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Jerome United Methodist Church *sharing*
God's love by words and actions

Extending God's Invitation

Ted and Janet Kidd were married for seventeen years before her death. At the funeral service, Ted told the story of their courtship and marriage. Ted was five years older than Janet and finished college ahead of her. They worked hundreds of miles away from each other. During their courtship it had seemed they were always at different places in their lives. Despite these difficulties, they dated for seven years.

Every Valentine's Day Ted proposed to Janet, and every Valentine's Day Janet replied, "No, not yet." Finally, both were living in Dallas, Texas. Ted reached the end of his patience. He bought a ring, took Janet to a romantic restaurant, and prepared to reinforce his proposal with the diamond. Another "NO" would mean that he would close the door and get on with his life without her.

After salad, the entrée, and dessert, it was time. Ted summoned his courage, but knowing Janet would have a gift for him, he decided to wait. He asked, "What do you have for me?" Janet handed a package to him. He opened it and discovered that Janet had completed a cross-stitch of one simple but important word, "YES!"

"Yes" is the word that God, in tireless pursuit of us, longs to hear!

Jesus told a parable about God's longing to have a relationship with us. According to Jesus' story, a king prepared an amazing feast to celebrate his son's wedding. He invited many guests. When the day of the feast came, none of the invited guests showed up. The king commanded his servants: "Go into the highways, and hedges and invite the poor, the blind, the lame, the good and bad to come to the banquet. (Matthew 22:1-10)

God is a loving and inviting God. God invites all people to know Jesus Christ, find forgiveness, discover purpose in life, enjoy peace, live with hope, make a difference in the world, and experience assurance of eternal life. God's Holy Spirit is inviting our friends, our co-workers, the homeless person on the street, the student down the road and us to be a part of the journey following Christ and being a part of the church which is Christ's body.

God waits anxiously for our hearts to say "yes!" Most often God's invitation comes through people who add their invitation to find faith or come to church alongside the invitation God's Spirit is continually making to all people.

Think about these questions. You might even ask God about them.

- Who do you know who does not have a vital relationship with a church?
- Who do you know who seems to be searching for a source of strength in life?
- Who is NOT attending church regularly that you really wish were attending?
- Who might never be invited to church if you do not invite him or her?
- Who is God nudging you to pray for daily and invite as the Holy Spirit leads you?
- Who have you invited again and again, but you need to invite AGAIN? When will you do it?

Let me suggest Sunday, August 24, as a great day to offer the invitation to the person(s) God brings to mind. It's the Annual Worship in the Woods at Jerome

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Church. Here are the details for that for that fun day of worship, food, and fellowship:

Worship in the Woods 2009

Sunday, August 24

This is a great time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join you for joyful music, good food, and great fellowship in this outdoor worship service, followed by a pot luck picnic lunch. Please bring vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Meat, beverage, and table service will be provided.

- 10:00 Music by the Scioto Ridge Boys
10:30 Worship in the Woods
11:30 Pot Luck Picnic

Mark your calendars now, pray for a sunny day, and bring your family and friends to this annual “end of the summer” event.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

August

“SERVICE SUNDAYS” Come ready to work for an hour on various projects, such as sleeping bags for the homeless, making soup for Soup for the Soul, weed the garden, wash the church van, perform various small maintenance jobs from the trustees, knit or learn to knit items for those in need.

For those of you who want to attend a more traditional type of Sunday school class, there will be one short term class led each week in the Adult Discussion Room.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Screening

There will be no blood pressure screening in August. The next blood pressure screening will be Sunday, September 13. The screening is done from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the office conference room. All are welcome.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Missions Garden

Each year the ladies of Serendipity plant a garden behind the church. The vegetables grown in the garden are used to feed the homeless at the Church for All People in downtown Columbus. If you would like to help take care of the garden, please call Dawn Stanko (336-3708).

United Methodist Free Store

Back to School Supplies Collection

It's that time again! The United Methodist Free Store will partner with three neighborhood elementary schools to provide school supplies. We value involvement from the entire congregation for this project. These supplies need to be at the church by Sunday, August 9. Please place all supplies in a box in the Narthex. We thank you in advance for your faithful partnership and generous assistance with this project.

The following is the 2009 list:

KINDERGARTEN: jumbo crayons, jumbo pencils, blunt scissors, crayons – 24 count, erasers

ALL GRADES: binders, colored pencils, crayons – 24 count, erasers, folders – 3 prong with 2 pockets, glue sticks, loose leaf notebook paper, markers, rulers, #2 pencils, spiral notebooks, scissors

4th & 5th Grade, highlighters, ink pens – blue or black, clothing for all school age children - new underclothes, socks, and uniforms (dark pants and skirts, and white tops)

Clothes for the Southside Free Store.....

The Southside Free Store will no longer accept winter clothes from April to September. They simply

have run out of space to store them until needed. Therefore, **PLEASE** do not bring any winter articles of clothing to the church to be taken down to the Free Store. Save them for late September. Thank you! Please contact Lynn Boston if you have any questions.

Soup for the Soul

Please consider offering a regular donation to our Soup for the Soul ministry. Several members provide bread and eggs on a weekly basis. If you can provide a pot of soup, lunch meat and cheese, fruit, drinks, desserts or any food item on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Melinda Murphy (766-9002). You are also invited to join us on our weekly trip to the Church for All People to serve. We leave our church promptly at 3:30 p.m. each Friday, returning by 6:00 p.m.

ADULT MISSION OPPORTUNITY

To Brenton, West Virginia

Potluck Planning Meeting, August 16th

Appalachia Service Project is a home repair and building ministry through which volunteers and ASP staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Central Appalachia. Home repairs range from repairing foundations to roofing a house and everything in between. ASP's goal is to make homes warmer, safer and drier, while offering spiritually meaningful experiences for volunteers and homeowners alike.

Are you interested in participating in this type of ministry? Plan to attend the **potluck planning meeting on August 16, 4:00 p.m., at the home of Bill & Melinda Bryan to learn more.**

When: October 22-25 (Thursday – Sunday)

Where: Brenton, West Virginia (near Pineville – about 5 hrs)

Cost: The trip is estimated to cost \$175 per person. This cost includes: food and lodging (dormitory style) registration

fee, food and gas costs for travel to and from destination.

Please join us in this opportunity to be His willing hands by following the Gospel's call to be His servants.

If you are interested in participating, please call Kathy Feightner (771-2437).

Kick-Off Tailgate Party

Benefits Homeless and Poor in Columbus

The Seventh Annual Kick-Off Tailgate Party, sponsored by New Life United Methodist Church and The Buckeye Hall of Fame, will be held Thursday, September 3, the night before the season opener with Navy. The party is 5-8:00 p.m. at the Buckeye Hall of Fame, between King and Fifth Avenues on Olentangy River Road. This annual event benefits people who are homeless and poor in Columbus through the ministries of New Life United Methodist Church at 25 W. Fifth Ave.

Each year the party includes a variety of Ohio State University football related celebrities, including Brutus Buckeye, the OSU Cheerleaders and Pep Band, and several hundred Buckeye fans. The buffet dinner includes burgers and brats, chips and beans, salad and desert, sodas and coffee.

There will be a HUGE silent auction with many OSU related items and other valuable new and used items, including two tickets to the USC game on September 12.

Tickets to the party are \$20 each for Adults 18 and over, \$10 for Kids 5-17, and Free for Kids under 5. A ticket includes admission to the party, the buffet and the opportunity to bid on items in the auction.

To purchase tickets or request more information, email nwlifeumcl1@att.net or call the church at 294-0134. **GO BUCKS!**

Total Health/Total Home/CNI

Jerome UMC is sponsoring another mission trip to Honduras from January 30 to February 6, 2010. This trip will be the same as the last trip in that we will

build a home, which will be dedicated to Everett Buckner, work at the health clinic, and interact with the kids at the CNI center. All of the work will be coordinated with Iglesia Gran Comision of La Ceiba, Honduras. We already have six people who have expressed a desire to help the people of Honduras in February. The maximum on the team will be 18 to 20 people. You must be 18 years old to go but do not need to be affiliated with Jerome Church. A deposit of \$50 is due by September 1 with the remainder of \$650 plus airfare, due by November 1. If you want Total Home/Total Health to buy your airline ticket, the cost will be an additional \$800 for a maximum of \$1,500. Airline tickets have cost between \$400 and \$800 the last two years. That will be your total cost, other than immunizations and personal expenses, as all in country transportation, food and housing will be provided. A passport will be required. An informational meeting is planned for Thursday, August 6, 7:00 p.m. at Phil and Dana Hammond's house. Their address is 6831 Brodie Boulevard, Dublin, OH 43017. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Debbie Trego at 889-6041 or addikus@aol.com or Charlie Bynner at 873-5188 or cwbynner@columbus.rr.com. Please let one of us know if you plan to come to the informational meeting so that we can make the necessary plans. All money is to be sent to Jerome UMC, attention Chris Mills. The checks are to be made out to Jerome UMC with *Honduras* written in the memo line.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to others in our world and spread God's love by words and actions. That is the mission of Jerome United Methodist Church. We guarantee that you will receive more than you give. It is not possible to give God's love away, as it seems to bounce back ten fold. Won't you join your friends in Christ to touch the lives of others less fortunate?

Music Ministry

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Dear Friends,

The summer has been great. Vacation is over for the Holsingers and preparations are underway for Vacation Bible School. I hope you have had a wonderful summer doing the things you like to do. Thanks to Julie Gossard for helping lead worship and accompanying our special music. YEA!

Choir rehearsals and bell practice will soon begin. **Worship in the Woods** will be led by "The Scioto Ridge Boys" on Sunday, August 30. Music will begin at 10:00 a.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Our first choir practice of the fall season will be held Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. We will practice again on Wednesday, September 9 and sing for the first time for church on Sunday, September 13. We meet before worship at 8:00 a.m. Bring a friend that likes to sing.

HIGHER GROUND

Many thanks to our substitute band leaders, Craig Markley and Roger Whittaker. You all are to be commended for your wonderful cooperation with our substitute leaders. You get a gold star! Rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings at 8:00.

*Higher Ground will not lead music on August 30. **Worship in the Woods** will be led by "The Scioto Ridge Boys". There will be no rehearsal on Thursday, August 27.

JEROME RINGERS

Our first bell practice of the fall season will be held on Wednesday, September 2 at 8:00 p.m. We will practice again on Wednesdays at 8:00 and ring, for the

first time for church on Sunday, September 27. We meet before worship at 7:45 for our run-through.

*** Children's Music ***

Junior Bells Will Meet

We will rehearse Sunday, September 13 at noon in the music room. See you soon!

Children's Music

Children's music will continue as a part of *TWIST* on Wednesday, October 7.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/4 Alyssa Rothermund, Ron Brenneman,
Wanda Weisheimer, John Manker
- 8/5 Barb Linkhorn
- 8/6 Gail Lambie
- 8/7 Austin Beyke
- 8/8 Leslie Herchline, Ruth Schwab
- 8/9 Sue Steuerwald, Sherrell Welcker
- 8/10 Terry Hill, Penny Sullivan,
Jack Moberger, Melinda Murphy
- 8/11 Stuart Staples, Pam Schmidt
- 8/12 Jacob Eye
- 8/13 Gerri Miller
- 8/15 Stephanie Eye
- 8/16 Larry Herchline, Colleen Palmer
- 8/18 Abagael Clark
- 8/19 Bob Neill, Nancy Taylor
- 8/20 Steve Roggencamp
- 8/21 Joe Sullivan
- 8/22 Lee Schacherbauer, Jill Smith
- 8/24 Kim Weaver
- 8/27 Randy Page, Pat Breeding
- 8/28 Meredith Hoover, Brian Taylor
- 8/29 Anita Norris, Tom Elliott, Bill Purdy
- 8/31 Amy Bucklin

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Herald Baughman (Kim Solomon's father)
- Dottie Fergusson
- Jimmy Kelly (Joan Hayslip)
- John Manker
- Gerri Miller
- Dottie Neill
- Ann Raymond (Mary Jo Piper)
- Don Swartz (Joan Hayslip)
- Barb Wilcox
- Andrew Zanko
- Madilyn Zimmerman

HOMEBOUND:

- Forrest & Ginny Albright

NURSING HOME:

- Lee Schacherbauer
- Tom Webb
- Miriam Wilcox


MILITARY:

- Kelleigh & Brad Bennett (Kristi Smith)
- Beau Castilla
- Brian Doyle-Wenger (Dave & Valerie Altfater)
- Willy & Betsey Griffith (Kristi Smith)
- Jeremy Holcomb (Chris & Sarah Holcomb)
- Michael Hoover (Steve & Diana Hoffman Harsh)
- Joshua Kline (Kim Solomon)
- Tom Little (Wilkie family)
- Jodi McFee (Vicki Bowman)
- Cody Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Seth Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Michael Moran (Marla Anderson)
- Jordan Neill
- Shannon Neill
- Jason Tummonds (Wayne & Kathy Tummonds)
- Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

MISSIONARIES:

- Dave & Donna Jacobsson: MAF

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Jerome United Methodist Church

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHERE FEARLESS KIDS SHINE GOD'S LIGHT

groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/jerome

- Visit the website to register your children
- Visit the website to register to volunteer
- **August 3 - 7 at 6:30 – 8:45pm.**
- Children 3 years old to those entering Grade 6
- Cost is \$10 per child, \$25 max. per family
- Guests are FREE!
- Everyone receives an iron-on decal
- Music CD's will be on sale for \$6 each

Questions? Contact Marla Anderson at 614-402-9606 or Donna Montgomery at donna.jumc@gmail.com.

VBS TEACHER/SHEPHERD MEETING

We will meet to go over some final details and expectations for VBS teachers and Shepherds on Sunday, August 2, at noon. Please plan to attend. T-shirt decals and music CD's are available in the church office. If you have not picked yours up yet, you may do so any time the office is open. You are also invited to stay and help set up rooms and the Fellowship Hall immediately following the meeting. We will order pizza for anyone staying to set up.

2009 VBS Mission Donations

This year's mission collection joins with the mission committee's collection of school supplies for the Free Store. The following is a list of suggested items:

COLUMBUS FREE STORE, SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

ALL GRADES:

- BINDERS
- COLORED PENCILS CRAYONS – 24 COUNT
- ERASERS
- FOLDERS – 3 PRONG WITH 2 POCKETS

- GLUE STICKS
- LOOSE LEAF
- NOTEBOOK PAPER
- MARKERS
- RULERS
- #2 PENCILS
- SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
- SCISSORS

CLOTHING, ALL SCHOOL AGES:

- NEW UNDERCLOTHES
- NEW SOCKS
- DARK PANTS (UNIFORM)
- DARK SKIRTS (UNIFORM)
- WHITE TOPS (UNIFORM)

KINDERGARTEN:

- JUMBO CRAYONS
- JUMBO PENCILS
- BLUNT SCISSORS
- CRAYONS – 24 COUNT
- ERASERS

4TH & 5TH GRADE:

- HIGHLIGHTERS
- INK PENS – BLUE OR BLACK

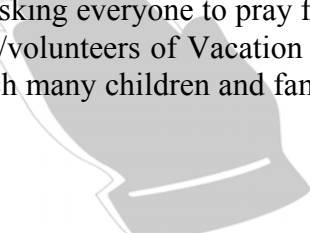
VBS Donations Needed for SNACKS

The following supplies will be needed for VBS snacks. If you would like to donate items, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby or in the office. If you can drop off supplies to Donna's office before July 27, that would be helpful.

- strawberry syrup (for ice cream) – in the large squeeze bottles (4 bottles)
- ice cream rainbow sprinkles – 3
- chocolate pudding cups – 8 of the 12 packs
- Oreo cookies – 5 packages
- pretzels – 5 bags (small stick pretzels)
- marshmallows – 3 bags of the miniature
- goldfish crackers – 2 large boxes
- white icing – 10 tubs
- mini chocolate chips – 6 bags
- plain M&M's – 3 of the 1 lb. bags.
- 4 tubs of 100ct handwipes

De LIGHT ful PRAYERS

We are asking everyone to pray for the children and the teachers/volunteers of Vacation Bible School. We hope to reach many children and families with the love



and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Please pray for God's love to be revealed through the lives of those leading and for the hearts of those attending to experience a God-sighting, memorable experience.

SUMMER Children's Worship (8:30 and 10:45)

For the summer, we encourage middle and older elementary children to attend worship with their parents. We will resume children's worship for preschool through grade four in September.

SUMMER Sunday School (9:45)

Children will be invited to join their parents at the Sunday School activities for adults this summer. August is Mission Month. **Maggie Mattmiller and Michelle Pettit** will also teach Sunday School for preschool and early elementary children. The Nursery will remain available throughout all services this summer for children up to age 3.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TOO?

Would you like to experience faith through leading children? **We still need a Sunday School Teacher at 9:45 (team teach with Marc Zimmerman) and a few more teachers and shepherds at both of the worship services (once a month).** If you would like more information, contact Donna Montgomery.

CLASS LISTS

There are class lists in the office for children nursery – 12th grade. Please check these lists to make sure your children are in the correct age group. You may make corrections on the list or by contacting the church office.

ACTIVITY BAGS

For the summer, children's worship is for Preschool and Early Elementary children. There are activity bags in the narthex for kids who stay in the service on Sunday mornings. Thank you, Linda Pettit, for serving as the coordinator of this ministry.

TWIST COMING SOON

People like TWIST because it is a time to build relationships with other families. It is a time of weaving our families together with fellowship, faith, and fun. We hope you will come.

We will begin Twist on October 7 and will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Twist includes a meal, music, service projects, games, and Bible Study for families with Preschool and Elementary children.

KidConnections – Connecting Kids to Christ and Christian Community: Our hope is to help children know how awesome it is to have a personal relationship with the all-knowing, all-loving, all-powerful one and only true God through Jesus Christ. We want to help develop a love for God, a love for others, a love for His Word and a desire to follow Him. (Following Jesus' words from Mark 12:30-31)

FLEA MARKET PLANNING

Planning for the 2010 flea market has begun. Yes, it's hard to believe it's been 3 months since our very successful 2009 sale. We will post items of the month in the newsletter and bulletin. We will do this for the next 9 months until our next sale. There are several items we always need to run the sale. Even though we will post items of the month that we would like to collect, we will absolutely take additional donations anytime throughout the year. In the Flea Market mailbox will be a list of all the items we need for the flea market. Please feel free to take a list with you.

The items we are collecting in August are:

Masking Tape
Packing Clear Tape with roll/cut on it
Black or Blue Medium Print Pens
Black FINE Print Permanent Markers
Wire Hangers
Brown Paper Grocery Bags

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

G.R.O.W. BONFIRE

On Sunday, August 9, all G.R.O.W. attendees will meet at the home of Denise Gorden at 7:30 p.m. for a bonfire and hot dog roast. All young adults, 18 years of age or older, are welcome to join us as we say goodbye to those students who will be returning to college this Fall.

OASIS CAMP FIRE SENIOR SEND OFF

On Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 p.m., OASIS will meet at the home of Denise Gorden for a hot dog roast and bonfire. We will take this time to say goodbye to all the students who will be leaving for their first year of college. If you would be willing to provide hotdogs, chips, marshmallows, graham crackers or Hershey chocolate bars for s'mores, please call Denise at 873-8655.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

OASIS- Senior high boys and girls are invited to join us Wednesdays this summer, 7:00 p.m., in the Teen Room at the church for pizza and Bible study.

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. 2009

During the week of June 21, thirty six adults and students from our church attended the Mountain T.O.P. work camp. We spent the week at Camp Baker, which is near Spencer, Tennessee. The other churches that participated in the camp week were from Pulaski, Tennessee, State College, Pennsylvania, Dayton and Akron, Ohio.

We arrived in McMinnville, Tennessee on Saturday around 5:00 p.m. Before dinner, the campers enjoyed a swim in the hotel pool. That evening we had dinner with Tara Middlestead and the other staff member with whom she is serving. Tara is serving at Camp Cumberland Pines, which is about one hour from Camp Baker.

We entered camp around 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. For the next several hours bags were unpacked, tools were unloaded and there was time for the kids to make new

friends and see some familiar faces, as well. Following lunch, we had our first worship service in the beautiful worship center. The theme for the week was "The Amazing Race". Sunday was a day of orientation for both adults and students. Before supper that night we were broken down into our work groups, called YRGs (Youth Renewal Groups). YRGs consist of two adults and four or five students. The group is balanced between age, gender and Mountain T.O.P. and construction experience. The rest of the evening was a time of fellowship for the entire camp.

Monday through Friday, the days began with a loud horn waking us up at 7:00 a.m. for a 7:30 a.m. breakfast. The Major Groups, which were made up of five or six YRGs, were responsible for serving breakfast and dinners at the camp. Following breakfast, all campers took part in "Day Break". Each Day Break is a short devotion time where campers go off by themselves to read and mediate on the devotion that is given to them.

Following Daybreak, each Major Group gathers to receive their job assignment for the day. The mission of Mountain T.O.P. is to provide for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the people of the Cumberland Mountains. The jobs the YRGs are given reflect this mission. Jobs for the week included painting of houses, trailers and porches, building of sheds, porches, steps, wheelchair ramps and hand rails, minor home repair and tarring roofs. Adults and students also spent time talking with the families and playing with children. If possible, the YRGs ate lunch with the families. Each day the campers prayed with the families they served when we arrived, at lunch and when we left.

Following the work days, the YRGs spent time in the county visiting local dairy bars, Sonic and other local attractions. Everyone returned to camp between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Dinner each night was at 6:00 p.m.

Each evening after dinner there was time for community sharing. YRGs shared their daily experiences in the county with the camp community. We also had different and unique worship services each evening. Several nights we worshiped under the stars, which was just an awesome experience. Following worship each evening, there was plenty of

free time for the campers to unwind from the busy day. Lights went out at 10:30 p.m. each night.

Our church was recognized for 15 years of participation in the Mountain T.O.P. ministry on Thursday night. A plaque was presented to us from the President of the Board of Directors of Mountain T.O.P.

Friday was a short work day. The YRGs had their final lunch together. During that time they gave each other some gifts relating to their week-long experiences. These gifts can be a block of wood from one of their projects, nails made into a cross or a letter or poem.

Following dinner on Friday evening, we had 'Camp Fire'. During this time, the campers were invited to sing songs, play instruments or perform a skit relating to the camp week. After Camp Fire, we headed into the final worship service of the week. Campers had time to share what the week at Mountain T.O.P. meant to them. The message from the Camp Director was it was our responsibility to bring "The Light" down from the Mountain and to bring Christ to the people in the valley below through the sharing of our faith and service. We then took Communion. Following Communion was the Commissioning service. Campers went forward to receive their fishhook, which symbolizes their commitment to be followers of Christ. To end the service, campers were asked to seek out anyone in camp who had been helpful to them during the week or was important to them in their Faith Journey. Needless to say, you could feel the Holy Spirit's presence that evening. For many of us, Mountain T.O.P. gives us a glimpse of what heaven on earth could be like with daily prayer, worship, serving and Christian fellowship being a part of each day.

On Saturday we had a very early wake up call at 6:30 a.m. Following breakfast, we cleaned up the camp bathrooms and all the cabins. After a closing circle and one final rendition of the Mountain T.O.P. song, we headed out to spend the night in Richmond, Kentucky. We returned Sunday afternoon to a parking lot full of parents, family and mission partners. Thanks to the Mission Team, we enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner, followed by a time of community sharing.

Not enough can be said about the students and adults from our church who attended this year's camp. Despite the heat and conditions at the work sites, they

worked hard on their projects. It was not uncommon for a Jerome camper to lead the prayers at meal time or share their experiences with the community. Other Jerome campers participated in the various worship services throughout the week. Many of the campers who had been to Mountain T.O.P. several times shared their experiences, support and encouragement with the younger campers. At the camp, the hotels and the restaurants, there were always comments about how kind and well behaved the kids were. I could not have been more proud.

Thanks to the entire congregation for their support of this very special ministry. Mountain T.O.P. could not happen without the help of our church family. Our thanks go to:

- Rusty Woerner (15 years), Todd and Vickie Bowman (first year), Chris Mills (first year) Diane Leibold (second year) and Tom Montgomery (11 years) for providing adult leadership on the trip.
- Steve Montee for arranging the van rentals.
- Everyone who was a mission partner.
- Rusty and Terry Woerner, Paul and Shelly Detwiler, Roger and Denise Gorden and Ron and July Acker for providing scholarships.
- the Mission Team for planning our return home dinner.
- everyone who prayed for us during the trip.
- Steve Mark who provided a generous donation of candy for our trip.
- everyone who bought a wreath or flowers, collected change, printer cartridges or bought a cake at the cake auction.
- everyone who provided tools for our trip and to Roger Hayslip for putting the tools away after we returned.
- Sherrell Welcker for her help making the Mountain T.O.P. banner.

The plans for next year's trip will begin in October. June 20-June 27 is the week we will aim for next year's trip. Anyone who has completed the 8th grade through senior high by next June is welcomed to become part of this ministry. If you are new to the church and have any questions about Mountain T.O.P., please call me at the office or email me at swajumc@aol.com

Sincerely,
Denise Gorden

Youth Minister

KICK OFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

We invite you to join us on Sunday, September 13 for our annual "Kick Off Sunday". All Sunday School classes for adults, teens and children will begin that day at 9:45 a.m. The nursery will be staffed at both services and during the Sunday school hour. There will be a special dedication for all of those involved in the Christian Education ministry of our church at both services on September 13. So mark you calendars and make it a priority to begin this school year with your entire family involved in a Christian education class. More information regarding the adult Sunday School classes will be forthcoming in the church bulletin and September newsletter.

SPIRIT CAFÉ

The Spirit Café is open in the teen room each Sunday beginning at 9:45 a.m. for the middle school and senior high students to enjoy donuts, bagels, muffins, juice and hot chocolate before Sunday school begins. Parents of students are asked to take turns providing items for the café each week. We are in need of a parent to organize the Spirit Café from September-May. If you would be interested in doing this please, call Denise at 873-8851 or email her at swajumc@aol.com as soon as possible.

BREAKAWAY

BREAKAWAY is the Middle School fellowship for boys and girls. We will generally meet on the fourth Monday of each month at the church from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. During that time, we have recreation in the gym, a light meal and a Bible study. Last year it was a great help to have parents prepare the meals on these evenings. If you would be willing to prepare a light meal (i.e. sloppy joes, spaghetti casserole, and tacos) for about 20 students on any of the following dates,

please call Denise at 873-8851 or email her at swajumc@aol.com:

September 21 (Note: this is the third Monday! Denise will be on vacation on the fourth)

October 26

November 30 (fifth Monday)

January 25

February 22

March 22

April 19

SCHEDULE OF YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES AND RETREATS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010

As many of you plan for your children's Fall activities, we would like to give you the following information regarding the times and days of Bible studies, youth retreats and middle school fellowship. Our hope is that you will mark your calendars now and hopefully make time for your son or daughter to experience Bible study and Christian fellowship. With so many schools and activities, it is hard to find one day that works for everyone. We hope your son or daughter will be able to join us for some or all the youth activities open to them at Jerome UMC. Remember all activities are open to all students of the community. Students are always encouraged to invite their friends.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

BREAKAWAY will meet the fourth Monday of each month beginning September 27 and ending April 2010. Breakaway is for all students who are in middle school. Dinner is provided by one or more on the parents of the group. We also have time of games, activities and Bible Study

THE RUST MACHINE- Middle School boys are invited to join Rusty Woerner at his home for pizza and Bible study the first Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. This will begin Monday, October 12, and continue through April 2010.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT – will be Saturday, November 14, at Kirkmont Center

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

OASIS- meets every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. at the church. All senior high students are invited to join us for pizza and Bible Study.

GRAPES- (Senior High Girl Bible study) meets the third Monday of the month, beginning October 19, at Denise's home from 7:30 p.m.-9:00p.m. for pizza and Bible Study.

SENIOR HIGH BOYS- meets the third Monday of the month, beginning October 19, at the home of Rusty Woerner. Join us for pizza and Bible study from 7:30 -9:00 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT- Friday, November 6-Sunday, November 8 at Faith Ranch

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Thanks to everyone who has donated used printer cartridges. Please continue to save your used cartridges. There is a collection box in the narthex on the shelf above the coat rack. Proceeds from these collections will go to Mountain T.O.P. 2009.

ADULT PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS

The Adult Discussion Class will begin the year with a study of the book, The Power of a Focused Heart-Eight Life Lessons from the Beatitudes, by Mary Lou Redding. The first meeting of the class will be Sunday, September 13, 9:45 a.m. Chip Seely and Mary Jo Edwards will lead the class. If you are interested in attending the class and would like to order a book are asked to call the Denise at 873-8851. The cost of the book is \$8.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Theology and Church History

Do you know how the Books of the New Testament were selected? Would you like to read the Gospel of Thomas and the Gospel of Peter? Would you like to discuss the fundamental Christian beliefs like the Trinity and how they became fundamental to our Faith? Do we know what drove Martin Luther to begin the Protestant Reformation? What was John Wesley like, and what are the foundation beliefs of the Methodist Church?

If you are interested in these questions, come to the new class conducted as a reading and discussion experience by Dr. Guthrie this autumn.

SERENDIPITY DAYTIME ANNUAL BRUNCH

Serendipity Daytime is a Bible study discussion group for women of all ages and walks of faith. Our first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 16, from 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. If you are new to our church family or wish to be reconnected with other women of our church, you are encouraged to join us.

On Wednesday, September 9, 9:30 a.m., all women of the church who are interested in being part of Serendipity this Fall are invited to join us for brunch at the home of Denise Gorden, 7866 Harriott Road. Please bring a dish to share. If you plan to attend the brunch, call Denise (873-8851) or email her at swajumc@aol.com by September 6.

SERENDIPITY NIGHTTIME

This fall, the Serendipity Nighttime group will do a short-term Disciple Bible study entitled "Invitation to the Old Testament." If you have ever taken a Disciple course, you know what an amazing and enlightening learning experience it can be, regardless of your level of knowledge and familiarity with the Bible. Here is a brief description of "Invitation to the Old Testament": "This study approaches the study of Hebrew Scriptures by inviting participants to hear the story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. Narrative, poem, history,

and prophetic utterance all have their own distinctive characteristics and purpose, arising out of a particular historical, social, and cultural setting. To understand fully the story of God's covenantal relationship with Israel calls for listening to these various ways the story is told throughout the Old Testament.

What does it mean to be God's chosen people? And how does the story of Israel's covenant with God inform our own identity as heirs of that covenant? Through this study, participants will be invited to listen afresh to the witness of the Old Testament to hear God's call and purpose for their own lives and respond to that call."

Study Contents

1. The Making of the Hebrew Bible
2. The Creation Story of Israel
3. Out of Bondage
4. Promise and Problem in the Land
5. Israel Has a King
6. Division and the Rise of Prophecy
7. Exile and Response
8. Restoration and Renewal

There is a study guide with daily reading assignments, and a weekly video lesson. Our first class will be Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. This will be a brief get-together to give everyone a chance to introduce themselves, to distribute study guides, and to talk a little more about the course. Please contact Denise at swajumc@aol.com or 873-8851 to order a study guide (\$10).

We hope you'll prayerfully consider joining us for this great study opportunity, and feel free to invite a relative, friend, or neighbor. This should be a wonderful time of fellowship and learning, and each participant's insights and perspectives can be a great blessing to the entire group. I hope to see you there.

In Christ,
Anita Norris

SAGE-ING CIRCLE: CULIVATING WISDOM IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

I have been trained to facilitate an exciting curriculum and would like to offer a series of classes on "Sage-ing" this fall and winter for our church and community. I want to invite interested persons to one of two introductory sessions on Tuesday, September 22. The identical sessions will be from 10-11:30 a.m. and again from 7-8:30 p.m. so you can choose the one that best fits your schedule. These classes are based on the book, *From Ageing to Sageing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older,* by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi.

The class involves sharing practical ways to change the way we think about growing older and make elderhood more vibrant, positive and socially responsible. Session topics include: Life Review, Harvesting Life Experience in Different Seasons of Life, Loving the Self by Silencing the Inner Critic, Finding Peace by Giving the Gift of Forgiveness, and Leaving a Legacy that Makes a Difference. People of all ages are welcome.

If you are interested or have questions, please call me at (614) 506-6264 or email me at harsh1946@hotmail.com.

Rev. Steve Harsh

RECREATION & FUN

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, August 1, 7:30 a.m. This is open to all men of the church and their guests.

FROGS AND TOADS

Thanks to Terry Woerner for hosting our last book club meeting. The club has selected Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford for our next discussion book. We will meet Monday, August 3, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Guthrie, 6408 Phoenix

Park Drive. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. All women of the church are invited.

MENS' GROUP

The JUMC men are planning a trip to the new Huntington Park for the 7:00 p.m. Clippers game on Wednesday, August 19. Tickets are \$10 (\$7 for seniors 60 or older) and we need to know how many plan to attend by August 9. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby or call Greg Rothermund (580-5858).

Thank You

Dear Jerome Church,

Thank you so much for the Bible you sent me. I will definitely take it with me next semester when I start at Cincinnati. I plan to start out in business and I hope to pursue a career in interior design. Thank you so much for everything! It is so great to have such a supportive church family.

Lindsay Middlestead

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Thanks to....

- Randy Page for organizing the church softball team
- our Board of Trustees and all the volunteers who are helping with the sanctuary renovation
- Myra Breneman for her help assembling the July newsletter
- Melinda Murphy, who organizes Soup for the Soul, and everyone who provides soup and other food items each week, as well as those who help serve 100

persons in need each Friday at the Church for All People in downtown Columbus

-Stuart Staples for making the coffee on Sunday mornings

- volunteers who set up and take down the fellowship hall chairs weekly

August Calendar

Saturday, August 1

7:30am Men's breakfast – Der Dutchman Restaurant

Sunday, August 2

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery

9:30am Fellowship time

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Fellowship time

10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

1:00pm Middle school work camp attendees return

Men's golf outing

6:00pm G.R.O.W. Bible study & pizza – Denise's

Monday, August 3

6:30pm Vacation Bible School

7:00pm Frogs & Toads book club – Karen Guthrie's

Tuesday, August 4

6:30pm Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, August 5

6:30pm Vacation Bible School

7:00pm Oasis

Thursday, August 6

6:30pm Vacation Bible School

8:00pm Band rehearsal – music room ????

Friday, August 7

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

6:30pm Vacation Bible School

Saturday, August 8

8:00am Recycling pick up

Sunday, August 9

8:30am Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

9:30am Fellowship time

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

10:45am Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

7:30pm G.R.O.W. – bonfire at Denise's

Tuesday, August 11

7:00pm Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, August 12

7:30pm Oasis – bonfire & hot dog roast at Denise’s

Thursday, August 13

8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, August 14

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, August 16

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery

9:30am Fellowship time

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church

4:00pm ASP mission trip potluck dinner and planning meeting at Bill & Melinda Bryan’s

Tuesday, August 18

7:00pm Administrative Council meeting

Wednesday, August 19

7:00pm Oasis

7:00pm Men’s group – Columbus Clippers game

Thursday, August 20

8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, August 21

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, August 22

Noon District Pastoral Care Committee picnic- picnic area

Sunday, August 23

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery

9:30am Fellowship time

9:45am Sunday school for all ages

10:30am Fellowship time

10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church

Monday, August 24

12:30pm Program staff retreat – Kirkmont Center

Wednesday, August 25

7:00pm Oasis

Friday, August 28

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, August 30

10:00am Music

10:30am Worship in the Woods

11:30am Potluck lunch

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS

8/2	10:00	Bob & Becky Neill
		Scott & Cara Hanhart
8/9	8:30	Charlie & Wendy Bynner
	10:45	Carl & Ellen Erkison
8/16	8:30	Ron & Myra Brenneman
	10:45	Rob & Sara Meriweather
8/23	8:30	Sharon Dunn
	10:45	Chris & Sarah Holcomb
8/30	8:30	Bob & Stephanie Middlestead
	10:45	Steve & Sandy Montee

GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS

		Inside	Outside
8/2	8:30	Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45	Barb Keith	Kathy Feightner
8/9	8:30	Anita Norris	Sharon Dunn
	10:45	June Booher	Sandy Montee
8/16	8:30	Cathy Priday	Dan Sutphen
	10:45	Sarah Holcomb	Terry Woerner
8/23	8:30	Anita Norris	DeeAnn King
	10:45	Dawn Stanko	Steve Mark
8/30	10:00		Tom Montgomery
			Jan Manring

USHERS

8/2	8:30	David & Madeleine Breitmayer
	10:45	Andy & Marilyn Trux
8/9	8:30	Randy & Amy Page
	10:45	Kim & Scott Weaver
8/16	8:30	Scott & Melanie Danhof
	10:45	Woody & Jane Green
8/23	8:30	Wayne & Kathy Tummonds
	10:45	Don & Gail Lambie
8/30	10:00	Bill Gossard & Larry Herchline
		Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg

ACOLYTES – 9:00AM

8/2 Seth Transue
 8/9 Nick Page
 8/16 Abbi Clark
 8/23 Madilyn Zimmerman
 8/30 Worship in the Woods

10:35 Amy Smith
 8/23 8:20 Rosemary Pitts
 9:35 Jill Barr
 10:35 Brenda Hancock
 8/30 9:50 Amy Plank

SCRIPTURE READERS

8/2 8:30 Ruth Elliott
 10:45 Jan Manring
 8/9 8:30 Kathy Hoover
 10:45 Steve Mark
 8/16 8:30 Kathy Tummonds
 10:45 Kim Weaver
 8/23 8:30 Carol Kauffman
 10:45 Chip Seely
 8/30 10:00 Anita Norris

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
 VOLUNTEERS
 8:30 service**

	Teacher	Shepherd
8/2	Donna Montgomery	Amy Page
8/9	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead
8/16	Donna Montgomery	Abbi Clark
8/23	Donna Montgomery	Abagael Clark
8/30	No 8:30 worship service today	

FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS

8/2 9:30 Dan & Susie Sutphen
 10:45 Mike & Barb Murray
 8/9 9:30 Hal & Nancy Taylor
 10:45 Jon & Linda Pettit
 8/16 9:30 Gary & Kelly Transue
 10:45 Gene & Drema Phelps
 8/23 9:30 Bob & Brenda Warne
 10:45 Ed & Nancy Pimm
 8/30 9:30 Wayne & Kathy Tummonds

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45

	Teacher	Shepherd
8/2	Maggie Mattmiller	Michelle Pettit
8/9	Maggie Mattmiller	Michelle Pettit
8/16	Maggie Mattmiller	Michelle Pettit
8/23	Maggie Mattmiller	Michelle Pettit
8/30	No Sunday school – Worship in the Woods	

ALTAR FLOWERS

8/2 Julie & Bill Gossard – in honor of our wedding anniversary
 8/9 Kathy Feightner – in memory of my mother's (Connie Feightner) birthday
 8/16 Pam Schmidt – in honor of Dan's graduation
 8/23 Marian & Tom Webb – in honor of our wedding anniversary
 8/30 Open

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
 VOLUNTEERS
 10:45 service**

	Teacher	Shepherd
8/2	Donna Montgomery	Sarah Holcomb
8/9	Donna Montgomery	Amy Daniels
8/16	Donna Montgomery	Michelle Pettit
8/23	Donna Montgomery	Tracy Moldovan
8:30	(10:00) Donna Montgomery & Leah Koenig	

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

8/2 8:20 Randy Page
 9:35 Mike Anderson
 10:35 Amy Plank
 8/9 8:20 Lynn Boston
 9:35 Jill Barr
 10:35 Anne Allen
 8/16 8:20 Becky Neill
 9:35 Mike Anderson

FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP

8/2 Bob Warne
 8/9 Sonnenberg family
 8/16 Bowman family
 8/23 Bryan family
 8/30 Worship in the Woods - Sarah & Chris Holcomb and Worship Team

PANERA BREAD/ SOUP FOR THE SOUL

PICK UP VOLUNTEERS

- 8/6 Rothermund family
- 8/13 Valerie Altfater
- 8/20 Penny Sullivan
- 8/27 Kathy Smith