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# NEW LIFE NEWS

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"Here there are no strangers;  
only friends we have not met before."  
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## From The Pastor

**Kelvin** has been coming to breakfast and worship for quite some time. He has an easy going personality, a great smile, and a generous spirit. In worship, he will sit, leaning on the pew in front of him, fully engaged in every part of the service, not wanting to miss a word spoken. He often says to me after the service, "I felt like you were talking right to me today, Pastor Jennifer. Your sermon was just what I needed." I'll credit the Holy Spirit for making that happen! **Kelvin** has had a rough life, in part because of his own choices, but also because of experiences beyond his control. And, he has struggled with addiction. He and I have had many conversations over the last couple of years about his needing to make some difficult decisions necessary for recovery. **Kelvin** would tell me in a resigned tone that he's been an alcoholic for most of his life, and was always going to be an alcoholic. You can imagine that I didn't take that as an acceptable argument! And ultimately, neither did **Kelvin**. This past year, he entered the rehabilitation program at Volunteers of America, and six months later returned to New Life, still an alcoholic, but now a RECOVERING alcoholic! Soon, he will be moving into his own apartment — something he hasn't had for many years. I am so grateful that **Kelvin** returned to New Life and shared the good news of his new life with us. And even more so, I am grateful that Christ used us to be bearers of hope and grace as He moved **Kelvin** to the point of decision and ultimate transformation.

In many ways, this is the story of Lent. We too know that we are sinners (always have been, always will be!). There is a need for repentance, refocus, and renewal. Often we place other things ahead of our relationship with Christ. It can be anything from addictive substances to overcommitted schedules. Lent is a time to reflect on such things, and when necessary, to make decisions that move us toward greater faithfulness. While this is a personal process, it is also something we do with one another — the community of Christ. We encourage and challenge each other in our faith and discipleship. We remind each other of Christ's call to repent, and of Christ's promise to forgive and restore. We journey together toward the cross and anticipate the empty tomb, renewing our commitment to follow faithfully, and remembering the transforming grace that saves and gives new life.

We are blessed to be able to journey together with people like **Kelvin** who remind us that it is always time to repent and return to the Lord, and when we do, new life is not only possible, it is promised.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jennifer*

## From the Minister of Youth and Families

Dear Friends,

“Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do something! Believe in yourself and stick to it!” This is advice to our kids from an experienced artist who is overcoming many hardships in life and began to find new life about six years ago at New Life UMC. He told of coming from Cleveland to Columbus with no money, staying at “Faith on 8<sup>th</sup>” men’s shelter. He told us he came to New Life UMC where he found hospitality in the form of a hot breakfast and a community led by **Pastor Jennifer** that embraced him. He came recently and spoke to the kids during our weekly tutoring and mentoring program, “Plugged In.” He let the children handle his portfolio; they poured over it with interest, viewing drawings of their neighborhood, our president, and ‘news pictorials’ of life – often depicting a ray of hope in the midst of despair. He held up a picture he had drawn of a church and said, “Do you know what church this is?” A rousing, “OUR CHURCH!” was shouted from ‘round the tables. At “our church,” we work hard to model success among struggle – a lesson we all need.



**Malcolm J**'s art is displayed in various settings around town and throughout the state. He says it's not by luck that he experiences success by using his God-given talents and overcoming challenges, but by faith and by being in community with people in our neighborhood and beyond -- and he credits New Life UMC with supporting him on this journey.

If our children are to have hope of overcoming so many of life's obstacles, they need adults like **Malcolm J** to tell them and show them how to live a life for God and to live peacefully with all. It's not luck ♣ that provides support and protection for our children; it's each one of us doing our small part. Here's an easy and fun thing to do for kids:

### **NEW LIFE UMC ANNUAL CHILLER ICE SKATING FUNDRAISER**

*Benefiting children in New Life's neighborhood*

Sunday, March 7, 2010, 4-6 p.m.

The Chiller North, 8144 Highfield Drive, Lewis Center  
(Near Polaris Blvd. and US-23, west of the Polaris mall)

\$10 to skate ***including skate rental***

Other ways to get involved with New Life neighborhood kids:

- Sunday morning breakfast/choir/Sunday school/worship, 8:30-11:30
- Tuesday evening tutoring/mentoring, 6-8 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Live! Games, pizza, dancing, 6-8 p.m.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday “Super Saturday,” fun/educational/sport, 10-12:30
- Miscellaneous: promote events, mentor, drive van, special events

Love and prayers from *Pastor Laura*

[revlaurajyoung@yahoo.com](mailto:revlaurajyoung@yahoo.com)

## Opportunities for spiritual growth this Lenten Season

### Worship

- March 7      Third Sunday of Lent  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Sermon: "The Benefit of Bad Examples"  
Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto
- March 14     Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Sermon: "The Other Side of Grace"  
Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto
- March 21     Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Sermon: "Worth More than Everything"  
Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto
- March 28     Palm/Passion Sunday  
Sermon: "From Passion to Passion"  
Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto



**Bible Study** each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Come for a lively discussion on the lectionary texts!



## EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Last date to order: March 28

**\$7.50**

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God  
\_\_\_\_\_ Total number ordered;    \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please put order form and money in the collection plate or give to one of the pastors

## Health & Wellness Center FINALLY Opens!

On the first Sunday of March, our Health Ministry team of greeters, nurses, doctors and prayer ministers will care for our neighbors who have medical needs in our new Health & Wellness Center. There are three exam areas and a waiting area which will allow for both private and efficient care of each person. The Health Ministry team has developed a process for moving people from the dining room to next door, but anticipate it being a work in progress as we adjust to our new location. Later this spring, we will be having an "official" dedication event for the new facility.

We are grateful to **Dr. Joseph Poole**, an internal medicine physician who has been involved in the Health Ministry for the last two years, for accepting the responsibility of Medical Director; and to the over 30 volunteers who are part of the team.



*In Memoriam*  
**Eva Lincoln**  
1937-2010



**Eva** was a lifelong member of New Life. She was involved in many ways over the years, but her true gift was with children. **Bob Brown** commented at her memorial service that **Eva** was the first person to teach him about Jesus and the Christian faith. Surely many others would give similar testimonies about the difference she made through her faithful witness. We are grateful to **Eva's** family for designating New Life, the church she loved so much, as the recipient of memorial gifts.



*"Then the master will say, 'Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your master.'" -Matt 25:23*



## CLOTHING ROOM NEWS

With the leading of God's Spirit in the lives of members of our partner churches and their prompt response to the Spirit's prodding, we are able to successfully serve our neighbors in need. For this we remain most grateful and are humbled by the love expressed in these gifts. It is fitting to acknowledge and give appreciation for some very significant gifts recently given by those who have responded to God's Spirit working in their lives.

**HIS Thrift Store** , 3 Westerville Square, owned by Marrie Saas, donates many boxes of clothes weekly to the clothing room. **John Waggoner**, a member of Church of Messiah, UMC and "the Tuesday clothing room haberdasher", picks them up and delivers them to New Life. (HIS means God, a store dedicated to help those with limited incomes. Most donations of clothes, household items etc received are given to charity groups, with only a few items sold to cover overhead. HIS does not accept furniture.)

**Corn Hole Game** for *Friday Night Live* activities....At a recent Trinity/New Life Covenant meeting the request was made for a corn hole game for the youth activities. The prompt response by Trinity member, **Glenn Himes** to this request is most heartily appreciated and a borrowed game is no longer needed.

**Gracias Wally Life!** **Wally** will serve as a much needed **Spanish translator** in the clothing room on every other Tuesday morning. It was a pleasant surprise to learn that among the many talents of this fine man was being fluent in Spanish. His business career offered him the opportunity to live in South America for 25 years. We are tremendously grateful to have **Wally's** service for our Spanish speaking neighbors.

**Boots! Boots! Boots!** In the clothing room there are continuous requests for boots and often the heartbreaking answer is..."Sorry, there are no boots." What a blessing to have had 12 pair of Eddie Bauer boots donated by **Rev. Stan Ling**, senior minister of Church of the Messiah, plus several pair donated by **Jon Clark**, a Sunday volunteer. Wonderful gifts to share during this snowy, snowy weather. Wet feet are hazardous for our neighbors who live on the land. **Boots and steel toed work boots are on our "needs list" continually.**

The recent request for **men's pants** reaped a harvest from the special efforts of **Chuck Belding** and **Jon Clark** , whose appeals to their associates paid off. We are extremely grateful for **Chuck** and **Jon's** commitment and of course for the pants.

**Men's pants, socks, underwear and toiletries** continue to be given by individuals and Partner Churches. This is another need that never ends. Thank you to all who responded to the plea for men's pants.

A recent commitment of **large bottles of shampoo** has been given by the New Creation Church associated with Metropolitan Community Church. This is a congregation of 40, who donated 58 large shampoo last month and will continue to do so. This is just another example of God working through the hearts and minds of dedicated Christians who see a need and fulfill it.

— **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)

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 March:

### March

3	7:00 PM	Bible Study
4	7:00 PM	Ad Council meeting
5	6:00-8:00 PM	Friday Night Live
6	10:00–12:30 PM	Fun First Saturday
	9:00-12 noon	Cocaine Anonymous Pancake breakfast
7	10:30 AM	Worship—Sacrament of Holy Communion
	4:00-6:00 PM	Ice Skating Fundraiser @ The Chiller North
10	7:00 PM	Bible Study
14		<u>Daylight Saving Time begins—turn clocks forward one hour</u>
15		Newsletter deadline
17	1:00 PM	Trinity/New Life Covenant Team meeting
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
24	7:00 PM	Bible Study
25	7:00 PM	Staff/Parish Relations Committee meeting
26	6:00-8:00 PM	Friday Night Live
28	10:30 AM	PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
31	7:00 PM	Bible Study



# FINANCIAL



# NEWS

## Report of the Treasurer as of January 31, 2010

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	25,834.58
Deposits	17,864.14
Withdrawals	<u>21,651.67</u>
Balance	\$20,047.05

*Due to illness, our Financial Secretary was unable to provide updated information.*

*Next month's newsletter will reflect both January and February income.*

## Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2010

### Assets

City National checking acct	\$20,047.05
Savings & Investments	<u>251,452.68</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$271,499.73</b>

### Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	3,314.47
Operations	77,716.71
Youth Ministry Fund	13,196.05
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,775.63)
Memorial Fund	25,097.00
Health Ministry Fund	12,763.49
Breakfast Ministry Fund	29,954.41
Clothing Room Fund	7,689.10
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,968.52)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	1,645.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>	<b>** \$167,355.98</b>

**\*\* Does not include Demonotec stock**



## Clothing Room Report Jan, 2010

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

Weekday Guests	1579
Sunday Guests	<u>699</u>
Total	2278

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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