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NEW LIFE NEWS

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United
Methodist
Church



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

From The Pastor

It never ceases to amaze me how many people from our congregation and from partner churches offer their time and talents to help improve the appearance and efficiency of our building, and who take responsibility for seemingly insignificant, yet essential tasks to keep ministry running smoothly. Well, at least a bit more smoothly! There is no way I can name all of you who fit this description, but wanted to publicly thank a few people for their work.

Long before the youth from Perrysburg arrived, **Grant Fish** and other members of the men's group at Hilliard United Methodist Church installed additional shelving in various areas of the kitchen (**Chuck Belding**, Sunday Breakfast Ministry Coordinator would likely say strategic areas). **Richard Mason**, also a member of the men's group and a long time volunteer at breakfast, completed the transformation from what used to be a grungy mop and broom closet into a beautiful pantry for Breakfast essentials.

Tom Poole, member of King Avenue United Methodist Church and new coordinator of Tuesday morning Breakfast, also has claimed the task of taking all of the recyclables from the week to the recycling center. And it's a lot — each week we fill one of our vans with items to be recycled. **Tom's** sons **Josh** and **Sam** had a good time going up in the rafters over the ceiling of the sanctuary to change all of the light bulbs recently.

Josh McSeveny, a junior in High School (his family are members of Worthington United Methodist Church), and **Bo Mannarino**, member of King Avenue United Methodist Church, our IT experts, spent hours fixing the computer network after a piece of faulty equipment had to be replaced. After 8 days without internet at church, **Pastor Laura** and I were very grateful for the hours they put into getting us reconnected!

Doug Mays, who is a member of the New Life Family, is **Vickie Moseley's** "right hand man" in the Clothing Room. He is among the first to arrive on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and prepares the Clothing Room and sorting area for operation. He also straightens up the Clothing Room between Breakfast and Worship so it's ready for Tuesday. Any special tasks **Vickie** needs to be done, **Doug** is on it. He has also taken on more of a leadership role in the Clothing Room on Sunday mornings.

I am grateful for these individuals and so many others who invest in the ministries of New Life with their time, talent and resources in ways people may never know, but in doing so make an noticeable difference in the overall operations of ministry.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

From the Minister of Youth and Families

Have you toured the children's library at New Life recently? It's located in Room 7 on the second floor. The donated resources in the library are phenomenal! Many people have devoted their time to donating and sorting these books for the congregation, especially the children. Now is the time to borrow a few books and learn. Learn about the Bible, learn about an author, learn about history, or escape into a fictional world. Discover the joy of reading.

Each month throughout the school year a theme will be chosen to draw attention to social studies, holidays, school subjects and award-winning authors. Information on the chalkboard and table will direct you to books that will accentuate the chosen themes.

The books are organized by author's last name, young children's board books and Bible-based categories. Any books that you remove from the library shelves should be returned to the "book return" bin next to the bookshelf. When you check out a book for reading outside the library, please make note on the clipboard attached to the book return bin.

New Life's children's library is a comfortable environment where peaceful reading and learning can take place. Please check out your new library and read a book today!

-Leah Miller, Librarian

Thanks to every one who helped make this new library possible and to **Leah** for taking the leadership as our Librarian.

Love and prayers from *Pastor Laura*

laurayoungmoats@yahoo.com

Dear Friends,

During the month of July 2, 269 neighbors were served in the New Life Clothing Room. That is a lot of underwear and socks! The increased number of neighbors shopping means that our supplies diminish rapidly. Once again we must ask for your generous donations of clothes, toiletries and household linens.

Donations of the following will be greatly appreciated:

-Men's clothes in all sizes: jeans and heavy duty pants, tee- shirts (especially 2x-4x), golf shirts, heavy shirts, light weight jackets, sweat shirts, shoes size 9-15

-White crew socks for men, women and children. Women's panties size 5-8, men's underwear size small, medium, large and extra large

-Bath towels, wash cloths, sheets, blankets

-Deodorant, large tooth paste, large lotion, large shampoo, foot powder, shaving cream and razors

All clothes should be clean and folded rather than stuffed in a bag or box. It is most helpful if men's, women's and children's clothes are bagged separately and marked.

Please note that we will no longer be accepting toys.

Your generous acts of giving lets us minister to our neighbors and fulfill our mission of following the command of Jesus to "clothe the naked". You have our heartfelt appreciation.

Blessings,

Vickie Moseley, Clothing Room Steward

Welcome 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, but discern what God is calling upon you to give. 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, Presence,
Gifts and Service?**

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.

Four people made this commitment in August:

Larry and Pearl Ogletree, who have been active in our breakfast ministry for a couple years. **Larry** is now a volunteer at Tuesday breakfast, and was VERY helpful when the youth group from Perrysburg was here. **Pearl** shares her spiritual gift of encouragement and affirmation with everyone she meets. **Greg Kellison** recently moved here from Atlanta. He read about us on the internet, and decided to come because we are an inclusive church. **Greg** brings a variety of business skills, and a clear sense of mission, which opens the door to many ways he can use his gifts in our ministry. **Ellen Page**, who has been active in many of our ministries for some time, and blesses us with her gift of compassion toward everyone.

We welcome them and celebrate that they have made New Life their church home.

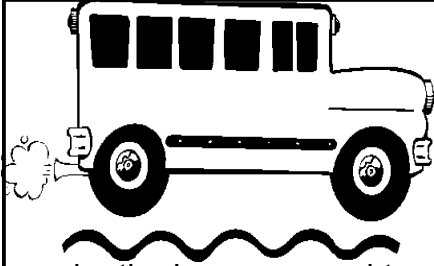
The Community Ministries Festival and Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Sep 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m. North Broadway United Methodist Church

According to **Beth Weisbrod**, the director, "Community Ministries is our district mission organization which assists local churches in serving where God is calling them to serve, in and with the local community." New Life, recognized as a Metro Ministry Center, receives \$10,000 a year to support our outreach ministries.

At this event, New Life will have 2 displays — one for our youth ministry and one for our outreach ministries — along with many other churches who are also engaged in mission. During the celebration, we will be invited to bring an object representing our outreach ministry to place on the altar. This will be a way to recognize that partnerships are essential to who we are in ministry. That is certainly true. New Life has over 30 churches and organizations who partner together to feed, clothe, provide health care, and most importantly the hope and love of Jesus Christ to our many neighbors in need.

Pastor Jennifer, Pastor Laura and **Tim Holcomb**, our Community Ministries representative, will be attending, and it would be wonderful for others to join us for this dinner and program. Tickets are \$10 in advance. Please let **Pastor Jennifer** know by September 13 if you're interested in attending.



VAN MINISTRY

One of the central values of our ministry is hospitality. That's why the tables are set when people enter the dining room, why we serve them at their tables, learn

each other's names, and treat each other with respect and kindness. Another way is by providing transportation to and from the church for folks staying in shelters, on the land, low income housing, the YMCA and YWCA, and others. This is why our vans are so important in our ministry on Sunday mornings. We also use our vans on Tuesdays to transport kids to Plugged In, and whenever they go on field trips. So, in addition to hospitality, we keep safety in mind.

We have a 1992 Ford and 1996 Dodge van. In August, one needed new tires, and the other new brakes. We are grateful to Miller's Marathon station in Upper Arlington (owners are members of St. Luke's UMC) for maintaining our vans as economically as possible. Financial support for the upkeep of our vans is one way to invest in our ministry with people in need, and children. OR, is your church looking to replace your 15 passenger van? Please consider giving your current one to New Life.

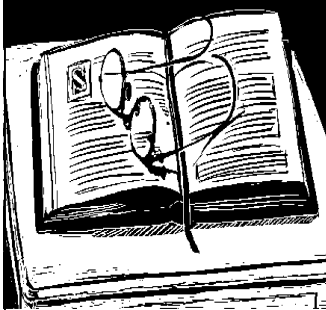
A special thanks to our primary drivers: **Greg Allenby, Bill Casto, John Lenz, Ed Timmons.**

Have you looked at our website lately?

Many of you read the newsletter online. But have you looked at the other pages on the website?

- On the **Calendar page**, there is now a 3 month calendar of all church events.
- On the **Worship page**, you can find the lectionary readings for each Sunday.
- On the **Home page**, there is a link to PowerPhilanthropy. Click on that link to find out ways that you can contribute to New Life through the Columbus Foundation.
- Also on the **Home page**, scroll down to find a link to a few of **Pastor Jennifer's** sermons.
- Have you looked at the great multimedia presentation by **Doral Chenoweth** accessible via the **Breakfast Ministry page**?
- We've also updated the pictures on the headings of each page. Take a look— you might just find a picture of you!

Also on our site is a "Personal Stories" page. Read some personal testimonies of how God has worked in people's lives through the ministries of New Life. **Is there a way that you have been touched by our ministry that you could share?** Send it to nwlifeumc1@att.net and we will post it.



A MUST READ” Book

I have recently savored (and so have others around New Life, including **Jennifer**) a book entitled “**same kind of different as me**” by **Ron Hall** and **Denver Moore**.

This is the wonderfully captivating (I, and others, could not put it down!) story of the meeting, loving and learning from each other of two very unlikely men and a woman – **Ron** and his partner **Deborah**, and **Denver**. **Ron** and **Deborah** live a privileged life, while **Denver** lives on the streets. They meet at a soup kitchen. They walk a road from learning to be civil to each other to living together and loving each other and **Jesus**.

This is a book which is at the very heart of what we are about at New Life. I often say that we are not JUST about serving eggs and giving away socks. We are about learning to live together in community with those who we are most UNLIKELY to live with anywhere else but at New Life. We are about building relationships across lines which have long been walls between us and those we think are so different from us. We are about loving others (especially those who we find most difficult to love) and, in doing so, learning to love **Jesus** more.

Denver is difficult. **Ron** does not want to serve in difficult situations. **Deborah** knows that she has been called to serve at the soup kitchen and chooses **Denver** as her ‘project.’ **Denver** does not like to be the recipient of **Deborah** and **Ron’s** special attention. But over a long period, and with much help from God through **Deborah**, they grow very close and go through the rest of life’s joys and pains holding hands – laughing and crying TOGETHER.

Please read this book, if you want to know more about why God has called us to do and be what we are doing and being at New Life. I promise that, once you start it, you will not be able to put it down and you will laugh and cry along side **Denver**, **Ron** and **Deborah**, and **Jesus**.

-Bill Casto

Buckeye Season Opener Tailgate Party
Thursday, September 3 5-8 p.m.
@ Buckeye Hall of Fame Café
Tickets: Adults \$20, Kids 5-17 \$10, Under 5 free
DON’T MISS IT!!
GO BUCKS!



Calendar of Events

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

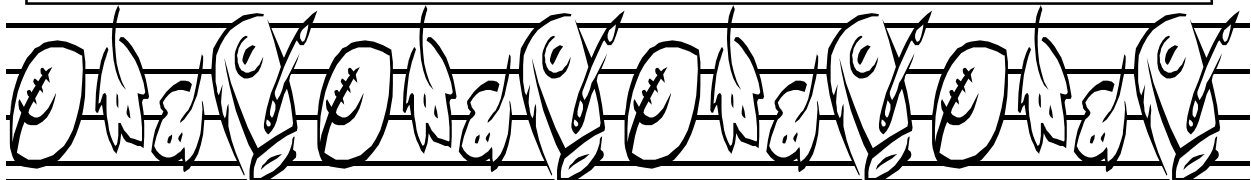
- Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,
 Young Disciples Church
 Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (1:30PM & 7:30PM)
 Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)
- Mondays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesdays: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast (9:30-11AM)
 Plugged In (6-8PM)
 Drummers 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 (9-11:30am)

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

Sept Calendar

1	6:00-8:00 PM	Plugged In resumes
2	7:00 PM	Bible Study
3	5:00-8:00 PM	BUCKEYE TAILGATE PARTY@ Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe
5	10:30 AM	Young Disciples Fun First Saturday
6	10:30 AM	Worship—Sacrament of Holy Communion
7		LABOR DAY
9	7:00 PM	Bible Study
10	7:00 PM	Ad Council meeting
15		Newsletter deadline
16	7:00 PM	Bible Study
22	5:30-8:30 PM	Community Ministries Festival@North Broadway UMC
23	7:00 PM	Bible Study
25	6:00-8:00 PM	Young Disciples' Friday Night Live
27	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
30	7:00 PM	Bible Study



FINANCIAL



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Report of the Treasurer July, 2009

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 16,010.37
Deposits	17,136.93
Withdrawals	<u>26,794.32</u>
Balance	\$ 6,352.98

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in	July 2009	and Year
Total Plate	\$5663.93	\$45,722.21
Friends	940.00	12,736.80
Partner Churches	6,217.00	26,418.96
Breakfast Ministry	921.00	5,777.50
Youth Ministry	2,950.00	17,961.00
Clothing Room	25.00	1,965.00
Parsonage Rent	0.00	1,150.00
Healthcare Ministry	0.00	27,385.46
Memorial Fund	0.00	425.00
Insurance Reimburse	0.00	12,623.76
Flowers	0.00	244.00
Maundy Thursday	0.00	547.75
Easter	0.00	35.00
Christmas Offering	0.00	30.00
Group Meeting	420.00	3,040.00
Youth Skating Party	0.00	958.00
Bluegrass Concert	<u>30.00</u>	<u>5,130.96</u>
Total	\$17,136.93	\$162,151.40

-Tom Householder,
Financial Sec'y

Balance Sheet July, 2009

Assets

City National checking acct	\$ 6,352.98
Savings & Investments	<u>159,077.55</u>
Total Assets	\$165,430.53

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$ 2,512.49
Operations	89,528.73
Youth Ministry Fund	8,402.29
Misc. Ministry Fund	(11,726.04)
Memorial Fund	23,617.00
Health Ministry Fund	18,139.62
Breakfast Ministry Fund	18,598.25
Clothing Room Fund	6,467.81
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.	\$165,430.53

Worship Through Giving



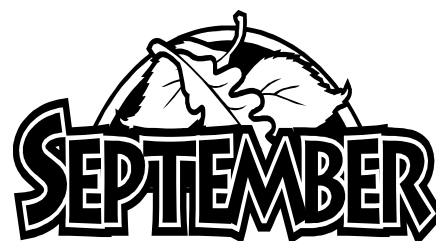
Clothing Room Report July, 2009

Hours of Operation:	
Sunday	7-9:30am
Tues. & Wed.	9-11:30 am
Weekday Guests	1607
Sunday Guests	<u>662</u>
Total	2269

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