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NEW LIFE NEWS

The
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Magazine of
New Life
United
Methodist
Church



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

From The Pastor

"There are many ways to preach." (Elijah Pierce, local folk artist)

When you walk into our sanctuary and see the beautiful stained glass windows depicting different images of Jesus, you can feel his presence and know you are in a holy place. Art can move in our spirits and put us in touch with the holy in ways that words cannot.

Last summer, as part of their work project, the youth and adults from Grace United Methodist Church in Perrysburg, Ohio replaced the fifty year old green velvet curtain at one end of the dining room with a new white wall. Many people walked into the room and said, "You could show movies on that!" And it certainly could be used as a big screen. But to others, including myself, it looked like a framed canvas just waiting for a work of art to be created on it. And so began discussions of a potential mural for that space. But where would we find an artist to create such a work of art that size in that space? More importantly, where could we find the right person to create a mural that represented who we are and what our mission is in an authentic way.

Suzanne Gray, a member of Trinity UMC volunteered to help find the right artist for this project. With a little research, she found TRANSIT ARTS, a community arts organization which creates public art, often with the help of kids living in urban environments. What could be more fitting! We met with the primary artist, **Duarte Brown**, a strong Christian who was excited about partnering with us to create the mural. After spending a Sunday morning with us, he was overwhelmed with the presence of Christ he felt during breakfast, Bible study and worship. He then began creating a prototype of the mural he would paint on the largest canvas he had ever worked with. When the prototype was complete, it was clear that the Holy Spirit was working in him as he drew something that truly captured the spirit and specifics of our ministry — including actual people he met that Sunday — and Christ's presence among us in profound ways. Clearly **Duarte** "got it" when discerning our mission to love, welcome and serve all people in the name of Jesus Christ lived out in our various outreach ministries.

Soon **Duarte** will begin his work to reproduce his prototype on the large canvas in the dining room. Surely the Holy Spirit who has given **Duarte** his talent will also guide his creative work. When it is complete, we will walk into the dining room and feel the presence of Christ in a new way and be reminded that it is indeed a holy place. This is very exciting venture! I ask for your prayers for **Duarte** that God would be glorified in the mural he creates.

Grace and Peace,

MINISTER OF YOUTH AND FAMILIES POSITION

New Life Church is looking for a part time minister of youth and families to replace **Rev. Laura Young** who recently accepted a job as senior organizer for the Children's Defense League. The primary responsibilities for this new position will include leading, coordinating and supervising Christian education on Sundays; midweek programs; Vacation Bible School; and other settings designed to help children and youth of all ages come to know God's love in Jesus Christ, and grow in faith and discipleship.

The ideal candidate will articulate a strong personal faith, display a love for children and youth; have strong relational, organizational and communication skills, and be able to identify and equip adult mentor and teachers.

In the interim, **Sherri Benedict** has agreed to serve as temporary coordinator for the youth program. In addition to the duties for the new position, **Sherri** will continue teaching a Sunday School class and staff the Friday Night Live event.

— **Marlene Haught**, *Staff/Parish Relations Committee chairperson*

EASTER ON FIFTH LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

The partnership of Trinity United Methodist Church and New Life United Methodist Church once again was celebrated with a reflective and solemn worship service in observance of Good Friday. The service, led by **Rev. Amy Aspey** and **Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto**, blended our purpose in mission with our service to the Risen Christ.

For the seventh year Trinity, New Life and St. Luke's, all located on Fifth Avenue, have shared in providing funds to purchase bedding for 100 beds from Sam's Club and 50 sleeping bags from Gander Mountain. The bedding: sheets, pillows, pillow cases, blankets and sleeping bags are distributed from the New Life Clothing Room to our neighbors who live in poverty and those who are homeless.

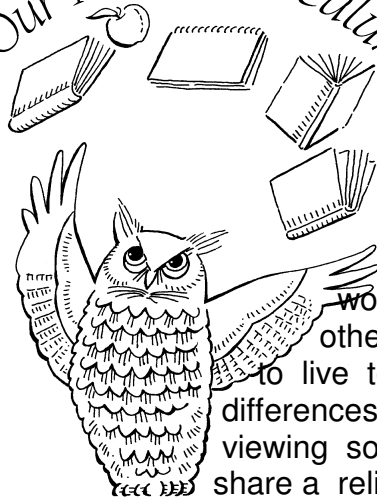
In biblical terms, the number seven is the symbol of completeness and perfection. This tradition has become perfected by those who coordinate the ordering, pickup and delivery of the bedding, plan the luncheon, provide the worship service and carry out sundry other organizational tasks. To each of them and to the members of the congregations who complete the project by providing funds for the bedding, a grateful and heartfelt thank you is given. Appreciation is also due Battelle Memorial Institute for storing the bedding in their warehouse located on West Fifth Avenue.

Following the service, members of each congregation gathered for food and a time to renew friendships in Christian fellowship. This event is mutual mission fully visible and deeply blessed.

— **Vickie Moseley**, *Clothing Room Steward*

TWC CLASS STUDYING WORLD RELIGIONS

Our New Curriculum



Our modern world now includes neighbors from many other countries and belief systems. It seems important to us that we know the basics about the religions of our neighbors to better understand and respect our differences.

With this in mind, the adult TWC (Together With Christ) Class has recently started a study of the world's major religions. Our goal is not to be critical of others but to have a basic knowledge that will permit us to live together and be able to respect and celebrate our differences. Along with our study and discussions, we will be viewing some films to let us hear from some of those who share a religion different than our own.

Currently, we are in the middle of our study of Judaism and this portion of the study will continue for another 2 to 3 weeks. Other religions that will be studied will include Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, other Asian traditions (Confucianism, Taoism and Shinto) and some of the newer religious movements of Mormonism, Seventh Day Adventists, and Jehovah's Witnesses.

Anyone interested in broadening their view of other religions is welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the TWC classroom (Room 1).

-- **Bob Brown**, teacher of the class

"Thank you!" from **Pastor Laura**

To all who came for my last Sunday at New Life; thank you!

The reception was fun with good food and good friends and special presentations from the children.

And, I will very much enjoy the spa certificate from the congregation, and the other lovely gifts and notes and calls of appreciation from so many!

I miss you all so much already and think of you and our time together in ministry in this wonderful church.

-Love and prayers, *Pastor Laura*

4th ANNUAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
A GREAT SUCCESS!

On Saturday, April 17, approximately 250 people gathered in our sanctuary to hear two amazing bluegrass bands entertain us. Dinner was served throughout the evening under the leadership of **Tom** and **Sharon Poole** (King Ave. UMC). Beef stew, and two kinds of chili, along with corn bread and other side dishes was enjoyed by many of our guests. We thank **Marlene Haught** for organizing and managing the silent auction. We had a wide array of items, including handmade jewelry, microwaves, art work, a bicycle, and various gift certificates, just to name a few. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the auction, and those who were the highest bidder on many of them.

Thanks also **Tricia Allenby** for recruiting and organizing volunteers. Lots of volunteers from New Life, King Ave. and beyond worked before, during and after the event to help everything run smoothly throughout the evening. We are especially proud of a number of our kids at New Life who were so helpful in preparations, serving, and even cleaning up afterwards. We are grateful to **AEP** for being our primary sponsor, **John** and **Ian Victor** for designing the poster, and **Ron Slone** for printing them. Thanks also to **Phil Baden** for producing the program for the evening. And above all, we thank **Marty Leedy** for coordinating the entire event for the fourth year (and bringing his band to perform).

The music began with **Sarah Rohrer** (King Ave. UMC) singing the National Anthem. Then **Summertown Road**, a nationally known band in town for a concert, took the stage and performed for an enthusiastic audience. They were followed by **Wildwood**, a local band, who also performed last year. People are still talking about how great the music was that night, and we hope to be able to coordinate with Summertown Road's schedule so that they can perform at next year's Festival.

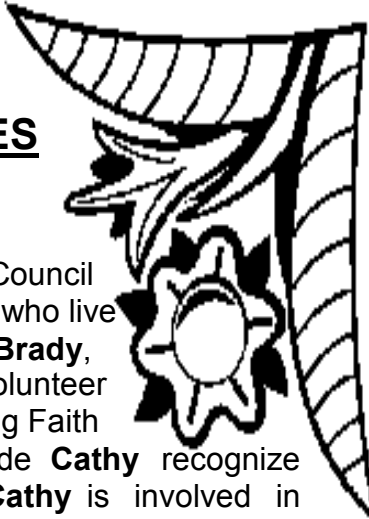

All in all, it was an awesome event which raised over \$5,000 for ministries with our neighbors in need!

2010 Marsha Donner Mother's Day Brunch
Sponsored by the
The Columbus Coalition for the Homeless

This annual celebration for homeless mothers and their families which will take place on Sunday, May 9, 2010, honors currently and formerly homeless mothers with a hot meal, special gifts, free health screenings, professional photography, free library books, and activities for our guests' children. Last year 120 mothers were honored. This year, with your support, we can serve even more. For the third straight year, we will be holding our Mother's Day Brunch on Capital University's main campus at the Harry C. Moores Campus Center.



To donate or volunteer please contact **Bill Casto** at billcasto15@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

CATHY BRADY RECEIVES LIVING FAITH AWARD



Each year, the Metropolitan Area Church Council (MACC) honors individuals in Central Ohio who live their faith in extraordinary ways. **Cathy Brady**, member of Trinity UMC and a committed volunteer at New Life, will be receiving one of Living Faith Awards this month. Those who know and serve alongside **Cathy** recognize that she is an obvious choice for such an award. **Cathy** is involved in various ministries at New Life, with a special commitment to our children and youth. **Cathy** mentors and teaches them in many different ways, including Plugged In and Christian education. She is a regular volunteer in the Clothing Room, and one who has played a leadership role in building the partnership between New Life and Trinity. But New Life is just one place of ministry where **Cathy** lives her faith. Her loving faith has taken her to the *YWCA Family Center* where she regularly helps to prepare and serve Trinity's monthly meal; and represents Trinity on the *Inn at Broad Board*. She has also been on mission trips to Arizona and Russia.

Cathy's faith and love are clearly evident in her warm smile, listening ear, gentle hugs, and kind and affirming words. People feel comfortable being with her, knowing they are with someone who accepts them without judgment simply because they are a child of God. She is authentic in her concern when someone is struggling, and sincere in her praise when someone has a joy or celebration to share. She seems to know who needs encouragement or other forms of support and responds with compassion and grace. She never seeks praise or reciprocity for any act of kindness she does, but instead is motivated by her awareness of how God has blessed her and a desire to share that blessing with others.



Cathy will be recognized at the Living Faith Awards breakfast, along with several others who also live their faith in profound ways. But we recognize her living and loving faith whenever we are with her. Thank God for the blessing of serving alongside her in the ministries of New Life.

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 May:

May

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| 2 | 10:30 AM | Worship—Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| 5 | 7:00 PM | Bible Study |
| 9 | 10:30 PM | Mothers Day |
| 12 | 7:00 PM | Bible Study |
| 15 | | Newsletter deadline |
| 17-21 | | Pastor Jennifer away attending a conference |
| 19 | | NO Bible Study |
| 26 | 7:00 PM | Bible Study |
| 30 | 3:00 PM | Sunday Family Dinner |
| 31 | | Memorial Day |



FINANCIAL



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Report of the Treasurer as of March 31, 2010

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	21,724.00
Deposits	20,312.54
Withdrawals	<u>23,203.06</u>
Balance	\$18,833.48

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in

	<u>March</u>	<u>and Year</u>
Total Plate	6,634.80	21,463.31
Friends	1,437.00	6,478.00
Partner Churches	5,500.00	9,226.00
Breakfast Ministry	1,717.00	6,592.00
Youth Ministry	0.00	5,840.00
Clothing Room	1,295.00	1,480.00
Healthcare Ministry	600.00	1,100.00
Memorial Fund	350.00	2,160.00
UMCOR*	0.00	929.00
Miscellaneous	240.24	2,640.24
Group Meeting	120.00	960.00
Youth Ice Skate Party	1,296.00	1,366.00
Pastor Discretionary	50.00	576.00
Easter Flowers	222.50	222.50
Bluegrass Concert	850.00	850.00
Buckeye Tailgate	<u>00.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>

Total **\$20,312.54** **\$61,893.05**
* Haiti Relief

—Tom Householder,
Financial Secretary

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2010

Assets

City National checking acct	\$18,833.48
Savings & Investments	<u>217,508.05</u>
Total	\$236,341.53

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	3,650.39
Operations	45,658.58
Youth Ministry Fund	7,513.17
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,775.63)
Memorial Fund	25,887.00
Health Ministry Fund	13,088.39
Breakfast Ministry Fund	29,616.96
Clothing Room Fund	8,561.04
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,746.02)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	2,020.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
Total**	\$132,197.78

****Does not include Demonotec stock (this will continue to be true until not-for-profit fund set up.)**



Clothing Room Report Mar 2010

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

Weekday Guests	1916
Sunday Guests	<u>543</u>
Total	2459

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*To love, welcome, and serve all people
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