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NEW LIFE NEWS

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***“Here there are no strangers;
only friends we have not met before.”***

From The Pastor

One of the events I look forward to each week is Wednesday night Bible study. It’s a great midweek boost to my spirit. Generally there are about 10 of us who gather to study one or more of the scripture passages prescribed by the lectionary for the following Sunday (the passages are in the bulletin each week, and on the Worship page on our website). It is usually a lively discussion, full of questions and insights as we learn together. I appreciate individuals being honest in their questions, thoughts, interpretation, and even struggles with the texts we are studying. People feel comfortable saying they don’t agree with some portions of the Bible without fear of being chastised for their lack of conviction or faith in doing so.

At the same time, many have shared how they have really grown in their faith as they have learned more and more about what the Bible means and how it applies to daily living. Often someone will say, “I never understood what Jesus (or the passage in general) meant until we studied it tonight.” And our discussions often influence the direction of my sermon for Sunday. With greater understanding of scripture, there is a stronger foundation upon which we can build our faith, and develop as Christian disciples.

But another important component of our time together is the time we spend talking about how it is with our soul, to use John Wesley’s phrase. Each person is invited to share what is happening in their lives — celebrations, concerns, family situations, highlights from the week, etc. It becomes a way in which we can encourage each other as a community of love and support. For example, one of the people who attends struggles with alcoholism. During a particularly difficult time for him, as he shared his frustration, discouragement and feeling of helplessness, all of us gathered around and laid hands on him, and then prayed for him. He left with a revived sense of confidence and determination having felt the power of the Spirit move in him as we prayed. Also, before our closing prayer, we exchange “name cards,” and commit to praying for the person whose name we have throughout the week. We are then assured that at least one person is praying for us during the week.

The core process of making disciples of Jesus Christ is: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Faith Forming Relationships, Risk Taking Mission, and Extravagant Giving. Bible study is an important way relationships and faith develop and grow, and Christian disciples are rejuvenated in “walking the walk” throughout the week. Will you join us this Wednesday at 7 p.m.? No matter where you are in your faith journey, or how much (or little) you know about the Bible, there is room for you in the circle.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

From the Minister of Youth and Families

Dear Friends,

Churches all over the country will celebrate Children's Sabbath, created by Marian Wright Edelman's Children's Defense Fund, the weekend of October 18. New Life will celebrate in worship October 18 at 10:30 a.m. Join us to celebrate children and the great gifts they offer the world, their communities, and their families.

The presence of children at New Life UMC demonstrates that there is hope to bring greater peace, to reduce violence, to accept ALL people (thus reducing poverty, racism, sexism, discrimination against gays and lesbians, etc.). We work hard at New Life to model that kind of acceptance. Of course, the presence of children at New Life also shows children sleeping during worship, children hiding in the irresistible 'secret passage' to the choir loft, pounding on pianos, hiding behind the pulpit in the parlor, and various activities of irritation and concern to their pastors, parents, and adults around them!

Celebrating children's lives during Children's Sabbath events helps bridge the gap between children and adults; it presents the children in ways the adults don't often see them: leading worship by singing, reading poetry and scripture, and uniquely serving the congregation. As part of the Sabbath, the children will also lead the congregation and partners of New Life, primarily Indian Run UMC, in the 31st Annual Columbus CROP walk on October 11 (www.churchworldservice.org). This helps teach children compassion, the reality of the world around them, the importance of community service, and more.

At New Life, we see many examples of people working to protect children through tutoring and mentoring, Christian education, and participating in special church events. And, increasingly we see a culture of relationships strengthening between adults and children outside the church. A community centered on children is visible at New Life, and must be in every segment of the church and the world. A Christian life helps provide a foundation for a life of loving, learning, and serving.

Children's Sabbath also reminds us of the facts about children who aren't being protected. During a Children's Sabbath worship service at New Life, a child who lives in poverty three times lower than the federal poverty level stumbled on the word "poverty" when reading statistics. It was a painful moment of bitter irony and registered with adults who recognized the drastic need for improved education, reduction of poverty, and more.

What would a nation look like that protected and served children? What would a nation look like that taught ALL of its children to read so they can succeed in life? The church must lead the way! Here are some ways to do this at New Life UMC:

- Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.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*
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A Letter from Camp

Do you remember summer camp? The food? The smells? Your bunk? The other kids in your cabin? Being nervous when the week started and then sorry to see it end because you met so many friends? Waking up in the early morning and waiting for the day to begin? Crashing in your bed at night after a great day that seemed to last forever?

This summer two of our youth, **Nyree** and **Kendra Booker**, got the chance to experience summer camp at Lakeside, Ohio for one week in July. "Reachout Camp" for youth in Middle and High School with campers and staff from different parts of Ohio, is a United Methodist Church camp (<http://reachoutcamp.com>). This year explored the Paul's characteristics of Christian living. The Bible verse was I Corinthians 13:13, and theme was "In Faith we Hope to Love."

Two other regulars from New Life were present as camp counselors for the week – **Jeremy Stenger** and myself. This was my sixth year as a staff member at Reachout. I began with the youth from Worthington UMC where **Heather Moyers** is the youth pastor.

I was nervous about our youth coming to camp. The other campers come from suburban and rural areas. I don't remember any campers from an urban environment. Would our youth fit in? Would they be accepted? Would they make friends?

A large part of camp involves an off-site mission project where campers interact with people in urban locations similar to the neighbors who are part of our outreach ministries. For suburban youth, this experience can be unsettling as they experience people they aren't use to. How would our youth, who routinely experience these things, react to this interaction that lasts just a short while? Would they take it seriously?

Our youth were in living groups with experienced counselors. They had morning devotions and nightly discussions of the day's activities. During free-time campers could explore Lakeside, play basketball, or go for a swim in the lake. On Sunday night, the first night of camp, **Nyree**, **Kendra** and I went to the Whistle Stop for ice cream. This was their first exposure to Lakeside. One of the first things they noticed was all of the bicycles on the lawns, none of them locked. "Why aren't they stolen?" they asked. Lakeside is a culture shock for everyone, but for someone coming from an urban environment, the change is enormous.

My hope was that each of them would make one friend before they left for their mission trip on Tuesday morning. On Monday evening, we went for ice cream at The Patio (I love ice cream...). **Nyree** wanted to bring a friend with him (no problem!), and when we got there, he asked to borrow my cell phone. He called his Mom, and the volume was turned up on my phone so we were able to hear her on the other end of the line. He asked his mother "What kind of fudge do you like, because I'm going to bring some home for you." This just about made my cry. Here he is, in the middle of utopia, with a new friend, and he wants to tell his mother he loves her. Camp is good. His mother was very moved.

During the rest of the week **Kendra** and **Nyree** made friends, and were sorry to leave at the end of the week. They can't wait to go back to camp next year. One of the nice things about camp is that it doesn't matter how rich you are, whether you're musically gifted, or if you're good at school or sports. It doesn't matter what grade you're in at school, or whether you're popular or not. All it takes to be accepted at camp is to be there. That's what it's like when you're near God. The only thing that matters is that you're near Him. That's also what I like about New Life – all that matters is that you are here. It's that simple.

—**Greg Allenby**

God Loves Us All

by Jessie Lang

*God is the keeper of the stars
His Greatness shows through all
He gives this all to us here
To show how much he cares...*

*Look at the colors of the rainbow
As it streaks across the sky
And as the snow falls
To cover all in sight...*

*The sun as it greets the dawn
Touches us all with its warmth
And as it sets with each day
The moon touches the evening...*

*He sets our paths to cross
So that we could meet
Touched by each moment
That we can spend together....*

*With so much to do daily
He still finds the time to do
All that he sets forth
To unfold in his own way....*

(God Loves Us All!)



2009 Tailgate Party BIG Success!!

427 Buckeye fans gathered for the Seventh Annual Season Opener Tailgate Party on September 3rd. We enjoyed the Dublin High School Cheerleaders, OSU Pep Band, a visit from "Woody Hayes" and Roger Harper, some great "tailgate food and the wonderful hospitality of the Buckeye staff. Many people walked away with the highest bid on one or more of the 150 items in the Silent Auction.

To date, the proceeds from the event are over \$12,000!! These resources will be used to care for our neighbors in need through our Breakfast Ministry on Sunday and Tuesday mornings.

We are grateful to our sponsors, all of the volunteers, donors, AND to all of YOU for coming to the event!

Next year's Tailgate Party will be on **Thursday, September 2nd** – mark your calendars now!

We are grateful to the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café, its owner Jon Self, and David Tebay (VP of Marketing) for making this event possible.



Check out the new video of our Health and Wellness Ministries at

<http://www.vimeo.com/6431814>

Thanks to **Doral Chenoweth** for creating this for us.

**Sixth Annual New Life Winter
Coat Extravaganza
Wednesday, November 4, 2009
9:00-11:30am, New Life UMC Dining Room**



The New Life Clothing Room is making plans for our Sixth Annual Winter Coat Extravaganza. This is an awesome event when we provide coats, hats and gloves for our neighbors in need. Your generous help is needed to meet the huge demand for coats. We are serving many more neighbors in the clothing room and so a large response to this event is anticipated.

Winter coats that are clean, gently used with zippers that close and all buttons intact are needed. Coats with hoods in sizes ex-large, 1x, 2x, 3x, and 4x for **men** and **women** are in the greatest demand. Our neighbors "layer" and prefer a larger coat.

The larger size coats are harder to come by so we are particularly grateful for those who choose to purchase new coats in the above sizes.

Our supply of **men's "toboggans" and gloves** is never adequate. Donations of these items would be most welcome. Incidentally, we have more than enough new hats and gloves for women and girls at this time.

Here are some ways in which each church can be of great assistance:

- Considering our limited storage space, hold all coats until the days listed
- Size all coats and put them on a hanger prior to bringing them to New Life
- Many volunteers will be needed on these same days.
- Delivery days to New Life:
 - Sunday, October 31, 1:00-3:00pm
 - Monday November 1, 9:00-11:30 and 12:30-3:30pm
 - Tuesday, November 2, 9:00- 11:30 and 12:30-3:30pm

With your continued commitment to this most important service to our neighbors, we will have another very successful Winter Coat Extravaganza. Thank you for caring.

"IF YOU HAVE TWO COATS, GIVE ONE AWAY" Luke 3:11, [The Message](#)

PLEASE HOLD ALL SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHES UNTIL MARCH 2010

—Vickie Moseley, New Life Clothing Room Steward
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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, Plugged In (6-8PM),
 Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

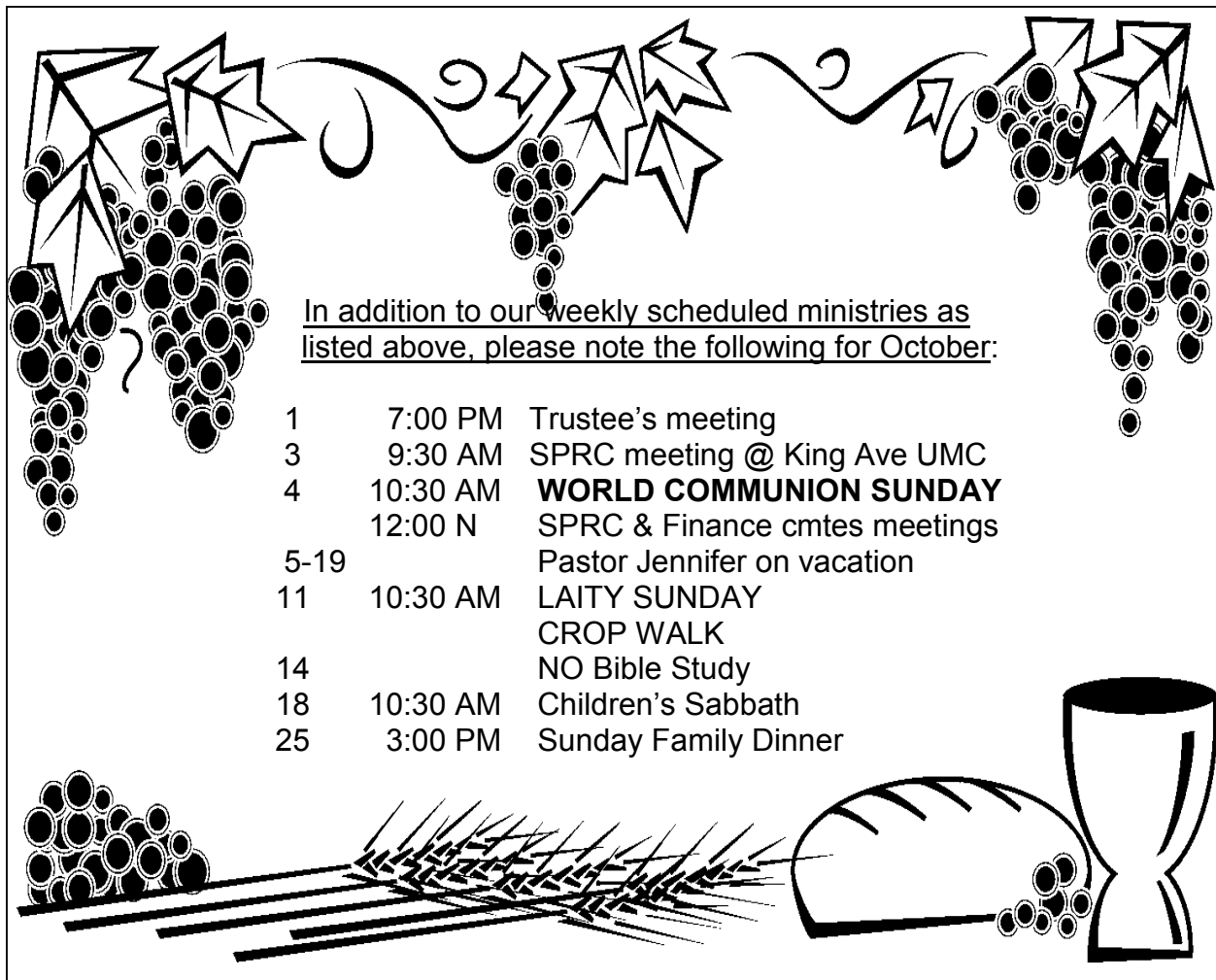
Wednesdays: Clothing Room*, Bible Study (7 PM),
 Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)

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 as listed above, please note the following for October:

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| 1 | 7:00 PM | Trustee's meeting |
| 3 | 9:30 AM | SPRC meeting @ King Ave UMC |
| 4 | 10:30 AM | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY |
| | 12:00 N | SPRC & Finance cmtes meetings |
| 5-19 | | Pastor Jennifer on vacation |
| 11 | 10:30 AM | LAITY SUNDAY CROP WALK |
| 14 | | NO Bible Study |
| 18 | 10:30 AM | Children's Sabbath |
| 25 | 3:00 PM | Sunday Family Dinner |

Marketing New Life UMC

New Life is embarking on a campaign to let the neighborhood know who we are. Lots of people who are members of our partner churches already know us, but not enough of our neighbors living in the Short North area participate in our ministries, attend Bible study, or worship with us. We want to tell them about our mission to love, welcome and serve all, and invite them to join us.

Earlier this summer we held some meetings among members of the congregation to discuss what makes New Life special, and what we want people to know about us. A one sentence summary of why New Life UMC is so dearly loved by all of us is this:

Led by Jesus, we find New Life as we love, welcome and serve all who are hungry and broken – that by serving, we ourselves are healed by God.

This sentence explains what we do, why we do it, and what we want others to know. A shortened version is:

Following Christ's call, we welcome and serve all.

The first step in this campaign is to place advertisements in local newspapers like the Short North Gazette, to tell our neighbors what goes on at New Life UMC.

Following Christ's Call
We Welcome
& Serve All

Come each Sunday morning to
Serve, Study and Worship

New Life United Methodist Church
25 W. Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ohio
www.newlifemethodist.org

8:00 a.m.
Breakfast, Clothing
& Health Care
for people in need

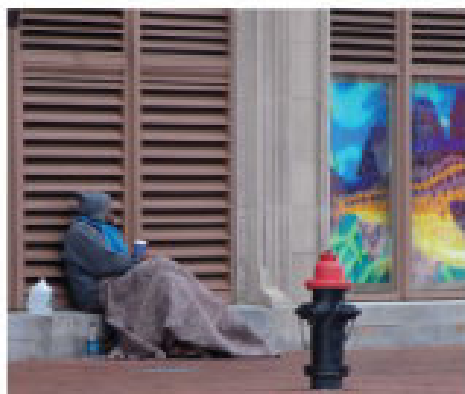
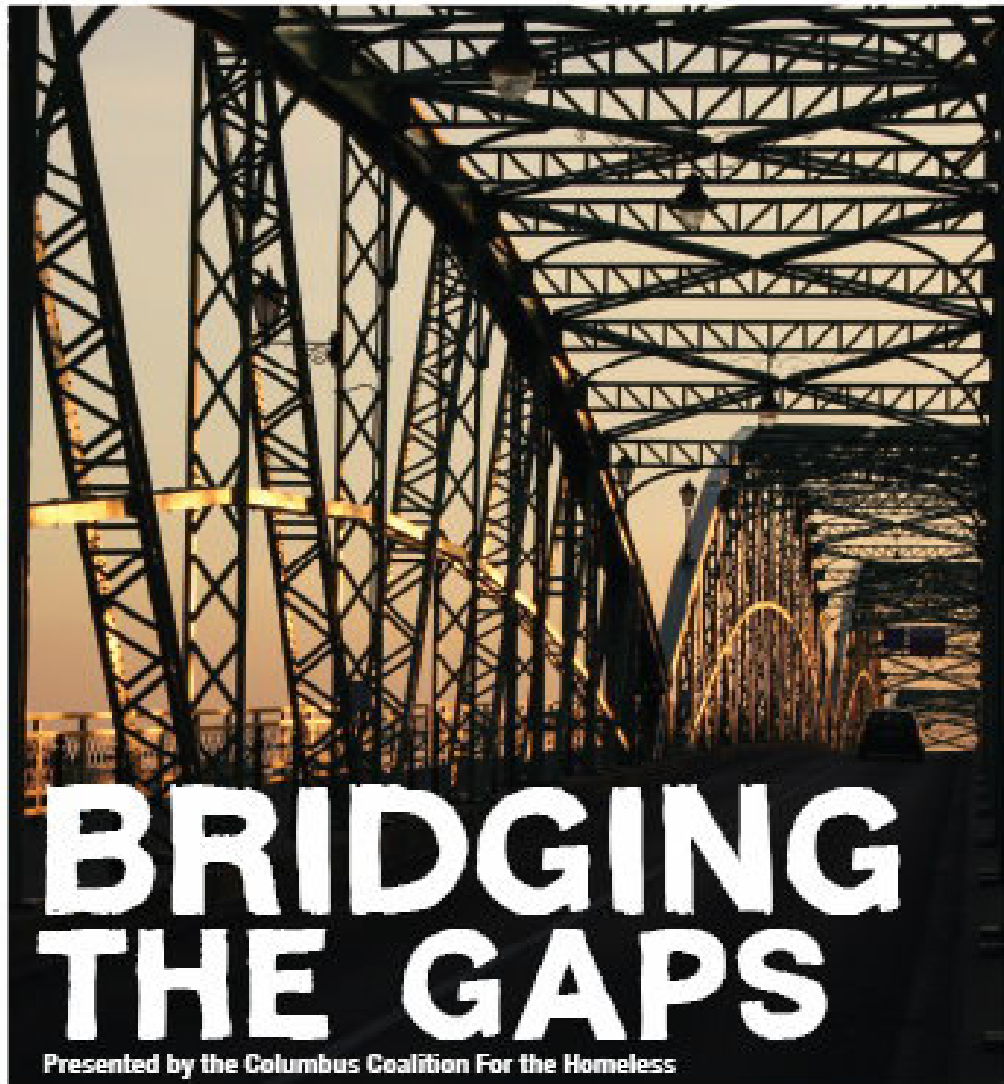
9:30 a.m.
Bible Study
for all ages

10:30 a.m.
Worship

We're planning other ways of reaching our neighbors, too (...so stay tuned...).

We want our neighbors to know that by worshiping God and serving others, they can feel the peace and assurance that comes from following the two greatest commandments.

Please consider joining many other churches and agencies which serve homeless people in Central Ohio for a day of learning and sharing. Details are below and at www.columbushomeless.org. **Pastor Jennifer** and **Vickie Moseley** will be talking about our work in the New Life Clothing Ministry at this event.



Refuge Baptist Church
Thursday November 5
8:30-4:00 PM

400 N 20th St Columbus, OH 43203
www.columbushomeless.org

Join us Thursday November 5 at Refuge Baptist Church from 8:30-4pm as we gather faith based communities and community agencies together to serve and empower homeless persons.

FINANCIAL



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Report of the Treasurer Aug, 2009

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| Checking Account | |
| Beginning Balance | \$ 6,342.98 |
| Deposits | 31,848.00 |
| Withdrawals | <u>25,697.76</u> |
| Balance | \$ 12,493.22 |

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

| Receipts in | <u>Aug 2009</u> | <u>and Year</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Plate | \$6,188.81 | \$51,911.02 |
| Friends | 2,045.00 | 14,781.80 |
| Partner Churches | 3,150.00 | 29,568.96 |
| ,Breakfast Ministry | 1,990.00 | 7,767.50 |
| Youth Ministry | 5,137.00 | 23,098.00 |
| Clothing Room | 265.00 | 2,230.00 |
| Parsonage Rent | 0.00 | 1,150.00 |
| Healthcare Ministry | 1,350.00 | 28,735.46 |
| Memorial Fund | 0.00 | 425.00 |
| Insurance Reimburse | 3,112.19 | 15,735.95 |
| 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 | 3,460.00 |
| Youth Skating Party | 0.00 | 958.00 |
| Buckeye Tailgate | 5,190.00 | 5,190.00 |
| Bluegrass Concert | <u>0.00</u> | <u>5,130.96</u> |
| Total | \$28,848.00 | \$190,999.40 |

-Tom Householder,
Financial Sec'y

Balance Sheet Aug, 2009

Assets

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| City National checking acct | \$ 12,493.22 |
| Savings & Investments | <u>156,107.97</u> |
| Total Assets | \$168,601.19 |

Liabilities & Fund Balances

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| Withholdings | \$ 2,680.69 |
| Operations | 92,241.39 |
| Youth Ministry Fund | 8,770.53 |
| Misc. Ministry Fund | (11,726.04) |
| Memorial Fund | 23,617.00 |
| Health Ministry Fund | 12,297.02 |
| Breakfast Ministry Fund | 24,637.41 |
| Clothing Room Fund | 6,192.81 |
| 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. | \$168,601.19 |

Worship Through Giving



Clothing Room Report Aug, 2009

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| Hours of Operation: | |
| Sunday | 7-9:30 am |
| Tues. & Wed. | 9-11:30 am |
| Weekday Guests | 1757 |
| Sunday Guests | <u>762</u> |
| Total | 2519 |

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*To love, welcome, and serve all people
in the name of Jesus Christ*

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