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# NEW LIFE NEWS

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New Life  
United  
Methodist  
Church



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

**Carol** died recently. She had been homeless for a long time, but had finally moved into her own apartment, where she was found after her death. She attended Breakfast regularly for a number of years, always making an entrance in her own unique way. She wore lots of makeup, a long flowing wig, heels even in the coldest of days, and a BIG smile! When she came into the building, **Carol** would already have in her hand her weekly offering — change she had found on the sidewalks throughout the week — to give to me. Whatever fruits she gleaned she gave as a thank offering to God. For someone who didn't have many resources, this could be seen as a sacrifice, but for Carol it was a celebration that she had something to give.

The season of Lent is a time in which we give special attention to practicing the spiritual disciplines of fasting, studying scripture, prayer, celebrating the Eucharist, and spending time with the Christian community. These are all disciplines we practice throughout the year as disciples of Christ, but Lent is set aside as a season to be intentional about doing so in order to draw closer and renew our commitment to Jesus our Savior. We journey toward the cross, fully aware of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made in dying for our sins, making available the gift of salvation and new life to all of us. And hopefully causing us to be prayerful in how we can respond in gratitude and love in sacrificial giving or serving. To be clear, the spiritual disciplines are not sacrifices, but means of being open to God's grace. And, they are a way in which we become more aware of ways to respond to that grace.

I was talking with a new volunteer in our health ministry recently. The pastor of his church, located on the campus of OSU has been challenging people to engage in "inconvenient" service. He is speaking mostly to college students, and 6:30 on Sunday morning is one of the most inconvenient times to be awake and actively serving! But, for those who volunteer in our early morning ministry, it's not an inconvenience at all. What might be *more* inconvenient is to do things that require sacrificing our comfort, our routines, or our long held assumptions. It could mean volunteering in a new way, for example in our breakfast ministry (Sunday or Tuesday), instead of making toast or scrambling eggs, move to the dining room and pour coffee, or sit down and talk with one of our neighbors. Or, get involved in our Friday afternoon ministry with kids, even if working with kids isn't necessarily "your thing." Looking beyond New Life, it could be a mission trip, getting involved in issues that impact our neighborhoods, our most vulnerable neighbors, and beyond. Whatever causes us to stretch beyond what we are comfortable doing, go the second or even third mile in our giving of time or resources, build relationships with people different from us, or is just generally inconvenient can become a different kind of spiritual discipline. And when we do so out of our love for Jesus, and gratitude for all he has done for us, it is far from a sacrifice — it is a celebration that we simply have something to give in return.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jennifer*

## Opportunities to Serve the Children at New Life Join the fun!

### We are seeking:

- Assistant Teachers (4-5) Elementary School
- Bus driver for Friday Night Live (starting at 3:45 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays)  
(starting at 5:30 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Friday)
- Back-up Driver for Tuesday nights (starting at 5:15, School year only)

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** We need Drivers for Baobab...a West African play at The Wexner Center for the Arts. Pick up at school sites by 2:50

**Friday Night Live:** We offer the children the opportunity to discover their talents. Volunteers are welcome to serve each Friday, or rotate in one or two Fridays a month. We currently provide...Marshall Arts, drawing, and crafts.

We would like to expand it to include the following:

#### **30 Minute Music Instruction Slots**

Recorder, rhythm guitar, bass guitar, and piano

#### **One hour Commitment Slots**

Crafts... such as knitting or crocheting and other types of skills

Dance and drama Instructors

**An additional leader** is needed from 5:30 to 7:00...this leader would assist in the meal time, the transition period. They will assist in getting children ready to return home and to load on the bus. This person could also be a bus driver if they desired to do so.

**A bus driver** is needed to get the kids home. Take home is at 6:30...this is usually a 30 minute commitment.

**Dinner Partner** We have dinner prepared for the children by a number of individuals, however on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and the 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays, we still have openings for chefs. We usually have 15-20 who attend.



### **Confirmation is Coming!**

Training will be on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will begin Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Sunday School Teacher Position 6 years and younger:** We have openings for Sunday School Teachers. Currently we do not have anyone serving in this role; this could be a weekly commitment, or could be shared among 8 individuals. We also are looking for someone to help cover this spot for Children's Church. We have children who are currently not coming due to the lack of a teacher.

If you feel the call to reach out to our children please let **Pastor Rosie** know at:

812-797-6549

**New Men's Fellowship beginning March 6th**  
**Every Sunday at Noon Following Worship**



Stay after worship for lunch, friendship, and discussion on how to make lasting change in your life. Join us as we explore the implications of being a Christian and learn to be disciples of Christ. Each week we will explore three questions:

1. How was your week?
2. What did you get out of the sermon?
3. What are you going to do about it?

Come to share, come to learn, come to make friends. But most of all come to honor God!

For more information, see **Greg Allenby**, **Tom Householder**, or **Leo Robinson** who are the leadership team for this new ministry.

**Ash Wednesday Service at King Ave UMC**

We will join with our brothers and sisters in Christ from King Avenue United Methodist Churches for worship on **March 9 at 7 p.m.** The service will be held at King Ave. UMC, **with dinner served at 6 p.m.** If you would like to sing in the combined choir, see **Bob Brown**.

On Ash Wednesday we come to worship to kneel, to pray, and to ask God's forgiveness, surrounded by other sinners. We come with a "broken and contrite heart," in the words of Psalm 51. On this day, ashes are smeared on our foreheads, a symbol of our mortality, of our brokenness, of our sinfulness. The ashes are smeared on us in the shape of a cross, a reminder that through the death of Christ, we find forgiveness and the fullness of life. We will also receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, remembering that through Christ we are forgiven, set free from our sins, and filled with the Spirit which enables us to live as faithful disciples.

Ash Wednesday is the gateway to the season of Lent, a 6 week period in which we are very intentional in our spiritual disciplines of prayer, study of scripture, worship, fasting (as we are able), and self-denial. Make this a time for renewal in your faith and commitment to the Lord.



## **GOOD THINGS HAPPEN!**

God's people make good things happen at New Life. Continually the clothing room is blessed by the acts of so many. In turn the clothing room is a blessing for our many neighbors.

Let us count the ways.....

A tremendous blessing are the **76 volunteers** from 9 churches who give weekly of their time, energy, and love for others by serving in the clothing room. They are a committed, loyal, skilled and joyful group. These Christian servant leaders make good things happen!

Recently, the men's pants racks were bare. When a **men's group at Meadow Park Church of God** viewed a photo of those bare racks, they decided to do something about it. On the spot they collected more than \$200 and bought 200 pair of men's jeans at the Eddie Bauer Warehouse sale. In addition, New Life will now be receiving free clothing from Eddie Bauer. Get the idea? These good men of God make good things happen!

**One of the Meadow Park men** found online clothes left in storage units that were available for free. He and his wife collected, sorted and washed the usable clothes and brought them to New Life. They will continue to make this their mission. This couple, God's people, make good things happen!

Thanks to the help of **Wal Mart donations** of cookware, dishes, curtains, bedding and appliances as well as these items given by individuals, the clothing room is able to help our **neighbors who have gotten out of homelessness into an apartment**. What a good thing to happen!

Every week, we continue to receive donations from churches and individuals, which allow the clothing room to make good things happen continually. Thank you to all who share in the mission of New Life to serve our neighbors.



Romans 5:5, NRSV

***"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*** -Romans 8:28

Thanks be to God,  
**Vickie Moseley**  
Clothing Room Steward



one day to end  
homelessness

communityshelterboard

**Faith Community, Shelter Board and  
Dispatch Partner in Campaign**

As we know so well, Central Ohio residents are seeking emergency shelter in alarming numbers, swelling shelters beyond capacity, and impacting ministries who care for people who are homeless in significant ways. As one way to respond to this growing need, the Community Shelter Board held a fundraising campaign entitled, "One Day to End Homelessness" which will support programs including homeless prevention and rapid re-housing. Sponsors of the campaign include WBNS and the Dispatch Media Group, along with the faith community, including The United Methodist Church.

On the WBNS/Dispatch website this month, a short media clip will appear communicating that ***The United Methodist Church is working to end homelessness EVERY day.*** There will then be a link to the United Methodist Community Ministries website, and ultimately to websites for churches and ministries such as ours, providing an opportunity for people to learn more and potentially volunteer or financially support the ministries of New Life.

Therefore, to provide a safe, direct way for **ANYONE** to contribute to New Life's ministries at any time, we added a link to "PayPal" on our website's homepage ([www.newlifeunitedmethodist.org](http://www.newlifeunitedmethodist.org)).

**Let there be light!!**

**Or, how many United Methodists  
does it take to change lightbulbs?**

In the Assembly Room where much ministry and fellowship takes place the old fluorescent bulbs were mostly burned out, and would soon need to be replaced with new ballasts and light bulbs.

The problem? The ceiling is at least 30 feet high, and inaccessible with anything but a floor lift.

We were blessed that ESP, Inc. loaned us their lift at no cost. The challenge was getting this 500 lb. piece of equipment into the building. The Lord blessed us with a strong, or at least determined, group of men — **Tom Poole**, who went to Grove City to get the lift, **Bill Casto**, **Brian McKnight**, **Mel Hampton and his friend Bill** — who hauled it off the truck and up the steps to the first floor (the hard part!).

The next day, **Tom Householder** and **Bill Casto** spent several hours changing the ballasts and the light tubes.

Now, the next challenge was getting this piece of equipment OUT of the building! But we were blessed again with another volunteer in our ministry who works for a company that MOVES HEAVY EQUIPMENT. They offered to help us with this task. We are very grateful for all of the men who worked to complete this task, and the good news is that the room is MUCH brighter.

So as **Cathy Brady** said as she watched **Bill** and **Tom** working, "it takes a whole VILLAGE" of men to change a light bulb at New Life.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!  
5th Annual Bluegrass Festival  
May 14th**

**Great music! Great food! Silent Auction!**

**Want to be part of the planning team, or  
volunteer at the event?**

**Contact Pastor Jennifer: [nwlifeumc1@att.net](mailto: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

**Men's Fellowship & Lunch (12:00 PM)**  
 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: **Friday Night Live (4-6 PM)**  
 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 activities for March:**

|    |              |  |
|----|--------------|--|
| 2  | 1:00 PM      | Trinity/New Life Covenant meeting            |
|    | 7:00 PM      | Bible Study                                  |
| 3  | 7:00 PM      | Finance Committee meeting                    |
| 5  | 9:00 AM      | Tailgate Party (August 30!) planning meeting |
| 6  | 10:30 AM     | Worship—Sacrament of Holy Communion          |
|    | 12:00 PM     | Men's Fellowship & Lunch                     |
| 9  | 6:00 PM      | Dinner served @ King Ave. UMC before worship |
|    | 7:00 PM      | Ash Wednesday Service @ King Ave. UMC        |
| 10 | 6:30 PM      | New Life Community Outreach Board meeting    |
| 13 |              | DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!!                |
|    | 12:00 PM     | Men's Fellowship & Lunch                     |
| 15 |              | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE                          |
| 16 | 7:00 PM      | Bible Study                                  |
| 17 |              | St. Patrick's Day                            |
| 20 | 12:00 PM     | Men's Fellowship & Lunch                     |
| 23 | 7:00 PM      | Bible Study                                  |
| 25 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Friday Night Live @ Thompson Rec Center      |
| 27 | 3:00 PM      | Sunday Family Dinner                         |
| 30 | 7:00 PM      | Bible Study                                  |

# FINANCIAL



# NEWS

## Report of the Treasurer as of January 31, 2011

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Checking Account  |                  |
| Beginning Balance | 16,876.63        |
| Deposits          | 19,908.36        |
| Withdrawals       | <u>20,596.95</u> |
| <br>              |                  |
| <b>Balance</b>    | <b>16,188.04</b> |

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

## Receipts in

|                      | <u>Jan.</u>        | and <u>Year</u>    |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total Plate          | 11,404.84          | 11,404.84          |
| Friends              | 2,339.52           | 2,339.52           |
| Partner Churches     | 1,608.00           | 1,608.00           |
| Breakfast Ministry   | 1,376.00           | 1,376.00           |
| Youth Ministry       | 1,360.00           | 1,360.00           |
| Clothing Room        | 10.00              | 10.00              |
| Parsonage Rent       | 0.00               | 3,210.00           |
| Healthcare Ministry  | 660.00             | 660.00             |
| Memorial Fund        | 430.00             | 430.00             |
| Group Meeting        | 420.00             | 420.00             |
| Pastor Discretionary | <u>300.00</u>      | <u>300.00</u>      |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$19,908.36</b> | <b>\$19,908.36</b> |

—Tom Householder,  
Financial Secretary

## Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2011

### Assets

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| City National checking acct | 16,188.04           |
| Savings & Investments       | <u>314,657.36</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$330,845.40</b> |

### Liabilities & Fund Balances

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Withholdings                  | 5,138.76            |
| Operations                    | 175,563.44          |
| Youth Ministry Fund           | 21,029.18           |
| Misc. Ministry Fund           | (12,775.63)         |
| Memorial Fund                 | 66,912.00           |
| Health Ministry Fund          | 15,450.01           |
| Breakfast Ministry Fund       | 40,019.20           |
| Clothing Room Fund            | 8,085.20            |
| Pass Thru Fund (flowers, etc) | (2,320.66)          |
| Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)   | 2,020.02            |
| Lillian Skeelee Fund          | <u>11,723.88</u>    |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$330,845.40</b> |

## Worship Through Giving



### Clothing Room report January, 2011

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

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Weekday Neighbors | 1359        |
| Sunday Neighbors  | <u>798</u>  |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>2157</b> |

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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