

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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## January 2009

### How Far Can We See?

Lynn Anderson of Abilene, Texas, related an interesting story. About 350 years ago, a shipload of travelers landed on the northeast coast of America.

The first year, they established a town site. The next year, they elected a town government. The third year, the town government planned to build a road five miles westward into the wilderness. In the fourth year, the people tried to impeach their town government because they thought it was a waste of public funds to build a road five miles westward into a wilderness. Who needed to go there, anyway?

Here were people who had the vision to see three thousand miles across an ocean and overcome great hardships to get them there. But in just a few years, they were not able to see even five miles out of town. They had lost their pioneering vision.

As I reflect on this brief but poignant piece of American history, three lessons come to mind.

**Without vision we go nowhere.** This is true in our personal lives, our careers, our businesses, the organizations in which we participate, and in the body of Christ – the church. At every level of life, we tend to bog down and drift if we do not have a clear vision of where we need to go and what we need to do. The Bible puts it like this: “*Without a vision, the people perish.*” (Proverbs 29:18 KJV)

For Christians, vision is never just the sum total our personal desires. Our vision must be founded on the clear Biblical mandate to make disciples of Jesus Christ in ways appropriate for our time and place in

history. Then it must be shaped by attentive listening for the guidance of God.

**God’s vision will always focus us beyond ourselves.** We can easily understand what happened in the pioneer town in the story. After a long, arduous journey across 3,000 miles of ocean, the town’s people got comfortable. Their new hamlet felt safe and secure. They knew each other. They settled into a routine. But a continent lay before them to be explored and a nation waited to be built.

God inspired visions compel us to look beyond our own needs and our own desires. God-sized visions fill us with a sense of urgency for reaching out to those who do not yet seek, know, and share God’s love and grace offered through Jesus Christ. God-shaped visions invite the church to be a servant of the community and world.

**Vision must be refreshed regularly.** Let’s not be too hard on our forbearers in that town on the east coast. It is human nature that we need to refresh and review our vision periodically.

The Holy Spirit is the great “Vision-Renewer.” The prophet, Joel, prophesied that a day would come when God would give the Holy Spirit to God’s people in a new way. On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood to speak and declared that the words of Joel had been fulfilled: “*...God declares that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams.*” (Joel 2:28: Acts 2:17, NRSV)

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As the New Year 2009 begins, we will begin to “refresh” the vision and mission of Jerome Church as we continue to seek God’s guidance for the future of Jerome UMC. In November, two new ministry teams were recommended by the Lay Leadership Committee and elected by the Church Conference to help us in this process.

One is a **Mission and Vision Team**, whose responsibility will be to review and revise the Mission and Vision Statement, which will direct us as we move into the future. The Mission and Vision Team are Anne Allen, David Breitmayer, Sue Bynner, Roger Gorden, Robert Guthrie, Steve Harsh, Nancy Ikels, Donna Montgomery, Steve Roggenkamp, and Gloria Brooks. This team will begin meeting in January. Most of these people have been trained for this by attending a three session conference called, “Beyond the Barrier: Ministry in Becoming a Large Church,” led by Doug Anderson, from the Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development. This conference, sponsored by the West Ohio Conference, was for churches that are currently medium size but have the potential to become large.

When the Mission and Vision Team have completed their work, a **Building Study Committee** will begin. Their responsibility, as described in the 2004 Book of Discipline, paragraph 2543, is this:

- C1) the task of analyzing the needs of the church and community;
- C2) project the potential membership with average attendance;
- C3) write up the church’s program of ministry, and
- C4) develop an accessibility plan, including chancel areas

Paragraph 2543 continues:

1. After the Building Study Committee finishes its work, the local church shall secure the written consent of the pastor and the district superintendent to the building project, purchase proposal, or remodeling project.
2. In the case of a building project or purchase proposal, the local church shall secure the approval of the proposed site by the District Board of Church Location and Building
3. The Charge Conference of the local church shall authorize the building project, purchase

proposal, or remodeling project at a regularly called meeting. Notice of the meeting and the proposed action shall be given for not less than ten days prior to the charge conference from the pulpit or in the weekly bulletin.

In addition to the above items, the congregation will have several opportunities to participate in the studies as they are being done.

2009 is going to be an exciting year for Jerome Church. Please pray for these teams as they do the important work for which they have been elected.

Rev. Gloria Brooks

### CHURCH PARKING

As colder weather comes upon us, we ask that if all possible, people who are able to please leave spaces near the front door of the church for the elderly and our visitors. There are plenty of spaces in the back of the church to park.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Leadership Orientation Lunch

On Sunday, January 11, a Leaders’ Orientation Lunch will be held from 12:15 – 2:15 p.m. This will be a very important time to become better acquainted and share expectations for the year ahead. All Chairpersons and Committee Members are asked to make a special effort to attend. This will also serve as the first committee meeting of the year for each committee. Childcare will be available if needed.

Please RSVP to Penny or Chris at the church office, 873-8851, by Monday, January 5, to let us know you will attend and if you will need childcare.

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

#### Dublin Food Pantry

Thank you, Jerome Church Family, for all the food donations and time given to the Dublin Food Pantry! We collected and donated 217 pounds of food during

the month of November. Also thanks to the many volunteers we had on Tuesday mornings and the Friday evening when we stocked shelves and assisted patrons. Hope to see you next year!

### **Habitat for Humanity – Dublin Partnership**

The Dublin Habitat Partnership, which includes Jerome United Methodist, Dublin Presbyterian, Prince of Peace, St. Brigid of Kildare, and New Hope Reformed churches, has completed its 13<sup>th</sup> Habitat home. The home for James “Roger” Frazier, a disabled veteran, was completed in early December and dedicated on December 13. It was a joyous and blessed day for both Roger and the volunteers who contributed time and funds to build this home. We extend thanks to the Jerome family for supporting the Habitat mission. Roger plans to move into his new home by Christmas Eve. We now move from home construction to fundraising for the start of 2009! The fundraising group, consisting of members from each church, has established an ambitious goal for 2009: \$50,000. There are going to be many fundraising activities throughout the year, including the following: golf outing, zipline trip to Hocking Hills, dance events, Rock The House concert, Rich Brown tennis event, Muirfield/Dublin 5K race, Memorial Tournament house volunteering and silent auction, children’s playhouse raffle, and more. Details for these events will be posted in future newsletters. Additionally, we are looking into partnering with Dublin companies and organizations to further our fundraising.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the 2009 Dublin Habitat house through construction or fundraising efforts, please contact Dave Altfather (614-282-2501 or email: [altfatherobx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:altfatherobx@sbcglobal.net)).

*Habitat for Humanity – working in partnership with God and people to build affordable homes, empower families and develop communities.*

### **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.

### **Total Health-Total Home Honduras Mission Trip**

The planning is underway! Is God tugging on your sleeve to get out of your comfort zone and join His team to serve on a foreign mission trip to Honduras? An anonymous and very generous donation of \$4000 has been made to build a home in LaCeiba, Honduras and the date has been chosen for this combined construction and medical team. Charlie Bynner and Debbie Trego are leading a dual team of construction workers and medical personnel May 2-9, 2009. There will be an informational meeting January 5, 7:00 p.m. at Debbie Trego’s, 8827 Finlarig Dr. First commitments will have priority, as the size of the team is limited. A \$100 deposit is due by January 15 and final payment is due March 1. Please join us to learn more or call Charlie Bynner at 873-5188 (cell 352-5805) or Debbie Trego at 889-6041 (cell 306-5692) if you have questions and would like to attend the informational meeting.

### **PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

#### **Blood Pressure Screening**

Blood pressure screening will be done Sunday, January 11. Come to the office conference room to have your blood pressure checked. The screening is done from 9:30-10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

### **DRAMA TEAM**

Beginning in January, we will meet monthly to sharpen our acting skills and prepare skits for worship services. Any youth or adults who would like to be a part of this ministry or would just like to come and try it out are welcome. Previous acting experience is not required – we’re all learning as we go. Contact Steve Harsh (614) 506-6264 or [harsh1946@hotmail.com](mailto:harsh1946@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

# Music Ministry

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## *Happy New Year!*

I want to thank everyone who participated in our wonderful December services. It is a hectic time of year, and yet you made Jerome Church a priority. Jerome Christmas was a wonderful experience for me. Two hundred and fifty-nine souls were in attendance and over sixty-five participants from the church and community were directly involved. Thank you for making this event possible and for making the Christmas season so memorable.

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Our first rehearsal of the new year will be held Wednesday, January 7. We rehearse from 7-8:00 p.m. in the Music Room. All who love to sing are invited.

## **HIGHER GROUND**

Our first rehearsal of the new year will be held Thursday, January 8 at 8:00 p.m.

## **JEROME RINGERS**

Our first rehearsal of the new year will be held on Wednesday, January 7. We will ring on Sunday, January 25 for the 8:30 service. We will also begin preparation for the Greater Columbus Hand Bell Festival, which will be held in May.

## **EASTER MUSICAL**

### **Festival Choir, Orchestra, and Bells**


I am in the process of selecting an Easter Musical. Easter Sunday is April 12 this year, which gives us all some time to reflect on the Christmas season. Watch for details in the coming newsletters. Our first rehearsal for the Easter festival choir will be held Sunday, March 1, at 1:00 p.m.

## **JUNIOR BELLS**

Rehearsals will begin Sunday, January 11 in the music room from noon to 12:45 p.m. Children in fourth through eighth grade are invited to participate.

## **CHILDREN'S MUSIC**

Children's music will continue as a part of TWIST, which is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. (January 7 and 21). We sing and ring from 5:30 to 6:00 in the music room. Come and join the fun.

Jerome United Methodist Church  
  
Connecting Kids to Christ and Christian Community  
Donna Montgomery  
Director of Children's Ministries  
614.873.8851 or [donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com)

## **OPEN GYM PLUS BEGINS JANUARY 21 9:30 – 11:00**

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

## **BIBLE SUNDAY**

Bibles will be given to children on "Bible Sunday," **December 11**. This is a long standing tradition at Jerome. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

## **BEGINNER'S BIBLE STUDY**

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids (study is different each year so kids can attend all 3 years)
- 10 Weeks beginning January 11 and ending March 22
- Sunday afternoons, 5:00 – 7:00
- Pizza will be provided
- Fun and Recreation will be a scheduled part of the Bible Study
- **Sign up on the Rolling Bulletin Board** or contact Donna Montgomery at 873-8483 or [donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com).

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

- Families with children through Grade 5
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month, 5:30 – 7
- Music @ 5:30
- Pizza @ 6:15
- Meals are \$3 per person and can be paid that night
- Recreation, Bible Devotion, Activities
- Parents attend with their children

### *TWIST Mission Project...*

The children gave 27 boxes to Operation Christmas Child (OCC) this year. It was inspiring to see the hearts of the children trusting God to help them know what to put in their boxes and praying for their recipient child. The United Methodist Women (UMW) donated money towards the shipping cost. Thanks to Amy Page and all who helped with this project. Our hope is that the children will continue to develop a heart for serving others as they mature.

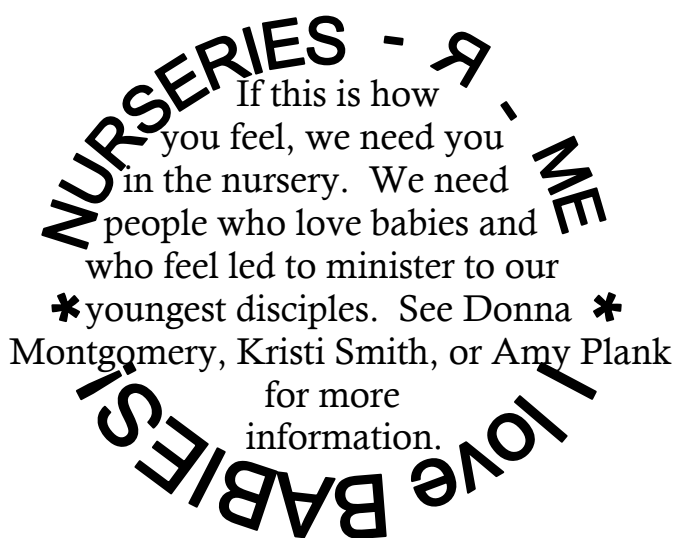
Here are some examples of the impact of OCC:

#### **MALAWI, From Kondwani:**

Everything I got was of great value. My mum has just given birth to a baby boy. In the box there was a beautiful blanket, three sets of baby clothes, sweets for all of us, soap, and toothpaste, just to mention a few items. All these things my daddy could not afford to buy. Please send our sincere gratitude to the people who sent us these gifts. Everybody is happy. These are gifts from God.

#### **LIBERIA, From a ministry partner:**

The children took their gift boxes home to their parents with large smiles on their faces. Their parents were very happy because this was the first time their children had received such items. Upon hearing the Christmas message, the children received Christ immediately. Through faith in Christ, their parents



### **THANK YOU**

Thank you, Melinda Bryan, for ironing and setting out all of the costumes for the Christmas Eve service. Thank you, Roger Hayslip, Tom Montgomery and Mike Anderson for helping set up the Nativity back drop.

**TWIST - 5:30 - 7:15**  
**Wednesday, January 7:**

became saved, and today a local church has been planted in the town. The families that felt hatred for one another are now Christian families loving one another and worshipping God together. Glory be to God and many thanks to Operation Christmas Child.

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY OFFERING**

*I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children complete their commitment cards on Consecration Sunday, November 16. It brought me great joy to see them excited about giving to the church in so many different ways and I wonder about the ways God will pour out His blessings on each of us who step out in faith...as a child. Any money collected during children's worship this month will go towards food for the food banquet. If your child would like envelopes in which to place their offerings, see Donna.*

### **EASTER EGG HUNT SCHEDULED**

Sarah Holcomb will organize the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Mark your calendars and think about who you can invite. It will be Sunday, March 29 from 3 to 5pm. Sarah would welcome anyone who would like to help with the planning of this event. Contact Sarah or Donna if you'd like to help.

KidConnections: Our hope is to help children know <b>how awesome it is to have a personal relationship</b> 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)
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## **FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **CONFIRMATION 2009**

The Confirmation process at Jerome United Methodist Church will begin in January with a parental informational meeting at noon on Sunday, January 11, at the church. The mandatory Confirmation weekend, to be held at Camp Wesley, is Friday-Sunday, March 13-15. The Confirmation dinner is Friday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, May 3. All students who are currently in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to join this year's Confirmation class. Please mark your calendars now with these important dates. If you have any questions please call Denise (873-8851).

### **BREAKAWAY**

The Middle School fellowship group, Breakaway, will meet Monday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. If you would be willing to provide a simple meal for about 20 students for that night, please call Denise (873-8851) or email her at [swajumc@aol.com](mailto:swajumc@aol.com).

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

**Rust Machine (Boys Only Bible Study)** meets at Rusty Woerner's home, 11111 Jerome Road, for Bible study, pizza and dessert on the second Monday of the month (January 12) at 7:30 p.m.

**Buckeye Angels (Girls Only Bible Study)** meets at Denise Gorden's home, 7866 Harriott Road, for Bible study, pizza and dessert the second Monday of the month (January 12) at 7:30 p.m.

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH**

**Boys Only Bible Study**- meets on the third Monday of the month (January 19), 7:30 p.m., at the home of Rusty Woerner.

**G.R.A.P.E.S. (Girls Only Bible Study)**- meets at the home of Denise Gorden for pizza, dessert and Bible study on the third Monday of the month (January 19), at 7:30 p.m.

**OASIS-** Senior high boys and girls are invited to join us every Wednesday, 7:30-8:45 p.m., in the Teen Room at the church for pizza and Bible study.

### **UPDATE EMAILS**

If you are new to our church family and would like to receive information regarding the youth ministries of our church, please email Denise at [swajumc@aol.com](mailto:swajumc@aol.com) or call her at 873-8851 to be put on the email list.

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE**

On Tuesday, November 25, the youth group served its annual Thanksgiving dinner at The Church for All People in downtown Columbus. By the end of the evening we had served 250 adults and children of the local community. We could not have done it without the support of our own church family. Thanks to everyone who provided a food item for the dinner. My sincere thanks to all the adults who helped the youth prepare the dinner and also helped us serve the dinner. Over 60 youth from our church and community helped prepare the dinner and or helped us serve the dinner. Thanks to each one of them for serving Jesus and our church proudly and humbly.

### **GAME SYSTEM NEEDED**

Thanks to Bob and Melinda Murphy, we have a large screen TV in the Teen Room. We are now in need of a game system and games! If anyone has a game system they would love to give the church, please call Denise as soon as possible.

### **TOOLS FOR MOUNTAIN T.O.P.**

We are always looking for tools for our Mountain T.O.P. ministry. We especially need hammers, weed wackers, axes, sledge hammers and garden tools, such as grass clippers, rakes and hedge clippers. Please call Denise if you have any questions about this ministry.

### **SPIRIT CAFÉ**

We are in need of three dozen donuts and juice each week for the Spirit Café. Each Sunday, beginning

at 9:30 a.m., donuts, juice and hot chocolate are served to the Middle School and High School students in the teen room. If you can provide donuts at any time, please email Denise at [swajumc@aol.com](mailto:swajumc@aol.com) or call her at 873-8851. There is no Sunday school on Sunday, December 28.

### **PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING**

Thanks to everyone who has donated used printer cartridges. Please continue to save your used cartridges. There is a collection box in the narthex on the shelf above the coat rack. Proceeds from these collections will go to Mountain T.O.P. 2009.

## **ADULT MINISTRIES**

### **NEW SERENDIPTY DAYTIME STUDY**

Serendipity Daytime will begin a new study on Wednesday, January 7, titled The Power of a Woman's Words by Sharon Jaynes. Our words have the power to change the course of a day...the course of a life. How will we use them? The book spends time with several women of the Bible to discover the lasting impact their words had on those around them and how those words have lingering effects even today. The cost of the book and work book is \$16. Please call Denise (873-8851) or email her at [Swajumc@aol.com](mailto:Swajumc@aol.com) if you would like to order a book. Serendipity is a women's Bible Study/Discussion group made up of women of all ages and walks of faith. We meet each Wednesday at the church at 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. All women of the church and community are invited to join us.

### **SERENDIPTY NIGHTTIME NEW STUDY**

Serendipity Nighttime will begin a new study on Thursday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. titled The Unfolding

Mystery: Discovering Christ in the Old Testament. As Jesus Christ walked with those two discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus, “He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.” Suddenly all that had been happening began to make sense. What did Jesus say to those two disciples? What things did he explain to them?

In this book the author begins with Adam and Eve and continues through to the last of the Prophets. He takes a fascinating walk, through the Old Testament, revealing Christ in places where He is usually overlooked. Readers will explore the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Moses Joshua, Ruth, David and others. Anita Norris will lead the class. Books are \$9 and will be available in the church office.

### **WOMEN’S RETREAT**

The annual women’s retreat will be held on January 23-24 at the Kirkmont Center in Zanesfield, Ohio, which is about 45 minutes from the church. We will stay in the adult retreat center called the Croft House. We will meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. on Friday for those that wish to car pool. The theme of the retreat is bon appetite: Lessons from Meals with Jesus. The first sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. The retreat will end at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Women of all ages are invited to join us for the retreat. On the retreat there will be a time of Bible study, worship, games and activities. There will be plenty of free time to spend alone or catch up with old friends or make new ones. Denise will lead this year’s retreat.

The cost of the retreat will be \$65, which includes lodging, linens (towels and sheets provided) and dinner, breakfast and lunch. There is a limit of 24 beds at the retreat center. Your check will be your reservation. Please have all checks into the office by January 15.

### **MEN’S RETREAT 2009**

Our annual men's retreat is set for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28 & March 1 at Kirkmont's lovely adult Retreat Center. Get those dates on your new calendar and get your reservation in. The cost of the retreat will be \$65, which includes lodging, linens (towels and sheets provided) and dinner, breakfast and lunch. There is a limit of 24 beds at the retreat center.

Your check will be your reservation. Please have all checks into the office by February 1.

We are very pleased to announce that Chuck Dyer has agreed to fill a new position on the education committee as Coordinator of Men's Activities. Part of our retreat will focus on what kinds of ministries and activities we want to create in the new year for the men of our church and community. Secondly, we'd love to have your input as to topics you'd like to discuss on the retreat or activities you'd enjoy. So, please get ideas and suggestions to Steve ([harsh1946@hotmail.com](mailto:harsh1946@hotmail.com)) or Chuck ([dyer1@att.net](mailto:dyer1@att.net)), and better yet, if you'd be willing to help plan the retreat, let us know that too.

## **RECREATION & FUN**

### **MEN’S BREAKFAST GROUP**

Mark your calendars for the men’s breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, January 3, 7:30 A.M. This is open to all men of the church and their guests.

### **EUCHRE PARTY**

Sign up for the euchre party on Friday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. in the church narthex. Marie Faulk will host. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Call Marie (873-8239) if you have any questions or would like to host for a future month.

**Is one of your New Year’s Resolutions to clean out and organize the house? If so...**

Please keep in mind that Jerome Church’s annual Flea Market fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 25. Box up or bag up items in good condition that you no longer use and save them to donate for the flea market. We need all types of items: sporting goods, tools,

toys, electronics, housewares, furniture, clothing, linens, decorative and holiday items, etc.

# Thank You!

Dear Jerome Church,

Lifeline of Ohio would like to express our sincere appreciation for your participation in this year's National Donor Sabbath.

On behalf of more than 100,000 individuals waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, thank you for making this event a success! We can never know what will influence a person's decision to become a donor, but rest assured your efforts have helped save lives. National Donor Sabbath will be observed two weekends prior to Thanksgiving in 2009 and we hope that you will participate again next year.

With Gratitude,  
Lifeline of Ohio

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Dear Jerome Church,

Thank you for your gift in the amount of \$300, which will be designated for the Dublin Partnership Adopt-A-House. Your gift will help make the dream of a safe, affordable home a reality for a hard working, low-income family in Columbus.

Habitat for Humanity thanks you again for helping to give more deserving families a decent place to call home and, with it, the hope of a better life.

E.J. Thomas, CEO

## Thanks to....

- Jarrod Gorden and Jeff Montee for delivering the food boxes to Broad Street UMC
- thirty JUMC families who provided food boxes for Bethlehem on Broad
- everyone who provided 81 gifts for the Adopt A Family Program in Plain City. Thanks to DeeAnn King

and Cara Hanhart for organizing and delivering the gifts.

- Jan Manring for organizing the Christmas Eve meal for the Staff.
- Rusty and Terry Woerner, who continue to open their home to the senior high and middle school Bible Studies
- Dan Eye and Todd Bowman for their help with the Boy's Bible Studies
- Kathy Grauer and the Fellowship Team for all they did to make Jerome Christmas a wonderful evening
- everyone who provided cookies for our Christmas Eve Service
- everyone who provided elegant desserts for Jerome Christmas
- Melinda Murphy and Don Grove for organizing the Christmas Eve Dinner at The Church For All People
- everyone who went to The Church For All People to serve on Christmas Eve and or provided food for the evening
- Dana Pharis for providing the meal for Breakaway.
- the Worship Team and everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas
- Don and Ann Grove for the new blinds in the fellowship hall
- Melinda Bryan and Gloria Brooks for their help assembling the December 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

## CIRCLE OF CONCERN

### BEREAVEMENT:

- Anderson family (Mike's grandfather, Carl Miller)
- Moberger family (Amy's mother, Catherine Schaal)

### HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Forrest & Ginny Albright
- Al Bessette (Wendy Bynner)

- John Castellano (Valerie Bowerman)
- Sarah Chapman
- Mike Clark
- Maxine Evans (Joan Hayslip)
- Anthony Figliola (Tom Elliott)
- Kathy Kise (April Keiffer)
- Helen Hartman (Ruth Elliott)
- Bill Hayslip (Joan Hayslip)
- Micki Hinker (Kathy Grauer)
- Sharon Kemmerling
- Kelly Lipka (Gloria Brooks)
- John Manker
- Doug, Garrett, & Brett Ott (Ruth Schwab)
- Nancy Pimm
- Carl Rothgab (David & Madeleine Breitmayer)
- Dawn Sargent (Becky Neill)
- Margaret Schwab (Ruth Schwab)
- Ava Torbin (Steve & Diana Harsh)
- Bob Woodard (Chip Seely)
- Andrew Zanko

NURSING HOME:

- Medrith Carson
- Loran Faulk
- Lee Schacherbauer (Heartland)
- Tom Webb

MILITARY:

- Kelleigh & Brad Bennett (Kristi Smith)
- Beau Castilla
- Brian Doyle-Wenger (Dave & Valerie Altfater)
- Willy & Betsey Griffith (Kristi Smith)
- Jeremy Holcomb (Chris & Sarah Holcomb)
- Michael Hoover (Steve & Diana Hoffman Harsh)
- Joshua Kline (Kim Solomon)
- Jodi McFee (Vicki Bowman)
- Seth Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Michael Moran (Marla Anderson)
- Jordan Neill
- Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

MISSIONARIES:

-Dave & Donna Jacobsson: MAF

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## JANUARY

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1/ 1 George Woerner, Diana Hoffman Harsh
- 1/ 3 Emmie Rose, Sue Kincaid
- 1/ 4 Kathy Feightner
- 1/ 5 Becky Neill, Kim Welcker, Jeff Allen
- 1/ 7 Nancy Pimm, Gene Phelps, Joon-sik Park
- 1/10 Emily Arthur, Meghan Murray,  
Andrew Erikson, Erin Patterson
- 1/11 Emily McDowell, Nicholas Page
- 1/13 Barb Wilcox
- 1/13 Nancy Holsinger
- 1/18 Ryan Benefiel, Jake Detwiler, Meredith Pitts,  
Tiffany Eye
- 1/20 Hayley Sutphen, Lorraine Arthur,  
Michelle Hoppe
- 1/22 Gracie Greiner
- 1/23 Gail Headlee
- 1/24 Marna Beatty
- 1/25 Jeanne Means, Dennis Bambach
- 1/28 Mary Jo Edwards
- 1/29 Chris Steuerwald, Marc Zimmerman
- 1/30 Steve Mark, Seth Transue
- 1/31 Rick Priday, Scott Neill, Joshua Weible,  
John Mills

## JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

### **GREETERS**

- 1/4 8:30 Bob & Stephanie Middlestead
- 10:45 Steve & Sandy Montee
- 1/11 8:30 Dick & Joan Hayslip
- 10:45 Rusty & Terry Woerner

1/18 8:30 Al & Joni Clark  
 10:45 Roger & Becky Hayslip  
 1/25 8:30 Robert & Karen Guthrie  
 10:45 Bruce & Leslie Lauer

**USHERS**

1/4 8:30 Bill Gossard & Larry Herchline  
 10:45 Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg  
 1/11 8:30 King family  
 10:45 Mark & Kim Solomon  
 1/18 8:30 Dan & Pam Schmidt  
 10:45 Gary & Kathy Grauer  
 1/25 8:30 Mathew & Hayley Neumeier  
 10:45 Brian & Julie Jackson

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

1/4 8:30 Anita Norris  
 10:45 Linda Pettit  
 1/11 8:30 Katie King  
 10:45 Steve Roggenkamp  
 1/18 8:30 Charlie King  
 10:45 Tomo Boyd  
 1/25 8:30 Ed Kauffman  
 10:45 Jon Pettit

**ACOLYTES – 9:00AM**

1/4 Seth Transue  
 1/11 Holly King  
 1/18 Nick & Ben Yost  
 1/25 Ushers

**FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS**

1/4 9:30 Ed & Carol Kauffman  
 10:45 Jeff & Lori Greiner  
 1/11 9:30 Dan & DeeAnn King  
 10:45 Bert & Brenda Hancock  
 1/18 9:30 Tim & Sue Kincaid  
 10:45 Scott & Cara Hanhart  
 1/25 9:30 Jon & Mindy Kundtz  
 10:45 Steve & Diana Hoffman Harsh

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

1/4 Open  
 1/11 Open  
 1/18 Laurel Benefiel – in honor of Ryan’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 1/25 Open

**CHILDREN’S NURSERY**

1/4 8:30 Valerie Altfater  
 10:45 Kathy Grauer  
 1/11 8:30 Lynn Boston  
 10:45 Amy Plank

1/18 8:30 Shelly Detwiler  
 10:45 Sue Steuerwald  
 1/25 8:30 Shelly Detwiler  
 10:45 Karen Matrka

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**8:30 service**

	Teacher	Shepherd
1/4	Donna Montgomery	Abby Clark
1/11	Donna Montgomery	Jennifer Sonnenberg
1/18	Donna Montgomery	Amy Page
1/25	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead

**10:45 service**

**Pre-K**

	Teacher	Shepherd
1/4	Janell Bolte	Michelle Pettit
1/11	Donna Montgomery	Tracy Moldovan
1/18	Sarah Koenig	Leah Koenig
1/25	Donna Montgomery	Amy Daniels

**Elementary**

1/4	Katheen Rose	Lori Greiner
1/11	Greg Jaudzems	Erica Pettit
1/18	Sarah Holcomb	April Keiffer
1/25	Becky Hayslip	Roger Hayslip

**FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP**

1/4 Bob Warne  
 1/11 Sonnenberg family  
 1/18 Bowman family  
 1/25 Bryan family

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

1/1 Scott Sonnenberg  
 1/8 Valerie Altfater  
 1/15 Penny Sullivan  
 1/22 Kathy Smith  
 1/29 Larry Herchline

*January Calendar*

Thursday, January 1 – New Year’s Day  
 Church office closed

**Friday, January 2**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Saturday, January 3**

7:30am Men's breakfast at Der Dutchman

**Sunday, January 4**

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

**Monday, January 5**

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Tuesday, January 6**

7:00pm H.O.W. Team meeting

**Wednesday, January 7**

9:45am Serendipity  
 5:30pm Twist  
 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal  
 7:30pm Oasis  
 8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

**Thursday, January 8**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, January 9**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul  
 7:00pm Euchre party

**Saturday, January 10**

8:00am Recycling pick up  
 9:00am Church Christmas decorations taken down

**Sunday, January 11**

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery  
 9:30am Fellowship time / blood pressure screening  
 9:45am Sunday school for all ages  
 10:30am Fellowship time  
 10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church  
 noon Confirmation meeting  
 12:15pm Leadership Orientation lunch  
 5:00pm Beginner's Bible study

**Monday, January 12**

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting  
 7:30pm Buckeye Angels (Jr. High girls) at Denise's  
 7:30pm Rust Machine (Jr. High boys) at Rusty's

**Wednesday, January 14**

9:30am Serendipity  
 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal  
 7:30pm Oasis  
 8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

**Thursday, January 15**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, January 16**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Sunday, January 18**

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery  
 9:30am Fellowship time  
 9:45am Sunday school for all ages  
 10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church  
 5:00pm Beginner's Bible study

**Monday, January 19 – Martin Luther King Day**

Church office closed  
 7:00pm Frogs & Toads book club – Valerie Bowerman's  
 7:00pm Boy Scout meeting  
 7:30pm G.R.A.P.E.S. high school girls Bible study at Denise's  
 7:30pm High school boys Bible study at Rusty's

**Tuesday, January 20**

9:30am Open Gym Plus

**Wednesday, January 21**

9:45am Serendipity  
 5:30pm Twist  
 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal  
 7:30pm Oasis  
 8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

**Thursday, January 22**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, January 23**

3:00pm Women's Retreat  
 3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Sunday, January 25**

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery  
 9:30am Fellowship time  
 9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
 10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church  
 5:00pm Beginner's Bible study

**Monday, January 26**

6:30pm Breakaway  
 7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Tuesday, January 27**

9:30am Open Gym Plus

**Wednesday, January 28**

9:45am Serendipity  
 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal  
 7:30pm Oasis  
 8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

**Thursday, January 29**

7:00pm Serendipity  
 8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, January 30**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

