Church cares about you and your family." That is a message we want to communicate any way and anywhere we can!

**We will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the church parking lot to go together to Grace Baptist Church (1182 N. Sixth St.). AND we would love to have some of our friends from partner churches join us in this effort! For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer (nwlifeumc1@att.net).**

## New Directory

A new directory of members and friends has been published! Copies are available at church, or you may call the church office to request one. As is always the case, as soon as it goes to print, there are changes and corrections to be made. We ask that you check the information we have for you -- both your address, phone number(s) and e-mail address, and your birthday and anniversary listed in the back -- and let us know if any changes need to be made. (*Please note that there are individuals who have asked that their address and/or phone number be left unpublished.*) Here are some that have already come to our attention:

## MEMBERS

### **Corrections:**

Collette Davidson  
mobile phone number: 832-4747

Chris Nichols  
mobile phone number: 257-8085

Crystal Robinson  
home phone number: 352-9722

Erin and Darius Williams  
(Allie, Whitney, Max, Adrienne)  
home phone number: 754-7959  
mobile phone number: 286-0278

Kathy Williams  
739 S. Front St  
Columbus, OH 43206  
no phone

**Addition:**  
Steve Penn  
6919 Greenleaf Dr, Apt D-3  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-2244

## FRIENDS

### **Correction:**

Kelly McLoughlin  
1818 Messner Drive  
Hilliard, OH 43026-8378  
mobile phone number: 266-5570  
e-mail address: [kelly.mcloughlin@kimballmidwest.com](mailto:kelly.mcloughlin@kimballmidwest.com)  
[kellyannmc@gmail.com](mailto:kellyannmc@gmail.com)

## BIRTHDAYS

Jim Trimmer                      June 19  
Terry Knowlton                  June 28

## Reception for Rev. Laura Young-Moats

At Annual Conference this month **Pastor Laura** will be commissioned as the first step in the process toward ordination as an elder. To celebrate this major accomplishment, and her ministry among us (July 1<sup>st</sup> is her one year anniversary!), there will be a reception **after worship on June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, hosted by the Staff/Parish Relations Committee. We'd love for some of our friends from partner churches to come to the celebration, as well as worship with us prior to the reception at 10:30 a.m.

## Calendar of Events

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

- Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship (NURSERY CARE PROVIDED), 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:

### June Calendar

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| 1    | 10:30am       | Sacrament of Holy Communion  |
| 4    | 7:00pm        | Bible Study  |
| 7    | 9:30am        | Faith Vote Neighborhood Canvassing                                   |
| 7    | 10am-12:30pm  | Fun First Saturday for Young Disciples                               |
| 7-14 |               | Pastor Laura on vacation<br>(when not involved in Annual Conference) |
| 9-12 |               | Annual Conference at Lakeside Ohio                                   |
| 11   |               | NO Bible Study   |
| 15   |               | Happy Father's Day<br>Newsletter Deadline                            |
| 18   | 7:00pm        | Bible Study  |
| 21   | 9:30am        | Ministry Board Meeting   |
| 22   | 12:00pm       | Reception for Pastor Laura   |
| 25   | 7:00pm        | Bible Study  |
| 27   | 6:00pm-8:00pm | FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE for Young Disciples                                |
| 28   | 1:00pm        | Pride Parade   |
| 29   | 3:00pm        | Sunday Family Dinner   |

*Honor Your Father*



### From the Clothing Room Steward

Thank you to organizers of United Methodist Church rummage sales who have shared needed clothing room items: Linworth, Hilliard, Trinity, Worthington, and Whitehall. The special effort made to reserve these items for the clothing room is very much appreciated as are those who deliver them to New Life. Also a very special thank-you for the members of PhiU/OSU who have given generously of their time and effort on Saturday work days.

For the second year, an Upper Arlington student has made the New Life Clothing Room a Capstone Project. Capstone is a special program for senior students to integrate their individual skills and academic accomplishments into a service for the community. **Katherine Troll** collected clothing for the Clothing Room and sorted clothes on numerous work days. She also got her mother and brother involved. All aspects of her project; promotion, advertising and collecting, delivering and even putting the clothes on the racks were her responsibility.

Acknowledging that this has been a rewarding experience for her, **Katie** shares her insight as follows: "It's amazing how many people we can help through this one church and how much it changes our neighbors' lives. It was really great to be a part of it all and be able to contribute my time to such a worthwhile cause." It is thrilling to see our young people "turned on" by serving others. Thank you, **Katie**, for sharing in our mission. We wish you success in your college experience at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and a lifetime filled with serving others in various ways.

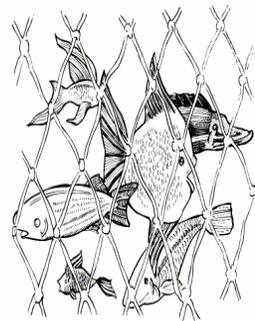
Please remember winter clothing will be accepted in mid-September. New volunteers are always welcome on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30-11:30 and 12:30-2:30 on Tuesdays.

**-Vickie Moseley**

### West Ohio Annual Conference

The West Ohio Conference annual meeting will be held at Lakeside, Ohio June 8 through June 12. During this time, pastors and lay people will discuss, debate and vote on resolutions regarding social issues, programs in the local churches, and business and financial matters; worship together and learn from key speakers; celebrate the commissioning and ordination of deacons and elders; fellowship together and enjoy beautiful Lake Erie. And we thank **Marlene Haught** for serving as our lay delegate this year.

The theme for this year's annual conference will be "**Love First.**" As the author of 1 John writes, "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another...; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us." (1 John 4:11-12) In keeping with this theme, there will be a **Love First Offering** taken for Nothing But Nets and four churches in Cambodia and Vietnam. New Life will give \$250 from our special offering for Nothing But Nets in May.



# FINANCIAL



# NEWS

## Report of the Treasurer April 2008

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$7,625.23
Deposits	20,397.57
Transfers	3,000.00
Withdrawals	<u>19,895.70</u>
Balance	\$11,127.10

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in	<u>April 2008</u>	and <u>Year</u> Total
Plate	\$4,624.47	\$21,898.14
Friends	1,760.00	5,245.00
Partner Churches	1,788.40	13,267.00
Breakfast Ministry	1,508.00	2,484.00
Youth Ministry	2,800.00	17,216.24
Clothing Room	25.00	1,000.00
Parsonage Rent	575.00	2,300.00
Memorial Gifts	00.00	250.00
Group Meetings	495.00	1,880.00
Chiller Fundraiser	0.00	508.00
Healthcare Ministry	2,500.00	11,010.00
Easter Flowers	00.00	145.00
Maundy Thursday	00.00	545.00
Easter on 5th	00.00	95.00
Nothing But Nets	25.00	25.00
Bluegrass Concert	4,296.90	4,296.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,397.59</b>	<b>\$82,165.28</b>

-Rebecca Naas  
Financial Sec'y

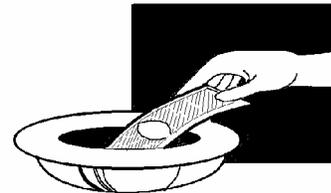
## Balance Sheet April 2008

### Assets

City National checking acct	\$11,127.10
Savings & Investments	<u>171,155.64</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$182,282.74</b>

### Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$1,097.45
Operations	91,782.42
Youth Ministry Fund	33,329.58
Misc. Ministry Fund	(11,419.24)
Memorial Fund	23,192.00
Health Ministry Fund	3,987.24
Breakfast Ministry Fund	19,464.28
Clothing Room Fund	10,078.28
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,044.17)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	1,091.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>	<b>\$182,282.74</b>



## Clothing Room Report April 2008

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

Weekday Guests	1804
Sunday Guests	<u>612</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2416</b>

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