

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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## September 2009

### An Irresistible Invitation for You!

It's so easy to make snap judgments about others, isn't it? Though we may try our best to see others through eyes of grace, fully understanding that they're still works in progress, just as we are, it can happen so quickly that we barely recognize it. In the blink of an eye, we size someone up according to their gender, their clothing, their race, and maybe what we consider their level of attractiveness. And based on all that, we form expectations about who they are.

Sometimes, if we take the time to get to know those people, we discover that they are just as we thought. But other times, they offer us a surprise; we find ourselves completely amazed at their depth, or character, or even life experience.

The tragic thing is that we don't just do this with other folks here on earth. We do it with God, as well. We think we know God based on a picture someone else has shown us. We are quick to guess God must be aloof, disinterested in our lives, or worse yet, angry and vengeful. But if we take the time to know God, we may well be surprised here, too. We may just find that God truly is good, loves us more than we can imagine, and longs for us to walk with him daily and partner with him in his works.

Beginning Sunday, September 27, our church family will have the chance to encounter God in a variety of fresh ways, as we join together on a forty day study which will include the Sunday morning sermon and reading a book called *Irresistible Invitation: Responding to the Extravagant Heart of God* by Dr. Maxie Dunnam, former editor of the Upper Room, one of the authors of *Disciple Bible Study*, and one of the

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

speakers on the *Disciple* videos. Cost of the book is \$10. They will be available in mid-September.

In addition to reading *Irresistible Invitation*, you will also have the opportunity to openly discuss what you're learning during weekly small group meetings. There will be several groups from which to choose and the groups will meet at different times so you can choose the one that best fits your schedule. Small groups are great ways to make new friends, learn from each other, and pray for one another as you journey together for six weeks this fall. Sign-ups for these small groups will begin Sunday, September 6.

Please accept this invitation to join in this fall's irresistible spiritual growth study by reading the book, participating in a small group, and being in worship each Sunday. This is a great opportunity for all of us to grow in faith and stretch our spirit.

Rev. Gloria Brooks

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KICKOFF SUNDAY

Dear Church Family:

Sunday, September 13, will be our Kick-Off Sunday for all Christian education classes at Jerome United Methodist Church. Worship times continue to be 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Fellowship times are 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served that week in the

education wing for all those who attend Sunday school classes.

Our hope is that you will decide to commit, not only to attend worship, but to also attend Sunday school as a family. We, at Jerome United Methodist Church, feel it is important that children and adults participate in the life of our church in both areas whenever possible.

If you only attend worship, you are missing the opportunity to grow in your faith by being part of a Sunday school class. Attending Sunday school gives both adults and students that chance, not only to grow in faith through what you read and hear in class, but provides an opportunity for you to be connected to others in our church family. If you are new to our church family, please use this opportunity to connect with our church family so we can get to know you.

It has been said again and again, "Parents are their children's greatest role models". This is especially true when it comes to your child's faith; if your faith is important in your own life, that will send a loud message to your children about their own. In each class there are people of wide ranges of age and walks of faith. You will be welcomed warmly into each and every class. We hope and pray that you and your family will join us Sunday, September 13, and all the other Sundays that follow! Don't know which class to choose? Talk to Gloria, Roger, Steve, Donna or Denise and we will help you choose one. We look forward to another AMAZING year at Jerome United Methodist Church.

Please continue to pray for all those involved in the Christian Education ministry of our church.

Denise Gorden

Minister of Youth and Adult Education

## **ADULT PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES**

### **HOT TOPICS FALL CLASS**

The Hot Topics Sunday school class will begin the year reading the book Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God by Francis Chan. The class will be led by Ann Allen and Chuck Dyer. "Too many of us are living too safely and too easily. But for the brief moments we spend at church each week, we are practically indistinguishable from the unbelievers around us. This is not the way it is meant to be." This book is to convince you that by surrendering yourself totally to God's purposes, He will bring you the most pleasure in this life and the next. Remember a time when you had fallen in love? How everything in your life seemed to change? You did some crazy stuff. THAT'S exactly how our lives should change if we truly fall in love with GOD. If you would like to purchase a book for \$9, please sign up in the church lobby or call Denise by September 5.

### **ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS**

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

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

#### **Theology and Church History**

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

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

### **THE LOUNGE**

'The Lounge' Sunday school class will begin meeting September 13 at 9:45 a.m. This class is for parents of young children and is led by Amy Plank. During the first couple of meetings, the group will spend time getting to know each other, as well as discuss what they would like to study in the class in the upcoming months. If you have any questions, please call Amy Plank (740) 990-8137.

### **OLDIES BUT GOODIES**

#### **SING ALONG SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

We would like to start a new Sunday school class that would give people the opportunity to sing hymns and other songs a century or more old. The class would meet in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. We are in need of a volunteer pianist or two to play during the class. If you are interested, please call Denise Gorden (873-8851) or Bob Warne (799-9737).

### **SERENDIPITY DAYTIME ANNUAL BRUNCH**

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

We will begin the year with the book, Calm My Anxious Heart: A Women's Guide to Finding Contentment, by Linda Dillow. Women worry a lot—even though we want to be content and trust God. This book is filled with encouragement and practical help for overcoming anxiety. This book includes a study to help you discover what God says about contentment and ways to apply it to your daily life. The cost of the

book is \$12. Please call Denise by September 5 if you plan to attend the class.

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

### **SERENDIPITY NIGHTTIME**

This fall, the Serendipity Nighttime group will do a short-term Disciple Bible Study entitled "Invitation to the Old Testament." If you have ever taken a Disciple course, you know what an amazing and enlightening learning experience it can be, regardless of your level of knowledge and familiarity with the Bible. Here is a brief description of "Invitation to the Old Testament": "This study approaches the study of Hebrew Scriptures by inviting participants to hear the story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. Narrative, poem, history, and prophetic utterance all have their own distinctive characteristics and purpose, arising out of a particular historical, social, and cultural setting. To understand fully the story of God's covenantal relationship with Israel calls for listening to these various ways the story is told throughout the Old Testament.

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

#### ***Study Contents***

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

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

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

In Christ,  
Anita Norris

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

*"If the village elders don't provide the scripts (for youth success), the village idiots will."* Dr. Robert Michael Franklin

As life expectancy continues to go up and images of retirement change, we need a more positive approach to valuing and sharing the lessons gained from life experience. It's never too early to think about the real meaning of life and how we want to pass those values on to others; so people of all ages have a chance to do just that through a program called **"Sage-ing Circle: Cultivating Wisdom in the Second Half of Life."**

I have been trained to facilitate this program and want to invite any interested persons to one of two introductory sessions on Tuesday, September 22. The identical sessions will be from 10-11:30 a.m. and again from 7-8:30 p.m. so you can choose the one that best fits your schedule. These classes are based on the book, From Ageing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older, by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi.

The class involves sharing practical ways to make the second half of life more vibrant, positive and

socially responsible. Session topics include: Life Review, Harvesting Life Experience in Different Seasons of Life, Loving the Self by Silencing the Inner Critic, Finding Peace by Giving the Gift of Forgiveness, and Leaving a Legacy that Makes a Difference.

Our hope is that we can form a group that will meet on a monthly basis to explore these topics in depth. Invite friends and neighbors to join us. If you are interested or have questions, please call me at (614) 506-6264 or email me at [harsh1946@hotmail.com](mailto:harsh1946@hotmail.com).  
Rev. Steve Harsh.

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## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

#### **Blood Pressure Screening**

The next blood pressure screening will be Sunday, September 13. The screening is done from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the office conference room. All are welcome.

#### **Family Fun Sunday**

#### **Improving Your Health**

Sunday October 11, 9-10:30 a.m.

#### **Booth Topics include:**

- Exercise
- Bike Safety
- Also Learn about Recumbent Bikes
- The Functions of Your Lungs
- A Respiratory Therapist will answer your questions
- Nutrition For All Ages
- Face Painting
- Teaching Kids about Money
- Blood Pressure – screening available

Visit us in the Education Hallway

*Brought to you by the Jerome Church Wellness Committee*

### **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

**Habitat for Humanity**

Construction has begun on the 2009 Dublin Habitat for Humanity house. The partner family is Monti Wright and her daughter Mionesty. We are building this home in partnership with the Worthington and Clintonville/Beechwold Adopt-A-House groups. September 12 has been set aside for Jerome UMC to work on the house. There are 10 spots available. See the sign-up sheet in the church lobby. If you have any questions about working on the home, or the Dublin Habitat Partnership, please contact Dave Altfather (614) 282-2501, or [altfatherobx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:altfatherobx@sbcglobal.net).

### **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 in the racks to the right of the door leading into the offices in September. Choose one or several to have on hand. Then make a voluntary donation of your choice and place it in the envelope marked donations. Thank you for shopping with us and for supporting this ministry. Remember to keep supplying us with your old cards so that we can offer new cards for you!

### **Appalachia Service Project Final Planning Meeting, October 5**

For those missionaries planning to participate in the October Appalachia Service Project trip, there will be a final planning meeting at the church Monday, October 5, at 7:00 pm.

At this meeting we will seek volunteer drivers, collect the balance of fees due and collect the medical and standard release forms.

**If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call Kathy Feightner at 771-2437.**

### **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.

### **Kick-Off Tailgate Party Benefits Homeless and Poor in Columbus**

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

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

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

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

To purchase tickets or request more information, email [nwlifeumc1@att.net](mailto:nwlifeumc1@att.net) or call the church at 294-0134. **GO BUCKS!**

### **CROP Walk**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 11, for the Columbus CROP Hunger Walk at Genoa Park. There is no longer a local Dublin CROP Walk. If you are interested in participating or sponsoring a walker, read more about this in the letter posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby or see Kathy Feightner or Sharon Dunn.

### **Total Health/Total Home/CNI**

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

build a home, which will be dedicated to Everett Buckner, work at the health clinic, and interact with the kids at the CNI center. All of the work will be coordinated with Iglesia Gran Comision of La Ceiba, Honduras. We already have six people who have expressed a desire to help the people of Honduras in February. You must be 18 years old to go but do not need to be affiliated with Jerome Church. A deposit of \$50 is due by September 1 with the remainder of \$650 plus airfare, due by November 1. If you want Total Home/Total Health to buy your airline ticket, the cost will be an additional \$800 for a maximum of \$1,500. Airline tickets have cost between \$400 and \$800 the last two years. That will be your total cost, other than immunizations and personal expenses, as all in country transportation, food and housing will be provided. A passport will be required. All money is to be sent to Jerome UMC, attention Chris Mills. The checks are to be made out to Jerome UMC with *Honduras* written in the memo line.

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

### **Please Join Us to Meet the Pastor**

Pastor Dago Irias and his wife, Sandra, from Iglesia Gran Comision in LaCeiba, Honduras, will be in Ohio for two weeks visiting friends and family, meeting with local Total Home/Total Health administrators and visiting a couple of churches that support this wonderful outreach organization. Pastor Dago and Sandra are excited to meet JUMC pastors and past, present and future team members and show their appreciation to all who have supported Total Home/Total Health. Please join us at Charlie and Wendy Bynner's home, 8911 Hyland/Croy Road, for a potluck on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Debbie Trego (889-6041 or email [ADDIKUS@aol.com](mailto:ADDIKUS@aol.com)) or the Bynner's (873-5188 or email [cwbynner@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cwbynner@columbus.rr.com)).

### **MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Donald E. and Marylou Bynner Scholarship and The John V. and Virginia P. Johnson Scholarship

for 2009 have been awarded by the Memorial and Endowment Fund of the Jerome United Methodist Church. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,500.00. The recipient is Daniel Underwood of Asbury Theological Seminary of Wilmore, Kentucky. We received eight applications, two from Asbury, five from Methesco, and one from Drew University, New Jersey.

Daniel Underwood and his wife, Joanna, live in Wilmore, Kentucky, while Dan attends Asbury. Dan is from Warner Robbins, Georgia, and has grown up in the Methodist Church. He graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. After graduation, Dan served as a youth minister for four years but felt the calling to continue in his studies to become a full time pastor in a local church. While going to seminary, Dan works at Hope Springs UMC as a part time children's minister and volunteers as worship leader for the youth ministry. Joanna is a school teacher. Dan and Joanna have a three month old baby boy, which according to Dan, has greatly changed their lives toward the positive. After receiving his degree from Asbury next spring, Dan and Joanna plan to return to Georgia and Dan hopes to serve as a local pastor in the Macon District of the South Georgia Conference.

With your continued support, we will be able to continue this important ministry at Jerome UMC. The Scholarship, Music, and Youth Funds are endowed funds, where all contributions are placed in an endowed account with only the interest being used to provide for funds for the various ministries. Some of our endowed funds are presently invested in the United Methodist Development Fund of New York City. We receive an average of 3 ½% interest and our principal is used by United Methodist congregations to build new churches and additions to existing churches, so our investments continue to work to fulfill God's plan. We also have some of the endowed funds invested at Heartland Bank for 18 months at a rate of 4.17%. Interest rates are again lower this year, so our interest income is down. We only issued one scholarship this year. Any contributions to our existing endowed funds will increase our principal and increase our earnings, so that more help can be given to the areas of most need.

Charlie Bynner, Chairman

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# Music Ministry

**John Holsinger**

Director of Music

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Dear Friends,

Fall is here and the rededication of our sanctuary is set for September 13. Please make plans to attend this special 8:30 worship service. We want to thank all of our summer musicians who helped make each Sunday very special.

Choir rehearsals and bell practices have begun. Planning is under way for Jerome Christmas. Practices will begin for the Festival Choir on Sunday, November 8, 1:00 p.m., in the music room.

## CHANCEL CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We sing every Sunday at the 8:30 worship service, September through May. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and great music. Bring a friend who likes to sing.

## HIGHER GROUND

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

## JEROME RINGERS

Rehearsals continue at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings. We plan to ring on World Communion Sunday, October 5. If you are interested in ringing, please contact John Holsinger. Substitute ringers are always needed.

## \*\*\* Children's Music \*\*\*

### Junior Bells Will Meet

We will rehearse on Sunday, September 13, at noon in the music room. New members are welcome! Children should have some music reading ability. No prior experience with handbells is required. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact John Holsinger. See you soon!

### Children's Music

Children's music will continue as a part of *TWIST*. Our first *TWIST* will be held Wednesday, October 7. We sing and ring at 5:30p.m. in the music room. Come and enjoy the fun. See you soon!

### **Personal Testimony, From a Child's Eyes**

I received this note from April Keiffer the week after VBS. I asked if I could share it with all of you: *Recently, Jenna has been battling the ever-present fear of spiders. She found one in her room a couple of weeks ago and after several sightings, the little guy was finally captured by Kevin and "disposed" of. Even though she knows it is gone, Jenna is still a bit scared it's still in her room, especially at night when she goes to bed. This morning at breakfast, she told me that she couldn't fall asleep last night because she kept thinking about that spider. She then told me that she remembered (and I quote her)... "that God is with me. Fear not!" And then she said she felt better and was able to fall asleep. Incidentally, she was playing with her flashlight in bed... Letting Her Light Shine!*

This year's VBS theme was "Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light" and their response to several Bible points would be to shout, "FEAR NOT!"

I wanted to share this with you as just one example of how God can speak to the hearts of our children. He cares about even our smallest fears, dreams, and desires. God loves us! How wonderful it is to pass that faith on to our children.

### **FamilyTimes**

Have you been searching for a way to bring more faith talk with your children into your home? A new resource is available to parents, beginning in September. FamilyTimes is designed to help equip parents with easy to use tools to make the most of everyday moments together.

FamilyTimes Virtue Packs provide activities to be used once a week during each of these four family times – MealTime, DriveTime, BedTime, and MorningTime. All of this is designed to give parents simple ways to help their kids grow in faith and character.

Packets cost \$10. Wisdom is the theme for September. See Donna if you would like a packet.

*It is such a blessing and gift to witness your own child's Faith growing stronger. What a great way to start the day!*

## **PROMOTION SUNDAY – 9:45**

Sunday school is where kids and parents form faith-filled friendships. Classes are designed to promote relationships and learning. We are excited about this growing ministry for families. September 13 is fall kick-off for the new Sunday school classes. Children will move up on this day and our fall teachers and shepherds will begin.

### **CLASS LISTS**

There are class lists in the office for children nursery – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please check these lists to make sure your children are on the correct roster.

## **SUNDAY MORNINGS**

Getting children connected to Christ and Christian values is very important to you as a parent. 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**

#### **Infant through Three Years Old**

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

Kristi Smith is the childcare provider on staff in the nursery. She and her helpers tend to the needs of your children while you worship and study each Sunday morning. Kristi has been on staff for more than 9 years.



### **8:30 Children's Worship**

#### **Preschool through Fourth Grade**

Children begin with adult worship in the sanctuary before being invited to attend children's worship. Children are escorted to the education wing for Bible story, Music, Craft and Games. Parents should pick up their children after the service in room 119 unless staying for Sunday school.

### **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.

**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 TBA

**Fourth and Fifth Grade** room 106

Linda Pettit and Nancy Ikels

**There are four adult Sunday school classes, including “The Lounge” that is geared for parents of younger children and meets in room 104. Information regarding other classes, middle school through adult, can be found in the remainder of this newsletter.**

### 10:45 Children’s Worship

Children begin with adult worship in the fellowship hall before being invited to attend children’s worship. Children are escorted to the education wing and then split into 2 classes:

**Preschool through Kindergarten – room 119**

Bible story, music, games, and crafts

**First through Fourth Grade – room 111**

Bible lessons with life application

**Parents should pick up their children after worship in the appropriate rooms.**

### **TWIST IS COMING ...OCTOBER 7**

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAYS 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

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.
- Begins October 7
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Recreation
- Family meal
- Music
- Bible lesson
- Service projects

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

### **VBS THANK YOU!**

Kids and Leaders SHINED God’s Light at Crocodile Dock during VBS week in August. It amazes me that so many people pour out their time and talents to put the week together, making sacrifices in many ways. We are grateful for everyone’s support.

Thank you, Marla Anderson, Co-director, and VBS leaders: Aaron Moore, Abby Clark, Amy Daniels, Amy Page, Amy Smith, April Keiffer, Becky Hayslip, Brenda Hancock, Chase Rose, Chip Seely, Dax Pitts, Drema Phelps, Elizabeth Hagloch, Erica Pettit, Gene Phelps, Greg Jaudzems, Hayley Sutphen, Jack Ikels, Jakob Bucklin, Joel Altfater, John Bolte, John Holsinger, Joni Clark, Kathleen Rose, Kathy Clark, Kent Moldovan, Kimberly Bowman, Kristi Smith, Leah Koenig, Leslie Zimmerman, Linda Pettit, Lindsay Andrews, Lizzy Bryan, Luke Detwiler, Mandy Ingram, Marc Zimmerman, Mary Henderlong, Michelle Blackburn, Michelle Pettit, Mike Allen, Molly Sestili, Nancy Ikels, Norma Pettit, Randy Page, Roger Gorden, Roger Hayslip, Sara Meriweather, Sarah Holcomb, Tom Montgomery, Tracy Moldovan and Wayne Smith.

### **VBS ON A MISSION**

Thank you for all who supported the VBS missions this year. We filled the row boat with school supplies that were delivered just in time to the Free Store.

Kids also experienced the joy of giving as they made stuffed turtles. They made one to give away and one to keep. The turtles they gave away will go to children who will be rescued or treated by the Red Cross. Children are encouraged to pray for the child who will receive their turtle after a tragedy that God’s love would comfort them.

**KidConnections – Connecting Kids to Christ and Christian Community:** Our hope is to help children know how awesome it is to have a personal relationship with the all-knowing, all-loving, all-

powerful one and only true God through Jesus Christ. We want to help develop a love for God, a love for others, a love for His Word and a desire to follow Him. (Following Jesus' words from Mark 12:30-31)

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Jakob Bucklin, Emily Stillings
- 9/2 Barb Murray
- 9/3 Don Beatty, Jarrod Gorden, Jenna Keiffer
- 9/4 Valerie Altfater, Al Clark, Dana Hammond
- 9/6 Sean McCarthy, Joni Clark
- 9/7 Roger Gorden, Chip Seely, Mike Murray
- 9/9 Paul Henderlong
- 9/10 Sadie Allen
- 9/11 Ian Flagg
- 9/12 Barbara Rueger
- 9/13 Matthew Gorden
- 9/14 Gary Transue, Asher Plank
- 9/16 Julie Gossard, Joseph Mills, Tom Montgomery,  
Julia Pitts
- 9/17 Brant Hanhart
- 9/18 Madison Beyke
- 9/20 Randy Palmer, Chris Weible
- 9/21 Kevin Conway, Tyler Conway
- 9/22 Meredith Hancock, Sarah Koenig
- 9/23 Jennifer Kundtz, Madilyn Zimmerman
- 9/25 Mark Solomon, Josh Transue
- 9/26 Cara Hanhart, Bob Murphy
- 9/28 Sam Steuerwald, James Montgomery, Dennis Decker
- 9/29 Michelle Pettit

## FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### BRING YOUR BIBLES TO CLASS

We ask that all adults and teens who attend either Sunday school or a Bible study begin the new school year by bringing their Bibles to each class, along with a Bible highlighter. Our hope is that everyone will not only become familiar with their own Bible, but learn to mark their favorite scriptures for future references and write notes in their Bible from the study they have attended. If you do not have a Bible and need suggestions for you or your child, talk to one of the Church Staff and they will help you select one. We are also asking parents to remind and encourage their children to bring their Bibles to church or Bible study! There will always be Bibles available if you should forget to bring one to class.

### BREAKAWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL KICKOFF GAME NIGHT

All Middle School students are invited to join us for our first Breakaway on Monday, September 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m. A light meal will be served, followed by games and activities in the fellowship hall and a Bible Scavenger Hunt. Make sure to bring your own Bible. Students are encouraged to invite their friends.

### SENIOR HIGH GIRLS BIBLE STUDY G.R.A.P.E.S.

All high school girls of our church and community are invited to join us for G.R.A.P.E.S., which is a Bible study for senior high girls. We meet on the third Monday of the month, beginning October 19, 7:30-8:45 p.m. at the home of Denise Gorden, 7866 Harriott Road. We begin the evening with a simple dinner (usually pizza) and conclude the evening with a Bible study. We will meet through the month of April

The book we will use this year is called Beginning in Jesus. During the study, we will see Jesus as The Teacher, The Healer, The Shepherd, The Servant, The Savior and The Risen Lord. Each participant will need a book. The cost of the book is \$10. Please sign up in

the church lobby or call Denise (873-8655) by September 20 if your daughter would like to participate. Students are encouraged to invite their friends.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY**

All girls who will be in Middle School this year are invited to join us for “Buckeye Angels”, which is the middle school girls’ Bible study. We meet the second Monday of each month, beginning October 12, 7:30-8:45 p.m. at the home of Denise Gorden, 7866 Harriott Road. We begin the evening with pizza and dessert, followed by Bible study. We will meet through April. The title of the study is Things Christians Do. The cost of the student journal is \$5. Please sign up in the church lobby or call Denise (873-8851) if your daughter would like to join us. Students are encouraged to invite their friends.

### **SENIOR HIGH BOYS BIBLE STUDY**

All senior high boys are invited to join us on Monday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., for pizza and Bible study. The study is It’s Not About Me by Max Lucado. Its premise is how to live a Christian life like you mean it and builds its lessons around a large variety of contemporary settings. The group will meet at the home of Rusty Woerner, 11111 Jerome Road, the third Monday of the month from October to April. Students are encouraged to bring their friends.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BIBLE STUDY “THE RUST MACHINE”**

All Middle School boys are invited to join “The Rust Machine”, the middle school Bible study, beginning Monday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Rusty Woerner, 11111 Jerome Road. The title of the study is Great Adventures by Sigmund Brouwer. The theme is ‘Jesus was a man of adventure’. The group will meet the second Monday of the month through the month of April. We begin each evening with pizza and dessert, followed by Bible study. Students are encouraged to bring their friends.

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH**

**OASIS-** Senior high boys and girls are invited to join us Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., in the Teen Room at the church for pizza and Bible study.

### **SPIRIT CAFÉ**

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

### **YOUTH FALL RETREAT DATE CHANGE**

The Kirkmont Retreat Center informed us this week that, because of their financial situation, they will close two of their lodges used for youth retreats from November –April. As many of you know, we had our middle school retreat scheduled there for November 14-15. Because of these changes, a new place had to be found for the middle school retreat. We were able to book Camp Wesley the weekend of November 7-8. This will be the new date of the middle school retreat. We will meet at the church at 12:20 p.m. Saturday and return to the church by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost of the retreat will be \$60, which includes lodging and three meals.

The High School retreat was scheduled for November 6-8 at Faith Ranch. We were able to FLIP the dates of both retreats to accommodate the change at Kirkmont. The senior high retreat is now scheduled for November 13-15. We will meet at the church on Friday, November 13, 4:00 p.m., and return Sunday around 2:00 p.m. The cost of the retreat will be \$90, which includes two nights lodging, five meals, hayride and barn games. Students interested in attending are asked to have their checks to the church by October 20.

Please continue to keep all Christian retreat centers in your prayers as they continue to struggle to stay open to provide faith building experiences to young people in this changing economy and changing culture that we and our children live in.

## CORN MAZE

All middle school students are invited to join us as we go the "Corn Maze" in Milford Center on Sunday, October 18. We will meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. and return by 7:00 p.m. Students are asked to sign up in the church lobby or call Denise at 873-8851 or email her at [swajumc@aol.com](mailto:swajumc@aol.com) by October 15 if you plan to attend. Drivers will also be needed to help transport the students. Please let Denise know if you can help.

## 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. 2010.

## 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 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 September are:

Masking Tape  
Clear Packing Tape w/roll cut  
Ziploc Bags - ALL sizes  
55 gallon trash bags  
Wire Hangers  
Paper Grocery Bags

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, September 5, 7:30 a.m. This is open to all men of the church and their guests.

## EUCHRE PARTY

Mark your calendars and sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby for the first euchre party of the new season. It will be Friday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Marie Faulk 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 Karen Guthrie for hosting our last meeting. The women's book club has chosen My Abandonment by Peter Rock for our next book discussion. We will meet Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Briana Senland, 640 Adventure Drive, Dublin. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. All women of the church are invited.

## MEN OF JEROME

All men of the church are invited to share a time of fellowship on Sunday, September 20, 6:00 p.m. Save the date and watch for details in your email and the bulletin.

## RECREATION & FUN

### MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

*Thank You*

Dear Friends,

The United Methodist Free Store sends a "huge" thank you. The toiletry items you supplied were

beyond our expectations. The ability to give, rather than say, "sorry, we are out," was a nice experience for us. It has been fun giving big families enough soap and toothpaste for everyone in the family. The shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, razors/shaving cream and lotions were an added bonus.

Things we take for granted are luxury items for so many of our folks. I say thank you, again, for your generous spirit.

Bless you all as you continue to support the ministry of the United Methodist Free Store,

In Christ's Service,  
Sharon Allen, Director  
Selena Jackson, Assistant Director

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gift of twelve homemade blankets from the confirmation class. You are making a difference by bringing care, nurture, and treatment for hurting children and their families. Our agency is grateful that you made the decision to invest in a bright future for some of Ohio's neediest children.

The United Methodist Children's Home receives funding from governmental agencies, but these funds do not come close to supporting the cost of holistic, quality care for children. You are providing the essential charitable support that makes up the gap to provide the best quality care for children who are in great need. Thank you for bringing hope and new life to Ohio's children.

Sincerely,

Dean W. Pulliam MS, CAE

Executive Director

Rev. Steven Putka, MA, M.Div.

Director of Spiritual Life & Development

**Thanks to....**

- the volunteers who have tended to the church flower beds and those who planted, tended and harvested the vegetables from the vegetable garden
- Sue Bynner for organizing and indexing all the sheet music in the music room
- Janell Bolte, Julie Gossard, Sara Meriweather, Kim Solomon, Melinda Murphy, Myra Brennamen. Valerie

Bowerman and Kathleen Rose for their help with Summer Sunday School

- Jan Manning for her help assembling the August 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

## *September Calendar*

Wednesday, September 2

7:00pm Choir rehearsal

7:30pm Oasis  
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

**Thursday, September 3**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, September 4**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Saturday, September 5**

7:30pm Men's breakfast

**Sunday, September 6**

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, September 7**

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Wednesday, September 9**

10:00am Daytime Serendipity brunch – Denise Gorden's house

6:00pm Total Home/Total Health potluck –  
Charlie & Wendy Bynner's home

7:00pm Choir rehearsal

7:30pm Oasis

8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

**Thursday, September 10**

7:00pm Serendipity Nighttime

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, September 11**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

7:00pm Euchre party

**Saturday, September 12**

7:30am Habitat for Humanity work day (meet at JUMC)

8:00am Recycling pick up

**Sunday, September 13 – Kick Off Sunday**

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  
noon Junior handbell rehearsal

**Monday, September 14**

7:00pm Frogs & Toads

7:00pm Acts II Team meeting

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Wednesday, September 16**

9:45am Daytime Serendipity

7:00pm Choir rehearsal

7:30pm Oasis

8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

**Thursday, September 17**

7:00pm Serendipity Nighttime

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, September 18**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Sunday, September 20**

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery

9:30am Fellowship time – Healthy Snack Sunday

9:45am Sunday school for all ages

10:30am Fellowship time

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

6:00pm Men's group meeting

**Monday, September 21**

6:30pm Breakaway Kick Off

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Tuesday, September 22**

10:00am Sage-ing Intro

7:00pm Sage-ing Intro

**Wednesday, September 23**

9:45am Daytime Serendipity

7:00pm Choir rehearsal

7:30pm Oasis

8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

**Thursday, September 24**

7:00pm Serendipity Nighttime

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, September 25**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Sunday, September 27**

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

**Monday, September 28**

7:00pm Acts II Team meeting

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Wednesday, September 29**

9:45am Daytime Serendipity

7:00pm Choir rehearsal

7:30pm Oasis

8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

SEPTEMBER  
VOLUNTEERS

**GREETERS**

9/6 8:30 Dick & Joan Hayslip  
 10:45 Rusty & Terry Woerner  
 9/13 8:30 Al & Joni Clark  
 10:45 Roger & Becky Hayslip  
 9/20 8:30 Robert & Karen Guthrie  
 10:45 Bruce & Leslie Lauer  
 9/27 8:30 Valerie Bowerman  
 10:45 Kathy Feightner

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS**

**Inside**

**Outside**

9/6	8:30	Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45	Barb Keith	Kathy Feightner
9/13	8:30	Vicki DiCesare	Sharon Dunn
	10:45	June Booher	Sandy Montee
9/20	8:30	DeeAnn King	Tom Pierce
	10:45	Sarah Holcomb	Terry Woerner
9/27	8:30	Stephanie Middlestead	Tom Pierce
	10:45	Dawn Stanko	Steve Mark

**USHERS**

9/6 8:30 King family  
 10:45 Mark & Kim Solomon  
 9/13 8:30 Dan & Pam Schmidt  
 10:45 Gary & Kathy Grauer  
 9/20 8:30 Mathew & Hayley Neumeier  
 10:45 Brian & Julie Jackson  
 9/27 8:30 Jud & Kathy Smith  
 10:45 Paul & Shelly Detwiler

**ACOLYTES – 9:00AM**

9/6 Nick Page  
 9/13 Abbi Clark  
 9/20 Madilyn Zimmerman  
 9/27 Madilyn Zimmerman

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

9/6 8:30 Katie King  
 10:45 Steve Roggemkamp  
 9/13 8:30 Mary Jo Edwards  
 10:45 Tom Boyd  
 9/20 8:30 Ed Kauffman  
 10:45 Jon Pettit  
 9/27 8:30 Brenda Warne

10:45 Terry Woerner

**FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS**

9/6 9:30 Chris & Kim Weible  
 10:45 David & Marla Moore  
 9/13 9:30 Sue Neal  
 10:45 Ed & Mary Jo Piper  
 9/20 9:30 Irvin & Wanda Weisheimer  
 10:45 Aaron & Amy Plank  
 9/27 9:30 Roger & Suzanne Whitacre  
 10:45 John & Anita Reed

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

9/6 Denise Gorden – in honor of Roger’s, Jarrod’s,  
 and Matthew’s birthdays  
 9/13 Denise Gorden – in honor of everyone involved  
 in Christian Education at Jerome Church  
 9/20 Mary Jo Edwards – in honor of my daughter,  
 Kris’s birthday  
 9/27 Gaerke family – in memory of mom and grandma

**CHILDREN’S NURSERY**

9/6 8:20 Lynn Boston  
 9:35 Tom Montgomery  
 10:35 Amy Plank  
 9/13 8:20 Becky Neill  
 9:35 Mike Anderson  
 10:35 Anne Allen  
 9/20 8:20 Rosemary Pitts  
 9:35 Tom Montgomery  
 10:35 Amy Smith  
 9/27 8:20 Randy Page  
 9:35 Mike Anderson  
 10:35 Brenda Hancock

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**8:30 service**

	Teacher	Shepherd
9/6	Donna Montgomery	Abby Clark
9/13	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead
9/20	Donna Montgomery	Abbi Clark
9/27	Donna Montgomery	Amy Page

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEERS**

**10:45 service**

**Pre-K**

	Teacher	Shepherd
9/6	Donna Montgomery	Anjie Stanko
9/13	Michelle Pettit	Janell Bolte
9/20	Donna Montgomery	Tracy Moldovan
9/27	Leah Koenig	Amy Daniels

**Elementary**

9/6	Kathleen Rose	Lori Greiner
9/13	Becky Hayslip	Roger Hayslip
9/20	Sarah Holcomb	April Keiffer
9/27	Greg Jaudzems	Erica Pettit

**FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP**

9/6	Bob Warne
9/13	Sonnenberg family
9/20	Bowman family
9/27	Bryan family

**PANERA BREAD/ SOUP FOR THE SOUL  
PICK UP VOLUNTEERS**

9/3	Penny Sullivan
9/10	Valerie Altfater
9/17	Penny Sullivan
9/24	Kathy Smith

- Dottie Fergusson
- Mary Hoover (Diana Hoffman)
- Shelly Pettit (Norma Pettit)
- Barb Rueger
- Don Swartz (Joan Hayslip)
- Bryon Thompson (Hayley Neumeier)
- Andrea Trux (Andy Trux)
- Barb Wilcox
- Pat Wojick (Carla Mittmiller)
- 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)
- Beau Castilla
- Brian Doyle-Wenger (Dave & Valerie Altfater)
- Willy & Betsey Griffith (Kristi Smith)
- Jeremy Holcomb (Chris & Sarah Holcomb)
- Michael Hoover (Steve & Diana Hoffman Harsh)
- Joshua Kline (Kim Solomon)
- Tom Little (Wilkie family)
- Jodi McFee (Vicki Bowman)
- Cody Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Seth Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Michael Moran (Marla Anderson)
- Jordan Neill
- Shannon Neill
- Jason Tummonds (Wayne & Kathy Tummonds)
- Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

**MISSIONARIES:**

- Dave & Donna Jacobsson: MAF
- E-mail: [djacobsson@maf.org](mailto:djacobsson@maf.org)

# CIRCLE OF CONCERN

**BEREAVEMENT**

- Lauer family (Bruce's mother, Donna Lauer)

**HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS**

- Alice Brooks (Gloria Brooks)
- Leona DiCesare (Vickie DiCesare)

