

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Jerome United Methodist Church
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June 2009

YOUNG EYES ARE WATCHING

The last two weeks of April I met for about one hour with each Confirmand and his/her parents. I enjoyed this time of getting to know them better and hearing about their Confirmation experience. The Retreat is always high on the “What did you like best about Confirmation?” list. Time spent with their Parents and Sponsors, hearing their “faith stories,” is also high on the list.

As I visited with the Confirmands and their parents, my mind went back to my own Confirmation. There was no retreat, no parent book, and no sponsor. There were only two students, my twin sister and me, meeting with the pastor every Saturday morning for 13 weeks. Those were good times of learning, but they weren’t the same as being at Camp Wesley for the Confirmation Retreat!

Just as with our Jerome Confirmands, church history, theology, and Christian discipleship characterized our curriculum. We pondered the meaning of the membership vows and discussed how all is summarized in the final vow to support the church through our “prayers, presence, gifts, and service.” As I look back across years of active ministry as a pastor, the wisdom and clarity of that summary shines clearly as a guide for how to find meaning and fulfillment as a church member.

PRAYERS – Tennyson wrote, “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.” Someone noted, “Prayer changes things and the first thing it changes is us,” because we are brought consciously into the presence of God, reminded of our needs and God’s will, and realize that, only through the redeeming grace of God in Christ, does life matter as it should and have the destination we desire. Notice, too, that it’s more difficult to be in conflict with others if we truly pray for them rather than criticize. Someone said, “When you are pointing your finger at someone, notice there are four fingers pointing back at you.”

PRESENCE – Woody Allen said, “80% of success is just showing up.” We smile at the wry wisdom in that thought. “Being there” proves crucial if we are to gain and give what we should. If physically able, we should “be there” for worship each week, whether at home or out-of-town. Any fiancé who phoned his beloved to say, “I was coming over but it looks like rain, so maybe next week,” would likely have to cancel the wedding if that pattern continued very long. “Showing up” is important.

GIFTS – These represent abilities and money. God has blessed you with talents and abilities that can be used in service to your church to help others. A congregation of 460 members contains vast human resources if these are volunteered in service to Christ. The same can be said of our money. We promise to contribute financially to our church as part of our commitment to Christ.

SERVICE – Over 99% of Christians are non-clergy. God’s work is done primarily through the voluntary Christian service of members who give of their time and talents in support of the many opportunities to serve Christ by serving others. A meaningful life is greatly enhanced by helping somebody else. The church provides efficient, effective, and loving avenues for service.

Every person who becomes a member of the church has vowed to support the church through “prayers, presence, gifts, and service.” The 11 youth who joined Jerome Church on Confirmation Sunday, May 3, are watching us to see if we really mean it.

Rev. Gloria Brooks

TALENT AND TESTIMONY SHARE

Do you have a talent and a song that represents your testimony of faith? Would you be willing to share your testimony with the Jerome Church family? On **Sunday, June 28th**, during the Sunday school hour, we will host a “Talent and Testimony Share” in the sanctuary. A sign-up sheet is on the rolling board in the narthex. Hurry! There are only six spots available! If you have any questions, please contact April Keiffer (873-1252) or Denise.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last day of regular classes for Sunday school will be June 7. On that Sunday, we will also recognize all the people involved in the Christian Education ministries of our church with a special Teacher Dedication moment at both services.

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 June will be ‘Music’. 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.

June

June 14- Join Julie Gossard in the sanctuary as she leads us in singing familiar hymns. Before each song, we will learn the history of the hymn and more about the person who wrote it, as well as the scripture it was based on.

June 21- Join us in the Sanctuary as we sing some of the favorite praise songs. Before each praise song, learn the history of the song, the artist and what scripture the song may be based on.

June 28- Join us in the Sanctuary for a “Talent Share”. Members of our church family will share songs that have inspired them in their faith journey. If you are interested in singing a song and sharing your testimony, please call April Keiffer by June 20. Songs must be no more than four minutes and the sharing of your faith story will be limited to three minutes so that we can give as many people possible the opportunity to participate.

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 to church 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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Beginning in late May/early June, the church financial audit will be under way. United Methodist Church guidelines request that an annual audit be performed to complete an independent evaluation of the financial reports and records and the internal controls of the local church by a qualified person or persons for the purpose of reasonably verifying the reliability of financial reporting, determining whether assets are being safeguarded, and if policies and procedures are being complied with.

As part of this *confidential* process, our external auditor will select a sample of member donations and request confirmation that the amounts were contributed. This request will be in the form of a JUMC letter, but with a business reply envelope to the audit firm. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Roggenkamp, Finance Chairperson, (614) 873-6573.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kroger Community Rewards

As of May 1, 2009, Kroger has changed their community rewards program. You no longer need to purchase a gift card prior to your purchase for Jerome UMC to earn rewards. Instead, the church will earn a reward every time you use your KROGER PLUS CARD.

Your part is simple. Just follow the instructions below and Jerome UMC can start earning reward gifts today. Just go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com, using JUMC and/or Non Profit Organization number **81364**.

If you do not have access to the online sign-up, then an additional SCAN CARD will be given to you by JUMC. You can swipe the Scan Bar in conjunction with your Kroger Plus Card/phone number at the checkout to automatically link your Kroger Plus Card with JUMC.

Within 7-10 business days of successfully registering your Kroger Plus Card, you will see at the bottom of your Kroger receipt "At your request, Kroger is donating to 'JUMC.'

Only Jerome UMC members, family and friends are eligible to participate using the Jerome Church number. No solicitation to the general public is allowed. If you need a SCAN CARD or have questions, please see Greg Jaudzems at the table in the lobby after worship or call the church office, 873-8851.

Meijer Community Rewards

For those who shop at Meijer for groceries and consumer items, JUMC is now enrolled in the Meijer Community Rewards Program, as well. The Meijer program rebates 1% for purchases on a Meijer credit card or 0.5% for cash or PIN based debit cards to JUMC. To sign up, go to www.meijercommunityrewards.com. Under "Meijer Customers," click on "Join now." The next page will display 3 options (credit card, register existing card or obtain rewards card). For those who prefer just the reward card (**Meijer 1 CardSM**), click on the 3rd option "join now" button to set up an account and receive the card(s). The organization code is 286686 or can be found under Jerome United Methodist Church. It does take a few minutes to complete the information. However, all rewards rebates will be used to offset church operating expenses! To obtain additional information, please see Greg Jaudzems at the table in the lobby after worship or call the church office, 873-8851.

PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Screening

The next blood pressure screening will be done Sunday, June 14. Come to the office conference room to have your blood pressure checked. The screening is done from 9:30-10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Bring a Bar of SOAP Sunday, June 7

Jesus continually reminds us to minister to the Least among us! This time the call is very doable and easy because all it requires us to do is to donate bars of **SOAP** for our friends at the Southside Free Store.

Our hope is the tiniest of tiny and the oldest of old and everyone in between will bring **SOAP** to church on **June 7!** It is also our desire that all Sunday school classes will help gather **SOAP** so that when we move the collection box that is now in the Narthex to the altar on **June 7,** bars of **SOAP** will be overflowing to the floor and church will be ever so fragrant!

When you shop this week, sneak a few bars of **SOAP** into your shopping cart. The Dollar Store and Big Lots both have three bars of soap for \$1. Bless each and every giver of bars of **SOAP!** Thank you!

Lynn

Boston

Total Home Honduras Team Jerome is extending a huge thank you to our church family at JUMC! Thank you for your support in the way of monetary donations, vitamins, flip-flops, letters from our prayer partners and especially, prayers. Never underestimate the power of your prayers! God showed us so many opportunities to stand in awe of his wonderful grace and goodness. When we are asked, "How was your trip?" words like **great, awesome, and wonderful** just don't seem to be enough. You have to experience it for yourself and we pray that God gives you that chance in the near future. The opportunity to interact with and share in God's work with good and godly friends, to see his hand at work daily, and to experience new opportunities makes the trip truly worthwhile. Thanks again to Jerome friends and family and may God continue to richly bless you.

Used Greeting Card Clarification

Thanks to everyone who has brought in their old greeting cards. Our hope is to get this recycled card ministry up and running this summer. Remember to bring in old cards that you have received and no longer wish to keep. We will refurbish these cards by using the front of the cards only.....however the saying inside will aid us in our efforts. We promise not to share any notes that have been written on this inside page! The collection basket for these cards is in the Narthex. Please, no Christmas Cards at this time, but birthday, sympathy, get well, thank-you, wedding, baby/ baby shower, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Any questions? Contact Sharon Dunn at (740) 881-5964.

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 website.

All of the above events are detailed on the Dublin Habitat for Humanity Partnership website (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.

SAVE THE DATE ADULT MISSION OPPORTUNITY To Appalachia 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!

HIGHER GROUND

If you are interested in becoming a substitute vocalist/instrumentalist for this vital worship ensemble, please contact John Holsinger. We will continue to rehearse through the summer on Thursday evenings at 8:00 and play for 10:45 worship on Sundays.

Memorial Sunday

To all performers and participants.....

Thank you for a wonderful day of remembrance!

JEROME RINGERS

We are preparing a special selection for July 26 for our visiting missionaries.

*We plan to attend a concert by the Raleigh Ringers at Wapakoneta High School on Wednesday, June 24.

Music Ministry

John Holsinger

Director of Music

740-361-1281

Holsinger.4@osu.edu

Dear Friends,

*Thank you for a wonderful month of May.
The services were unique and meaningful.
Your music was inspiring. We are all grateful
for your hard work and dedication.*

CHANCEL CHOIR

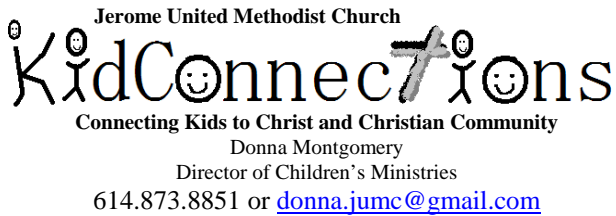
Choir and Bell party on Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brenda and Bob Warne, 5808 Tarton Circle. Please RSVP.

Final rehearsal for the season will be June 3.

Tour of Marion Palace Theater

A special tour of the historic Palace Theater in Marion is being arranged. This grand edifice was constructed in 1928, renovated in 1976 and continues in operation to this date. We will have lunch at The Warehouse Italian restaurant. John Holsinger will demonstrate the 1927 Wurlitzer theater organ. There is no fee for the tour.

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



TEACHER/SHEPHERD APPRECIATION COOKOUT

All teachers and shepherds of KidConnections Ministries are invited to the Montgomery home for a cookout on Saturday, June 6 at 6:00pm. Come with your family and a swim suit for the hot tub, if you like. We may offer some rides on my gentle horse, play volleyball, or even have a bonfire. All food and beverages will be provided. Relax and enjoy the fellowship as our gift to you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CROCODILE DOCK

WHERE FEARLESS KIDS SHINE GOD'S LIGHT

www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/jerome

- Visit the website to register your children and to volunteer.
- **August 3 - 7 at 6:30pm.**
- Children 3 years old to those entering 6th grade
- Cost is \$10 per child up to \$25 per family of 3 or more
- Guests are FREE!
- Everyone receives an iron-on decal
- Music CDs will be on sale

It takes many people to run VBS, we could use your help too. If you have a passion for helping in a certain area, contact us soon to get on the list. Contact Marla Anderson at (614) 402-9606 or Donna Montgomery at donna.jumc@gmail.com.

9:45 SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 want

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 older elementary children to attend worship with their parents. Second grade is a good time for kids to begin attending worship services with their families. Don't forget, the kids can use the activity bags that hang in the fellowship hall while they listen.

VBS HELP

Volunteering for VBS is rewarding and fun. Contact Marla Anderson (614) 402-9606 or Donna Montgomery (614) 873-8483 for information on ways that you can help. You can also register to volunteer on line at www.jeromechurch.org (Go to the "Vacation Bible School" link under Children's Ministries.) We still need Crew Leaders, teachers, and more.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TOO?

Would you like to experience faith through leading children? 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.) We have a wonderful team of teachers and shepherds who are committed to seeing our children grow up in their faith. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Donna Montgomery.

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.

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. CAMP ADDRESS

The address for Mountain T.O.P. campers is:

Camp Baker Mountain
Camper's Name
Jerome UMC
263 Mountain T.O.P. Road
Spencer, Tennessee 38585

All packages and mail should be mailed by Tuesday, June 23. Cards and notes are nice to receive towards the end of the week! Below is a list of adults and students attending Mountain T.O.P. Letters of encouragement from all the church family are welcome. Just place a camper's name below in the address.

Mike Allen	Alyssa Lambie
Ryan Benefiel	Alex Mark
Madison Beyke	Connor Matrka
Kimberly Bowman	Erin McCarthy
Todd Bowman	Cody Middlestead
Vicki Bowman	Chris Mills
Lizzy Bryan	Jordan Mills
Jacob Bucklin	Jack Moberger
Abby Clark	Tom Montgomery
Diane Leibold	Allie Moore
Jacob Eye	Jacob Moore
Tiffany Eye	Kevin Murphy
Denise Gorden	Emily McDowell
Lucas Gilfillan	Emma Schnell
Rachel Grauer	Spencer Schnell
Ben James	Adriane Welcker
Katie King	Emily Whitacre
Leah Koenig	Rusty Woerner

TARA MIDDLESTEAD

Thanks to the generosity of the Jerome Church family, close to \$3000 was raised for Tara

Middlestead. Tara will serve on the Mountain T.O.P. staff this summer as a Ministry Coordinator. A majority of that money, \$2100, went to her salary and gas expenses. The remaining amount will be used by Tara on her breaks and for other living expenses. If you would like to contribute to Tara's efforts, please make checks payable to Jerome UMC, marked Tara Middlestead, and bring the check to the office or put it in the offering plate. Once we know what camp Tara will be assigned, we will put the address in the church bulletin. We hope you will send cards of encouragement to Tara, as well as keeping her and the entire Mountain T.O.P. staff in your prayers. Tara will return to her home in the first week of August. She will share her experience with the congregation on August 16.

TOOLS FOR MOUNTAIN T.O.P.

Each year the church family is asked to 'loan' tools to be used on our Mountain T.O.P. mission trip. Each tool is marked with the owner's name and colored tape so it can be identified as being part of the Jerome tool collection. The following is a list of items that we need. Please sign up on the list in the lobby, indicating what tools you may have. Tools need to be at the church by Saturday, June 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Needed tools:

hammers (20) hand clippers (6) grass clippers (6)
paint roller pads (50) disposable paint tray liners (100)
hack saws (7) cordless drills (4) hatchets (3)
hand saws (7) new circular saw blades (5)
step ladders - 8ft plus (6) rag mops (7) axes (2)
wasp bee spray (20 cans) hand sanitizer (7) small
paint brushes large paint brushes clean rags plastic
drop cloths clothes chalk lines (3) pick (1)
post hole diggers (4) sledge hammer (1) brooms
(6)
gravel rakes (3) cordless drills (2)
large plastic buckets (10) 6 -50 ft extension cords

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. FUNDRAISERS

Please continue to save your loose change and bring it to church on the first Sunday of the month and bring your used printer cartridges to the box in the church lobby for recycling to earn money for Mountain T.O.P.

There will be a cake and dessert auction following both services on Sunday, June 14. All campers will be asked to bring a Mountain T.O.P. theme decorated cake or a special dessert for the auction.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be held Sunday, June 7. High school seniors of our church family will be recognized at either the 8:45 or 10:45 a.m. service. Each graduate will receive a gift from the congregation. If your son or daughter will attend this special service, please call the church office (873-8851) by May 15. If possible, we would also like to know what their plans are following graduation.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

OASIS- Senior high boys and girls are invited to join us every Wednesday, 7:30-8:45 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 begin planning 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

SPIRIT CAFÉ

We are in need of three dozen donuts and juice each week for the Spirit Café. Each Sunday, beginning at 9:30 a.m., donuts, juice and hot chocolate are served to the Middle School and High School students in the teen room. If you can provide donuts at any time, please email Denise at swajumc@aol.com or call her at 873-8851.

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet at the church picnic area on Thursday, June 4, at noon for a potluck picnic. This will be the last official meeting of our UMW organization, so all former members might like to come to celebrate our past. All women of the church are invited to attend.

MISSION GARDEN

Each year the ladies of Serendipity plant a garden in the back of 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 at 336-3708.

MEN'S MINISTRY COOKOUT

We had 10 men present for our conversation on May 3 about men's ministries at Jerome. We are going to meet again on Sunday, May 31, beginning with a cookout at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Master grill chef, Ed Kauffman, will man the grill - more details will be forthcoming, but we hope you will save the date and plan to join us. Sign up at church so we can plan the food.

After dinner and fellowship, we will continue to talk about how to strengthen the discipleship of the men of our church and community. Jud Smith has agreed to make an inventory of existing programs and opportunities for men already going on during each month of the year so we can look at the big picture of what we might want to increase or add. Come hungry and with ideas to share.

Steve and Chuck

RECREATION & FUN

CALLING ALL SOFTBALL PLAYERS....

Dust off those gloves.....it's game time!! Come join the Jerome co-ed softball team. The team is open to anyone interested, the only requirement is that you are 15 years old by June 1st. Games are played at the Millcreek Township Park (Watkins Road) with specific days and times yet to be determined. We do ask each player to contribute \$5 to help cover the league fee. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. More information will be coming about practices and games.....If you have any questions or want more information, please call Randy Page (873-6369).

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, June 6, 7:30 a.m. This is open to all men of the church and their guests.

FROGS AND TOADS

The women's book club has selected The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros for our next discussion book. We will meet Monday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Terry Woerner, 11111 Jerome Road. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. All women of the church are invited.

SACRED THREADS QUILT EXHIBIT

You are invited to attend Sacred Threads 2009- a national quilt exhibition of 216 original pieces exploring the themes of spirituality, inspiration, joy, grief, healing and peace/brotherhood. Included in the show is a special exhibit of quilts made by women incarcerated at the Women's Reformatory in Marysville. As important as the beautiful fiber artwork are the artists' statements, which tell the stories behind the quilts. Displayed in an atmosphere conducive to reflection and meditation, the Sacred Threads exhibit showcases the experiences of quilters whose stories

may be a source of healing, strength and encouragement to others.

Sacred Threads will be held at Reynoldsburg High School, 6699 E. Livingston Ave. in Reynoldsburg June 17-28. It is open daily: 10-4 Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; 10 -8 Tuesday and Thursday; and 12-4 Sunday. Admission to the exhibit is \$5.00. The exhibit is appropriate for all ages from young teens to seniors.

More information can be obtained on our website www.sacredthreadsquilts.com. Wendy Bynner is chairperson of the exhibit. If you would be able to spend a few hours greeting visitors, selling tickets, or helping to monitor the show, please contact volunteer coordinator Nancy Becker, 614-866-4020. Volunteers have free admission to the show on the day they work.

EUCHRE PARTY

Thanks to everyone who hosted and participated in the euchre parties this year. The parties will begin again in September. If you are interested in hosting a party, please sign up on the sheet in the church lobby. Hosts provide beverages and prizes for the night. Call Marie (873-8239) if you have any questions.

Thank You!

The Jerome 2009 Honduras Mission Team and the people of Honduras want to thank you for your generosity. During the week of May 2-9, the team completed a three bedroom, one bathroom house for the Najera family, consisting of children Amalia and Fernando, and parents Joshua and Aria. The team also worked with children at the Children's Nutritional Institute, where Amalia and Fernando attend, and at the Total Helath Clinic, where patients were seen and medical records were organized and updated. The house was built through Total Home. You paid for the house with a \$4000 anonymous gift, contributed an

additional \$2,673 cash, and in addition, helped pay for the expenses of some of the team members. The \$4,000 provided for all materials, supervision, and Honduran skilled labor necessary to complete the house with the help of the team. The \$2,673 came from many sources, including \$600 that Erin Wilkie collected beyond her personal expenses, \$1,065 from the Easter offering, \$287 from Alternative Christmas, \$275 from eating at Max and Erma's, \$446 in additional contributions from the congregation and friends. This money was used for a variety of needs in Honduras. Most of the money was donated for furnishing the house with basic supplies and buying tools for Total Home. Three houses were under construction at the same time, as 36 Florida students plus our team of nine were in LaCeiba at the same time, so additional tools were greatly needed.

For the house, we purchased one double bed and two twin beds. Each was complete with box springs, mattress, sheets, pillows and pillow cases. Towels and wash cloths were furnished for each person. Also, the kitchen/living area was outfitted with a two burner propane stove top, table and four chairs, 4 place settings of dishes, a cooking pot, one skillet, broom and clothes line. The kids now have their own beds and bedroom for the first time and the parents also have their own bed and bedroom. Also for the first time, they have a bathroom with a sink, shower, and toilet. We cannot express in words the gratitude and sincerity that Joshua and Aria showed at the home dedication. By the way, there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Thanks to your generosity, Total Home now has the needed tools to complete their mission to build houses for those in need in Honduras. This year, we added a six foot ladder, a commercial circular saw, a DeWalt heavy duty reciprocating saw, a Milwaukee heavy duty 5" medium angle grinder, a DeWalt cordless drill, a sledge hammer, a hand mallet, an axe, two heavy duty rakes, two yard rakes, two one hundred foot extension cords, two fifty foot garden hoses, and a chisel. In addition, \$250 was spent to buy the tools of a retired Florida craftsman. He donated his vast collection of tools to Total Home; however, \$250 was needed to pay for port taxes and import fees. His collection, as described to us, is worth thousands of dollars new. We

were able to furnish the \$250 to get the tools released from the port of entry.

The final item that was purchased was \$200 for an echocardiogram. As we were gathering in the Church of the Grand Commission for our morning devotions, word came from the Total Health Clinic that a 12 year old boy, Dennis Edguardo, needed a procedure done right away but the clinic was not equipped to do the work. Dennis Edguardo had to go to the public hospital to have an echocardiogram and his parents did not have any money to pay for it, so it would not be done. Erin Wilkie stepped right up and agreed to furnish the needed funds. God does work in wonderful ways and he does provide opportunities to serve him and his people. Your generosity may have saved a young person's life. You have provided us the resources to serve the Lord.

Honduras Mission Team

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Dear Jerome Church Family,

Thank you for supporting this year's flea market. We had another record breaking year with a grand total of \$8,248.00. Thank you to Melinda Bryan and those who helped in the kitchen for another successful year, bringing in over \$400. Thank you to June Booher and Pat Breeding for all of their hard work managing the bake sale. The bake sale brought in \$570.00. Thank you to those who helped with set up, clean up, loading the Volunteers of America truck, pricing, sorting and organizing throughout the week. Most of our church family participated with this year's flea market. We hope to have your support next year. Please start saving your items and label them JUMC flea market. Every item does count and we appreciate any and all donations.

Thank you to those who donated items to help us run the flea market. We also appreciate your very generous donations for us to sell at the flea market. Our flea market is so successful because of your support.

There are many individuals who worked very long hours and long days helping us prepare for the flea market. Thank you to those who spent an enormous amount of time in the clothing and linen department and the gym, where we had miscellaneous items.

Thank you to the entire church staff and Sunday school teachers. Flea market week is an adjustment for everybody, as many items get moved around to prepare for flea market day. Thank you for your assistance with preparing the classrooms, the stage and other areas of the church.

As you can see from this letter, it takes the entire church family to have a successful flea market. Thank you again for all of your support!

Leslie Zimmerman

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Dear Jerome Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$355.00 for the Dublin Food Pantry.

The Pantry serves an average of 250 households per month, primarily from the Dublin School District. Monetary donations such as yours enable us to purchase a good variety and quantity of food from the Mid Ohio Food Bank and other sources to provide for these families in need.

Again, thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in making this gift.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Fisher, Operations Manager

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Dear Jerome Church,

Thank you for your faithful support of McCurdy School through the Campbell's and Box Tops for Education programs. Please note: Campbell's has changed its program and wants only the UPC (barcode). They will accept the lids from V-8, V-8 Fusion and V-8 Splash. A current list of eligible products can be found on their website: www.labelsfor education.com. For a complete listing of Box Tops products, go to www.boxtops4education.com.

Earl McMillen

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Dear Daytime Serendipity Ladies,

Thank you so much for the beautiful 'cup' of flowers that you presented me at our last class and for all the kind notes you have sent me. It has been a blessing to see you all grow in your faith and fellowship with each other. The ability to laugh and cry with each other is such a gift. I am looking forward to beginning our class again in September.

Sincerely,
Denise

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Dear Church Family,

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your continued generosity and support of the youth ministry of our church. Even though many of you are going through some difficult economic times, I am amazed at your willingness to support the youth of our church. Every week I have received donations to help someone attend Mountain T.O.P. or for Tara to serve on staff at Mountain T.O.P. My desk is sometimes covered with empty printer cartridges and there is always someone asking, "What can I do to help the youth of our church?"

Because of your generosity, the youth of our church will participate in a week long experience that will bring them closer to God and to the Church. We have always said the money will never deter any youth from being part of our youth ministry and you make that possible. To put it another way YOU ARE AWESOME and I feel blessed to serve at Jerome United Methodist Church.

Sincerely,
Denise

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Thanks to....

- Jan Manring and Myra Brennehan for their help assembling the April 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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/02 Jordan Mills, Judy Acker, Mike Anderson, John Holsinger
- 6/03 Cora Webb, Denise Gorden, Evan Hayslip
- 6/05 Bill Gossard, Kate Spota, Sue Kestner
- 6/06 Ruth Elliott
- 6/07 Nathan Palmer
- 6/08 Chelsea Seely
- 6/09 Kathy Smith
- 6/10 Paige Decker, Tony DiCesare, June Booher, Bob Middlestead
- 6/11 Lindsay Andrews
- 6/12 Danny Matrka, Megan Matrka, Stephanie Middlestead
- 6/13 Marla Foulke, Brenda Hancock, Jack Ikels, Jill Barr
- 6/14 Chad Hill, Sherrie Moore, Carol Dyer
- 6/16 Donna Montgomery, Scott Sonnenberg
- 6/17 Roger Hayslip, Evan Keiffer
- 6/20 Barry Keith, Lindsay Miller, Greg Sestili, Sue Purdy
- 6/21 Justin Hanhart
- 6/23 Carly Pimm, John Morgan
- 6/24 Philip Bambach
- 6/25 Pam Palmer, Karen Roggenkamp
- 6/26 Scott Hanhart
- 6/27 Steven Farley
- 6/28 Kathryn McKittrick, Bruce Lauer
- 6/29 Sue Neal, Lloyd Linkhorn
- 6/30 Mary Henderlong

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS

6/7 8:30 Bob & Becky Neill
10:45 Scott & Cara Hanhart
6/14 8:30 Charlie & Wendy Bynner
10:45 Carl & Ellen Erkison
6/21 8:30 Ron & Myra Brenneman
10:45 Rob & Sara Meriweather
6/28 8:30 Sharon Dunn
10:45 Chris & Sarah Holcomb

GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS

	Inside	Outside
6/7	8:30 Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45 Barb Keith	Kathy Feightner
6/14	8:30 Vickie Dicesare	Anita Norris
	10:45 June Booher	Sandy Montee
6/21	8:30 Cathy Priday	Dana Pharis
	10:45 Sarah Holcomb	Jan Manring
6/28	8:30 Anita Norris	DeeAnn King
	10:45 Cindy Decker	Dennis Decker

USHERS

6/7 8:30 David & Madeleine Breitmayer
10:45 Andy & Marilyn Trux
6/14 8:30 Randy & Amy Page
10:45 Kim & Scott Weaver
6/21 8:30 Scott & Melanie Danhof
10:45 Woody & Jane Green
6/28 8:30 Wayne & Kathy Tummonds
10:45 Don & Gail Lambie

ACOLYTES – 9:00AM

6/7 Seth Transue
6/14 Nick Page
6/21 Abbi Clark
6/28 Madilyn Zimmerman

SCRIPTURE READERS

6/7 8:30 Ruth Elliott
10:45 Jan Manring

6/14 8:30 Kathy Hoover
10:45 Steve Mark
6/21 8:30 Carol Kauffman
10:45 Kim Weaver
6/28 8:30 Kathy Tummonds
10:45 Chip Seely

FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS

6/7 9:30 Cathy Priday and Helen Priday
10:45 Pat & Ellen McCarthy
6/14 9:30 Bill & Sue Purdy
10:45 Rob & Sara Meriweather
6/21 9:30 Mike & Kathleen Rose
10:45 Craig & Susan Miller
6/28 9:30 Bill & Barbara Rueger
10:45 Bob & Amy Moberger

ALTAR FLOWERS

6/7 Ron & Judy Acker – in memory of
Bob & Julia Winning
6/14 Amy & Brian Daniels – in honor of our
10th wedding anniversary
6/21 Loran & Marie Faulk – in honor of our
62nd wedding anniversary
6/28 Ron Kemmerling – in memory of Sharon's
birthday

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

6/7 8:20 Becky Neill
9:35 Jill Barr
10:35 Amy Plank
6/14 8:20 Randy Page
9:35 Mike Anderson
10:35 Anne Allen
6/21 8:20 Lynn Boston
9:35 Jill Barr
10:35 Amy Smith
6/28 8:20 Rosemary Pitts
9:35 Mike Anderson
10:35 Brenda Hancock

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS 8:30 service

Teacher Shepherd
6/7 Donna Montgomery Abagael Clark

6/14	Amy Page	Cody Middlestead
6/21	Donna Montgomery	Jennifer Sonnenberg
6/28	Donna Montgomery	Abbi Clark

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45

	Teacher	Shepherd
6/7	various	various
6/14	Maggie Mattmiller	Open
6/21	Maggie Mattmiller	Michelle Pettit
6/28	Maggie Mattmiller	Michelle Pettit

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

10:45 service

	Teacher	Shepherd
6/7	Open	Open
6/14	Open	Amy Daniels
6/21	Janell Bolte	Michelle Pettit
6/28	Donna Montgomery	Tracy Moldovan

FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP

6/7	Bob Warne
6/14	Sonnenberg family
6/21	Bowman family
6/28	Bryan family

PANERA BREAD/ SOUP FOR THE SOUL

PICK UP VOLUNTEERS

6/4	Rothermund family
6/11	Valerie Altfater
6/18	Penny Sullivan
6/25	Kathy Smith

BEREAVEMENT:

- Erikson family (Carl's mother, Helen)
- family and friends of Everett Buckner
- family and friends of Loran Faulk

HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Betty (Charlie Miller's sister)
- Holly Hedrick
- Jimmy Kelly (Joan Hayslip)
- Lisa McKowen (Ruth Schwab)
- Dottie Neill
- Doug Ott (Ruth Schwab)
- Gene Phelps
- Vickie (Marc Mattmiller's sister)
- Margaret Schwab (Ruth Schwab's mother)

- 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)
- Jodi McFee (Vicki Bowman)
- Cody Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Seth Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Michael Moran (Marla Anderson)
- Jordan Neill
- Jason Tummonds
- Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

MISSIONARIES:

- Dave & Donna Jacobsson: MAF

E-mail: djacobsson@maf.org

June Calendar

Monday, June 1

7:00pm Mission and Vision Team meeting

Wednesday, June 3

7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal

7:00pm Oasis

Thursday, June 4

noon United Methodist Women end of season picnic
No band rehearsal

Friday, June 5

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, June 6

7:30am Men's breakfast at Der Dutchman

6:00pm Teacher appreciation cookout at Montgomery's

Sunday, June 7

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

Tuesday, June 9

7:00pm Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, June 10

6:30pm Chancel choir party at Warne's

7:00pm Oasis

Thursday, June 11

8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, June 12

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, June 13

8:00am Recycling pick up

10:00am Mountain T.O.P. tool day

Sunday, June 14

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery

9:30am Fellowship time / blood pressure screening

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

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

Tuesday, June 16

7:00pm Administrative Council meeting

Wednesday, June 17

7:00pm Oasis

Thursday, June 18

8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, June 19

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, June 20

8:00am Mountain T.O.P. campers arrive at church

8:45am Mountain T.O.P. send off – parents and sponsors

Sunday, June 21

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

Thursday, June 25

8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, June 26

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, June 28

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

3:00pm Mountain T.O.P. campers return

5:00pm Mountain T.O.P. dinner

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