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NEW LIFE NEWS

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New Life
United
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Church



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

From The Pastor

God continues to do amazing things at New Life! I recently ran into a neighbor who came to our church a couple of months ago. At the time, she was homeless and staying in a shelter. She was separated from her family, including her son. While I didn't get all of the details of her circumstances, one thing was clear: she had a background in nursing, and no job. The same day she came to the Clothing Room was one of the days that a professor of nursing, who also works at the Health Department, was there as well. Alexis teaches experiential classes in places where the community is underserved with medical care, like New Life. So she and her nursing students were there to provide basic medical services, such as blood pressure and glucose tests, and health and nutrition counseling. When I learned that our neighbor had nursing skills, I connected her with Alexis to talk about possible opportunities for employment. As often happens, I didn't see her again until a "chance" encounter when we were having dinner at a restaurant in another part of town.

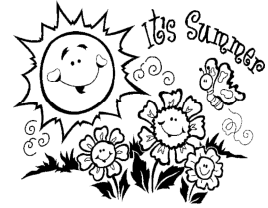
She saw me at a nearby table, and was so excited to see me. She shared the good news that after talking with Alexis, she began applying for jobs, and was finally able to get a job as a home health aid. She was at the restaurant having dinner with her son and friend, celebrating her birthday! As she told me about all that had happened since last I saw her, she said, "New Life saved my life!" As wonderful as that was to hear, I reminded her that it wasn't New Life that saved her — it was God! And in her enthusiasm, she couldn't help but agree! We were blessed to help her, but it was God who opened the doors for her, gave her skills that were marketable at the right time, and reunited her with her family.

I believe both experiences were God-incidents. It wasn't by coincidence that she came to New Life on that particular day, when a nursing professional was there — it was a God-incidence! And, it wasn't by coincidence that we were both having dinner at the same restaurant that evening — it was a God-incidence. She clearly wanted me to know what a difference that one visit to New Life had made in her life, and that evening she had the opportunity to do so. It became a word of encouragement to me at just the right time, and a reminder of how God can use us even when we're not aware of it. By seeing individuals' gifts even when their brokenness is so obvious, we represent Christ in how we treat one another with respect and dignity. And, it gives God the opportunity to use us as instruments for God's purposes in people's lives. We can participate in God-incidences!

I invite all of you to pray for this young woman as she continues to use her God given abilities, and that she can stay on solid ground financially and otherwise. And to pray that God will use us to offer hope and encouragement to whomever we encounter. WE won't save anyone's life...but we know that GOD does! And it's amazing to witness when it happens!

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jennifer*

YOUNG DISCIPLES NEWS



New Life Luau

New Life Kids started off the summer with a BANG! We celebrated the end of another school year and the joy of a fun-filled summer with a Luau! A special thanks to **Suzanne Gray** of Trinity UMC who provided a delicious meal with pulled pork and pineapple. Thanks to **Cathy Brady** and **Emily Mason** for their assistance in decorating, clean up and supervision during the party. The kids enjoyed a evening of games, relay races, and prizes. The food was amazing as always when **Suzanne** provides meals for us.

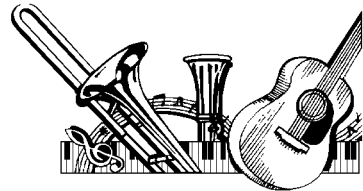
Great Report!

All the New Life kids were promoted to their next grade level for the fall! Way to go! A special recognition goes to **Kendra Booker** who graduated Cum Laude with honors! Thanks to all the mentors who were diligent and faithful to volunteering time every Tuesday night! You do make a difference!

Terrific Tuesdays

This summer we are providing NL kids with the opportunity to explore artistic venues and provide sports activities on Tuesday nights. We are looking for artists, musicians, dancers and sporty people to assist with these activities. Assistance is also needed with snacks.

Dates are: **July 17, 24, 31, and August 14.**



Friday Night Live

This youth event has traditionally been hosted by various youth groups and held at New Life. If your youth group would like to assist New Life Youth this summer with games, crafts, and sport activities this summer our FNL dates follow:

July 27, Aug 24, and Oct 26.

Field Trips to COSI

Thanks to Worthington UMC we have family passes to COSI! The kids are excited about getting to explore and learn in this amazing environment! We are seeking volunteers to go with us on the following dates: **July 13, July 23, and Aug 3.**



Blessings,
Pastor Rosie

NEW LIFE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR 10TH ANNUAL

BUCKEYE TAILGATE FUNDRAISER!

TO BENEFIT OUR OUTREACH MINISTRIES FOR
PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR AND HOMELESS

Tuesday, August 28th

Doors open at 5:30pm

Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center

1620 Schrock Road, Columbus, OH 43229

There will be a "Tailgate Style" Buffet, Silent Auction and
Guest Speaker Ryan Miller former OSU Linebacker!

TICKETS: \$30 minimum donation

Children ages 5-17 \$15. Children under 5 are free.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at New Life United Methodist Church or by calling (614) 294-0134.
For more information visit our website at www.NewLifeUnitedMethodist.org



EMCEE:
Mindy Drayer from NBC4



GUEST SPEAKER:
Ryan Miller, former OSU Linebacker

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ENORMOUS NUMBERS AFFORD THANKS

The new tracking system now being used in the clothing room, necessitated by the 501(c)(3) not for profit entity created by the church (**New Life Community Outreach**), is giving a much clearer picture of how many neighbors are served and the items given. Thanks to Tracker **Theresa Meyer**, a retired bookkeeper, a concise report is now compiled each month. To quote **Theresa**, "May was a busy month. We served 793 heads of household with 447 dependents." ***Total items given during May was 5,863 which includes all clothing, new socks, toiletries and household items.*** Of these items, 2,413 were personal hygiene items ("personals") purchased by New Life Church, volunteers, partner churches and other individuals.

In May "personals" represented 41% of all items given; 40% (incorrectly stated as 65% in the June news article) were given in April. These figures are important to emphasize the enormity of purchased items: socks, underwear, large shampoo, deodorant, laundry and dish detergents, large lotion, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste, foot or baby powder etc. that are given monthly to our neighbors. These numbers also stress the importance of partner churches supporting the Clothing Room by having underwear and sock drives as well as donating one hundred count of a chosen personal item on a regular basis.

Immeasurable appreciation is given those churches who have generously committed to supporting the ministry of New Life in our mission outreach budget and/or program.

Particular thanks is given partner churches who made it possible for the May distribution of socks, underwear, toiletries and 100 new pillows: Columbia Heights, Church of The Master, Indian Run, Church of the Redeemer, Scioto Ridge and Trinity United Methodist Churches, Concord Presbyterian Fellowship, and Meadow Park Church of God. Also, grateful thanks is given for bundles of new tee-shirts and monetary donations received from individuals.

At the end of the school year the following note was received from the Graham School teacher, **Melissa Rulong**, and colorfully signed by each student:

"Thank you so much for all you do for the Columbus and neighboring communities. You really have some great programs that help so many in need. Thank you also for allowing us to come and help in your efforts each week. We have learned so much. We are also thankful for the brunches each week!! Love the time spent at New Life this year!"

The Graham School is committed to preparing their students for "lifelong learning and informed citizenship through real-world experiences and rigorous academics." It is a privilege to share in this commitment to their students. We look forward to another year of working with **Melissa** and her students; their help lightens the load for all of us who volunteer in the Clothing Room. Our mutual sharing in mission is most rewarding for all involved.

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love"

-Vickie Moseley

Editor's note: We also received a very nice "Thank you" note from **Donald Vreeland** thanking all of the New Life volunteers in the Clothing Room, in the Kitchen and Health and Wellness Center, for all that they do to help him in his life journey.

New Life to be a Site for Learning

Church for All People (United Methodist) and Methodist Theological School are working together in providing a specialization program in ministry with people who are poor and marginalized in our city.

The week of July 9th, they are offering a class which will look specifically at how Congregations and Communities can partner together to launch and grow ministries with people who are currently living in poverty. **Additionally, the hope is that students will begin to learn how to move toward creating an inclusive Body of Christ, and create a culture in which we can catch a glimpse of what the Reign of God looks like.**

New Life will be one of the sites to which a team of students will be sent to learn how we have done this, and may identify additional ways in which we can strengthen our ministries in partnership with the community. They will particularly explore the assets and strengths within the community, and the people who are served by the ministry. Here are a few examples:

- We have seen the assets and strengths of many people who have come to receive services, then recognize skills they have, and have a desire to give of their time and talent to strengthen the ministries of New Life.
- Our partnership with the Ohio State School of Nursing has allowed a place of learning for students and through their relationships with our neighbors have grown in understanding what the health needs are and how to address them. Even in receiving health care, our neighbors have become teachers of these students.
- Our partnerships with other churches are also a way in which the gifts of time, talents and energy are assets hundreds of individuals invest in our share ministry, while we invest the asset of a place in which we can all live out our faith as disciples of Jesus, and the blessing of developing relationships among a diverse group of people.

We look forward to this opportunity to share what we have learned, and to gain insight from the students' perspective as those who are "outside looking in."

West Ohio Annual Conference 2012

Wow, it is hard to believe that it's time for Annual Conference again! The theme for this year was **Unleashed: Proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.** It's exciting for me to go to Conference. I love the worship and fellowship with friends. We worked on 10 resolutions ranging from making our church camps safe for kids, and *raising over \$1 million for Wings of the Morning mission.* We also passed a resolution to stop domestic violence.

But through all the joy it was also sad to say goodbye to **Bishop Ough.** This was his last Conference as our Bishop.

On a personal note, this was the Conference that almost wasn't for me. I have been unemployed the last couple months and just started a new job. The week before conference I mentioned during my job interview that I had planned to go to Annual Conference. My employer at the time did not think that they could let me go, but on my first day with work they told my coworker that I would be off the three days for conference, which made me very happy.

I had a great time at Annual Conference. If you have never been I would recommend the experience. You will really be blessed.

Your friend in Christ, **Tom**



*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),

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 (9 PM)

Saturday: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30 PM)

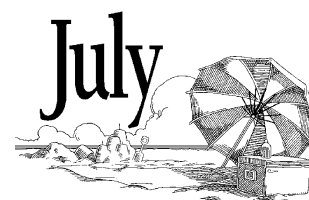
In addition to our weekly scheduled ministries, as listed above, please note the following activities in June:

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| 1 | 10:30 AM | Worship—Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| 4 | | INDEPENDENCE DAY; Clothing Room closed;
NO Bible Study |
| 5 | 7:00 PM | Ad Council meeting |
| 8 | 11:30 AM | Staff/Parish Relations Committee meeting |
| 11 | 7:00 PM | Bible Study |
| 12 | 6:30 PM | New Life Community Outreach Board meeting |
| 13 | | Young Disciples swim party |
| 17 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Terrific Tuesday for Young Disciples |
| 18 | 12:30-3:00 PM | New Life Knotters |
| | 7:00 PM | Bible Study |
| 19-23 | | Pastor Jennifer on vacation |
| 23 | | Young Disciples trip to COSI |
| 24 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Terrific Tuesday for Young Disciples |
| 25 | 7:00 PM | Bible Study |
| 26 | 7:00 PM | Trustees meeting |
| 27 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Friday Night Live for Young Disciples |
| 30 | 3:00 PM | Sunday Family Dinner |
| 31 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Terrific Tuesday for Young Disciples |



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