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

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Happy New Year!

Resolutions are a part of the New Year for many people. A man phoned his retired parents in Florida and asked, "Well, Dad, what's your New Year's resolution?" His father replied, "To make your mother as happy as I can all year," he answered proudly. Then his mother came on the line, and the son inquired, "What's your resolution, Mom?" She answered, "To see that your father keeps his New Year's resolution!"

We all can use some help with our resolutions, in making changes large or small that we want to see in our lives. That's easier said than done, though. The big question is how?

Every few years around New Year's Day an article written by Pauline Phillips from the original credo of Al-Anon appears in the newspaper. Let's consider these ideas to help us be the people we want to be and that God wants us to be in the New Year 2010.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "*So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.*" (Matthew 6:34) He's saying, take things one day at a time. So, as you consider how to maintain your resolutions, remember this:

- Just for today, **I will live through this day only.** I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I won't set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once. I know that I

can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

- Just for today, **I will be happy.** I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and replace them with sunshine.

- Just for today, **I will accept what is.** I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I can't.

- Just for today, **I will improve my mind.** I will read something that requires thought and concentration. I won't be a mental loafer.

- Just for today, **I will make a conscience effort to be agreeable.** I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I'll improve my appearance, speak softly and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll refrain from improving anybody but myself.

- Just for today **I will do something to improve my health.** If I am a smoker, I'll quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat healthfully – if just for today. And not only that, I'll get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

- Just for today, **I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my actions.**

These things we can do. The secret is living one day at a time, not trying to live all year in one day. The Apostle Paul had a great resolution we find in

Philippians 3:13-14, *“this is one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

As we strive to be the people we want to be and God wants us to be, let us seek God’s blessing as we live our lives one day at a time.

Happy New Year!
Rev. Gloria Brooks

New Years Prayer

By Joanna Fuchs

Dear Lord, in the new year,
I pray that You will guide me each new day
in paths that are pleasing to You.
Lord, the new year gives me another chance
to rededicate my life to You and
to study Your Word so that I know
right from wrong
and to act in accordance with
Your commands.

Thank You for the sense of
direction, purpose and peace I get
from aligning my life with Your Holy will.
I pray for the strength and the will to obey You
each and every day of the new year,
and when I fail, I pray for Your mercy,
Your compassion, Your grace
and Your love.
Help me in the New Year to be
Your faithful servant.
In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS’ TRAINING

Calling all Scripture Readers, Greeters, and Ushers for our 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning worship services: On Monday, January 4, there will be a brief meeting with everyone who

serve as Scripture Readers, Greeters and Ushers to go over expectations and suggestions for making these experiences as easy and meaningful as possible for everyone. Ushers and Greeters will meet from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. and Scripture Readers will meet from 7:40 – 8:15 p.m. Please make every effort to attend the session for which you have been scheduled. Rev. Steve Harsh will be leading the training.

If you have questions or if you are interested in becoming a Scripture Reader, Greeter or Usher, please call Rev. Steve Harsh, 614-873-6622.

Leadership Orientation Lunch

On Sunday, January 17, a Leaders’ Orientation Lunch will be held from 12:15 – 2:15 p.m. This will be a very important time to become better acquainted and share expectations for the year ahead. All chairpersons and committee members are asked to make a special effort to attend. Childcare will be available if needed. Please tell us how many children will be with you January 17. There is no charge for the lunch for you or your children.

Please RSVP to Penny or Chris at the church office, 873-8851, by Monday, January 11 to let us know you will be coming and if you will need childcare.

DISCOVERY LUNCH

Please consider this a personal invitation to those new and not so new to Jerome Church who would like to know more about the history, mission, ministry, and opportunities available here. Join the staff and members of our Great Expectations Team for a Discovery Luncheon on Sunday, January 24, 12:15–2:15 p.m. Your children of any age are invited to join you for lunch.

After lunch, childcare will be provided for children birth to grade 2. Older children and teens are invited to remain with you as we share the history of Jerome UMC, the distinctives of the United Methodist Church, and the various ministries and missions in which we are involved. We will also take a tour of the building. We want to get to know you

and answer any questions you have about Jerome Church. If you are interested in becoming a member of Jerome Church, we will talk about that, also. We will conclude our time together by 2:15 p.m.

I hope your calendar is clear and that you will be able to join us for this fun, informative Discovery Luncheon. If you have family members or friends who would like to come, please invite them. So that we can adequately prepare for lunch and child care, reservations are a MUST! Please call the church office, 873-8851, by Wednesday, October 14 and tell Penny or Chris how many persons will be with you.

The Jerome Staff and I look forward to visiting with you at the Discovery Luncheon.

Rev. Gloria Brooks

COMMITTEE UPDATES

PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Screening

The next blood pressure screening will be Sunday, January 10. The screening is done from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the office conference room. All are welcome.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Alternative Christmas Market

The Mission Team thanks you for your generous support of the 2009 Alternative Christmas. We are delighted to have the church's support for the adult mission projects that we participate in. We are also blessed that you are alternatively giving to your family and friends a Christmas present that is honoring God by helping

others. These mission programs benefited this year:

Habitat for Humanity - \$518

The Heifer Project - \$185

Soup for the Soul - \$528

Total Health/Total Home (Honduras) - \$390

Appalachian Service (ASP) - \$516

World Vision - \$147

Dublin Food Pantry

Thank you, Jerome Church Family, for your generosity to the Dublin Food Pantry. With your help, we donated 753 pounds of grocery/baby care items – Wow! Also, we want to thank those who donated their time assisting patrons and stocking shelves.

Habitat for Humanity

From the wall-raising ceremony on August 1 to the home dedication ceremony on November 14, the habitat home that our church was involved with in 2009 was *'built with love'* by many individuals. Monti Wright and her daughter, Mionesty, are now moved in and enjoying their new home. This blessing came about because of the support of many churches and church members from Dublin, Worthington, and Clintonville /Beechwood. I would like to say a big thank you to Jerome UMC for your continued support of the Dublin Habitat Partnership, and to church members who worked on the home. Remember that Habitat *'works in partnership with God and people to build affordable homes, empower families, and develop communities.'*

David Altfater

Greeting Card Shop

The Mission Team is recycling your greeting cards to raise money for missions. Your cards have been transformed into lovely, creative new greeting cards to send to your family and friends. Come check out our selection on the rack in the narthex. Choose one or several to have on hand, then place a voluntary donation in the donation envelope on the rack. Thank you for shopping with us and for supporting this ministry. Remember to keep supplying us with your old cards so we can offer new cards for you.

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.

strongly recommended but not required. Many changes are being made in 2010 that will make the informational training sessions beneficial.

4. Volunteers are needed to help pick up furniture and other items.
5. A variety of interior and exterior signs need to be made and put up the week of the sale.

JUMC Garage Sale April 17, 2010

OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW

It's time to clean out the closets and storage spaces to make room for the new items everyone received for Christmas. Please consider saving items you no longer want and give them to JUMC for our garage sale. We will store items for individuals who absolutely cannot store them until April. Please call Leslie Zimmerman to make arrangements for these items.

One of the best parts of this garage sale is that every single person in our church family can participate. Below you will find a list of ways you can help.

1. Donate items to sell (Hot Items are listed in this article as suggestions only)
 - a. Encourage friends and family to donate a variety of items
2. We will accept cash donations for the garage sale. This will help us achieve our goal by keeping our expenses at a minimum. After expenses are paid, leftover monies will be included in our grand total.
3. Volunteer the week of the sale. Volunteer the day of the sale – April 17th. Training will be provided prior to garage sale week. Days and times will be posted and training is

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE JUMC GARAGE SALE – THESE ARE BEST SELLING ITEMS

Bicycles for all ages
Electronics
Sporting Goods
Hardware and Tools
Towels, Comforters and Blankets
Children's Clothing and jackets size 0 through 12
Men's and Women's outerwear and jackets, including suit jackets
Suitcases – Any style, Any type
Lamps and Lamp Shades
Chairs, Rocking chairs, Recliners, Kitchen Chairs, Table and Chair set – all types of furniture
Stationary, Cards, Memory Boards, Arts and Craft Items
Books, dvds and cds
Pots and Pans, Glass and Corningware Dishes
Complete Dish Sets and Silverware/Utensils of all kinds

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS FOR ALL AGES

We are looking for any type of used or new plastic or metal shelving units. These units will be used to store items on and will also be used for the garage sale to hold smaller items to sell. We are also looking for used or new banquet tables and card tables. If you have these items or know where to find these items at a discounted price or a donation for the church, please call Leslie Zimmerman or the church office.

Music Ministry

John Holsinger

Director of Music

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for a beautiful month of music. Jerome Christmas was awesome. You are wonderful people.

Also, thanks to the choir for my beautiful new drum. Be sure to listen for it during the prelude on January 3.

CHANCEL CHOIR

We will sing on Sunday, January 3, for the 8:30 service. See you at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 3 for practice.

JEROME RINGERS

We will rehearse Wednesday, January 6, at 8:00 p.m. We will begin learning our pieces for the Columbus Hand Bell Festival.

HIGHER GROUND

Rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings at 8:00. There is no rehearsal on December 31 – Happy New Year. We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, January 2, at 11:00 a.m.

***** Children's Music *****

Junior Bells

We will have our first rehearsal of the new year at noon on Sunday, January 10.

Children's Choir

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, January 6 and 20 at 5:30 p.m. (prior to Twist) *and* Tuesdays, January 12 and 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve was very special.

Thanks for all of your hard work.

Blessings to you and your families and

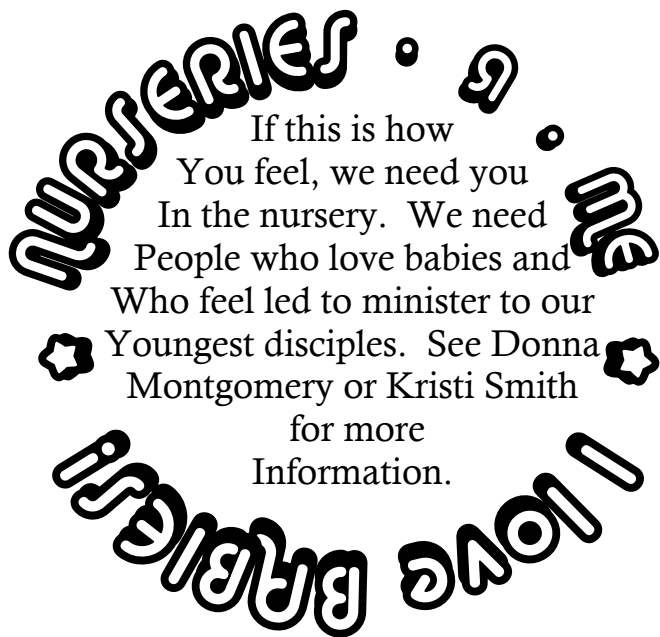
Happy New Year.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 George Woerner, Diana Hoffman Harsh
- 1/3 Emmie Rose
- 1/4 Kathy Feightner
- 1/5 Becky Neill, Kim Welcker, Jeff Allen
- 1/6 Becky Hayslip
- 1/7 Nancy Pimm, Gene Phelps
- 1/10 Meghan Murray,
Andrew Erikson
- 1/11 Emily McDowell, Nicholas Page
- 1/13 Barb Wilcox
- 1/13 Nancy Holsinger
- 1/18 Ryan Benefiel, Jake Detwiler,
Meredith Pitts, Tiffany Eye
- 1/20 Hayley Sutphen, Michelle Hoppe
- 1/22 Gracie Greiner
- 1/24 Marna Beatty
- 1/25 Dennis Bambach
- 1/28 Mary Jo Edwards
- 1/29 Chris Steuerwald, Marc Zimmerman
- 1/30 Steve Mark, Seth Transue
- 1/31 Joshua Weible, John Mills

**OPEN GYM PLUS
 BEGINS JANUARY 5
 9:30 – 11:00**

Open Gym for preschoolers will be back this winter. Tell your friends about this free play time to chase away the winter blues and help everyone from going “stir crazy.” Open Gym Plus will be held weekly during January, February and March. See Dax Pitts with questions regarding this ministry.



BIBLE SUNDAY

Bibles will be given to children on “**Bible Sunday,**” **January 10.** This is a long standing tradition at Jerome and a pleasure to put the Word of God in the hands of our kids.

BEGINNER’S BIBLE STUDY

Psalm 119:105 says, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” The Bible is one of our most treasured gifts from the Lord, giving us words of hope and guidance. We hope to spark a love of God’s word in your children at Beginner’s Bible Study.

- 3rd – 5th grade kids (this is different each year so kids can attend all 3 years)
- 10 Weeks beginning January 10 and ending March 14.
- Sunday afternoons, 5:30 – 7:00
- Pizza will be provided
- Fun and Recreation will be a scheduled part of the Bible Study
- **Sign up on the Rolling Bulletin Board** or contact Donna Montgomery at 614-873-8483 or donna.jumc@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Time is a disappearing resource in that it seems we all have less of it to give. This is why it warms my heart each time someone gives their time to serve the children at Jerome. I know they do it with Love.

- Thank you, Melinda Bryan for ironing and setting out all of the costumes for the Christmas Eve service.
- Thank you, Mike Clark, Kevin Keiffer, Roger Hayslip, and Tom Montgomery for helping set up the Nativity back drop.
- Thank you faithful Sunday School teachers who are passing on their faith to the children at Jerome **EACH WEEK!** – Jenney Seely, Dax Pitts, Linda Pettit, Nancy Ikels, Susie Sutphen, Joni Clark, Marc Zimmerman, and Roger Hayslip.
- Thank you, Chris and Sarah Holcomb, for helping with preparation and clean up of meals at Twist twice a month.
- Thank you to April Keiffer, Tiffany Rumbalski, Amy Plank, Abagael Clark, and Abbi Clark for the extra help at the 4:00 Christmas Eve service.
- Thank you Roger Hayslip for taking pictures to capture those precious moments with the children on film.

TWIST.... 5:30-7:15 p.m.

on Wednesdays, January 6 and 20:

Twist has been an encouraging, unifying time for Jerome families. It is a joy to share a **meal** together and to interact with the children and to see their excitement for serving others. Consider coming this year...here are the details:

- Families with children through Grade 5

- First and third Wednesdays of the month, 5:30 – 7:15 p.m.
- Children’s Choir at 5:30 p.m.
- Meal at 6:00 p.m.
- Meals are \$3 per person
- Recreation, Bible Devotion, Activities
- Parents attend with their children

FamilyTimes Resource

Studio 52 is the curriculum we are using for Elementary Children’s Worship this year. Studio 52 correlates with FamilyTimes virtues. Have you been searching for a way to bring more faith talk into the home with your children? FamilyTimes is a monthly kit designed to help equip parents with easy to use tools to make the most of everyday moments together. The CD and other resources are geared to elementary children and are available in the church office. Simply pick up a packet and begin using it. If you’d like to contribute to the cost of these kits, they are \$8.50 each. You can put a check in the offering and write family times on the memo.

SUNDAY MORNINGS - KidConnections

Getting children connected to Christ and Christian Values is very important to us. We try to help parents by providing quality children’s ministry programs on Sunday Mornings that mirror adult worship and education. We abide by the Safe Sanctuaries Policy and have at least 2 leaders in children’s classrooms. We provide the following experiences for children each Sunday morning:

Nursery

Infant to Three Years Old

Sign children into nursery before worship in Room 122

8:30 Worship, 9:45 Sunday School, and 10:45 Worship

8:30 CW Children’s Worship

Preschool through Fourth Grade

Children are guided as a class from the Sanctuary to Room 119

9:45 Sunday School

Strong Bible Teaching in age-specific classes is the aim of our Christian Education at 9:45. Teachers who are committed to Christ and love kids invite your children to their classes. Teachers have passed a BCI background check and are experienced parents. Sunday school is a great time for the traditional congregation to unite with the contemporary and one of the best opportunities to connect your children to the Christian Community.

Preschool Room 119 - Jenney Seely and Dax Pitts

Kindergarten and First Grade Room 107 - Susie Sutphen and Joni Clark

Second and Third Grade Room 111 - Marc Zimmerman and Roger Hayslip

Fourth and Fifth Grade Room 106 - Linda Pettit and Nancy Ikels

There are four adult Sunday school classes, including “The Lounge” that is geared for parents and meets in Room 104.

10:45 CW Children’s Worship

Preschool through Kindergarten – Room 119

First through Fourth Grade – Room 111

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Buckeye Angels – Middle School Girls... meet the second Monday of the month, January 11, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study at the home of Denise Gorden.

The Rust Machine – Middle School Boys... meet the second Monday of the month, January 11, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study at the home of Rusty Woerner.

G.R.A.P.E.S. – Senior High Girls... meet the third Monday of the month, January 18, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study at the home of Denise Gorden.

Senior High Boys... meet the third Monday of the month, January 18, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study at the home of Rusty Woerner.

Oasis... senior high boys and girls are invited to join us in the teen room on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study.

CONFIRMATION 2010

There will be an informational meeting for both parents and students on Sunday, January 10, at noon in the sanctuary regarding this year's Confirmation class. All students, currently in the seventh grade and older, are invited to participate in this year's class.

The mandatory Confirmation weekend is Friday-Sunday, March 12-14, at Camp Wesley. The cost for the weekend is \$125. Each student will also be required to complete a Parent/Student book and Mentor/Student Book and have 10 hours of service to the church's ministries. The Confirmation Service will be Sunday, April 25. Please call Denise at 873-8851 if you have any questions.

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. 2010

The youth group will make its 16th trip to Mountain T.O.P. We have received confirmation of our 2010 Mountain T.O.P. week - June 19-27. Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) is a non-denominational organization that serves the people of the Cumberland Mountains. During our stay there we will provide for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the people we visit.

We will leave the church Saturday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m. and return Sunday, June 27, at 3:00 p.m. All students who will complete the 8th grade in June and those in senior high school are invited to join this ministry. The cost of the camp week is \$375. Each student will be asked to PAY or EARN an additional \$75 to help pay for our trailer, gas for six vans and food and hotel. If you choose not to participate in any fundraisers, you will be asked to write a check for \$75 to help cover the other costs. Money can be earned from the wreath or flower sale. If you are new to our church and have any questions about the Mountain T.O.P. ministry, please give Denise a call. If you are interested in providing a scholarship for someone attending Mountain T.O.P., please contact Denise.

This is the payment schedule:

January 3-\$135

March 12 (no refund after this date)-\$135

May 14- \$150 (camp cost plus t-shirt cost)

June 15-\$75 if not earned or paid

All checks need to be made out to Jerome UMC and marked Mountain T.O.P.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISING

God's Creation Pictorial Calendars

The youth group is selling the "God's Creation" pictorial appointment calendars. The cost of the calendar is \$7. All proceeds benefit the youth group's trip to Mountain T.O.P. in June. Our goal is to sell 75 calendars with a profit of \$300. This would provide enough gas for two vans on our Mountain T.O.P. trip. Calendars will be available during fellowship time or can be picked up in the office.

**MOUNTAIN T.O.P. FUNDRAISER
CHRISTMAS GREENERY**

Thanks to everyone who purchased greenery during our sale in November. Many students who will be attending the Mountain T.O.P. work camp earned money for their trip.

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. TOOLS

We thank Marc Mattmiller for his generous donation of two brand new circular saws, which will be used for the youth group's mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. this summer. We are always in need of tools to replenish our tool supply. We especially need electric drills, levels, hammers, circular saws and large insulated coolers. Please see Denise if you have any questions.

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Youth who will attend either the Mountain T.O.P. work camp or the Middle School Faith Ranch work camp will have another chance to earn money for their trips with the Spring Flower Sale which will begin March 22.

This year's orders will be delivered in time for Mother's Day! Please mark your calendars for the start of the sale and support our youth group with the purchase of your spring and Mother's Day flowers from Fortmeyers Greenhouse. Delivery date is April 30.

FALL RETREATS

The middle school retreat was held at Camp Wesley in Bellefontaine. Sixteen middle school students attended the retreat. Our theme for the retreat was "Teenagers in the Bible". During the weekend we had times of study, worship, devotions and plenty of free time inside and outside. The weather for the weekend was awesome. Thanks to Rusty Woerner and Karen Matrka for providing adult leadership on the retreat.

The senior high retreat was held at Faith Ranch in Jewett, Ohio. Twenty four senior high students attended. Our theme for the weekend was "Handing It All Over to God". During the two day retreat we had times of study, worship, personal devotion time, horseback riding, enjoyed a hayride and barn games. Thanks to Rusty Woerner, Janell

Bolte and Todd Bowman for providing adult leadership on the retreat.

SPIRIT CAFÉ

The Spirit Café is open in the teen room each Sunday 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. If you would be interested in doing this, please email Denise at swajumc@aol.com as soon as possible.

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 toward the Mountain T.O.P. 2010 trip.

FLEA MARKET PLANNING

Planning for the 2010 flea market has begun. There are many 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. There is a box in the lobby hallway for items.

The items we are collecting are:

Aluminum Foil
Clear Plastic Wrap
300 Foam Cups
300 small thick paper plates
Windex
Goo Gone (sticky surface cleaner)

ADULT PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

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

Session 3 of the Ageing to Sage-ing Class will meet on Monday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The topic is "Life Review: Our Lives as a Cycle of One Year." Chapters 4-5 in the Sage-ing book are the relevant readings, but are not required. New members of any age are welcome to join us. The classes will meet on the second Monday of the month for the next few months.

HOT TOPICS CLASS

The Hot Topics Sunday school class will begin a new study on January 3. The title of the study is Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling With Questions People Ask. It's a video-based small-group study and outreach program that explores four major world religions- Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism – and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. This six-week study deals openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions, including why we should believe the claims of Christianity over those of other faiths. As part of the study, author and presenter, Adam Hamilton, interviews a religious leader from each tradition. He treats the world religions with great respect, recognizing the unique contributions of each.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Recipe for Life"

Feasting on God's Grace

This year's women's retreat will be held February 19-20 at the Kirkmont Center in Bellefontaine. Those wishing to car pool to the retreat will meet at the church on Friday at 3:00 p.m. The first session of the retreat will begin at 5:00 p.m. The theme for this year's retreat will be "Recipe for Life-Feasting on God's Grace." Denise will lead the retreat. The cost this year will be \$50, which includes lodging, linens and retreat materials. There will not only be time for study, but plenty of

time for fellowship, walks in the woods, alone time, worship and our annual game of spoons!

The retreat center will not provide food service this year. Therefore, each participant will be asked to provide part of a meal. The adult lodge at the Kirkmont Center has capacity for twenty four participants. Checks should be made out to the Jerome UMC and marked women's retreat. Your check will be your reservation.

Women of all ages attend this retreat over the years. If you are new to our church family or been around for a while and wish to reconnect with God and the church community, we invite you to join us. Please call Denise if you have any questions.

RECREATION & FUN

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, January 2, 7:30 a.m. This is open to all men of the church and their guests.

EUCHRE PARTY

Sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby for the euchre party on Friday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

There is also a sign up sheet to host upcoming euchre parties. The host provides soft drinks, paper products, and small prizes for men's and women's high, men's and women's low and most loners (optional).

FROGS & TOADS

Thanks to Valerie Bowerman for hosting our last meeting. The women's book club has selected Jarrettsville, by Cornelia Nixon, for our next discussion book. We will meet Monday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Penny Sullivan, 7091 Hill Road, Plain City. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. All women are invited.

JEROME MEN'S GROUP

The Jerome Men's Group is organizing a group dance lesson for all church members on the evening of **Saturday, January 23**, in the church fellowship hall. Dance instructors/ owners Stacy and Dana Coil from Invitation to Dance studio will give us a group dance lesson. This is going to be a fun dance/ social event for everyone involved. There will be a cost of \$5 per person. Please bring an appetizer/side dish to share, along with your dancing shoes!

Thank You

Dear Everybody,

Thank you for the letters! That was very nice of you all. My last procedure went by quickly. It seems like just yesterday when I had my third procedure. It also seems like just yesterday when I took the band aids off my leg. Weird, isn't it? Merry Christmas!

Love,
Madilyn Zimmerman

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What fun! The Jerome Men's Group Christmas carolers came to our house. It was great. Thanks!

Ann & George Woerner

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To Our Friends at Jerome,

My daughters and I realize we do still have friends at Jerome. Thanks so much to everyone we saw during our last days saying goodbye to Lee – we love you all. Thanks to everyone who visited, sent cards, called, served the luncheon, brought food and called. Our family appreciates it all. May God bless each of you.

Sincerely,

Mary Alice Schacherbauer and family

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Dear Chancel Choir and Bell Choir members,

Thank you for the thoughtful gift certificate to Kenneth's Salon. You take such good care of me! I enjoy working with you every Wednesday and Sunday and appreciate your friendship more than you know!

Lovingly,
Julie Gossard

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Thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Eve services so special. 557 people attended services that evening.

Thanks to Janet Wilkie and the Worship Team and to all the ushers and greeters, to Kathy Grauer for her help setting up refreshments, to everyone who provided cookies for Christmas Eve, to Melinda Murphy and everyone who provided or served food at the Christmas Eve dinner at The Church for All People, to everyone who provided a food box or helped distribute food boxes at Bethlehem on Broad, to everyone who provided toys for the Christmas Toy Give Away, to those who provided gifts for the Community Gift program, to DeeAnn King and Cara Hanhart for organizing and delivering the Plain City Christmas gifts, to Jarrod Gorden and Kevin Murphy for delivering the Bethlehem on Broad food boxes, to everyone who participated in special music for the Christmas season, to the young adults and teens who participated in the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, to all the children who participated in the 4:00 p.m. service, to those to decorated the church, to everyone who distributed toys at the Christmas Shop, to Jan Manring for organizing the Christmas Eve meal for the staff and to those who provided food for the dinner, to the Tech Team for all their hard work during the holiday services and Jerome Christmas, and to everyone who brought Christmas goodies for the staff!

It takes many volunteers to keep our church and its programs running smoothly. We thank all our

committees who do work on a regular basis and others who help with specific projects.

Thanks to:

- Terry and Rusty Woerner who open their home to the Senior High and Middle School boys
- to everyone who provided food and helped serve the Thanksgiving Dinner at The Church for All People. We served nearly 300 people.
- the exercise class for wrapping and bagging bread and bagels for Soup for the Soul
- Melinda Murphy, who organizes Soup for the Soul, everyone who provides soup and other food items each week, and 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

RECYCLING

The time of our recycling pick up (on the second Saturday of the month) has been extended to 8-9:30 a.m. Union Recyclers accepts glass and plastic bottles/jars, tin and aluminum cans, newspaper, cardboard and magazines. Bottles and cans should be rinsed out. Please save your recyclables and bring them to the church on Saturday, January 9.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

BEREAVEMENT:

- Mary Alice Schacherbauer and family (husband, Lee)
- Gene & Drema Phelps (brother-in-law, Marvin Salyer)

HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Harold Adams (Gloria Brooks)
- Dick Detwiler (Paul Detwiler)
- Evelyn Grey (Amy Plank)
- Pat Heier (Jan Bambach)
- Dennis Iguchi (Ruth Elliott)
- Jake Koch (Tina Darr)
- Bob Haley (Diana Hoffman)
- Ann Hugill

- Carolyn Mitchell (Shelly Detwiler)
- David McDowell
- Anna McKinney (Dax & Rosemary Pitts)
- Charlie & Amy Ott (Ruth Schwab)
- Shelly Pettit (Norma Pettit)
- Cathy Priday
- Daryl Ramsey (Rosemary Pitts)
- Craig Snyder (Steve & Diana Harsh)
- Brock Starr (Amy Page)
- Doris Tagenhorst (Sarah Koenig)
- Helen Tinlin (Larry Tinlin)
- Andrea Trux (Andy Trux)
- Barb Wilcox
- Madilyn Zimmerman

HOMEBOUND:

- Forrest & Ginny Albright
- Mary Alice Schacherbauer

NURSING HOME:

- Christine Hensley (Holly Hedrick)
- Mary Hoover (Diana Hoffman)
- Tom Webb
- Miriam Wilcox

MILITARY:

- Brad Bennett (Kristi Smith)
- Daniel Clark, Jr. (Abby Clark)
- Vince Cobb (John Holsinger)
- Brian Doyle-Wenger (Dave & Valerie Altfater)
- Austin Evans (Joan Hayslip)
- Jeremy Holcomb (Chris & Sarah Holcomb)
- Michael Hoover (Steve & Diana Hoffman Harsh)
- Joshua Kline (Kim Solomon)
- Jodi McFee (Vicki Bowman)
- Cody Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Seth Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Michael Moran (Marla Anderson)
- Jordan Neill
- Shannon Neill
- Zach Shipe (Joan Hayslip)
- Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

MISSIONARIES:

- Dave & Donna Jacobsson: MAF
- E-mail: djacobsson@maf.org

January Calendar

Friday, January 1 – New Year’s Day
Office closed

Saturday, January 2
7:30am Men’s breakfast
11:00am Band rehearsal

Sunday, January 3
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

Monday, January 4
7:00pm Greeters’ and Ushers’ training
7:40pm Scripture Reader training
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

Tuesday, January 5
9:30am Open Gym Plus
4:30pm Children’s choir rehearsal
7:00pm Staff/Parish Relations Committee meeting

Wednesday, January 6
9:45am Daytime Serendipity
5:30pm Children’s choir rehearsal
5:45pm Twist
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday, January 7
7:00pm Serendipity Nighttime
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, January 8
3:30pm Soup for the Soul
7:00pm Euchre party

Saturday, January 9
8:00am Recycling pick up

Sunday, January 10 – Bible Sunday
8:30am Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church
9:30am Fellowship time / blood pressure screening
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
10:45am Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church
noon Confirmation class meeting
noon Junior handbell rehearsal
5:30pm Beginners’ Bible study

Monday, January 11
10:00am Sage-ing class
7:00pm Frogs & Toads book club

7:00pm Sage-ing class
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting
7:30pm Buckeye Angels Bible study - Denise’s
7:30pm Rust Machine Bible study - Rusty’s

Tuesday, January 12
9:30am Open Gym Plus
4:30pm Children’s Choir rehearsal
5:00pm Junior handbell rehearsal

Wednesday, January 13
9:45am Daytime Serendipity
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday, January 14
7:00pm Serendipity Nighttime
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, January 15
3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, January 17
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
12:15pm Leadership Orientation Luncheon
5:30pm Beginners’ Bible study
7:00pm Forrest (Buck) Jenkins in concert – fellowship hall
9:00pm Youth group - Midnight Madness

Monday, January 18 – Martin Luther King Day
Church office closed
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting
7:30pm G.R.A.P.E.S. Bible study – Denise’s
7:30pm Senior high boys Bible study – Rusty’s

Tuesday, January 19
9:30am Open Gym Plus

Wednesday, January 20
9:45am Serendipity
5:30pm Children’s choir rehearsal
5:45pm Twist
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday, January 21
7:00pm Serendipity
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, January 22
3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, January 23
7:00pm Jerome Men’s Group dance

Sunday, January 24
8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time

9:45am Sunday School for all ages
 10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
 5:30pm Beginners' Bible study

Monday, January 25

6:30pm Breakaway

Tuesday, January 26

9:30am Open Gym Plus
 4:30pm Children's choir rehearsal
 5:00pm Junior handbell rehearsal

Wednesday, January 27

9:45am Daytime Serendipity
 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
 7:30pm Oasis
 8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday, January 28

7:00pm Serendipity
 8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, January 29

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, January 31

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
 9:30am Fellowship time
 9:45am Sunday School for all ages
 10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
 5:30pm Beginners' Bible study

1/3	8:30	Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45	Barb Keith	Kathy Feightner
1/10	8:30	Vickie DiCesare	Sharon Dunn
	10:45	June Booher	Sandy Montee
1/17	8:30	Stephanie Middlestead	Dan Sutphen
	10:45	Sarah Holcomb	Terry Woerner
1/24	8:30	DeeAnn King	Joni Clark
	10:45	Dawn Stanko	Steve Mark
1/31	8:30	Karen Guthrie	Robert Guthrie
	10:45	Jan Bambach	Tracy Moldovan

USHERS

1/3	8:30	Bill Gossard & Larry Herchline
	10:45	Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg
1/10	8:30	King family
	10:45	Mark & Kim Solomon
1/17	8:30	Dan & Pam Schmidt
	10:45	Gary & Kathy Grauer
1/24	8:30	Mathew & Hayley Neumeier
	10:45	Brian & Julie Jackson
1/31	8:30	Jud & Kathy Smith
	10:45	Paul & Shelly Detwiler

SCRIPTURE READERS

1/3	8:30	Anita Norris
	10:45	Linda Pettit
1/10	8:30	Katie King
	10:45	Steve Roggenkamp
1/17	8:30	Tom Pierce
	10:45	Tom Boyd
1/24	8:30	Ed Kauffman
	10:45	Jon Pettit
1/31	8:30	Brenda Warne
	10:45	Terry Woerner

ACOLYTES – 9:00AM

1/3	Seth Transue
1/10	Nick Page
1/17	Abbi Clark
1/24	Madilyn Zimmerman
1/31	Madilyn Zimmerman

ALTAR FLOWERS

1/3	Forrest & Ginny Albright – in honor of our 67 th wedding anniversary
1/10	Bob & Becky Neill – in honor of Becky's birthday
1/17	Detwiler family – in honor of Jake's 18 th birthday
1/24	Barb Wilcox – in memory of Chuck's birthday
1/31	Rose family – in honor of Mary Jo Edward's

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS

1/3	8:30	Bob & Stephanie Middlestead
	10:45	Steve & Sandy Montee
1/10	8:30	Dick & Joan Hayslip
	10:45	Rusty & Terry Woerner
1/17	8:30	Al & Joni Clark
	10:45	Roger & Becky Hayslip
1/24	8:30	Robert & Karen Guthrie
	10:45	Bruce & Leslie Lauer
1/31	8:30	Valerie Bowerman
	10:45	Kathy Feightner

GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS

Inside

Outside

80th birthday!

FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS

1/3	9:30	Penny Sullivan
	10:45	Andy & Marilyn Trux
1/10	9:30	Scott & Melanie Danhoff
	10:45	Scott & Kim Weaver
1/17	9:30	Paul & Shelly Detwiler
	10:45	Roger & Suzanne Whitacre
1/24	9:30	Carol Dixon and Sharon Dunn
	10:45	Brad & Carol Yates
1/31	9:30	Ruth Elliott & Marie Faulk
	10:45	Ron & Judy Acker

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

1/3	8:20	Becky Neill
	9:35	Kim Weaver
	10:35	Amy Plank
1/10	8:20	Rosemary Pitts
	9:35	Donna Montgomery
	10:35	Amy Smith
1/17	8:20	Randy Page
	9:35	Brenda Hancock
	10:35	Brenda Hancock
1/24	8:20	Lynn Boston
	9:35	Donna Montgomery
	10:35	Anne Allen
1/31	8:20	Becky Neill
	9:35	Kim Weaver
	10:35	Amy Plank

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

8:30 service

	Teacher	Shepherd
1/3	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead
1/10	Donna Montgomery	Abbi Clark
1/17	Donna Montgomery	Amy Page
1/24	Donna Montgomery	Abby Clark
1/31	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead

	Teacher	Shepherd
1/3	Michelle Pettit	Janell Bolte
1/10	Leah Koenig	Mike Anderson
1/17	Tracy Moldovan	Elizabeth Hagloch
1/24	Donna Montgomery	Anjie Stanko
1/31	Michelle Pettit	Janell Bolte

Elementary

1/3	Becky Hayslip	Kimberly Bowman
1/10	April Keiffer	Sarah Holcomb
1/17	Kathleen Rose	Lori Greiner
1/24	Greg Jaudzems	Erika Pettit
1/31	Becky Hayslip	Kimberly Bowman

FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP

1/3	Bob Warne
1/10	Sonnenberg family
1/17	Bowman family
1/24	Bryan family
1/31	Chris & Sarah Holcomb

PANERA BREAD/ SOUP FOR THE SOUL

PICK UP VOLUNTEERS

1/7	Gregg Rothermund
1/14	Valerie Altfater
1/21	Penny Sullivan
1/28	Chuck Dyer

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

10:45 service

Pre-K

