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

November 2009

Van Gogh on Tithing?

Remember being a kid and waiting expectantly during the days leading up to Christmas? You were probably on your best behavior, making sure that if Santa really did check that list twice, you'd be on the right side of it. Hours felt like days, and days felt like weeks, until the moment finally arrived: Christmas morning.

If you were like most children, you probably hopped out of bed before dawn, before your parents were even awake, and headed expectantly for the gifts wrapped and waiting under the tree. Who knew what wonders awaited?

During these next few weeks, as we continue in the "Irresistible Invitation" sermon series, we're headed toward another wonderfully special event: Consecration and Celebration of Unity Sunday, November 15. We will have one combined service in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m., followed by a catered Celebration of Unity Luncheon provided as a gift to the congregation.

Consecration Sunday will also be the day our attendees and members will be able to commit their prayers, presence, service and financial gifts to the church for 2010. And just like Christmas morning, you have no idea what wonders await.

God always meets us where we are, and anytime we take a step closer to Him, God responds likewise by stepping closer to us. When we're ready to say yes to all that God asks of us, we can know for

certain that He will richly reward us for it, and continue to draw us closer into relationship with him.

As we move forward, even if you feel the tiniest bit apprehensive about taking the next step, rely on your faith to get you there. Consider what Vincent van Gogh once said about doubt: "If you hear a voice within you say 'You are not a painter,' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced."

God, the Master Painter, the one who created you with beautiful strokes of His brush, still stands with that brush in hand. So as Consecration Sunday arrives, greet it with expectancy and know that God will honor your new levels of commitment and help you stand firm. Keep these words in mind:

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him, and you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all He has done."

Colossians 2:6-7 NLT

The Stewardship Committee
Jud Smith, Karen and Steve Roggenkamp,
Barb Keith, Kenan Ikels, Jan Bambach,
and Gloria Brooks

**CONSECRATION AND CELEBRATION
OF UNITY SUNDAY
November 15, 2009**

10:00 a.m.

One Combined Service in Fellowship Hall
Children's Worship for Children
age 3 through grade 4
Nursery for birth to age 3

11:15 a.m.

An Italian feast of lasagna, green beans, salad, garlic
bread, drinks and dessert will be served as a gift of
love to the Jerome Church family.

Please say, "Count me in!" and fill out the luncheon
reservation form in the Sunday bulletin or call Penny or
Chris in the Church office, 614-873-8851, by 4:00 p.m.
Friday, November 8 to make a reservation for your
family.

Irresistible Invitation

Sermon Series continues . . .

Sunday, November 1

"The Church: Identity and Function"

Rev. Gloria Brooks

Sunday, November 8

"Partners in the Gospel"

Philippians 1:1-11

Rev. Steve Harsh

Sunday, November 15

Consecration Sunday

10:00 a.m. Combined Service
in Fellowship Hall

Catered Lunch follows the Service

Sunday, November 22

"Thanks Giving"

CHURCH CONFERENCE

The 2009 Church Conference will be held as
a cluster with other churches for worship
together, followed by individual Church
Conference sessions. The date is Tuesday,
November 3, at Powell UMC, 825 E. Olentangy
Street in Powell. The evening schedule is:

6:30 p.m. Gathering with light refreshments

7:00 p.m. Individual Church Conferences

led

by a Presiding Elder

At the individual Church Conferences,
decisions are made regarding pastoral salaries,
election of church officers, and other items which
the congregation needs to discuss.

At a Church Conference, anyone who is a
member of the church has both voice and vote.

This will also be an opportunity to worship
with neighboring congregations and to meet
District Superintendent, the Rev. Marcus Atha,
and Assistant to the District Superintendent, the
Rev. Roger Grace.

You are cordially invited to attend this
important meeting in the life of our church. No
reservations are necessary.

**TAILGATE PARTY and
CHILI COOK-OFF**

Join us Saturday, November 7, for the - OSU
vs. Penn State football game... *time to be
announced....* on the big screen in Fellowship
Hall. Everyone in the church is invited to enter a
crock pot of chili for the cook-off. The cost is
\$5.00 for all the chili and cornbread you can eat,
plus one drink. Bring a crock pot of chili and you
get a free ticket for your chili, cornbread, and one
drink. There will also be hot dogs, chips, desserts
and drinks available for purchase. In addition to
food and the game, there will be a Silent Auction.
The congregation is asked to donate items to bid
on: craft and holiday items, dinners, desserts, gift
certificates, game tickets, etc. Sign up sheets are
on the bulletin board in the lobby. Invite your
friends to join you for this fun event!

Free to Smile Foundation

Benefit Concert

Sunday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy musicians from Jerome High School, as well as several vocalists, including the Olsen twins, Andrea and Kendra.

The free will offering taken at the concert will benefit the *Free to Smile Foundation*. Free to Smile is an organization started by Muirfield resident and facial and maxillary surgeon, Dr. Byron Henry. Dr. Henry and the doctors and nurses who work with him donate their time and talents to repair cleft palates and other facial deformities of children living in impoverished countries, such as Cambodia, Cameroon, Columbia, Honduras, and the Philippines. *Free to Smile* does not reimburse the expenses of the doctors and nurses who travel to these countries to help the children. Every dollar donated to *Free to Smile* goes towards the cost of the surgeries and medications provided to the children.

Dr. Henry will show a brief presentation about his work and experiences. He will be available to answer any questions you may have about *Free to Smile*.

Fundraiser for

The Church for All People

Melina Murphy Honored

The Church For All People/Free Store will hold a fundraiser at Children's Hospital on Thursday, November 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. to celebrate and honor volunteers who give their time to this great ministry. Tickets are \$30. Our own Melinda Murphy will be honored for her work with Soup for the Soul. If you would like to attend, please contact Denise at 873-8851.

Here is Melinda's story for those of you who haven't heard it and for those of you who would like a little refresher! A few years ago, Melinda Murphy made her way down to The Church for All People with two crock pots of soup, some loaves of bread and a couple of high schoolers to help. She had been studying [A Purpose Driven Life](#) and had received a calling from God to feed the homeless and low

income people of South Columbus. ...and Soup for the Soul was born! Bless Melinda because Soup for the Soul has not missed a Friday night in almost 7 years. Melinda ventured forth with her faith that if God wanted this mission to prosper, it would.....and with God's unending blessings, it has flourished. Indeed, it is well oiled machine with many volunteers stepping forward. Charlie buys 12 dozen eggs every week (that is 7,500 eggs a year) and DeeAnn boils the eggs while teaching an exercise class at church! Clark and Pat faithfully assemble the sandwiches every Friday at 1:00, while Marie provides bread and others faithfully provide hot pots of soup, fruit, desserts and drinks. What a story and what a joy it is to serve and glorify God through Soup for the Soul. CONGRATULATIONS, MELINDA!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Screening

The next blood pressure screening will be Sunday, November 8. The screening is done from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the office conference room. All are welcome.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Clothing Donations

The Free Store is now excepting WINTER CLOTHING AND WINTER CLOTHING ONLY! Please save your summer items for the Flea Market...items may be brought to the church but must be marked Flea Market and be in plastic bags that are tightly tied because they will be stored in the basement. Thank You!

Dublin Food Pantry

Jerome Church has three opportunities to help the Dublin Food Pantry. First, our church will hold a food drive during the month of November. Items needed include baby food, diapers, canned fruits (other than applesauce and peaches), canned Spaghettios, pancake mix and syrup, jelly, cake and cookie mixes, canned meats (other than tuna), boxed potatoes, and seasonal food items. There will be a collection box in the narthex during the month of November. Second, every year Jerome Church provides volunteers to assist the patrons on each Tuesday in November. We will provide seven volunteers from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and three volunteers from 11:15 am to 1:15 pm. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex. Third, the pantry is requesting 6 to 8 volunteers on Friday, November 13 and Friday, November 20 from 5-8:00 p.m. to stock the pantry shelves with food donated to the pantry. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those interested. Please contact Melinda Bryan at 793-0311 if you have any questions.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

Alternative Christmas

What is it, you ask? Alternative Christmas is a way to support one of many adult missions programs by "purchasing" handmade items to give to your loved ones, co-workers, parents, children, pastor, neighbor and many more at Christmas. Any donation is welcome. Each year the Missions Committee works hard to give you several options to select from and this year is no different. Your monetary donation is tax deductible, so start making that list and checking it twice and don't forget that hard-to-buy-for Aunt or your brother who has everything! Watch for the tables set up in the narthex the first three Sunday's in December.

Honduras Missions Funds

The Jerome Honduras Mission Team has set up a fund to help pay the salary of the Honduras Administrator for the Total Health and Total Home mission projects in La Ceiba, Honduras. The current administrator is Merphran Irias. Merphran and his wife, Gabby, make our mission trips to Honduras

possible by doing all the planning before we arrive in Honduras and taking care of our needs while we are there. This includes transportation, housing, meals, event planning, scheduling work to be done and supervising and coordinating the overall work in Honduras. Merphran spoke in our church two years ago. Due to limited funds and resources, Merphran and Gabby have experienced financial challenges while working around the clock for all of the mission teams that attend to God's work in La Ceiba at the Church of the Grand Commission. Your team has agreed to provide an additional one hundred dollars a month or twelve hundred dollars per year to help meet Merphran, Gabby and their two children's needs. They have not asked for our help but we noted the need and asked if we could help. Our funds will go to Total Health and Total Home here in Lewis Center, Ohio, which funds many of the administrative cost in La Ceiba. Our funds will be added to funds already being sent to La Ceiba and will be designated for Merphran's salary only. The first year cost has been pledged by previous team members that have gone to Honduras. \$300 for the last three months of 2009 has already been sent to Total Home/Total Health. We want to continue this ministry so that mission trips can continue to be planned in Honduras. If you want to help with this ministry, we ask for a pledge of \$10/month or \$100/year. Of course, any amount will be appreciated. Please mark any contributions "Merphran's Salary" on your check written to Jerome Church. We have also been asked about other contributions for Honduras. There is great need for medical supplies and children's school supplies. Each house that we build costs \$4,000 to complete. We have been blessed to have individuals pledge the needed \$4,000 for the three houses we have built or plan to build this coming year. If you would like to support the home costs or any of these items with your funds, please mark any contributions for Honduras with the desired area of interest noted. All funds received will be used for missions in La Ceiba, Honduras as you designate. Please contact

Debbie Trego (889-6041) or Charlie Bynner (873-5188) if you have any questions.

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The phone number listed in the church directory for Board of Trustees Chair, Greg Jaudzems, should be changed to (740) 815-1628.

From the ministry and
office staff of Jerome Church...

Happy
Thanksgiving!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION PROJECT...

Operations Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse that provides millions of children, world-wide, with a dose of God's love at Christmas time in the way of **shoe boxes filled with toys**, school supplies, hygiene items and other items (ideas are listed below).

You can help the with this mission project IN NOVEMBER by

- **bringing in items to be placed in the gift boxes,**
- **by donating money towards the shipping expenses, or**
- **by packing your own box. Items may be placed in the collection box located in the office.**

All items for this project must be collected no later than November 3. Boxes will be delivered November 18.

Gift ideas:

Toys - small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc..

School Supplies - pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons/markers coloring books, writing pads, solar calculators, coloring and picture books...

Hygiene items - toothbrushes, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth...

Other items - Hard candy and lollipops, mints, gum, (please place all candy in baggies), T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

Do not include - Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions;

medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Music Ministry

John Holsinger

Director of Music

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Dear Friends,

“The frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder’s in the shock.” My mother used to read this colorful poem, invoking many beautiful images of fall. I love the change in seasons; you can find God’s beauty everywhere.

Fall leads us closer to Advent and the Christmas season and Jerome Christmas. Rehearsals for Festival Choir for Jerome Christmas will begin Sunday, November 8, 1:00 p.m. in the music room. Rehearsals will continue on Sunday afternoons through December 6. Please let me know if you plan to participate. I will need to order a book for you!

*Jerome Orchestra rehearsals will begin November 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Consecration Sunday

Sunday, November 15

One service at 10:00

Chancel Choir, Higher Ground, Jerome Ringer and the Children’s Choir will participate.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We sing every Sunday at the 8:30 worship service, September through May.

JEROME RINGERS

Rehearsals continue at 8:00 on Wednesday evenings. We will ring next on Consecration Sunday, November 15. If you are interested in ringing, please contact John Holsinger. Substitute ringers are always needed.

HIGHER GROUND

Rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings at 8:00. Check your email for updates.

Jerome Christmas

Sunday, December 13, 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars!

Jerome Ringers, Festival Choir, Jerome Orchestra and Drama Team will participate. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and great music.

*** Children's Music ***

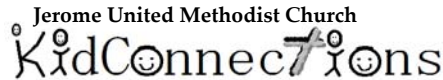
Junior Bells Will Meet

We will ring on Sunday, November 1 at the end of the 8:30 service. We will rehearse on Tuesday, November 10 and 24, at 5-5:30 following Children’s Choir.

Children's Choir

Children’s choir is a new offering for children in second through sixth grades. Children’s Choir will rehearse from 5:15 to 5:45 preceding *TWIST* (November 4 & 18). We also meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:00. (November 10 and 24). All children who

love to sing are welcome. Please contact John Holsinger for more information.



Connecting Kids to Christ and Christian Community

Donna Montgomery

Director of Children's Ministries

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FAMILY TIMES

Have you been searching for a way to bring more faith talk into the home with your children? A new resource is available to parents at JUMC. Family Times is a monthly kit designed to help equip parents with easy to use tools to make the most of everyday moments together.

The theme for October was Individuality: Discovering who you are so you can make a difference. It went right along with our Mission Celebration on World Communion Sunday as well as the Operation Christmas Child project that we are working on in Twist.

The theme for November is Cooperation. The kits 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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(Not to be confused with 9:45 Sunday School)

We are using the curriculum that coordinates with Family Times at the 8:30 CW and 10:45 Elementary CW (Children's Worship). Even if you don't purchase the kits, you can help your child understand how to apply the Truths of each month's theme. Children will be given a Bible verse to memorize each month and other activities to help them live out the lessons. 10:45 Preschool CW will have a different theme from the others that fits a younger child's reality. The format is the same and we will have some family resources available.

SUNDAY MORNINGS - KidConnections

Getting children connected to Christ and Christian Values is very important to parents. We try to help you with this by providing quality children's ministry programs on Sunday mornings that mirror adult worship and education. We provide the following experiences for children each Sunday morning:

Nursery – Sign children into nursery before worship

Infant to Three Years Old

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

8:30 CW Children's Worship – Children are escorted as a class from Sanctuary

Preschool through Fourth Grade

Thematic Lessons that coordinate with the Family Times Viture Packs.

Except for the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday, parents should pick up their children after worship in the preschool room, 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. All 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 4 adult Sunday school classes, including "The Lounge" that is geared for parents of younger children and meets in room 104.

10:45 CW Children's Worship

Preschool through Kindergarten – room 119

Except for the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday, parents should pick up their children after worship.

First through Fourth Grade – room 111

Thematic Lessons that coordinate with the Family Times Viture Packs.

FAMILIES

FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (GRADES 2-5)

5:15 – 5:45

TWIST (FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN)

5:45 – 7:15

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.

- For Families with young children (infant up through elementary).
- First and third Wednesday of each month
- 5:45 – 7:15 pm
- Family meal
- Recreation
- Service projects
- Children's Choir prior to Twist at 5:15 for children, grades 2-5

Contact Donna Montgomery 614-873-8483 for more information or to RSVP. Friends are encouraged.

BIBLE SUNDAY

Sign up so your third grader can receive a Bible. On Bible Sunday, third grade students are invited to receive a personalized Bible from the Jerome Church congregation. And, just like Jesus' gift of Salvation, the only thing they need to do is accept the gift. This is a long standing tradition at Jerome. Children can receive Bibles at either service but **we need you to sign up**. This is important so that we have the correct spelling for names on the cover of the Bibles. Sign up by calling the church office or by contacting Donna at 614-873-8483 or donna.jumc@gmail.com.



BEGINNER'S BIBLE STUDY

3 YEARS OF STUDY

We will begin a 10 week Bible study for 3rd – 5th grade students on January 10. **The Bible Study is open to any student in grades 3-5 and may be attended for 3 years.** Beginner Bible Study is where kids use their Bibles and they begin to develop a lifetime pattern for spiritual growth. They will have loads of fun, eat pizza, and play games in the gym. **Please Sign up on by** contacting Donna Montgomery at 614-873-8483 or donna.jumc@gmail.com.

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is wonderful to work with the children at Jerome U.M. Church. The kids are full of life and they love to serve and worship Jesus Christ. Proverbs 22:6 says “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Thank you for your faithfulness. Please consider bringing a snack for your child’s Sunday school class. Some Teachers are providing food from 9:30 – 9:45 each week.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY OFFERING

The offering collected on Sunday mornings in Children’s Worship will go towards blankets for children in the United Methodist Children’s Home. We need a considerable amount more before we can purchase the fleece for this mission.

<p>KidConnections: 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. (Mark 12:30-31)</p>

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, November 9, 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, November 9, 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, November 16, 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, November 16, 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.

G.R.O.W. (GOD ROCKS OUR WORLD) YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

G.R.O.W. will meet Sunday, November 8 and 22, 5:00 p.m. for dinner and Bible study at the home of Denise Gorden.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

The youth group will serve the annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Church for All People, which is located in Columbus on Parson’s Avenue. All Middle School and High School students are encouraged to participate in this ministry in several ways.

First, we will prepare some of the food on Sunday, November 22, 3-6:00 p.m. at the church. We will make stuffing, rolls, mashed potatoes and sweet potato casserole. Please bring a paring knife with you if at all possible. Parents will be needed to help supervise this effort.

On Tuesday, November 24, we will meet at the church 4:15 p.m. to carpool to the Church for All People. At that time, students will help serve the dinner to people from the surrounding area. Last year we served over 200 people. We will need parents to provide transportation and supervision.

We will also need donations of food items for the dinner. A complete list is posted in the church lobby for those interested in providing items. Please call Denise if you can help at 873-8851. The major items needed are:

- 7-20 pound turkeys
- 4 boneless hams sliced
- 50 pounds of potatoes
- 20 pies
- 8 gallons of Cider/Milk/Chocolate Milk
- 8-bags of stuffing mix
- 15 boxes of jiffy muffin mix

THE CHRISTMAS SHOP CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

The annual Christmas Shop will be held at the Church for All People on Saturday, December 19. All middle school students are encouraged to join us that day as we distribute toys and clothing to families in need. We will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. We will need parents to provide transportation and supervision. If your son or daughter would like to attend, please call 873-8851 or email Denise at swajumc@aol.com by December 10.

BETHLEHEM ON BROAD FOOD BOXES

This year we have committed to supply 25 food boxes to be distributed at "Bethlehem on Broad". This is a ministry run by Broad Street UMC in downtown Columbus. The food boxes are distributed to those in the community who are in need. Boxes must be delivered to our church by December 10. Items need to be placed in a banana box with a lid, as many of these people carry the boxes home or ride on a bus. Banana boxes will be available at the church beginning November 25 or you can ask for one at your local grocery store produce department. Please sign up in the church lobby or call Denise if you would like to provide a food box. The items in the box are:

\$10 Kroger gift card taped to the inside lid of the box

- 2 large cans of vegetables
- 1 large box of cereal
- 1 six pack of Ramen noodles
- 1 large box of instant potatoes
- 1 CANNED HAM (if available) or 1 large can of beef stew
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 box saltine crackers
- 2 large CANS of spaghetti sauce
- 1 large box of spaghetti
- 2 cans of fruit
- 4 rolls of toilet paper
- 1 large package of cookies
- 1 large PLASTIC jar of peanut butter
- 1 large PLASTIC jar of squeeze jelly

BETHLEHEM ON BROAD DISTRIBUTION

Bethlehem on Broad food distribution will be Saturday, December 19. Young adults and senior high students are invited to join us that day to help pass out food boxes to those in need. At this time we have not been assigned a shift. Once that information becomes available, we will pass it along. Students who feel they cannot lift the heavy food boxes are welcome to attend the Christmas Shop at the Free Store, which is also that day. Please call Denise or sign up in the church lobby if your son or daughter plans to attend. Adults are needed to provide transportation and supervision.

GROW CHRISTMAS PARTY

All young adults who are 18 years of age and older are invited to join us for the annual GROW (God Rocks Our Word) Christmas party on Sunday, December 20, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Roger and Denise Gorden, 7866 Harriott Road. We will have an Italian dinner. Guests are welcome to bring a salad, dessert or their favorite Italian dish. Please let Denise know what you plan to bring.

All guests are invited to bring a white elephant gift. Please call 873-8851 or email swajumc@aol.com Denise by December 15 if you plan to attend. If your son or daughter is away at college, please pass this information on to them.

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 on Saturday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m. and return on 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. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, December 6 at noon in the sanctuary. All students who are interested in attending Mountain T.O.P. are asked to attend, along with their parents.

The first part of the meeting we will go over important dates and other important information that parents need to know. Returning campers and parents may leave following this part of the meeting.

First time campers and their parents will be asked to stay to go over other information that is relevant to them.

PLEASE make an effort to attend this meeting with your son or daughter. It is helpful if we can all be on the same page and you, as a parent, know the details about the trip. 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.

SPIRIT CAFÉ

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

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.

ADULT PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

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

These classes on Creating a New Vision and Purpose for the Second Half of Life will meet monthly over the next year to cover a variety of topics related to harvesting and using the wisdom of life experience. People of all ages are invited to attend either the 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. sessions. The next sessions will be held Tuesday, November 17. Contact Reverend Harsh for more information.

**Sunday, November 15 is Consecration Sunday.
There will be one service in the fellowship hall and
no Sunday school that day.**

ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS

The Shack

The Adult Discussion Class will have a one week discussion on The Shack by William Paul Young on Sunday, December 6. All adults of our congregation are invited to read the book and join us for discussion.

NEW ADULT DISCUSSION STUDY

The Adult Discussion Class will begin a new study on Sunday, December 13. The class will read the book CS Lewis on the Fullness of Life, Longing for Deep Heaven by Dennis J. Billy. If you would like to order a book, please contact Denise by November 15.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREAT DATE CHANGE

We have been informed by the Kirkmont Center that, because of their economic situation and the closing of several lodges, both the men and women's retreat date will need to be changed. The new date for both retreats is the weekend of February 19-21. Women and men of all ages and walks of faith are invited to join us.

The women's retreat will begin Friday, February 19 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to carpool, we will meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. The women's retreat will conclude at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 20.

The men will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 21 to carpool to the retreat center. Their retreat will begin that day at 2:30 p.m. They will return home Sunday after lunch. Reverend Steve Harsh will lead this retreat.

The cost of lodging and linens for both retreats is \$44. Since Kirkmont is no longer catering, the meals for both groups will have to be prepared by participants. We will work on those details later. Please mark your calendars for these retreats. There is lodging for 24 participants. If you are new to our church or have been here for awhile and want to get reconnected, you are encouraged to join us. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 873-8851

RECREATION & FUN

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, November 7, 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, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Penny Sullivan will host. 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 AND TOADS

Thanks to Lynn Boston for hosting our last meeting. The women's book club will meet Monday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Valerie Bowerman, 7065 Concord Bend Drive. We have chosen The Senator's Wife, by Sue Miller, for our next discussion book. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share with the group.

JEROME MEN'S GROUP

Jerome Men's next activity will be on Saturday, November 7. We will rake leaves and do fall clean up around the church building and then enjoy the JUMC OSU/Penn State Tailgate/Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction. Details will be emailed once we know the time for the kickoff which is still TBA. Please save the date and plan to join us.

Thank You

Dear Everybody,

Thank you for praying for me. I use my prayer quilt that Mrs. Bynner made for me. It's very warm. Thank you for writing on my Caringbridge page mom made for me. I also like the cards you have sent to me for my birthday and for my knee.

Love,
Madilyn Zimmerman

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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:

- 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, November 14.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1	Stephanie Palmer
11/2	Jan Manring
11/3	Roy Helms, Jenny Beatty, Pete McDowell
11/5	Trudy Earl
11/6	Jason Lambie
11/7	Kevin Murphy
11/10	Luke Koenig
11/11	Tom Webb, Jeff Greiner, Matt DiCesare
11/14	Ryan Lambie, Amy Plank, Ron Kemmerling
11/15	Terry Bally
11/16	Amanda Seely
11/17	Scott Decker, Wayne Smith
11/18	Erin McCarthy, Adriane Welcker
11/19	Emily Bucklin, Marc Mattmiller
11/20	Karen Guthrie, Lisa Hoppe
11/21	Chris Holcomb
11/22	Bill Rueger, Jr., Anjie Stanko, Kevin Keiffer
11/27	Myra Brenneman, Maggie Mattmiller
11/28	Alan Hoover, Ashley Zanko
11/29	Lizzy Bryan
11/30	Stewart Seely

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS

11/1 8:30 Bob & Stephanie Middlestead
10:45 Steve & Sandy Montee
11/8 8:30 Dick & Joan Hayslip
10:45 Rusty & Terry Woerner
11/15 10:00 Roger & Becky Hayslip
11/22 8:30 Robert & Karen Guthrie
10:45 Bruce & Leslie Lauer
11/29 8:30 Valerie Bowerman
10:45 Kathy Feightner

GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS

Inside

Outside

11/1	8:30	Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45	Barb Keith	Kathy Feightner
11/8	8:30	Sharon Dunn	Tom Pierce
	10:45	June Booher	Sandy Montee
11/15	10:00	Stephanie Middlestead	DeeAnn King
11/22	8:30	Vickie DiCesare	Tom Pierce
	10:45	Dawn Stanko	Steve Mark
11/29	8:30	Laurel Benefiel	DeeAnn King
	10:45	Jan Manring	Tom Montgomery

USHERS

11/1 8:30 Bill Gossard & Larry Herchline
10:45 Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg
11/8 8:30 King family
10:45 Mark & Kim Solomon
11/15 10:00 Dan & Pam Schmidt
Gary & Kathy Grauer
11/22 8:30 Mathew & Hayley Neumeier
10:45 Brian & Julie Jackson
11/29 8:30 Jud & Kathy Smith
10:45 Paul & Shelly Detwiler

ACOLYTES – 9:00AM

11/1 Seth Transue
11/8 Nick Page
11/15 One service – fellowship hall
11/22 Madilyn Zimmerman
11/29 Madilyn Zimmerman

SCRIPTURE READERS

11/1 8:30 Anita Norris
10:45 Linda Pettit
11/8 8:30 Katie King
10:45 Steve Roggenkamp
11/15 10:00 Tom Boyd
11/22 8:30 Ed Kauffman

10:45 Jon Pettit
11/29 8:30 Brenda Warne
10:45 Terry Woerner

FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS

11/1 9:30 Jack & Marna Beatty
10:45 Chip & Jenney Seely
11/8 9:30 David & Susie Bluestone
10:45 Greg & Molly Sestili
11/15 9:30 One service - Coffee available in the kitchen
11/22 9:30 Lynn Boston
10:45 Wayne & Amy Smith
11/29 9:30 Valerie Bowerman
10:45 Mark & Kim Solomon

ALTAR FLOWERS

11/1 Jan & Dennis Bambach – in honor of our 30th wedding anniversary
11/8 Ron Kemmerling – in memory of our wedding anniversary
11/15 Al & Joni Clark – in honor of our wedding anniversary
11/22 Dan & Pam Schmidt – in honor of our daughter, Kimbr Patterson's birthday
11/29 Stephanie Middlestead – in honor of our 23rd wedding anniversary and Tara's 21st birthday

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

11/1 8:20 Hayley Neumeier
9:35 Donna Montgomery
10:35 Anne Allen
11/8 8:20 Rosemary Pitts
9:35 Kim Weaver
10:35 Amy Plank
11/15 9:50 Becky Neill and Amy Smith
11/22 8:20 Lynn Boston
9:35 Brenda Hancock
10:35 Brenda Hancock
11/29 8:20 Randy Page
9:35 Donna Montgomery
10:35 Anne Allen

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

8:30 service

	Teacher	Shepherd
11/1	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead
11/8	Donna Montgomery	Abby Clark
11/15	One service at 10:00 a.m.	
11/22	Donna Montgomery	Abbi Clark

11/29 Donna Montgomery Amy Page

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

10:45 service

Pre-K

	Teacher	Shepherd
11/1	Donna Montgomery	Anjie Stanko
11/8	Michelle Pettit	Janell Bolte
11/15	Tracy Moldovan & Abbi Clark	Elizabeth Hagloch
11/22	Leah Koenig	Mike Anderson
11/29	Donna Montgomery	Anjie Stanko

Elementary

11/1	Becky Hayslip	Kimberly Bowman
11/8	Sarah Holcomb	April Keiffer
11/15	Kathleen Rose	Lori Greiner
11/22	Greg Jaudzems	Erica Pettit
11/29	Kathleen Rose	Lori Greiner

FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP

11/1	Bob Warne
11/8	Sonnenberg family
11/15	Bowman family
11/22	Bryan family
11/29	Chris & Sarah Holcomb

PANERA BREAD/ SOUP FOR THE SOUL

PICK UP VOLUNTEERS

11/5	Gregg Rothermund
11/12	Valerie Altfater
11/19	Penny Sullivan
11/26	Chuck Dyer

- Pat Heier (Jan Bambach)
- Greg Jaudzems
- Ann Hugill
- Alice Long (Marie Clark)
- Sally Mantz (Becky Neill)
- Melanie Martin (Sharon Martin)
- Anna McKinney (Dax & Rosemary Pitts)
- Bob Neill (Becky Neill)
- Shelly Pettit (Norma Pettit)
- Daryl Ramsey (Rosemary Pitts)
- Winston Richardson (Rosemary Pitts)
- Joe Sullivan
- Bryon Thompson (Hayley Neumeier)
- Helen Tinlin (Larry Tinlin)
- Allison Witt (Pat & Clark Breeding)
- Madilyn Zimmerman

HOMEBOUND:

- Forrest & Ginny Albright

NURSING HOME:

- Lee & Mary Alice Schacherbauer
- Mary Hoover (Diana Hoffman)
- Tom Webb
- Miriam Wilcox

MILITARY:

- Brad Bennett (Kristi Smith)
- Daniel Clark, Jr. (Abby Clark)
- Brian Doyle-Wenger (Dave & Valerie Altfater)
- 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
- Zach Shipe (Joan Hayslip)
- Jason Tummonds (Wayne & Kathy Tummonds)
- Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

MISSIONARIES:

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

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

BEREAVEMENT:

- Pettit family (Linda's grandmother, Pauline Lord)

HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Valerie Bowerman's brother
- Jacob Bruning (Chris & Sarah Holcomb)
- John & Dixie Gilfiland (Lori Pierce)

November Calendar

Sunday, November 1

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, November 2

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting
7:00pm Small group study

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day

6:30pm Church Conference at Powell United Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 4

9:45am Daytime Serendipity
5:15pm Children's choir rehearsal
5:45pm Twist
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday, November 5

7:00pm Small group study
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, November 6

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, November 7

7:30am Men's breakfast
9:00am Men's group leaf clean up at the church
9:30am Small group study
12:30pm Middle school retreat – Camp Wesley
TBA Tailgate/Chili Cookoff – OSU vs. Penn State

Sunday, November 8

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
1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal
3:00pm Middle school retreat attendees return
5:00pm G.R.O.W. meets at Denise's

Monday, November 9

7:00pm Small group study
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting
7:30pm Buckeye Angels Bible study - Denise's
7:30pm Rust Machine Bible study - Rusty's

Tuesday, November 10

4:30pm Children's choir rehearsal

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans' Day

Church office closed
9:45am Daytime Serendipity

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday, November 12

6:30pm Church for All People fundraiser – Children's Hospital
7:00pm Serendipity Nighttime
7:00pm Small group study
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, November 13

3:30pm Soup for the Soul
4:00pm High school retreat – Faith Ranch
7:00pm Euchre party

Saturday, November 14

8:00am Red Cross Blood Drive – fellowship hall
8:00am Recycling pick up
9:30am Small group study

Sunday, November 15 – Consecration Sunday

9:30am Fellowship time
10:00am One service in the fellowship hall
11:15am Italian feast after church
1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal
2:30pm Festival Orchestra rehearsal
7:00pm Free to Smile Foundation Benefit Concert – fellowship hall

Monday, November 16

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, November 17

10:00am Sage-ing Circle
7:00pm Sage-ing Circle

Wednesday, November 18

9:45am Daytime Serendipity
5:15pm Children's choir rehearsal
5:45pm Twist
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday, November 19

7:00pm Serendipity Nighttime
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, November 20

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, November 22

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time
9:45am Sunday school for all ages
10:30am Fellowship time
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal
2:30pm Festival Orchestra rehearsal

3:00pm Food preparation for Thanksgiving dinner – church kitchen
5:00pm G.R.O.W. meets at Denise's

Monday, November 23

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

Tuesday, November 24

4:30pm Children's Choir rehearsal

5:00pm Leave church to serve Thanksgiving dinner at Free Store

Wednesday, November 25

9:45am Daytime Serendipity

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:30pm Oasis

8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving day

Church office closed

Friday, November 27

Church office closed

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, November 28

11:00am Band rehearsal – fellowship hall

Sunday, November 29

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery

9:30am Fellowship time

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

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

1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal

2:30pm Festival Orchestra rehearsal

Monday, November 30

6:30pm Breakaway – gym and teen room

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

7:00pm Frogs & Toads book group – Valerie Bowerman's

until our next sale. 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.

The items we are collecting in November are:

Aluminum Foil

Clear Plastic Wrap

Dessert, Lunch and Dinner thick paper plates

Foam Cups

55 Gallon Trash Bags

Masking Tape

Packing Clear Tape

FLEA MARKET PLANNING

Planning for the 2010 flea market has begun. We will post items of the month in the newsletter and bulletin. We will do this for the next several months

