

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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## THE RESURRECTION POWER OF EASTER

On the mid-term exam of a college philosophy course, the professor posed this essay question: “Which is the greater challenge today: ignorance or apathy?” One smart aleck student wrote: “I don’t know and I don’t care!”

Some will claim that about Easter; they don’t know and feel it doesn’t matter anyway. However, the longer we live, the more challenges we experience, the more hard knocks we endure, the more we see that it does matter. It matters a great deal!

As we look at the first Easter, we find parallels to our lives by several scenes from that historical event. A NEW DARKNESS preceded that first Easter. The disciples and thousands of followers of Christ had placed all their hopes and dreams in Jesus. Then the tide turned against Him, His enemies conspired against Him, and as the Apostle’s Creed succinctly states, He “suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.” Hope was buried with Him. What once had seemed the dawning of a new day was now eclipsed by the pervasive new darkness of broken dreams.

We know about disappointments and broken dreams, don’t we? We have experienced these in our lives at school, at work, in relationships, or failing health, in things where we desperately wanted to succeed. But Easter beckons us onward as we see the sunrise of A NEW DAWN breaking. Hope, which had been buried on Friday, rose on Sunday.

Dr. Leighton Ford said, “One of the great lacks of modern life is a vanished sense of meaning. Vast

multitudes shift about from day to day, utterly empty, without goal or destiny, without God and without hope in the world. For the Christian, the resurrection of Jesus changes all that! In Christ I have a destiny, I have a goal. I have an inheritance in heaven! As Christ said, “Because I live, you shall live also” (John 14:19).

This hope leads us to the glories of A NEW DAY. The artist Michelangelo instructed his students, “Paint Jesus Christ not dead, but risen. Paint Him with His feet upon the sepulcher in which they thought to silence Him forever.”

Easter cannot be conceived without the empty tomb. Christianity is not darkness, but light; not night, but day; not a final sunset, but an eternal sunrise. As Christ affirmed, “Because I live, you will live also.” Herein lies hope, assurance, and triumph. And that reality is available immediately, not only for the future. Jesus came to bring us life now, meaningful, abundant, joyous life – now! – plus hope for the future.

Life is transformed by the indwelling Presence of Christ. Hatred can die, to be reborn as love. Apathy can die, to be raised as compassion. Despair can die, to be resurrected as hope, confusion turned to understanding, sorrow to joy, turmoil to peace, fear to courage.

When this happens, when this quality of life is experienced, when this joy of living is understood, when the peace and presence and power of God’s Holy

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Spirit lives within, then Easter becomes not a once a year celebration, but a daily event as life is transformed through the resurrection power of Easter. Every day of our lives, because of Christ's resurrection, we can experience newness of life, love, hope, joy and peace. All praise be to God!

Joyfully serving our resurrected

Lord,

Rev. Gloria Brooks

## **GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK**

April 10

What does Good Friday mean to you? Is it just another day off work or school?

You are invited to the Dublin Community Annual Good Friday Cross Walk. The walk begins at noon at Dublin Coffman High School. Taking turns, the group carries a cross through Dublin. The walk ends at Dublin Community Church for a short interfaith service.

## **EASTER BREAKFAST**

The Fellowship Committee will sponsor a continental breakfast from 9:45-10:30 a.m. on Easter morning. Breakfast will be served in the church lobby.

# **PARADE to PASSION to RESSURECTION**

## **HOLY WEEK AT JEROME 2009**

Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you for these special Lent and Easter Services.

### **Palm Sunday, April 5, Morning Services**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time with refreshments

9:45 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall  
Nursery provided all morning

### **Palm Sunday Evening**

7:00 p.m. "The Cross" Easter Musical

with the Festival Choir and Festival Orchestra

Directed by John Holsinger

Nursery provided.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 9**

7:30 p.m. Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall

with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Steve Harsh preaching

Nursery Provided

### **Good Friday, April 10**

Noon - Crosswalk from Dublin Coffman High School to  
Dublin Community Church

7:30 p.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Music by the Festival Choir

Directed by John Holsinger

Nursery Provided

### **Easter Sunday, April 12**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service in Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast in Lobby

No Christian Education Classes Today

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall  
Nursery provided from 8:30 a.m. until noon



## JUMC Flea Market

Jerome Church will hold its annual indoor Flea Market on Saturday, April 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Donation DROP OFF begins Sunday, April 19, 1-4 p.m. You may also drop off items Monday-Thursday, April 20-23, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. As you do your spring cleaning, remember that we are in need of all types of items, including furniture, sports equipment, baby items, toys, books, crafts, linens, clothing, tools, electronics and housewares.

*We need 120 people to help with this flea market,* starting after services on Sunday, April 19 through the evening of April 25. If you are able to help in any way, check the flea market bulletin board or please see Leslie Zimmerman or call the church office. These are a few ways you can help:

**VOLUNTEERS...** We are in need of many people to help sort and price items during the day and evening that week. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex.

**BAKE SALE...** We need many goodies for the bake sale tables; including cookies, pies, candy, cakes, brownies, homemade bread. Please sign up to bring an item or be a Saturday cashier. We are in need of 10 card tables for the bake sale and other uses.

**KITCHEN...** Help is needed on Saturday to serve breakfast and lunch. If you are able to donate any items, such as paper products, soda pop, bottled water, or any food items, see Melinda Bryan. Please sign up if you can work in the kitchen.

**CLOTHING SALE...** We need helpers to sort clothing during the week and to monitor and help shoppers on Saturday. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

**FELLOWSHIP HALL...** We need many helpers on Saturday to cashier, bag purchases, and monitor various sales areas. See Leslie Zimmerman if you can help. Workers are also needed after the sale at 3:00 p.m. to box up the leftovers and set up the church for Sunday.

We are looking for 12 individuals who are at least 12 years old who can help the day of the flea market with various different tasks. You can stay as long as you would like, or pick a time that works for you. Please sign up on the board if you are able to help or see Leslie.

If you are able to pick up furniture or large items from homes, please call the church office and let them know when you are available.

We are looking for a volunteer to put signs out the night before and/or morning of the flea market. They will then need to be picked up at 3:00 p.m. after the flea market. Please see Leslie or call the church office if you are able to help with this project.

Please save your brown grocery paper bags and bring them to the church by April 19.

**FLEA MARKET SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE HELP!**

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Spring Clean-Up Quiz

Are you good with a paintbrush, rake, or screwdriver?

Do the cabinets in the church kitchen catch your eye as in need of a good scrubbing?

Would you like to help plant some spring flowers to brighten the church entrance?

Are you willing to donate a little of your time to help sort bookshelves?

Is there a little dust bunny bothering you in your classroom?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, the Jerome Trustees would be delighted if you could help the congregation by meeting at the church on Saturday, May 16, to help with the annual Spring Clean-up Day. Look for sign-up sheets on the rolling bulletin boards to see where you can help. There will be several shifts available. Donuts and beverages will be served during the early shifts.

Also, if you know of a task that could be added to our list, please forward the idea to Greg Jaudzems at [jaudzems@gmail.com](mailto:jaudzems@gmail.com). Alternatively, a note regarding the idea can be placed in the Trustee's mailbox.

We look forward to seeing you there.

JUMC Board of Trustees

## **PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

There will be no blood pressure screening on Easter Sunday. The next blood pressure screening will be done Sunday, May 10. 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.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Please plan to sign up to donate blood at the American Red Cross blood drive to be held at Jerome Church on Saturday, May 2, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex or call Leslie Herchline (873-4712). Give the gift of life!

## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Mission Celebration Event**

Please join us in the Sanctuary on April 19 during Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) to hear Debbie Trego share her personal mission story, with pictures and voice, as she traveled down the Amazon River with an eleven member team and two host missionaries. She started in Sao Sebastiao, Brazil, on January 27 and returned to land on February 6. Over 600 patients were treated on the house boat where free medical and dental care were given. Before heading home, the team spent four more days in Brasilia, Goiania and Manaus, attending church services, enjoying the local cuisine, and learning more about the on-going projects of the Central Brazil Missions. Debbie traveled with the Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelist (FAME), which exists to spread the name of Jesus Christ to all nations through medical evangelism.

### **JUMC Mission Team**

#### **Returning to Honduras**

God is good....ALL of the time! God has designed a wonderful team to work side by side with Total Home again this year in LaCeiba, Honduras. This is trip #3!!

The team will travel to Honduras May 2 and return May 9. There is a family waiting for the helping hands and willing hearts of nine servants of the Lord to build them a place they can call home. Not only is this a construction project, but team members will be helping in the Children's Nutrition Center, teaching health education, devotions, discipleship, crafts and English. If you would like to provide children's vitamins, flip-flops, or craft items, please place them in the box in the narthex. All monetary donations are welcome and are tax deductible. Please pray that God reveals many opportunities to glorify him through helping all of his children wherever they may live. Questions? Call Charlie Bynner at 873-5188 or Debbie Trego at 889-6041 and visit [www.totalhealth.org](http://www.totalhealth.org) for more information.

### **Honduras Mission Trip Fundraiser**

ARE YOU HUNGRY?? There is a new kind of FUNdraiser in town that's so easy! You have to eat, right? Well, now you can do just that while supporting the upcoming May mission trip to Honduras. Max & Erma's (Sawmill Rd.) will donate 20% of your bill to Total Home Honduras-Team Jerome. Flyers with details will be available at church or via email in the upcoming weeks. If you have family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, or even perfect strangers who want to have lunch, dinner or carryout, they may receive the flyer, too. Email everyone in your address book. Pass out the flyers at your child's soccer practice, your book club, or Saturday morning golf league. The date is Wednesday, April 15. The more you eat, the more money is donated to help those we are led to serve and to help defray the cost of transporting medicines and supplies to Honduras. It's also a great opportunity to share a meal with our church family. Stay tuned for more information and the flyers in the coming days. Questions....call Debbie Trego at 889-6041 or 306-5692 (cell).

### **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.

### ***World Vision- A Child is Waiting***

Every child has the ability to change the world. God has a gift and a purpose for every young life. Your generosity can make the world a better place for a child and his/her community through World Vision Child Sponsorship. God calls each of us to make a difference in His name. Look for the ***A Child is Waiting*** sign-up table in the lobby on Sundays, April 26 through May 10.

### **Habitat for Humanity Fundraisers**

There are several fundraising events coming up in the next few months to raise money for the 2009 Dublin Habitat Partnership home.

**April 4 (Saturday)**: It's Rich Brown and Elysium Tennis Club's Annual Tennis Party and Fundraiser. This year, the tennis will include more games, drills and matches than ever before. It will be a fast paced format, rotating players through a great variety of challenges, with rest rotations for food, adult beverages and off-court fun. The Lazy Chameleon is catering and Fidelity Investments is sponsoring the event. You can come for the tennis or just socialize and enjoy the food and live music. There will be prizes and a silent auction. The cost is \$35 for tennis players and \$20 for non-tennis (social). Spaces are limited to 132 for tennis and 100 social. Over half the spots are already locked in. Registration is by payment, but you need to RSVP through the [www.meetup.com/dublinhfh](http://www.meetup.com/dublinhfh) website. All proceeds go to the Dublin Habitat 2009 home.

**May 22 (Friday)**: Dublin Habitat Annual Golf Scramble and Fundraiser. Join in for a great day of golf and support the Dublin Habitat 2009 home build. The golf outing will be held at the Rolling Meadows Golf Club near Dublin. There will be an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start on all 18 holes. We have 32 foursomes available, so 128 golfers can participate. The format is a 4 player best ball scramble. The cost per player is

\$60, and includes a riding cart, 2 adult beverage tickets, food, and golf. There will be hole prizes. Deadline for registration and payment is May 12, and you need to RSVP at [www.meetup.com/dublinhfh](http://www.meetup.com/dublinhfh). This is a volunteer run event, so after course fees, food and beverages, 100% of proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity.

**May 24 (Sunday)**: The 2009 "Home Run" 5K Race will be held at 5 p.m. in Downtown Dublin. This event is coordinated by the Dublin Habitat Partnership in partnership with Welcome Warehouse (non-profit), Leadership Dublin and with support and backing of the City of Dublin. This is a running and walking event with many other activities. We are in the process of looking for event sponsors. The race route will start and end in downtown Dublin. Race pre-registration is \$20 per runner (\$25 the day of race). Registration is coordinated through The Columbus Running Company ([www.columbusrunning.com](http://www.columbusrunning.com)). Besides runners and walkers, volunteers are needed for race day.

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

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

Other potential fundraisers include a dance event at Jerome UMC (tentative date of May 2), Memorial Tournament 'The House', and a car wash.

# Music Ministry

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the church. We have had “real” winter this year and yet you have risen to the challenge each and every Sunday. Thank God for Spring and the promise of new life, both in this world and in the next. Blessings to you!

## CHANCEL CHOIR

We continue to meet on Wednesday evenings, 7-8:00 p.m. in the Music Room. All who love to sing are invited. We sing for 8:30 a.m. worship every Sunday, September through May. Come and join the fun and fellowship.

- Chancel Choir will sing for Good Friday Service, Friday, April 9; 7:30 p.m.

## HIGHER GROUND

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

## FESTIVAL CHOIR

Rehearsal on Sunday, March 29; 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, April 4;

10:00 a.m. - noon

## FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Festival Orchestra will rehearse with the Festival Choir Sunday, March 29, 1:00-2:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 5, prior to our performance.

## JEROME RINGERS

Rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings, 8 - 9:00 p.m. in the Music Room. We are preparing our bell anthem for Sunday, April 5 (Easter Drama) and for Easter Sunday (April 12).

We continue to prepare for the Greater Columbus Hand Bell Festival, which will be held Sunday, May 3.

## EASTER DRAMA

### *The Cross*

By Tom Fettke and Camp Kirkland

**Festival Choir, Orchestra, Bells and Drama Team**

**Sunday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.**

You are invited to this wonderful dramatic musical presentation; Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. Our Festival Choir, Orchestra, Bells and Drama Team are all involved in this event.

Come and witness the power and the love of Jesus as we all encounter this icon of our faith.

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

### Junior Bells Will Meet

We will rehearse on Sundays, April 19 and April 26 at noon in the music room. See you soon!

Jerome United Methodist Church  
**KidConnections**  
Connecting Kids to Christ and Christian Community  
Donna Montgomery  
Director of Children's Ministries

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## **PALM SUNDAY PARADE**



On Palm Sunday, there will be a Children's Palm Parade at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. All children are invited to participate as part of the opening celebration on April 5, as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

Because of all the family celebrations on Easter Sunday, April 12, there will be no Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. We will still have Children's Worship and Nursery. Sunday School will resume the following Sunday.

## **CHURCH CAMP**

Send your child to church camp this summer. There are numerous choices at three United Methodist Camp locations in Ohio. The closest camp to us is Camp Wesley. E-mail [camps@wocumc.org](mailto:camps@wocumc.org), call (800) 437-0028, or visit [www.westohiocamps.com](http://www.westohiocamps.com).

## **TEACHERS AND SHEPHERDS OPPORTUNITIES IN KIDCONNECTIONS**

If you are one of those people who didn't get your name in soon enough to join a team this year, now is the time to let me know you want to be counted on for this summer or next fall. Teams currently forming:

- Summer Sunday School (Preschool or Elementary @ 9:45)
- Summer Children's Worship (4 Sundays this summer @ 8:30 or 10:45)

- 2009/2010 Sunday School (age specific @ 9:45)
- 2009/2010 Children's Worship (Preschool or Elementary @ 8:30 or 10:45)

Contact Donna Montgomery for information [donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com) or 614-873-8483.

## **WHERE WILL MY CHILDREN LEARN IMPORTANT BIBLE STORIES?**

Teaching children Bible Stories is a part of everything we do in KidConnections but regular Sunday School (9:45) is an important part. Some of the advantages of bringing your children to Sunday School are:

- Age-specific classes
- Same teachers each week
- Forming relationships
- Consistent curriculum
- Builds church unity with participation from both traditional and contemporary worship

I invite you to join an adult class and introduce your children to Sunday school.

Preschool: Room 119,

Jenney Seely and Dax Pitts

Kindergarten & First Grade: Room 107

Susie Sutphen and Joni Clark

Second & Third Grade: Room 111

Marc Zimmerman

Fourth & Fifth Grade: Room 106

Linda Pettit and Nancy Ikels

## **NURSERY CHANGES....**

A new parent packet with revised policies and procedures for the nursery is available at the nursery. If you have a child 0 – 3 years old, be sure to see Kristi in the nursery for your packet.

## **TWIST**

### **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month**

Twist is 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 young children (thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Music @ 5:30 p.m.
- Meal @ 6:15 p.m.
- Meals are \$3 per person and can be paid for that night
- Music, Recreation, Bible Devotion, Activities
- Parents attend with their children

Twist continues through May 20 and then will begin again the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October.

### **BEGINNER'S BIBLE STUDY**

We had a good year at Beginner's Bible Study. Kids were challenged to be Christ's followers, even in tough situations, and to turn to the Bible for Truth. Becky Hayslip, Marla Anderson, Roger Hayslip and Greg Jaudzems were a great help with this ministry.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Mark your calendars and plan your vacation around VBS...reserve August 3 – 7. We are beginning to put together our **VBS team** for this year. Last year we had many new families visit JUMC during VBS week. If you would like to be on the planning team for this ministry, contact Donna Montgomery.

### **JEROME CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

The new Jerome United Methodist Church directories have arrived. If you had your picture taken for the directory, you may pick up your complimentary copy in the church office. We have some extra directories that may be purchased for \$5.

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

### **BREAKAWAY**

The Middle School fellowship group, Breakaway, will meet Monday, April 27. 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 the second Monday of the month (April 13) 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 (April 13) at 7:30 p.m.

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH**

**Boys Only Bible Study**- will not meet this month.

**G.R.A.P.E.S. (Girls Only Bible Study)**- meets at the home of Denise Gorden for pizza, dessert and Bible study the third Monday of the month (April 20), 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.

### **YOUTH GROUP SPRING FLOWER SALE**

The youth group is selling flowers from Fortmeyer's Greenhouse in Delaware. The sale will end April 12. The flowers will be delivered to the church on Thursday, May 14. The profits from the sale will be used in two ways. Students can earn a portion of the profit for upcoming retreats and work camps in 2009. The remaining profits will go for youth scholarships and our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church for All People in November. Please consider buying flowers for your home and garden from one of the youth of our church. Orders will be taken during fellowship time. Gift certificates are also available, which gives you an opportunity to go to the nursery and pick out your own plants and flowers.

### **MOUNTAIN T.O.P. 2009**

Thirty six adults and students will go to Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) June 20-28. During our stay at the camp, we will provide for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the people in the Cumberland Mountains.

### **FINAL PAYMENT for Mountain T.O.P.**

The third payment of \$180 is due May 1. Please mark that your check is for Mountain T.O.P. and place it in the offertory or give it to Chris Mills in the office. All emergency forms must be turned in with the final payment. Everyone who will be 18 years of age by camp week must have a background check completed by May 1, as well.

### **MOUNTAIN T.O.P. RETREAT**

This year's retreat will be held at the church on Sunday, April 26. All first time campers and all adults are asked to be at the church at 3:00 p.m. During that time, we will go over all important information that all first time campers will need to have a successful and meaningful mission experience. At 4:30 p.m. all other campers are expected to join us. During this time, we will work on our Mountain T.O.P. banner, plan Mountain T.O.P. worship, go over details of the trip and have dinner. Any parent interested in helping plan and serve a simple meal for 36 is asked to 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.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL WORK CAMP Faith Ranch**

This year's Middle School work camp will be held at Faith Ranch July 29 - August 2. Faith Ranch is a

5,000 acre ranch in Jewett, Ohio. We will stay in one of the houses on the ranch.

We will leave Wednesday, July 29, at 3:00 p.m. and return Sunday, August 2, before 3:00 p.m. All students who have attended middle school this year are invited to join us. During our stay, we will perform various jobs around the ranch, such as painting, minor home repair, working in the kitchen and doing yard work. This is great preparation for those who plan to attend Mountain T.O.P. in the future. We will work on projects from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each day. In the afternoon and evenings there will be time to swim, ride horses, play games, take a hayride, participate in Bible study, daily devotions and meaningful worship.

The cost of the trip is \$130, which includes all the meals, materials and activities of the work week. Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance. Students interested in attending are asked to have their checks into the office by June 1. Students can earn money from the Spring flower sale for the trip, as well.

### **SCHEDULE OF YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES AND RETREATS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010**

As many of you begin planning for your children's Fall activities, we would like to give you the following information regarding the times and days of Bible studies, youth retreats and middle school fellowship. Our hope is that you will mark your calendars now and hopefully make time for your son or daughter to experience Bible study and Christian fellowship. With so many schools and activities, it is hard to find one day that works for everyone. We hope your son or daughter will be able to join us for some or all the youth activities open to them at Jerome UMC. Remember all activities are open to all students of the community. Students are always encouraged to invite their friends.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

BREAKAWAY will meet the fourth Monday of each month beginning September 27 and ending April 2010. Breakaway is for all students who are in middle school. Dinner is provided by one or more on the

parents of the group. We also have time of games, activities and Bible Study

THE RUSTY MACHINE- Middle School boys are invited to join Rusty Woerner at his home for pizza and Bible study the first Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. This will begin Monday, October 12, and continue through April 2010.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT – will be Saturday, November 14, at Kirkmont Center

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH**

OASIS- meets every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. at the church. All senior high students are invited to join us for pizza and Bible Study.

GRAPES- (Senior High Girl Bible study) meets the third Monday of the month, beginning October 19, at Denise's home from 7:30 p.m.-9:00p.m. for pizza and Bible Study.

SENIOR HIGH BOYS- meets the third Monday of the month, beginning October 19, at the home of Rusty Woerner. Join us for pizza and Bible study from 7:30 -9:00 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT- Friday, November 6-Sunday, November 8 at Faith Ranch

### **SPIRIT CAFÉ**

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

### **PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING**

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

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, April 2, 1:00 p.m. at the church. Leslie Herchline's sister-in-law, Shirley Herchline, has recently returned from a trip that followed in the steps of the Apostle

Paul and will speak about her travels. All women of the church are invited to attend.

## **RECREATION & FUN**

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, April 4, 7:30 a.m. This is open to all men of the church and their guests.

### **EUCHRE PARTY**

Sign up for the Friday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. euchre party (please note date change) in the church narthex. Wayne & Kathy Tummonds 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.

Thank You!

The Jerome United Methodist Women prove their love and charity every year. My thanks to Paul & Mary Henderlong for delivering my wonderful Valentine's day plate. I loved every morsel and the hands that prepared it.

Ellie Howes

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Dear Jerome Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent check of \$100. Your group is so faithful to the Free Store with your monetary donations, your wonderful weekly meal and

your special meals. Your volunteers, as well as donations to the store, are also so appreciated.

We love you guys,  
Sharon and Selena

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Thank you for all your prayers and love shown to my loving Sharon. I am ever so grateful for all the wonderful people known as Jerome United Methodist Church.

I know Sharon and I were new members at Jerome, but you all made us feel we were with old friends.

Maybe, just maybe, it could be when you're a Christian among Christians, you have so much more in common!

Yours in Christ,  
Ron Kemmerling

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## Thanks to....

- Kelly Transue for joining the Confirmation Class for the tour of the West Ohio office campus and the United Methodist Children's Home
- Gary & Kelly Transue for donating the fleece fabric for the blankets made by the Confirmation Class.
- Barb Keith for donating her printer for use in the church office
- Myra Brenneman, for her help assembling the March 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

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Adam Hartman
- 4/4 Jack Beatty
- 4/7 Brad Yates, Wayne Tummonds
- 4/8 Cheryl Reis, Joel Altfater,  
Ron Brenneman, Mike Allen
- 4/9 Dave Altfater
- 4/11 Stephen Spota
- 4/12 Gregg Rothermund, Jennifer Reis,  
Forrest Allbright
- 4/13 Marie Clark, David Bluestone, Brenda Warne
- 4/14 Maisy Lauer, Mitchell Eye
- 4/15 Andy Yates
- 4/16 Ann Woerner, Terry Woerner
- 4/18 Kristi Smith, Kristina Mark, Lyndsey Middlestead
- 4/19 Carol Kauffman, Mark Montee, Morgan Hayslip
- 4/21 Ed Kauffman, Kim Solomon, Julie Jackson
- 4/22 Regina Beatty, Nick Green
- 4/23 Rick Spain, Madeleine Breitmayer
- 4/24 George Reis, Ann Grove
- 4/25 Brandon Beyke, Austin Weaver
- 4/26 Joan Hayslip, Kendall Sestili, Phil Hammond
- 4/27 Aaron Plank
- 4/29 Ellen Erikson

# April Calendar

## Wednesday, April 1

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

## Thursday, April 2

1:00pm United Methodist Women meeting  
7:00pm Serendipity  
8:00pm Band rehearsal

## Friday, April 3

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

## Saturday, April 4

7:30am Men's breakfast at Der Dutchman  
10:00am Easter musical dress rehearsal  
Habitat for Humanity tennis fundraiser

## Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday

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  
noon Jerome Ringers rehearsal  
7:00pm Easter Musical

## Monday, April 6

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting  
7:00pm Frogs & Toads – women's book discussion/Karen Guthrie's

## Tuesday, April 7

7:00pm Finance Committee meeting

## Wednesday, April 8

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

## Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday

6:30pm Band rehearsal  
7:30pm Maundy Thursday worship service

## Friday, April 10 – Good Friday

3:30pm Soup for the Soul  
7:30pm Good Friday worship service

## Saturday, April 11

8:00am Recycling pick up

## Sunday, April 12 - Easter

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery  
9:30am Easter breakfast  
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

## Monday, April 13

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

## Tuesday, April 14

7:00pm Administrative Council meeting

## Wednesday, April 15

9:45am Serendipity  
Honduras mission trip fundraiser – Max & Erma's  
5:30pm Twist  
7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Oasis  
8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

## Thursday, April 16

7:00pm Serendipity (last class)  
8:00pm Band rehearsal

## Friday, April 17

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

## Sunday, April 19

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery  
9:30am Fellowship time  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
9:45am Debbie Trego Brazil mission presentation - sanctuary  
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church  
noon Junior handbell rehearsal  
12:15pm Board of Trustees meeting (office conference room)  
12:15pm Media in Worship meeting  
1:00pm Flea Market set up and item drop off

## Monday, April 20

9-7:00 Flea Market drop off and pricing  
7:30pm G.R.A.P.E.S. high school girls Bible study at Denise's

## Tuesday, April 21

9-8:00 Flea Market drop off and pricing  
7:00pm Mission and Vision Team meeting

## Wednesday, April 22

9-8:00 Flea Market drop off and pricing  
9:45am Serendipity  
7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Oasis  
8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

## Thursday, April 23

9-8:00 Flea Market drop off and pricing  
7:00pm Serendipity  
8:00pm Band rehearsal in music room

## Friday, April 24

3:30pm Soup for the Soul  
4-7:00pm Flea Market pre-sale for JUMC Church family

## Saturday, April 25

8-3:00pm Flea Market

**Sunday, April 26**

- 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
- noon Junior handbell rehearsal
- 3-7pm Mountain T.O.P. retreat

**Monday, April 27**

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

**Wednesday, April 29**

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

**Thursday, April 30**

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

# CIRCLE OF CONCERN

BEREAVEMENT:

- Elliott family (Ruth's mother, Helen Hartman)
- Grove family (Ann's father, Dean Miller)
- Weaver family (Kim's uncle, Wayne Roberts)
- family and friends of Medrith Carson

HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Ashley Barr
- Regina Beatty
- Ernie Bein (Gloria Brooks)
- Ruth Bush (Marilyn Trux)
- Marjene Caldwell
- Marcia Keller (Chris McDowell's mother)
- Herb Harsh (Steve Harsh)
- Sue Leone (Jane Green's mother)
- John Manker
- Steve Mark
- Merydythe McDaniel (Lisa Hoppe's mother)
- Anna McKinney (Dax & Rosemary Pitts)
- Jennifer Mills' mother
- Doris Millspaugh
- Beverly Nickelson (Becky Neill)
- Nancy Pimm
- Kathy Smith

- Peggy Sprott (Sherrie Moore's mother)
- Eva Tobin (Steve & Diana Harsh)
- Andrea Trux (Andy's mother)
- Marian Webb
- Barb Wilcox
- Andrew Zanko

HOMEBOUND:

- Forrest & Ginny Albright

NURSING HOME:

- Loran Faulk
- Lee Schacherbauer
- 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)
- Cody Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Seth Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Michael Moran (Marla Anderson)
- Jordan Neill
- Jason Tummonds
- Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

MISSIONARIES:

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

**ATTENTION****GREETING CARD SAVERS**

Do you have old greeting cards lying around in your desk drawers? The Missions Committee has a project they could possibly be used for. If you would like to donate old greeting cards (no Christmas cards are needed at this time) you may put them in the basket in the church lobby. Sharon Dunn can explain more about the project to you. Thanks for all you do.

# APRIL VOLUNTEERS

## GREETERS

4/5 8:30 Bob & Becky Neill  
10:45 Soctt & Cara Hanhart  
4/12 8:30 Charlie & Wendy Bynner  
10:45 Carl & Ellen Erkison  
4/19 8:30 Ron & Myra Brenneman  
10:45 Rob & Sara Meriweather  
4/26 8:30 Sharon Dunn  
10:45 Chris & Sarah Holcomb

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS

	<b>Inside</b>	<b>Outside</b>
4/5 8:30	Laurel Benefiel	DeeAnn King
10:45	Kathy Feightner	Tom Montgomery
4/12 8:30	Stephanie Middlestead	Tom Pierce
10:45	June Booher	Sandy Montee
4/19 8:30	Vickie Dicesare	Tom Pierce
10:45	Sarah Holcomb	Steve Mark
4/26 8:30	Laurel Benefiel	DeeAnn King
10:45	Barb Keith	Jan Manring

## USHERS

4/5 8:30 David & Madeleine Breitmayer  
10:45 Andy & Marilyn Trux  
4/12 8:30 Randy & Amy Page  
10:45 Kim & Scott Weaver  
4/19 8:30 Scott & Melanie Danhof  
10:45 Woody & Jane Green  
4/26 8:30 Wayne & Kathy Tummonds  
10:45 Don & Gail Lambie

## ACOLYTES – 9:00AM

4/5 Seth Transue  
4/12 Nick Page  
4/19 Abbi Clark  
4/26 Madilyn Zimmerman

## SCRIPTURE READERS

4/5 8:30 Ruth Elliott  
10:45 Jan Manring  
4/12 8:30 Kathy Hoover  
10:45 Steve Mark

4/19 8:30 Carol Kauffman  
10:45 Kim Weaver  
4/26 8:30 Kathy Tummonds  
10:45 Chip Seely

## FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS

4/5 9:30 Martha Morley & Tom Pierce  
10:45 Michael & Kelli Kerns  
4/12 9:30 Easter Breakfast – Fellowship Committee  
4/19 9:30 Bob & Becky Neill  
10:45 Jerry & Sarah Koenig  
4/26 9:30 Mathew & Hayley Neumeier  
10:45 Don & Gail Lambie

## ALTAR FLOWERS

4/5 Myra Brenneman – in honor of Ron's birthday  
4/12 Todd & Vicki Bowman – in memory of  
Scott D. Bowman  
4/19 Roger & Becky Hayslip – in honor of  
Morgan's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday  
4/26 Mindy & Jon Kundtz – celebrating 32 blissful  
years of marriage

## CHILDREN'S NURSERY

4/5 8:30 Hayley Neumeier  
9:45 Tom Montgomery  
10:45 Brenda Hancock  
4/12 8:30 Randy Page  
9:45 Mike Anderson  
10:45 Amy Plank  
4/19 8:30 Lynn Boston  
9:45 Tom Montgomery  
10:45 Anne Allen  
4/26 8:30 Becky Neill  
9:45 Mike Anderson  
10:45 Amy Smith

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS 8:30 service

	Teacher	Shepherd
4/5	Donna Montgomery	Jennifer Sonnenberg
4/12	Donna Montgomery	Amy Page
4/19	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead
4/26	Donna Montgomery	Abagael Clark

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEERS  
10:45 service**

**Pre-K**

Teacher	Shepherd
4/5 Donna Montgomery	Tracy Moldovan
4/12 Open	Amy Daniels
4/19 Donna Montgomery	Tracy Moldovan
4/26 Janel Bolte	Michelle Pettit

**Elementary**

4/5 Greg Jaudzems	Erica Pettit
4/12 Kathleen Rose	Lori Greiner
4/19 Becky Hayslip	Roger Hayslip
4/26 Sarah Holcomb	April Keiffer

4/2 Scott Sonnenberg  
4/9 Valerie Altfater  
4/16 Penny Sullivan  
4/23 Kathy Smith

**FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP**

4/5 Bob Warne  
4/12 Sonnenberg family  
4/19 Bowman family  
4/26 Bryan family

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