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# NEW LIFE NEWS

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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

There's a woman who has been coming to the Clothing Room to shop for the last couple of years. More recently, she has started attending Breakfast on Sunday mornings. She is often the first person in the door, rushing to sign in and get in the Clothing Room, hoping to get the best items. Most of the time she's been around, she would never look anyone in the eye. It was pretty clear that she saw us only as a place to get stuff, and rarely expressed gratitude for what she received. Every once and awhile, she would reveal tidbits of her life, like the fact that she is raising her grandson, who just started school. It's clear that she is doing the best she can to care for him, and believes he is the smartest kid she's ever met (what grandparent doesn't think that about their grandchildren!!). Still, you would have to pay pretty close attention, or even overhear her talking to friends, to learn these things about her life.

But something happened when 2012 began. Suddenly, she was acting totally different. She became friendly and gracious, expressing her gratitude to the volunteers, greeting them with a cheerful, "How you doing today, ladies?" as she signed in.

And, she began to initiate conversations with me. Once, she came into breakfast and immediately approached me to share the good news that she had just gotten a job. She said, "I was so excited — I thought, 'I can't wait to tell **Pastor Jennifer!**'" I was so excited for her, and thrilled and honored that she even thought to tell me, let alone WANTED to tell me! One another occasion, she was having trouble with a male "friend" treating her with disrespect. She had spoken with him about it, and he disregarded her request to stop. She came to me, seeking my counsel in how to handle the situation. We talked about the importance of being treated with respect, the right to set appropriate boundaries, and some strategies about how to handle situations in which she felt uncomfortable, and even unsafe.

Honestly, I don't know what happened to change her behavior and attitude toward the church, and me...maybe a new year resolution? But I'm inclined to believe it was the working of the Holy Spirit, and the consistency of the kindness and hospitality the volunteers showed her!

In this season of Easter, we celebrate the new life that is possible through the death and resurrection of Christ, and the working of the Spirit in our hearts and lives. That new life is revealed in many ways — accepting the gift of salvation through faith; seeing ourselves in the light of God's love; transformation in our relationships; even a change in attitude. I thank God for the opportunity to be part of a ministry that is guided by the Holy Spirit, giving witness to the unconditional love of Christ, and witnessing what He can do to transform the hearts and lives of so many people who come here. And I thank God for the opportunity to be in relationship with so many of our neighbors who are just like me — precious children of God.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jennifer*

## What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the act of a baptized person affirming their Christian belief and becoming a member of the church.

## Why do we have Confirmation?

- It brings us closer to God
- It unites us more firmly to Christ
- It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us
- It deepens our bond with the Church universal
- It empowers us through the Holy Spirit so we can understand our faith better
- It helps us find answers to tough questions about God so we can share our faith with others.

In the United Methodist Church, confirmation is an opportunity for those who were baptized to respond to the work of God's grace in their lives. It is the opportunity for individuals to publicly become a disciple of Christ. It can also include water baptism for those who have not already been baptized.

## When can I go through Confirmation?

We have Confirmation Class for youth every fifth Sunday of the month. We introduce the process of Confirmation, learn about the "Saints," John Wesley, The United Methodist tradition and beliefs, the Liturgical Year, engage in Bible study, and explore the questions young people have about God. We have two intense weeks during the summer months and a follow-up weekend in the spring.

We encourage youth in middle school or early high school to consider going through the process of preparing for confirmation, and learning what it means to be a **faithful disciple of Jesus Christ**.

This year **Sarafina** and **Timeeka Lynch** have been engaged in preparing to be confirmed and make a public profession of faith. They will be baptized and confirmed on April 29th. *I hope others of our youth will consider it this Summer 2012.*

Be blessed!

— **Pastor Rosie**



### Youth Dates to Remember

3	COSI trip
4	NO Plugged In
10, 17, 24	Plugged In
20, 21	Confirmation Weekend
29	Confirmation Sunday

**New Life United Methodist Church  
presents**

**“Marty Raybon in Concert”**



**Friday, May 11, 2012.**

*“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”*

6 PM Doors open with Refreshments and a Silent Auction  
7 PM Opening Bluegrass group “Strung Up”  
8 PM Marty on stage

**The suggested donation at the door is \$10**



This fund raiser supports the Outreach ministries of New Life Church (25 W. 5th Ave), which serve the needs of hundreds of our most vulnerable neighbors.



To learn more about Marty go to [www.martyraybon.com](http://www.martyraybon.com).

To learn more about New Life United Methodist Church go to [www.newlifeunitedmethodist.org](http://www.newlifeunitedmethodist.org).

## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7:00 P.M. King Ave. UMC, 299 W. King Ave.**

Traditionally called Maundy Thursday after the Latin word “mandatum” referring to Jesus’ new commandment to love one another. In a drama entitled “Another Supper” we will hear the witnesses of 12 women whose lives were changed by their encounters with Jesus. We will then celebrate Holy Communion. Women from both King Avenue and New Life UM Churches will share in the leadership of the service.

We are also invited to break bread and fellowship with our friends at King Ave. beginning at 5:45 p.m. before the service. The dinner will include elements of the Seder meal, as another reminder of the holy night in which Jesus shared the Last Supper with his first disciples.

### **Good Friday, April 6, 12 noon, Trinity UMC, 1581 Cambridge Blvd**

We will remember Jesus’ death on the cross, and the gift of salvation we receive because of that sacrificial death. This is a **very** important day, second only to Easter, to worship our Lord Jesus. **Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto** is preaching. After worship, we will gather with our friends and partners in ministry for lunch at Trinity.

### **Easter—Christ is Risen! April 8, 10:30 A.M. New Life UMC**

Need we say more about having a reason to worship and celebrate!

### **Health Ministry Needs**

We are currently caring for between 45 and 50 patients in our Health & Wellness Center. Many of them see our physicians as their “primary care providers” while others may see the health team only occasionally.

The volunteer staff of physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical students, pharmacists, other health professionals, greeters, and prayer ministers provide much needed medical care, as well as the gift of compassion to many of our neighbors who are overlooked or underserved. They are definitely a blessing!!

At this time, **we are in need of nurses, nurse practitioners and physicians** who would be willing to be part of the team, serving on a rotational schedule. Whether it’s once a month, more frequently, or even occasionally, we could use your help!! To volunteer, or receive more information, please contact us at [nwlifeunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://nwlifeunitedmethodistchurch.org), or 614.294.0134.

### **Silent Auction Items Needed**

You see within this newsletter that we are getting ready for “Marty Raybon in Concert” on May 11<sup>th</sup>. As part of the event, there will be a silent auction. If you have items to donate, we would greatly appreciate it! More importantly, put the date on your calendar!! You won’t want to miss this awesome event!



**EVANGELISM:**  
*Sharing Christ With Others*

## Spring Time in the Clothing Room

Do you remember this childhood ditty? “Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, I wonder where the flowers iz?” The warm Spring days and *early* blooming flowers and trees we are enjoying, prompts the question, “where **iz** the spring clothes?” Those in storage will soon be gone, so **spring and summer clothes are being accepted now.**

Donations may be delivered on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Please call the church (614.294.0134) if this is not convenient. Thank you for **not** leaving clothes unattended outside the church.

The response to the request for men’s jeans and workpants has been wonderful...but do remember that there is always a need for these items. A big thank you to those who have come to our aid, especially those who shopped the thrift stores to increase our bounty.

New neighbors continue to come to the clothing room which greatly impacts our resources. Those planning special mission projects are encouraged to have a sock and underwear collection. Vacation Bible School is perfect for this. White crew socks (or ankle in summer) for men, women, and children are preferred. Packages should be left intact. Underwear sizes needed are: men small, medium large, extra large , 2X , 3X; ladies sizes 5 through 9: children all sizes.

Thank you to a Trinity Preschool class and Linworth Claremont Impact group for hygiene kits given this past month. Hygiene items needed are bath size bars of soap, large lotion, large shampoo, deodorant, tooth brushes and toothpaste. These items are in great demand and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Linworth UMC for the generous gift of bath towels and washcloths given during their “Change for the Better” Lenten mission project. Our neighbors are thrilled to receive new towels.

How grateful we are for our dedicated partner churches who give so generously. Your giving provides our giving!

—**Vickie Moseley**, Clothing Room Steward



**First and Third Wednesday  
12:30-3pm**



**Join us and help us make  
Bed Rolls For Our Homeless Neighbors**

**New Life Knotters**



*We gather to  
Worship God each  
Sunday morning at  
10:30 a.m.*

**Sunday:** Breakfast Ministry, Health Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship, Young Disciples Church, Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (1:30 & 7:30 PM), Narcotics Anonymous (7 PM)

**Monday:** Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)

**Tuesday:** Clothing Room, Hospitality Breakfast (9:30-11:30 AM), Plugged In (6-8 PM)

**Wednesday:** Clothing Room (9:30-11:30 AM), Bible Study (7 PM), Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)

**Thursday:** Breakfast Ministry Preparations (7 AM), Drummers Alcohol Anonymous (8 PM)

**Friday:** Cocaine Anonymous (8 PM), Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (10 PM)

**Saturday:** Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30 PM)

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

- 1 10:30 AM Palm Sunday—Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 4 12:30-3 PM New Life Knotters
- 5 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service @ King Ave. UMC
- 6 12 PM Good Friday Service & lunch @ Trinity UMC
- 8 10:30 AM **EASTER**—Resurrection Sunday!
- 9-16 **Pastor Jennifer** on vacation
- 11 NO Bible Study
- 18 12:30-3 PM New Life Knotters
- 19 7 PM Trustees meeting
- 26 6:30 PM New Life Community Outreach Board meeting





**Report of the Treasurer  
as of Feb. 29, 2012**

Checking Accounts\*

Beginning Balance....	22,058.49
Contributions.....	19,475.28
Expenses .....	<u>17,896.25</u>
<b>Ending Balance .....</b>	<b><u>23,637.52</u></b>

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in	Feb.	and Year
Total Plate	4,249.12	8,277.80
Friends	1,501.76	8,963.76
Partner Churches	6,763.00	12,120.00
Breakfast Ministry	160.00	2,445.00
Youth Ministry	3,333.33	3,583.33
Clothing Room	87.05	362.05
Parsonage Rent	650.00	1,300.00
Healthcare Ministry	200.00	700.00
Christmas Poinsettia	0.00	16.00
Christmas Offering	0.00	1.00
Group Meeting	370.00	815.00
Miscellaneous	611.02	611.02
Pastor Discretionary Fund	50.00	100.00
Bluegrass Fundraiser	1,500.00	1,500.00
New Life Comm. Outrch	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,475.28</b>	<b>\$40,914.96</b>

—Tom Householder,  
Financial Secretary

**Balance Sheet  
as of Feb. 29, 2012**

<u>Assets</u>	
Checking accounts*	-1,443.77
Savings & Investments	<u>367,929.92</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$366,486.15</b>
<u>Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</u>	
Withholdings .....	6,387.62
Operations .....	211,944.91
Youth Ministry Fund .....	20,911.11
Misc. Ministry Fund .....	-12,775.63
Memorial Fund .....	67,692.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund .....	42,848.04
Health Ministry Fund .....	16,005.87
Clothing Room Fund .....	2,642.55
Pass Thru Fund (flowers, etc) .....	-3,704.22
Congreg Benev (UMCOR, etc)	2,810.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
<b>Total Liab &amp; Fund Bal</b>	<b>\$366,486.15</b>



**Feb. 2012**

Hours of Operation:

Sunday	7-9:30 am
Tues. & Wed.	9-11:30 am
Weekday Guests	1178
Sunday Guests	<u>697</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1875</b>

\*Amounts differ because of a correction to an earlier insurance payment.

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

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