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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.”***

We often talk about the ministries of New Life as a ministry of hospitality. We are committed to welcoming our neighbors, and even as the heading of our newsletter states, “Here there are no strangers; only friends we have not met before.” There is a great blessing in taking the time to greet our neighbors with a smile, and engaging in even a brief conversation. Those who have felt comfortable sitting down and sharing a cup of coffee with folks, getting to know them, developing friendships, learn that each of us does indeed have a gift to share with one another. Many of our neighbors who come for breakfast on Sunday and Tuesday, or to our Family Dinner on the last Sunday of each month have incredible faith and understanding of scripture, while others are lost and are in need of experiencing the hope and love of Christ. Some individuals are highly educated, while others are struggling with addictions, or putting their lives back together after being in prison. Or sometimes all of the above! All of which is to say that assumptions can be replaced with understanding and appreciation when taking the time to talk with one another.

There is also a wonderful blessing in praying with our neighbors. Often people ask me to pray with them, and it touches my spirit when they in turn pray for me. If you go to our website, there is a video on the HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER page. In it, you can see one of our prayer ministers praying with a neighbor, who in turn prays for him, for me, and for our ministry. How wonderful it is when we can develop a reciprocal relationship with people, as we continue to learn that we are all broken in some way, yet we are all gifted in some way. We are all children of God of infinite worth, and can be so blessed when we make the effort to get to know one another.

We are in the process of developing a team of individuals who feel called to engage in this form of hospitality and relationship building. When these individuals come to volunteer, their primary role is to be vessels of the love of Christ through conversations with people, hoping to give encouragement, talk about their faith, pray and develop relationships with our friends and neighbors who have come for a meal and a safe place to be. You don’t have to scramble eggs, serve in the clothing room, or even serve coffee! You just get to enjoy spending time in Christian fellowship with our neighbors. If you have the spiritual gifts, and perhaps feel God tugging on your heart to be a part of this aspect of our ministry, please contact me at nwlifeumc1@att.net. Or, you can let me know when you arrive sometime after 6:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning! Those individuals who already have these kinds of conversations and relationships have found that they receive so much more than they ever give — It’s amazing how God makes that happen!

“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Colossians 4:6)

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jennifer*

MINISTRY WITH YOUTH & FAMILIES

Dates to Remember

Oct 4	Plugged In	6:00 PM	Nov 1	Plugged In	6:00 PM
7	Friday Night Live	5:00 PM	4	Friday Night Live	5:00 PM
9	Crop Walk	12:30 PM	5	Confirmation Trip (Vineyard)	6:00 PM
11	Plugged In	6:00 PM	8	Plugged In	6:00 PM
18	Plugged In	6:00 PM	15	Plugged In	6:00 PM
21	Sock Hop	6:00 PM	18	Friday Night Live	5:00 PM
25	Plugged In	6:00 PM	22	NO Plugged In	6:00 PM
30	Trunk or Treat	6:00 PM	29	Plugged In	6:00 PM

A Blessing for our Youth

Gracious God,

We thank you for great love and mercy. We thank you for each child we serve. We pray you will bless each one as they tackle a new school year. We pray you will protect them as they travel to and from their campus. We pray that each child will find favor with their teachers and their classmates. We ask that your Holy Spirit teaches them and dwells in their hearts so Your light shines in every face, every heart, and every life. Let each child be a living witness of your love. Let each child's heart be filled with joy as they are filled up with knowledge. Bless each child in Christ name we pray, Amen.

Hearing God in a Whisper

God wants to talk to you, but it's not easy to hear God's voice. Why's that? God is so big; everyone should be able to hear the voice of God. God's voice is usually very soft, not big or booming. It's that still small voice that reminds us to make the right choices or guides us on the safe path. It's so soft and gentle it's easy to ignore it or to drown it out with other voices. God desires to speak to you so, if you want to hear God's voice you have to turn down the voices of others. Take time away from the TV, radio, phone, texting, games, computer, friends, and family...get alone, find a quiet place, read from God's book, pray and listen. Hear what God is



Mentor, **Mary Vogt**, was working with **Daisha Brown** on her spelling words at Plugged In. She put **Daisha** at ease by admitting that she also has had trouble with spelling. She was able to help **Daisha** by giving her some practical tips that she has used. **Mary**, her daughter **Amanda** and a church friend **Heather** have become regular mentors at Plugged In on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. Our mentors have come from many different churches often by hearing about our program from friends or co-workers. Plugged In needs more mentors—we never have enough to meet our goal of one-on-one tutoring with each youth. Please come to give mentoring a try—building a relationship that helps a child academically is full of rewards for all.



New Life Winter Coat Extravaganza

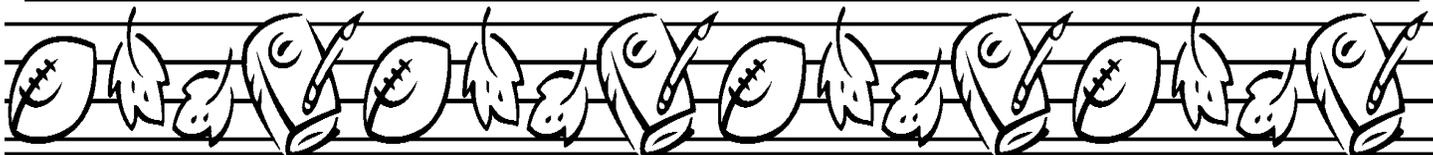
Brrr! The sudden change in temperature from the hot steamy days of Summer is a sharp reminder that soon the cooling winds of Fall will become the biting winds of Winter. Our homeless neighbors and many others will need a heavy coat to protect them from the winter cold.

Wednesday, October 26, 9:00-11:30 a.m. is the day of the New Life Winter Coat Extravaganza.

Coats for men, women and children are needed. Used coats must be clean, with zippers that work and buttons intact. It is preferred that coats have a hood. Sizes extra large, 2x, 3x, and 4x are needed to accommodate much layering. Please, no wool coats.

Volunteers will be needed to sort and size coats on Sunday, October 23, 1-3 p.m. and Monday, October 24, 9-12 noon.

Our "Divine Economy of Abundance" enables each of us to share as we serve the homeless and those who live in poverty. Each coat given can be seen as a gift of God's love, thus touching our neighbors with God's Grace. We are blessed to be a blessing.



CROP WALK: October 9

Each year, there are CROP Hunger Walks in thousands of cities and towns in our nation to raise money which assists hungry people in many countries around the world. When we walk in a CROP Hunger Walk, we are reaching out to help our brothers and sisters in our own community, and the global community.



Again this year, the young disciples at New Life will be taking the lead in our participation in the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 9. It begins in Genoa Park (in front of COSI on West Broad Street) around 1 p.m. Let's have a record turn out of *adults* join them for this one mile walk around the new downtown parks. If you choose not to walk, you can still support this mission effort! **We will be taking a special offering that morning in worship.**

At New Life, we are committed to caring for our neighbors who are hungry. Through the CROP walk, we can help end hunger around the world...one step at a time!



Ninth Annual Buckeye Tailgate Party HUGE success!

Close to 300 Buckeye fans filled the banquet hall of Villa Milano on August 30th for our annual tailgate party fundraiser where we raised almost **\$17,000** for our breakfast and clothing room ministries!

As the crowd enjoyed dinner, **Cie Grant** spoke about the importance of his faith in God, and how God has been at work in powerful and obvious ways throughout his life. With his awesome voice, he sang his own version of "Carmen Ohio" and "His Eye Is On the Sparrow."

Mindy Drayer was in attendance for the end of the event, and auctioned off one of her special OSU shirts, raising \$400!! We thank **Wade Hicks** for filling in as emcee for most of the evening!



An AWESOME silent auction organized by **Evy Hummell**, **Connie Hooks** and **Kathy Riblet**. We thank all those who both donated and purchased items in the auction.

A portion of the silent auction revenue will be used to acquire larger sizes of clothing needed by our neighbors. The balance will be used to purchase food and supplies for our Sunday and Tuesday morning breakfasts.



New Life Has a New Student Intern

Hello! My name is **Rebecca Rudawitz**

This year, I will be doing my field education internship at New Life United Methodist Church, and I am so excited to become more involved in this church. I am from Portland, Oregon, and the last two years, I didn't have a church that I regularly attended; instead I 'church-hopped' and half way through last year followed **Rosie Porambo** here. I loved the friendly atmosphere and the feeling of life, hope, and vivid energy that I found. So I kept coming back.

In my third-year at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, I am finishing my Masters degree in Divinity for ordination track in the United Methodist Church. My background is in sociology, communication and debate, and I am currently working on a specialization in transformational leadership. Working with children and youth, I have years of experience as a Girl Scout Leader, which left me with some organizational ability and an overabundance of handi-crafting and outdoor skills.

You may have seen me around last year as I started attending periodically and volunteered with the Friday night youth program. This year we've gone and made things official, so you'll be seeing a great deal more of me in worship, the Plugged In mentoring on Tuesdays and Friday Night Alive. I've got my eye on infiltrating the choir too, though I tend to sing with much more enthusiasm than actual talent. I know that I am going to learn a great deal here, and I hope that I can be useful.

Peace be with you, **Rebecca**

Tuesday Breakfast Servants needed!

Are you are morning person?
Do you like to wash dishes?
Can you handle a toaster without burning the toast?
Are you flexible and willing to take on various tasks?
Are you tenderhearted and thick skinned?
Do you have a sense of humor?

AND...

Are you looking for a way to put your faith into action by serving and being in relationship with your neighbors?

If the answer is YES, then being part of the Tuesday morning breakfast servant team may be just the opportunity you've been looking for!

We could use 1 or 2 reliable volunteers to come in at 7 a.m. to help with preparations and stay to serve breakfast.

If you are willing to be our regular dish/pan washer, you're needed around 9:30 a.m.

Contact **Tom Poole** at tpoole3@columbus.rr.com or **Pastor Jennifer** at nwlifeumc1@att.net.

IT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

****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: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (10PM)
- Saturdays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

In addition to our weekly scheduled ministries, as listed above, please note the following activities for October:

2	10:30 AM	Worship—World Communion Sunday
3	6:30 PM	SPRC Cmte @ N. Broadway UMC
5	12:30-3:00 PM	Sleeping bag making in dining room
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
7	4:30 PM	Friday Night Live
9	12:30 PM	CROPWALK
12	7:00 PM	Bible Study
13	6:30 PM	New Life Community Outreach Board meeting
14-20		Pastor Rosie on vacation
16	10:30 AM	Laity Sunday—Worship
19	12:30-3:00 PM	Sleeping bag making in dining room
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
20	7:00 PM	Trustees meeting
21	4:30-8:00 PM	Friday Nite Live—Sock Hop
23	10:30 AM	Children's Sabbath
26	9:00-11:30 AM	COAT EXTRAVAGANZA
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
30	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner Youth Trunk or Treat





FINANCIAL NEWS

Report of the Treasurer as of Aug. 31, 2011

Checking Accounts

PNC

Beginning Balance	5,097.86
Contributions	25,000.00
Expenses	21,658.93
Balance	8,438.93

West Ohio Credit Union

Beginning Balance	15,218.64
Contributions	35,978.00
Balance	\$51,196.64

Total Cash on hand **\$59,635.57**

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in

Aug and Year

Total Plate	12,653.19	73,549.69
Friends	1,472.00	10,467.64
Partner Churches	2,225.00	32,970.22
Breakfast Ministry	432.00	6,625.00
Youth Ministry	2,854.00	17,585.00
Clothing Room	880.00	1,165.00
Healthcare Ministry	120.00	2,020.61
One Great Hr of Sharing	0.00	10.00
Memorial Fund	75.00	810.00
Group Meeting	420.00	3,320.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,806.18
Pastor Discretionary	100.00	3,700.00
Parsonage Rent	450.00	3,050.00
UMCOR	0.00	780.00
Easter Flowers	0.00	227.50
Easter	0.00	2,634.00
New Life Comm. Outrch	60.00	360.00
Buckeye Fundraiser	20,720.17	20,970.17
Bluegrass Fundraiser	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,341.00</u>
Total	\$42,461.36	\$189,392.01

—Tom Householder,
Financial Secretary

Balance Sheet as of Aug. 31, 2011

Assets

Checking accts.	59,635.57
Savings & Investments	<u>246,412.68</u>
Total Assets	\$306,048.25

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	5,698.42
Operations	144,701.58
Youth Ministry Fund	22,296.77
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,775.63)
Memorial Fund	67,292.00
Health Ministry Fund	16,076.85
Breakfast Ministry Fund	45,587.76
Clothing Room Fund	6,200.84
Pass Thru Fund (flowers, etc)	(3,564.24)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	2,810.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
Total	\$306,048.25

We are in the process of transferring our checking services from PNC to the West Ohio Credit Union. So, our income is divided at this point between the two accounts.

August, 2011

Hours of Operation:

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

Weekday Guests	1676
Sunday Guests	<u>623</u>
Total	2299

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

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