

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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

## July 2009

### NEW MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT TO GUIDE JEROME CONGREGATION

We are pleased to announce that, at the June 16, 2009 Administrative Board meeting, a new Mission and Vision Statement was adopted for Jerome United Methodist Church. This is the culmination of one and a half years of work by two teams in our church. Beginning in January 2008, a group of 11 people began attending “Beyond the Barrier” Seminars offered by the West Ohio Conference to help churches understand barriers that prevent church growth and how to overcome those barriers. The seminar was held in three sessions in January, March and September, led by Doug Anderson, Executive Director of The Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, South Dakota.

The day long sessions with Doug Anderson helped those attending to understand various barriers between a small church becoming a medium size church and a medium size church becoming a larger church. Doug Anderson’s personal experience and rich stories enabled us to see Jerome Church in a new way and to understand barriers that could keep us from moving forward to become all God wants Jerome Church to be and do.

One of the first needs of a growing church is a Mission Statement to guide their work. A Mission Statement is to be short, understandable, and easily remembered. A Mission Statement describes WHO we are. The Vision Statement is a bit longer and describes WHAT we do. The Mission and Vision

Statement also is used to guide decisions and direction of the ministry of the church. At the 2008 Charge Conference a Mission and Vision Team was elected from those who had attended the “Beyond the Barrier” Seminars. This Team was asked to review and renew the Mission and Vision Statements of Jerome Church. Steve Roggenkamp, Jerome Lay Leader, chaired the Mission and Vision team and guided several months of diligent work. In addition to the learnings from the “Beyond the Barrier” Seminars, the West Ohio Conference Mission Statement, “Making Disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the World”, as well as sample vision and mission statements gathered from other churches and many ideas, were considered as part of our research. With much prayerful discussion, the new Mission and Vision Statement was developed. This also includes Core Values, Guiding Scriptures, and a Prayer.

Please take a few minutes to read the Mission and Vision document printed on page 2 of this Newsletter.

With deep appreciation, we thank the Mission and Vision Team for their many hours of diligent, prayerful work: Steve Roggenkamp, Chairperson, Anne Allen, David Breitmeyer, Gloria Brooks, Sue Bynner, Roger Gorden, Steve Harsh, Nancy Ikels, and Donna Montgomery.

WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
Chip Seely, Jerome UMC Lay Delegate

The 40<sup>th</sup> session of the West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church met June 7 – 11 at Lakeside, Ohio. The Laity Session was held Sunday evening, led by Conference co-Lay Leaders, Valerie Willis and Jim Jasinski. We were informed as to the procedure regarding the 32 amendments to the U.M. constitution, which were passed by General Conference in May 2008 and on which we and all United Methodist Conferences throughout the world would be asked to vote to pass or deny.

We also heard reports from the U.M.Women (Mary Short) and the U.M.Men (Bob Imboden). July 10 to 12 the U.M.Men from all over will meet at Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn. for 3 days of worship, training, and fellowship which will culminate with a concert featuring country star, Vince Gill. Nashville is home to six U.M. General Agencies.

**WORSHIP:** Monday morning, the first of 6 worship services was held. Among the guest speakers were Junius Dotson from St. Mark U.M.C. in Wichita, Kansas, and Sue Nilson Kibbey and Mike Slaughter from Ginghamburg U.M.C. Rev. Dotson is an outstanding inspirational speaker, while Sue and Mike led teaching sermons. Mike has pastored Ginghamburg for over 30 years. Under him that church has grown from 60 to over 2,000 people at various weekly services. Ginghamburg has contributed over 3.7 million dollars to the social crisis in Sudan. This church sends mission teams all over the world.

Besides bringing the message on Monday morning, Rev. Dotson also spoke at the “Love in Action” worship service Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Kibbey gave a presentation on developing leaders Tuesday morning, and Rev. Slaughter spoke about leading a missional movement Wednesday morning. Check out their website: [www.ginghamburg.org](http://www.ginghamburg.org). At the conclusion of the Monday morning service, over 2,000 people took communion.

On Wednesday afternoon, Bishop Ough led the “Celebration of Life and Ministry” service, which included a memorial service for clergy, clergy spouses and children of clergy, diaconal ministers, and laity of the West Ohio Conference who had died in the last year, a retirement service, a commissioning of probationary persons on the Deacon and Elder track, and ordination of four Deacons and 20 Elders.

The final worship service was Thursday morning and included the announcement of clergy appointments for the coming year. Rev. Duane Anders, Miami Valley

District Superintendent, preacher of the morning, recounted the difficulty of a year with several very close family deaths and his need to go away for a while with his family to heal. He and his wife decided to return to South Africa and take their children with them. While there, Duane and his son decided to bungee jump over a gorge with a river flowing through it. Showing the video taken that day, Duane described the feelings of fear laced with excitement as he, with his 10 year old son strapped to him, jumped off the cliff and while swinging back and forth closer and closer to the ground, feared landing in the river. But as they were almost to the river an unexpected hand reached out from shore to grab his hand and pull him and his son to the safety of the shore. It was a powerful, moving way to illustrate God’s presence with us at all times and God’s hand reaching out to rescue us and comfort us in difficult times.

The Hope for Africa Children’s Choir from Uganda proved to be the biggest hit at Lakeside. These 22 energetic youngsters, ages 5 to 8, performed many times for us. I’ll always remember them doing YMCA at the ministry fair. As always, for me, the worship services were the highlight of Conference Week.

**CONFERENCE BUSINESS:** The conference convened as a full body (clergy and laity) following the Monday morning worship. We first received greetings from the director of Lakeside, Kevin Sibbring, who is a member of Indian Run. We then heard from the rules committee and got a preliminary report from the nominations people.

Bishop Bruce Ough was reappointed to West Ohio last summer at the Jurisdictional Conference for a rare 3<sup>rd</sup> quadrenium. We were given his evaluation by the committee. Ough then delivered the Episcopal address, outlining what transpired during the past year in West Ohio, and he shared his hopes for our future. Last year we closed 20 churches and another 30 went from having full-time to part-time pastors. There are 97 Acts II churches in the conference, which is only 8.7% of the total. Our conference was the biggest contributor to The Advance Special Mission Project offerings of the entire denomination. We have also had 63 churches pay 100% of their 2009 apportionments.

Other reports heard Monday afternoon included the Foundation for Evangelism, the Council on Development, and the Treasure’s. The biggest project of the Council on Development is the “Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow” campaign. Last year they raised \$972,000 to fund new leader training, help local churches, and help provide for retired

ministers' health care. We then passed a resolution to release more funds from the program to carry out its mission. Our conference treasurer, Stan Sutton, will retire next June. He has been in office for 16 years. Stan reported that we finished last year with a \$200,000 surplus, despite the poor economy. We are 53<sup>rd</sup> out of the 60 Methodist Conferences in percentage of General Apportionments paid. However, we are 6<sup>th</sup> in total dollars paid. We had a 4% rise in conference giving, while membership declined 2%. \$328,000 was cut from the 2009 budget. This represents an 8.6% reduction and will result in lowering our apportionments by 5%. The Council on Finance and Budget then presented the budget, and after some questions and discussions it was approved.

We passed a recommendation to continue to provide \$400,000 a year to the General Board of Pensions for retired foreign pastors, who often receive no benefits following their service. This is done with surpluses from our pension fund. The "Rethink the Church" report was given by Lisa Streight, Becky Schofield gave the Black College Fund report, and Valerie Willis gave the Laity Address. The last action Monday night was to pass a recommendation asking the Board of Pensions to plan its investments so as not to support companies that help the illegal destruction of Palestinian homes by Israelis.

On Tuesday morning we heard a report from Phil Moots, Chancellor and Conference Lawyer. He will be leading a one day legal forum in November at Ohio Northern University. We then went into a corporate session. During this time the Trustees reported on our West Ohio properties. Bill Bronson, head of the Trustees, discussed the Bishop's residency. We passed a resolution to delay the purchase of a new Episcopal residence, as Bishop Ough will be with us for 3 more years.

At the beginning and end of each business session, we were treated to video presentations called ministry moments. These short clips illustrated how God is working through us in an eclectic mix of methods. The videos are available through the conference. You can also see a photo gallery and read in even more detail about what went on in Lakeside by visiting the Conference website, [wocumc.org](http://wocumc.org).

The 32 amendments to our constitution, which were passed by 2/3 of our delegates to the General Conference in Dallas last summer, took a majority of our time on Tuesday. We had adopted special rules to deal with them to help streamline the process. They were separated into 5 groups. Each group had an advocate and

someone who presented an argument against it. Gloria Brooks was the advocate for Group 5. In order for the amendments to be ratified, 2/3 of all Annual Conferences must approve them by a 2/3 vote. West Ohio approved only 5 of the 32. All 32 amendments are available on the Website, or you can ask me or Gloria for more details.

Tuesday evening was a delight, as the Big Event took place near the pavilion on the shores of Lake Erie. Mebane McMahon was the chairperson of the planning committee. It featured a ministry fair, games for the kids, an ice cream social, and dancing to a DJ. There was a water balloon game between the District Superintendents and the youth delegates and "dance-off" between the ministers and teens. The African Children's Choir danced with the teens. Guess who won the "dance-off"!

George Howard began the Wednesday business segment by presenting the Connectional Ministry report. Bishop Ough received a social justice award. Our conference gave over 2.9 million dollars to missions and ministries last year.

The Conference theme this year was "Love In Action." We learned how to do a dippy "gratitude dance" which was performed many times during the 4 days of conferencing.

The "Love in Action" Miracle Offering totaled \$371,600 by the close of Annual Conference and included:

- \$75,000 to support clergy and lay leadership training for the West Ohio mission partnerships in Southeast Asia, the North Katanga Conference in the Congo, the Oriental Conference in Mexico and the Volga District in Russia
- \$100,000 to support the West Ohio Conference's Next Generation leadership development efforts
- 10,000 school kits, valued at \$150,000, for children in the United States and around the world

We also passed the recommendation on Pensions and Health care after that board reported.

For the first time in many years, no conference received a rebate check from Cokesbury and Abbingdon Press. They have put on hold plans to publish a new Methodist Hymnal. The recommendation on Clergy compensation was passed with no increase. This was new, as it had increased an average of 3.6% over that last 6 years. The Conference Board on Church and Society reported on the many members of West Ohio who serve on various General Boards. Bishop John Hopkins of East Ohio, the Presidents of the 2 Methodist seminaries

in West Ohio, United in Dayton, and Methesco in Delaware, brought greetings.

New appointments were announced Thursday morning. Current Capitol Area North District Superintendent Cindy Garn will become the Senior Pastor at Worthington UMC and Rev. Marcus Atha, current pastor of Powell UMC, will become the new D. S. for Capitol Area North, effective July 1.

Conference attendance was reported as 1009 clergy, 1147 laity, and 459 guests, for a total of 2615.

Lakeside again proved to be a hindrance to achieving our goals—it's a great family vacation spot, but not so great a place to conduct church business. Throughout the 4 days we rejoiced, debated, grieved, worshipped, and prayed together. Prayer concerns/joys ranged from a 6 month old facing surgery, a 17 year old girl killed in a car accident, to the 104<sup>th</sup> birthday of a retired former D.S.

It can be quite tiring and trying attending all the sessions, but I still feel it's a privilege to be allowed to represent you at Lakeside. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Seely, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

### **JACOBSSONS Visit JUMC**

**Sunday, July 26**

We are excited as our missionaries, the Jacobssons, will leave Africa for an extended furlough to the United States and be with us at JUMC on Sunday, July 26. The entire congregation is invited to an all church potluck dinner after the second service. Please mark your calendars and bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. This is a wonderful time of fellowship with the Jacobssons, Dave, Donna, Matthew and Andrew. They have been our missionaries for at least 15 years and we don't get this opportunity very often. Questions? Contact Mary Jo Edwards or Lynn Boston.

### **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Education Team has planned a new and exciting schedule for summer Sunday school opportunities. Each month has been given a 'theme,' in which people who participate will have an opportunity to grow in faith, as well as fellowship, with others of our church family. The theme for July will be "Game Show" and the theme for August will be "Missions." The Sunday school hour will remain at 9:45 a.m. Adults, teens and students in fourth and fifth grade are invited to join us. Other activities will be provided for the younger children of our church family.

#### **July**

Join us in July for Game Month, as we learn more about the Bible, Jerome Church, and the United Methodist Church through games! Special game show hosts from our congregation will host each week's game.

July 4 - Jeopardy - join us as in the teen room for a lively game of Jeopardy.

July 14- Bible Pictionary - join us in the teen room.

July 21- Wheel of Fortune - join us in the teen room.

July 28- Family Feud - join us in the teen room as teams vie for the championship of Family Feud.

#### **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 July and 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, **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

### Precious Soap

The **SOAP** has been delivered to the Southside Free Store and, indeed, they were thrilled to receive it! More good news is that \$146.93 was collected from Change the World Sunday in June and it is generously given for the purchase of even more soap! Thank you for glorifying God and

helping his children at the Free Store, a place that continues to be in the hearts of so many of us at JUMC.

Blessings,  
Lynn Boston

### 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.

### Habitat for Humanity Fundraisers

**July 11 (Saturday):** Habitat in the Trees - Zip Line Day Fundraiser. This event is for those thrill seekers of all ages who would like to zip through the treetops on a network of cables and adventure skybridges suspended high above the forest floor. It takes place in the Hocking Hills area. The cost is \$85, with \$10 going to the Dublin Habitat Partnership. More details are noted [www.meetup.com/dublinhfh](http://www.meetup.com/dublinhfh) website.

All of the above events are detailed on the Dublin Habitat for Humanity Partnership website ([www.meetup.com/dublinhfh](http://www.meetup.com/dublinhfh)). I encourage you to visit the website and see all that is going on! If you have any questions, please contact Dave Altfater (614-889-8421) or email: [altfaterobx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:altfaterobx@sbcglobal.net).

**Want to Spend a Week  
in the Caribbean in February?**

On January 30, 2010, a group of your friends from church will leave for Honduras to spend a week in the sunny, warm climate along the coast of Honduras at La Ceiba. When the winds are blowing and the snow is falling, what better time is there to head to the Caribbean. You will stay with Honduran families, eat the local food at home cooked meals, enjoy the local culture, travel the countryside and cities in cars, vans, and motor coaches, visit neighborhoods, churches, health clinics, and kid's centers. You will tour houses and can have one on one conversations with the people. You will attend the Church of the Grand Commission twice and celebrate our Christian heritage in song, praise and worship. All meals, transportation, entertainment, translators, guides, taxes, and fees are included. By the way, you will also have an opportunity to build a house, interact with kids and help in a health clinic. You can do all of this for only \$700 plus airfare of \$800 or less. For a maximum of \$1,500, you can have a great week of travel, help provide a house for a deserving Honduran family and improve the lives and health of kids and adults. A passport and some immunizations will be required. If you have any interest in this exciting opportunity, contact Debbie Trego (889-6041), Charlie Bynner (873-5188), or the church staff (873-8851). There will be an informational meeting in early August. To hold your place on this rapidly filling and capacity limited trip, please submit a deposit to Chris Mills at the Church office in the amount of \$50.

Your Honduras Mission Team

**ADULT MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

October 22-25, 2009

**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.

When: October 22-25 (Thursday – Sunday)  
Where: Kentucky or West Virginia  
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.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us in this opportunity to be His willing hands by following the Gospel's call to be His servants. Watch for more details this summer!

**MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENT  
COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Scholarship Applications Due**

Two scholarships for the academic year 2009-2010 are available for students who are pursuing a course of study that leads to becoming a graduate of a seminary and a minister of the Christian faith. The scholarships, The Donald E. and Marylou Bynner Scholarship and The Virginia P. and John V. Johnson Scholarship, are awarded by the Jerome United Methodist Church on an annual basis if acceptable applicants are chosen. It is anticipated that each scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000 to \$1,500; however, the amount may vary from year to year, based on the funds available. Applicants from Jerome United Methodist Church who are studying to be United Methodist ministers will be considered first, with all United Methodist students considered next, and then students studying to become ministers of other Christian denominations.

Scholarship applications may be submitted from copies of the application obtained from the Church office. Applications must be received at the church office no later than July 15, 2009. We plan to award the scholarships in August 2009 before the new school year starts.

If you know of anyone studying to become a Christian minister this year, please have them apply for the scholarships.

The Memorial and Endowment Committee

June has come and gone. Preparation for the sanctuary renovation has begun and summer special is in full swing. I hope you have a wonderful summer of rest and recreation.

**We thank to Bob and Brenda Warne for hosting the end of year music party. You are wonderful hosts!**

## Thanks to....

- our Board of Trustees and all the volunteers who are helping with the sanctuary renovation
- Jan Manring for her help assembling the June 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

## CHANCEL CHOIR

The Marion Palace Tour and lunch is scheduled for Thursday, July 2. We will meet at the theater at 10:30 for our tour and mini concert. We will eat lunch at THE WAREHOUSE (Italian cuisine).

More information about the theater may be found at...<http://www.marionpalace.org/history.php>

## HIGHER GROUND

John Holsinger will be on vacation July 12 and 19. Our substitute band leaders are Craig Markley and Roger Whittaker. Rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings at 8:00.

## JEROME RINGERS

We are preparing a special selection for July 26 for our visiting missionaries. We will have an important rehearsal on Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

## Music Ministry

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Dear Friends,

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## WHERE FEARLESS KIDS SHINE GOD'S LIGHT

[groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/jerome](http://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 \$7 each

Questions? Contact Marla Anderson at 614-402-9606 or Donna Montgomery at [donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com).

### SUMMER Sunday School (9:45)

Children will be invited to join their parents at any of the Sunday School activities for adults this summer. June is Music Month, July is Games Month, and August is Mission Month. **Maggie Mattmiller and Michelle Pettit** will also teach Sunday School for preschool and early elementary children but we wanted to offer you the opportunity to grow and study as a family. The Nursery will remain available throughout all services this summer for children up to age 3.

### 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.

### ACTIVITY BAGS

There are activity bags in the narthex for kids who stay in the service on Sunday mornings. To use a bag, simply pick up one of the blue bags from the wooden stand in the narthex before the service and return it to the rack afterwards. Thank you, Linda Pettit, for serving as the coordinator of this ministry.

## De LIGHT ful PRAYERS

We ask 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.



### HELP

It takes many people to run V.B.S. We could use your HELP IN AUGUST too. Contact Marla Anderson at 614-402-9606 or Donna Montgomery at [donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com).

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 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)

community. Students are always encouraged to invite their friends.

## **FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **G.R.O.W.**

G.R.O.W., the college/young adult group, will meet several times during the summer. We hope you can make it for these events:

- July 5, 6:00 p.m. – Nooma Bible study and pizza at Denise's house
- July 14, 7:00 p.m. – Bowling party, Plain City Lanes
- July 20, - Dime a Dog Night, Columbus Clippers
- July 24, - Faith Ranch retreat
- August 2, 6:00 p.m.- Nooma Bible study and pizza at Denise's
- August 9, 7:30 p.m. – Bonfire at Denise's

### **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.

### **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

### **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

## MEN'S MINISTRY

A picnic and discussion meeting was recently held at the church, where Chefs Ed Kauffman and Wayne Tummonds worked their magic on the outdoor grill. Twenty seven men enjoyed a great spread, including wonderful desserts.

After everyone had their fill, a lively discussion first reviewed the existing programs available for our men. These include events, such as the monthly breakfast at Der Dutchman, golf outings and other special projects, such as assisting with the sanctuary remodeling. Focus then switched to ideas for new opportunities that cover a range of interests and Christian development activities. Major interest centered around fellowship, spiritual development, mission and community work, and Bible study. During the coming months, each of these areas will be reviewed to determine how we can best address these Christian values. Watch for notices in the next newsletter, the church bulletin, and posted announcements on the bulletin board.

The next scheduled General Meeting of the Jerome Men will be held Sunday, July 19 at the church. A chicken BBQ is planned with corn on the cob and all the trimmings. The meal and fellowship time will be from 6-7:00 p.m. A short program will be presented during the second hour. This is an opportunity to meet other men of the church with whom you may not have had the pleasure to talk with on Sunday mornings.

We hope to have another great turn out for the BBQ and the other events to be offered. Bring yourself and bring a friend.

JUMC Men Unite!

## RECREATION & FUN

### CALLING ALL SOFTBALL PLAYERS....

#### July Game Schedule

Thursday, July 2 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7 8:15 p.m.

Monday, July 13 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 20 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 23 8:15 p.m.

Note: All churches are required to share the umpire and scorekeeping duties. Please look at the schedule and see when you can take a date. We need two people for each game we are assigned: July 13, 8:15 p.m and July 23, 7:00 p.m.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The men's breakfast group will not meet on Saturday, July 4. Have a happy holiday!

### FOURTH OF JULY POTLUCK DINNER

The church family is invited to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Fourth of July potluck dinner at the home of Mary Jo Edwards, 8278 Brock Road, on Saturday, July 4, 5:00 p.m. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring lawn chairs and food to share.

### 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.

# July Calendar

**Wednesday, July 1**

7:00pm Oasis

**Thursday, July 2**

10:30am Marion Palace Tour and lunch

7:00pm Coed softball game

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, July 3**

No Soup for the Soul

**Saturday, July 4**

5:00pm Annual Fourth of July potluck cookout at Mary Jo Edwards'

**Sunday, July 5**

9:30am Fellowship time

10:00am Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

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

**Tuesday, July 7**

8:15pm Coed softball game

**Wednesday, July 8**

7:00pm Oasis

**Thursday, July 9**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, July 10**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Saturday, July 11**

8:00am Recycling pick up

Habitat for Humanity fundraiser – zip line at Hocking Hills

**Sunday, July 12**

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery

9:30am Fellowship time

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

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

**Monday, July 13**

7:00pm Acts 11 Team meeting

7:00pm Coed softball game

**Tuesday, July 14**

7:00pm Staff/Parish Relations Committee meeting

7:00pm G.R.O.W. bowling party – Plain City Lanes

**Wednesday, July 15**

7:00pm Oasis

**Thursday, July 16**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, July 17**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Sunday, July 19**

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

6:00pm Men's group – chicken BBQ dinner and program

**Monday, July 20**

7:00pm Coed softball game

G.R.O.W. Dime a Dog Night – Columbus Clippers

**Wednesday, July 22**

7:00pm Oasis

7:00pm Handbell rehearsal

**Thursday, July 23**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

8:15pm Coed softball game

**Friday, July 24**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

G.R.O.W. Faith Ranch retreat

**Sunday, July 26 – Jacobsson's visit**

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

**Wednesday, July 29**

3:00pm Middle school work camp attendees depart

7:00pm Oasis

**Thursday, July 30**

7:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, July 31**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

# JULY VOLUNTEERS

## GREETERS

7/5 8:30 Bob & Stephanie Middlestead  
 10:45 Steve & Sandy Montee  
 7/12 8:30 Dick & Joan Hayslip  
 10:45 Rusty & Terry Woerner  
 7/19 8:30 Al & Joni Clark  
 10:45 Roger & Becky Hayslip  
 7/26 8:30 Robert & Karen Guthrie  
 10:45 Bruce & Leslie Lauer

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS

	<b>Inside</b>	<b>Outside</b>
7/5	8:30 Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45 Barb Keith	Kathy Feightner
7/12	8:30 Anita Norris	Dan Sutphen
	10:45 June Booher	Sandy Montee
7/19	8:30 Cathy Priday	Dana Pharis
	10:45 Sarah Holcomb	Terry Woerner
7/26	8:30 Anita Norris	DeeAnn King
	10:45 Dawn Stanko	Tom Montgomery

## USHERS

7/5 8:30 Bill Gossard & Larry Herchline  
 10:45 Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg  
 7/12 8:30 King family  
 10:45 Mark & Kim Solomon  
 7/19 8:30 Dan & Pam Schmidt  
 10:45 Gary & Kathy Grauer  
 7/26 8:30 Mathew & Hayley Neumeier  
 10:45 Brian & Julie Jackson

## ACOLYTES – 9:00AM

7/5 Seth Transue  
 7/12 Nick Page  
 7/19 Abbi Clark  
 7/26 Madeleine Zimmerman

## SCRIPTURE READERS

7/5 8:30 Anita Norris  
 10:45 Linda Pettit  
 7/12 8:30 Katie King  
 10:45 Steve Roggenkamp  
 7/19 8:30 Mary Jo Edwards  
 10:45 Tom Boyd  
 7/26 8:30 Ed Kauffman  
 10:45 Jon Pettit

## FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS

7/5 9:30 Pam & Dan Schmidt  
 7/12 9:30 Ken & Pauline Scott  
 10:45 David & Marla Moore  
 7/19 9:30 Jud & Kathy Smith  
 10:45 Mike & Sherrie Moore  
 7/26 9:30 Lisa Stillings and Penny Sullivan  
 10:45 Bob & Melinda Murphy

## ALTAR FLOWERS

7/5 Mary Jo Edwards – in honor of our children  
 7/12 Open  
 7/19 Open  
 7/26 Open

## CHILDREN'S NURSERY

7/5 9:50 Kathy Grauer  
 7/12 8:20 Lynn Boston  
 9:35 Jill Barr  
 10:35 Anne Allen  
 7/19 8:20 Becky Neill  
 9:35 Mike Anderson  
 10:35 Amy Smith  
 7/26 8:20 Rosemary Pitts  
 9:35 Jill Barr  
 10:35 Brenda Hancock

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### 8:30 service

	Teacher	Shepherd
7/5	10:00 Worship service today	
7/12	Jennifer Sonnenberg	Cody Middlestead
7/19	Donna Montgomery	Abbi Clark
7/26	Donna Montgomery	Abagael Clark

## SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS – 9:45

Teacher	Shepherd

7/5 No Sunday School – 10:00 Worship  
 7/12 Maggie Mattmiller Michelle Pettit  
 7/19 Maggie Mattmiller Michelle Pettit  
 7/26 Maggie Mattmiller Michelle Pettit

# CIRCLE OF CONCERN

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

### VOLUNTEERS

#### 10:45 service

	Teacher	Shepherd
7/5	Leah Koenig (10:00)	Anjie Stanko
7/12	Amy Daniels	Anjie Stanko
7/19	Donna Montgomery	Michelle Pettit
7/26	Donna Montgomery	Tracy Moldovan

## FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP

7/5 Bob Warne  
 7/12 Sonnenberg family  
 7/19 Bowman family  
 7/26 Bryan family

## PANERA BREAD/ SOUP FOR THE SOUL

### PICK UP VOLUNTEERS

7/2 Rothermund family  
 7/9 Valerie Altfater  
 7/16 Penny Sullivan  
 7/23 Kathy Smith  
 7/30 Larry Herchline

### HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Herald Baughman (Kim Solomon's father)
- Phil Brooks (Gloria's son)
- 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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# JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/1 Pandora Neill
- 7/2 Barb Keith
- 7/3 Rae Baker
- 7/4 Brian Hoppe
- 7/5 Mimi (Spota) McGinty, Don Grove,  
Owen Keiffer
- 7/6 Dick Hayslip, Sara Meriweather
- 7/7 Burt Hancock
- 7/8 Steve Montee, Debbie Moore,  
Chris Solomon, Chad McMahon, Debbie Trego
- 7/9 Bobby Moore, Drema Phelps
- 7/10 Andy Trux, Marla Anderson
- 7/11 Scott Neill, Jr., Stephen Bluestone
- 7/13 Jake Rothermund
- 7/14 Dottie Neill, Shannon Neill,  
Jud Smith, Devon Smith
- 7/15 Kyle Jacobs
- 7/17 Kathleen Rose
- 7/19 Bill Rueger, Jenney Seely
- 7/20 Janell Bolte
- 7/21 Sarah Chapman
- 7/23 Zane Beatty
- 7/26 Alex Steuerwald
- 7/27 Cathy Spain
- 7/28 Emily Jacobs, Sarah Jacobs
- 7/29 Joey Dennison
- 7/30 Rusty Woerner, Michael Sonnenberg,  
Luke Bolte, Allison Gieske
- 7/31 Jan Bambach