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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

You will read in **Pastor Laura's** and **Vickie Moseley's** articles on the following pages details about an exciting project taking place June 22-28 here at New Life. There will be significant renovations and improvements in the Clothing Room and Dining Room during that week, thanks to Grace United Methodist Church in Perrysburg who have chosen New Life as their mission trip location. We are all excited about what the finished product will look like and how it will improve the atmosphere, particularly in the Dining Room.

One of our central values and commitments is to be a ministry of hospitality. That is expressed in our mission statement to "love, welcome and serve all people in the name of Jesus Christ." Hundreds of people enter our building each week for meals, clothing, health care, spiritual care, and simply seeking a safe haven. We seek to treat each person as a valued child of God, and to share with them the love of Christ in tangible and intangibly.

We offer hospitality in many different ways, and I think creating a more attractive appearance in the Dining Room will be another way we can do so. We know that walking into an attractive room, restaurant, etc. makes us feel good, and we enjoy being there a lot more than if it were otherwise. We saw this happen when we renovated the Clothing Room — people were amazed at the transformation, and it actually seemed to raise their spirits to come into a bright and beautiful space. I believe the same thing will happen when our neighbors enter the Dining Room on Sunday, June 29 for breakfast. What a wonderful gift that will be to us to welcome our neighbors into a more beautiful and hospitable space.

And speaking of beautiful, there will be a new wall where the curtain currently separates the dining room from the storage room/lunch production space/health ministry "clinic" area —the future Pantry. We will be looking for artists to design a mural for that wall. The goal is to have a mural that expresses who we are as a church, and the spirit of our ministry. If there are any artists out there, I would love to talk with you about your ideas.

God continues to bless us with people who want to share their time, energy and talents in the ongoing mission and ministry of New Life. God also continues to bless us with the opportunity to be in ministry with many of our neighbors who are in need. I am grateful for all of these blessings.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jennifer*

From the Minister of Youth and Families

Dear Friends,

The *Youth Ministry Institute at Methodist Theological School in Ohio* creates a wonderful network of pastors who care about youth and their families.

Church of the Savior **Pastor Becky Piatt** in Westerville told **Pastor Josh Funk** at *Grace UMC* in Perrysburg about the ministries at New Life UMC. Forgoing a more expensive mission trip to New York, the senior high youth and adults decided to do a mission trip “in their own back yard,” by coming to Columbus to support our ministries with our neighbors. **Josh, Bill Casto, Pastor Jennifer, Vickie Moseley, Chuck Belding, Sherri Benedict, Gary Sansbury, Dwight Richardson** and I got to work creating a list of jobs they could do around New Life and it’s turning out to be a fruitful plan to spruce up the church.

Grace folks will be painting, putting up drywall, building new shelves, installing new doors, cleaning the entire lower level of the church, etc., and they will be leading an urban-themed vacation Bible school June 22-26, 4-6 p.m. The curriculum and teaching materials for “Walk it Out!” will be provided for our neighborhood youth by **April Olt** at *King Ave. UMC*. What a blessing for our church!

Another partner church, *North Broadway UMC* where **Pastor Deborah Stevens** leads, is housing the Grace youth and adults as a mission contribution to New Life!

King Ave. UMC, Maple Grove UMC, Worthington UMC, and Church of the Messiah UM, will provide dinners for the 57 or so Grace members at their temporary home at North Broadway UMC. We give thanks to God for our partners who make this possible!

Another example of our connected churches made it possible for **Joe and Mary** and baby **Darius** (pictured in last month’s newsletter) to furnish their first apartment! **Wally Life** at *Worthington UMC* connected with **Jenny Whitmoyer** of Delaware at Strader’s Garden Center in Powell, when he solicited and received a donation for our Blue Grass auction in April. This led to **Jenny** providing the furniture for their new apartment. We celebrate the blessing of housing for our church community, where food and shelter are prayed for regularly. It is a blessing to see a family set up in their new apartment and we are thrilled to be able to facilitate this through our wider church family.

God blesses our youth each day and we give thanks for the many hands and feet God leads to our doorstep to serve for the purpose of strengthening families’ lives. This helps provide glimpses of the Kingdom of God here in Columbus and beyond.

Opportunities for ministry with our youth and families include:

- Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday lunch, kids choir, and Bible study, 11:30 a.m. -1p.m.
- Sunday (last), 3-5 p.m., “Sunday Family Dinner”
- Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m.: “Plugged In” tutoring/mentoring (K-12)
- Friday (4th), 6-8 p.m.: “Friday Night Live!”
- Saturday (1st), 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m.: “Super Saturday” sports/culture/fun event

Love and prayers from *Pastor Laura*

laurayoungmoats@yahoo.com

Clothing Room Closed and Help Needed

Because of the Work Camp the clothing room will be closed on Tuesday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 24 of that week. We will be open on Sunday, June 21 and Sunday 28.

On Saturday, June 20, volunteers will be needed to prepare the clothing room for cleaning.

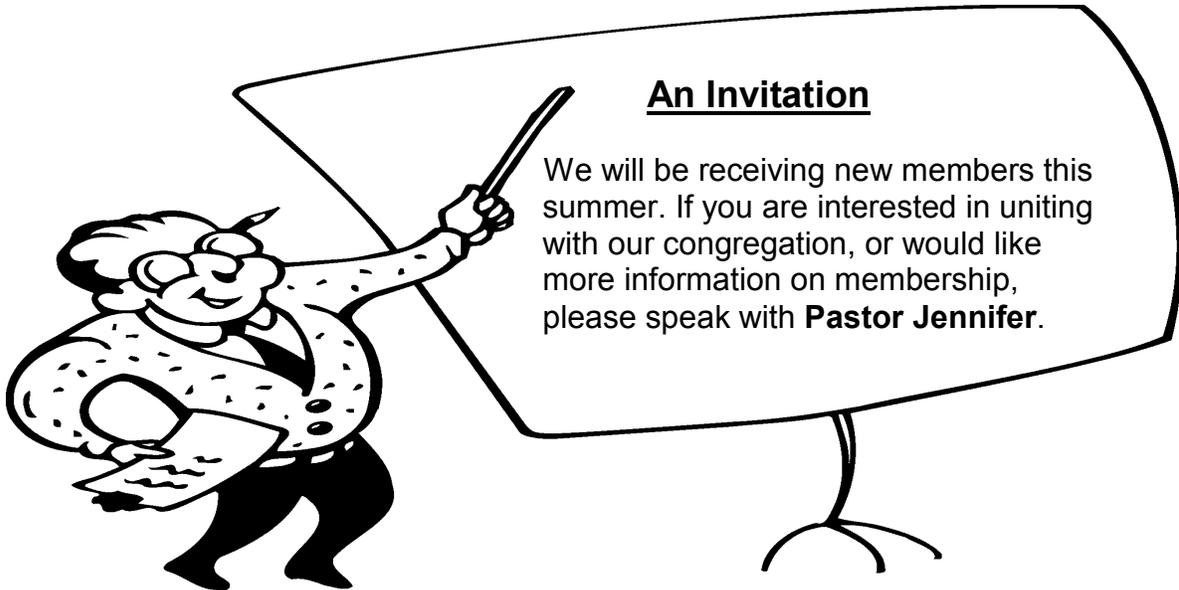
A work day to put everything in proper order will be announced by email at a later time.

WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ANY DONATIONS WHICH ARE BROUGHT TO THE CLOTHING ROOM FROM JUNE 10 THROUGH JUNE 27.

This gift is much needed and we are most grateful for the helping hands of the Grace United Methodist youth and adults. We look forward to a great time of fellowship and getting important work done. Knowing we can depend upon the help and cooperation of our volunteers and partner churches during this special project, we thank each of you.

In addition, please be reminded that winter clothing will be accepted beginning in September. Storage space remains at a premium.

With Joy, **Vickie Moseley**
Clothing Room Steward



Special Appeal!

Volunteers are still needed for Tuesday Hospitality Breakfast, particularly at 6:30am to help with preparations, and from 10:30am to noon to serve later arriving neighbors and help with cleanup.

Contact **Pastor Jennifer**
(nwlifeumc1@att.net) or just come!



West Ohio Annual Conference

The West Ohio Conference annual meeting will be held at Lakeside, Ohio June 8 through June 11. 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. We thank **Marlene Haught** and **Greg Allenby** for serving as our lay delegates this year.

The theme for this year's annual conference will be "**Love First: Developing Leaders.**" 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 to be used to support clergy and lay leadership training in our mission partnerships in Southeast Asia, the North Katanga Conference in the Congo, the Oriental Conference in Mexico and the Volga District in Russia. A portion of the offering will also be used to support West Ohio Conference's Next Generation leadership development programs. Our Administrative Council will decide on our congregation's contribution to the Love First Offering at its June meeting.

Lower Level of Church CLOSED Monday through Friday June 22-26.

Because of the Work Project which is going on that week there will be no Clothing Room hours and Tuesday Breakfast will be served Continental style outside on the East Dock. All 12 Step Groups will meet on the First Floor of the church.

**New Life recognized by
The Columbus Foundation**



New Life UMC is honored to be listed as a charitable organization on The Columbus Foundation's PowerPhilanthropy webpage.

This means that individuals may contribute to New Life's ministries via The Columbus Foundation.

Anyone interested in contributing can go to The Columbus Foundation's website (www.columbusfoundation.org) and click on "Give." There is a process to register as a donor, and then you are able to browse and contribute to the many charitable organizations listed in the PowerPhilanthropy database. This will be particularly helpful during the times when they match all donations.

You can also access their website by clicking on the link on the home page of the church's website: www.newlifeunitedmethodist.org.

We thank **Jill Geiger**, member of the grant team, for her persistence in making this possible.



**BIG THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS FROM
HILLIARD AND LINWORTH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

John Blakely and **Dennis Devine** (from Linworth) and **Grant Fish** and **Richard Mason** (from Hilliard) have made significant improvements the New Life kitchen and Clothing Room in the last month.

Kitchen improvements have included several new shelves and closet space (all constructed and donated by the Hilliard group).

Clothing room improvements have included new shelving for storage in the hallway to the Men's Restroom (constructed and donated by the Linworth group).

It was noted by one of the volunteers in the Clothing Room that "These shelves will be here even if the church falls down!" Actually, the same could be said of all of the newly installed improvements.

THANKS to these four men and to all who helped them accomplish these much needed improvements.

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 (9PM)
- Saturdays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

In addition to our weekly scheduled ministries and meetings as listed above, please note these dates:

June Calendar

4	7:00 PM	Ad Council meeting
6	10:30 AM	Young Disciple's Fun First Saturday
7	10:30 AM	Worship—Sacrament of Holy Communion
8-11		West Ohio Conference @ Lakeside, OH
10		NO Bible Study
15		Newsletter deadline
21		HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
22-26	4:00-6:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
22-27		Basement closed (Clothing Room & Basement)
22-28		Grace UMC Youth Work Team here
24		NO Bible Study
26	6:00-8:00 PM	Young Disciple's Friday Night Live
28	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
29-July 6		Pastor Jennifer on vacation



FINANCIAL



NEWS

Report of the Treasurer April, 2009

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,500.80
Deposits	*33,239.53
Withdrawals	<u>23,594.05</u>
Balance	\$ 17,146.28

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

*Includes transfer from savings

Receipts in	<u>Apr 2009</u>	<u>and Year</u>
Total Plate	\$6,783.32	\$24,906.29
Friends	840.00	4,185.00
Partner Churches	2,760.00	10,851.96
Breakfast Ministry	244.00	3,113..50
Youth Ministry	350.00	3,690.00
Clothing Room	25.00	765.00
Parsonage Rent	0.00	1,150.00
Healthcare Ministry	12,500.00	26,115.46
Memorial Fund	0.00	375.00
Insurance Reimburse	0.00	12,493.76
Flowers	92.50	244.00
Maundy Thursday	547.75	547.75
Easter	35.00	35.00
Christmas Offering	0.00	30.00
Group Meeting	20.00	1,330.00
Youth Skating Party	0.00	958.00
Bluegrass Concert	<u>4,041.96</u>	<u>5,045.96</u>
Total	\$28,239.53	\$95,836.68

-Rebecca Naas,
Financial Sec'y

Balance Sheet April, 2009

Assets

City National checking acct	\$ 17,146.28
Savings & Investments	<u>152,841.97</u>
Total Assets	\$169,988.25

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$ 2,115.89
Operations	81,654.46
Youth Ministry Fund	9,762.77
Misc. Ministry Fund	(11,726.04)
Memorial Fund	23,567.00
Health Ministry Fund	27,031.94
Breakfast Ministry Fund	22,052.60
Clothing Room Fund	5,639.25
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,924.52)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	1,091.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$169,988.25

Clothing Room Report April, 2009

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

Weekday Guests 1845
 Sunday Guests 532
 Total 2377

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