

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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Treasures of the Transformed Life

Are you satisfied with your life? Really satisfied? It's often said that Christians have every reason in the world to be optimistic. We know that God is on our side, after all, and according to Romans 8:28, God has promised to work all things for our good because we love Him. And yet, if we're really honest about it, we would admit that life can still be a challenge. Days can still seem ho-hum, rather than the awesome adventure we secretly long for. Ever been there? Ever thirsted for more? If so, here's the exciting news you've been waiting for: Our church family is about to embark on a forty-day study that can literally change the way you feel about prayer, church attendance, acts of service, and even financial giving. By the time it's all said and done, you'll be able to see your relationship with God in a whole new way. So where do you come in? First of all, know that the church-wide study will include the Sunday morning sermon beginning Sunday, October 12. You'll also have the opportunity to read a book called *Treasures of the Transformed Life*, with forty days of lessons and insights that can help you define just what it is you're really thirsty for—and how to go about satisfying that thirst. The books will be available in mid-September and cost \$12 each. In addition to study you will be given the opportunity to openly discuss what you're learning during weekly small group meetings. There will be several groups to choose from and the groups will meet at different times so you can choose the one that best fits your schedule. Small groups are a great way to make new friends in the church, talk together about what you are reading, 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 7. Please plan now to be a part of this church-wide opportunity to grow in faith and stretch your spirit.

Rev. Gloria Brooks

GRANDPARENTS' SUNDAY

Sunday, September 21 will be Grandparent's Sunday at Jerome Church. This will be a special time to honor our Grandparents.

Please invite your Grandparents to worship with you. If you don't have Grandparents in the area, or they can't come for a visit, "adopt" a Grandparent for the day. Perhaps you might even want to invite them to lunch with you after the service.

We'd like to have pictures of you at any age with your Grandparents, even if they can't be with us for Grandparent's Sunday. Pictures need to be clear and can be up to 8x10. Please bring them to church (identify from whom these pictures come so they can be returned to you) or e-mail them to Gloria at kw93@columbus.rr.com by Sunday, September 14 so we can have them ready for the big screen!

Grandpa Rev. Steve Harsh will be the preacher for Grandparent's Sunday.

Please join us for this special time of worship which has become a favorite of the Jerome congregation.

FALL FESTIVAL / TAILGATE

Saturday, October 4, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for great food, entertainment, a silent auction and at 8:00 p.m., cheer on the Buckeyes against Wisconsin. The game will be projected on the big screen. Watch upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.

FAMILY MATTERS

Sermon Series for September

Sunday, September 7

“It Takes More Than Four Walls
to Make a Home”

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Communion Sunday

Rev. Gloria Brooks

Sunday, September 14

“Raising a G-Rated Family
in an R-Rated World”

I Peter 1:13-25

Rev. Gloria Brooks

Sunday, September 21

“Grandparents Sunday”

Rev. Steve Harsh

Sunday, September 28

“Our Spiritual Family”

Daniel 3:8-15

Pastor Roger Gorden

Please join us for worship each Sunday in September at 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages. A nursery is provided all morning for children birth through age 2.

Come enjoy Bible based sermons, wonderful music, and great fellowship as we grow together in relationship with God and one another. Invite your family and friends to come to church with you. They are only an invitation away!

for Appalachia Service Project

Sunday, October 3

Mid October will find nineteen adult mission volunteers headed for Hazard, Kentucky to serve families in tremendous need so that they will not have to face another winter in cold, leaky and unsafe homes....insuring that ASP goals of affordable, safe, sanitary housing is a basic human right for all God's people.

All past trips have been totally funded by the generosity of each participant. Rising costs of supplies, gas and food is dictating that each participant be responsible for at least \$200. Yet, lately far more than time, strenuous labor and this required fee has been involved for these servants.

Last year one team found themselves assigned to fix up a quickly deteriorating bathroom. A new bath tub was required, as was a new underfloor for support of this new tub. Meanwhile, another crew was engaged in replacing a few rotten boards on a collapsing deck which served as an entry way into the home. Here all boards were unsafe due to 30 years of exposure to the elements but only minimal replacement boards were available. Each project required \$400 to correctly solve the problems....and this amount was provided from the deep pockets of our loyal servants.

It is with stories such as these in your heart that you are invited to participate in a LOVE OFFERING for ASP on World Communion Sunday, October 3. The monies received will help defray the cost for materials that will be required to finish projects while the Jerome Mission Team assists families in need in rural Kentucky. In order to continue with the high quality of work being performed, we need your help! Remembering that this offering is over and above regular offerings and pledges, please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the ASP LOVE OFFERING! If writing a check, please make it payable to Jerome United Methodist Church with ASP on the memo line.

In Christ's name,

Lynn Boston

Mission Committee Chairperson

“You are the salt of the earth.” Matthew 5:13

LOVE OFFERING

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

ASP Final meeting...

...for all who will be participating in the October ASP trip to Kentucky: October 6, 7:00 p.m. at the church. If you are unable to attend, please contact Kathy Feightner @ 771-2437.

Dublin Food Pantry

The Dublin Food Pantry is in need of the following items: assorted dried beans: northern, pinto, and black; canned beans: kidney, northern, black and pinto, refried beans, oatmeal, rice, Tex-Mex foods, taco shells, tortillas, flour, salsa, hot peppers. These items are always needed at the pantry, but not usually available from the pantry's food supplier. There will be a collection box in the narthex for donated food items. Please call Melinda Bryan (793-0311) if you have any questions.

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 of All People to serve. We leave our church promptly at 3:30 p.m. each Friday, returning by 6:00 p.m.

PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Screening

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

Exciting News!

Mark Your Calendars!!

New JUMC Directory Coming Soon!!!

We are currently preparing for a new Jerome United Methodist Church Directory. Mark your calendars for October 28, 29, 30, 31, and November 1st, 2008. The proposed times are as follows: (times and days are subject to change)

Tuesday through Thursday 3-9:30 p.m.

Saturday 10:00-5:00 p.m.

We hope that everyone in the congregation will participate. The pictorial directory is a great way to get to know the families of the congregation. It helps new persons who come to Jerome to get to know us, too. The directory will not be complete without YOU! We will have a table set up at the end of September to begin sign ups. The time slots are arranged according to your family size. It is our hope to have your pictures ready within 30 days after your photography session. Any sheet you order should be ready before Christmas. Special requests may take a longer period of time. You are not required to purchase pictures to be a part of our church directory. Each person or family that has their picture taken will receive an 8x10 picture free.

Not available for a picture?? No problem! If you are not available during our scheduled photography days, you may send in a Kodak picture. We will not be able to accept any professional pictures from any other photographers or studios. Your picture will be shown on a Not Available for Picture page. Please print your name on the back of the picture and send it to the church office – attention Leslie Zimmerman – by October 28.

This is an exciting time as we prepare for our new directory. We look forward to seeing your beautiful smiles on picture day!

Leslie Zimmerman

COMMITTEE UPDATES

MEMORIAL & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The Donald E. and Marylou Bynner Scholarship and The John V. and Virginia P. Johnson Scholarship for 2008 have been awarded from the Memorial and Endowment Fund of the Jerome United Methodist Church. The amount of each scholarship is \$1,500.00. The recipients are Laura Hill and Brian Johnson, both of Asbury Theological Seminary of Wilmore, Kentucky. We received ten applications, seven from Asbury and three from Methesco.

Laura Ann Hill is from Clarkston, Michigan and has a B.A. Degree from Michigan State University in Psychology. Laura works at Asbury in the office of advancement. This will be her final year and she will graduate in May of 2009. Laura's two passions are to make disciples of all individuals so that they may grow in their love and trust in Christ and to help the local church to reach out in service, both locally and globally. She plans to work in the Detroit area as a minister in a local church. Laura had three letters of recommendation and all three stress her dedication, motivation and high standards.

Brian Johnson will also graduate from Asbury in 2009. He is a graduate of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. He majored in Art and History. Brian works in the administrative offices of Asbury and is married. He was born and raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Brian wants to work in campus ministry for a while after seminary, then move into a pastorate in a local United Methodist Church.

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. Most of our endowed funds are presently invested in the United Methodist Development Fund of New York City. We receive an average of 6% 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. Interest rates are not as high this year, so our interest income is down. Any contributions to our existing endowed funds will increase our principal and increase our earnings so that more help may be given to the areas of most need.

Charlie Bynner, Chairman

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 Medrith Carson, 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 Misty Murray, Brant Hanhart
- 9/18 Madison Beyke
- 9/19 Adam Headlee
- 9/20 Randy Palmer, Chris Weible
- 9/21 Kevin Conway, Tyler Conway
- 9/22 Meredith Hancock
- 9/23 Jennifer Kundtz, Madilyn Zimmerman
- 9/25 Mark Solomon, Josh Transue
- 9/26 Cara Hanhart, Bob Murphy
- 9/28 Sam Steuerwald, James Montgomery
- 9/29 Michelle Pettit

Music Ministry
John Holsinger

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CHANCEL CHOIR

All who love to sing are invited to join the Chancel Choir. Chancel Choir is a traditional SATB Chorus that rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00. Our first rehearsal is set for Wednesday, August 27, in the Music Room. We will sing on September 7, for the 8:30 worship. Come and lend your voice to praise God.

HIGHER GROUND

Thank you for a wonderful summer of worship. We have added several new songs to our play list and will continue to seek out new material that will enhance our worship experience.

* Rehearsals will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

JEROME RINGERS

The adult handbell choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 8:00-9:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Our first rehearsal is set for Wednesday, August 27, in the Music Room. We will ring on September 28, for the 8:30 worship.

FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

We are presently making plans for Jerome Christmas. We will use live accompaniment for our program this year. We also have opportunities for those who play wind, string and percussion instruments to participate in worship throughout the year.

YOUTH HANDBELLS

Youth handbells are open to grades four through eight. We are planning our first rehearsal for this group of young ringers. We rehearse on Sundays at noon, and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:15.

Please contact John for more information.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Children's Music will again be offered as part of TWIST. Two age levels of music will be offered. Singing and ringing will be included in our sessions. Our first TWIST will be held on Wednesday, September 17.

Please contact John for more information.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS

Believing that one person can make a difference and that God must need you to do what you do, Harvey Hook has written The Power of an Ordinary Life, which we will read and study this Fall.

Harvey Hook is regional director for The Gathering, an organization that addresses the moral, ethical, and spiritual needs of business people.

Please join us as we gain inspiration and insights into our missions in life.

Mary Jo Edwards

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 'HOT TOPICS'

Reverend Steve Harsh and Chuck Dyer will lead a new class called "Hot Topics" beginning Sunday, September 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the education wing. The response to the class at Breakfast in the Woods was so favorable that we have decided to continue it this Fall. Each week the class will discuss a contemporary/relevant/current topic and what scripture tells us about it. The first round of discussion will come from the book Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White by Adam Hamilton. Participants are encouraged to buy the book for class. However, it is not required to participate. Look for upcoming topics in your weekly bulletin and via the inphonet.

ADULT BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning September 7, Dr. Robert Guthrie will lead the Adult Bible Class. This class is a combination of lecture and discussion. If you are interested in learning more about the Bible, both historically and what it says about living a Christian life, or if you are new to the church or Christian faith or just need a place to get connected to God, we encourage you to visit this class.

ATTENTION - PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN!

You are invited to join "The Lounge" Sunday School class for breakfast on September 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the choir room. If you haven't attended before, you will learn more about our class and our upcoming studies, and hopefully meet some new friends.

We will begin our first study on September 14. "Free Market Jesus", by Donald Miller, is a video series illustrating how our culture serves as a lens for our understanding of Christianity and why scripture is still relevant in our modern culture.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions or want further information, please contact Amy Plank at aaplank@yahoo.com or call 740-990-8137.

SERENDIPTY DAYTIME

Serendipity Daytime is a women's Bible/discussion group that meets on Wednesday mornings, 9:45-11:30 a.m. at the church. Women of all ages and walks of faith participate in the group. We have read such books as The Purpose Driven Life, You Matter More Than You Think and In The Dust Of The Rabbi.

Women of the church who plan to be part of the Serendipity class are invited to join us Wednesday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. for brunch at Denise Gorden's home, 7866 Harriott Road. Please bring a dish to share. Please call Denise at 873-8851 or email her by September 5 at SWAJUMC@aol.com if you plan to attend.

Our first class will be held Wednesday, September 17, 9:45 a.m. at the church. We will read The Organic God by Margaret Feinberg. The book is about

developing an 'organic' relationship with God. We, as a society, are very focused on adding things to God rules, regulations and expectations. In The Organic God, Margaret Feinberg lays it all out and expresses our need to clear away the clutter and pollutants to see God for who He truly is. The author's chapters beautifully detail God's character with titles such as: 'amazingly wise, 'outrageously generous' 'surprisingly talkative,' and 'wildly infallible.' Each week the class will begin with a video, followed by study and discussion.

The author gives examples from her own life of how God has answered, intervened and aided her throughout the years. Readers will be drawn in, not only by the author's superb writing, but by the undeniably wonderful picture that she paints of God, who truly loves and cares for each of us. Feinberg has been named one of the "thirty Emerging Voices" of Christian leaders under age forty by Charisma Magazine.

The cost of the book is \$12 and the work book is \$7. If you would like to have these items ordered for you, please sign up in the church lobby or call Denise. If you are new to our church family or feel like you need a connection with the church family, please join us.

SERENDIPTY NIGHT TIME

Anita Norris will lead a five week video/discussion group beginning Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. on the study "In The Dust of the Rabbi" by Ray Vander Laan. Filmed in Israel and Turkey, this study takes you on a journey to the ancient world of Jesus and his disciples. The study not only provides you with historical information, but also talks about what it means to be a Disciple of Christ.

Both men and women are welcome to this study. The cost of the book is \$9 and books are available in the church office. Please have the first chapter read by the first class. If you have any questions, call Denise at 873-8851.

Jerome United Methodist Church

Connecting Kids to Christ and Christian Community
Donna Montgomery
Director of Children's Ministries
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PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 7, 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. All people involved in education ministries will be dedicated at either service that day.

SUNDAY MORNING KIDCONNECTIONS

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 Christian 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 8 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. The more the better. 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

Teachers to be announced

Fourth and Fifth Grade room 106

Linda Pettit and Nancy Ikels



There are 4 adult Sunday school classes, including "The Lounge" that is geared for parents of younger children and meets in room 104. 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 COMING ...SEPTEMBER 17

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS 5:30 – 7:00

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.

We will begin Twist on September 17 and we will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month after that. Twist includes music, a meal, a simple Bible lesson, service projects, games, and is for families with Preschool and Elementary children. Contact Donna Montgomery 873-8483 for more information or to RSVP. Friends are encouraged, as well.

VBS THANK YOU!

We had a POWERFUL Vacation Bible School week in August, thanks to over 50 people who helped

pull it all together. 95 different children were involved in the week's activities, ending in an amazing science show from Greg Jaudzems (alias: Professor) and Paul Detwiler. 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.



VBS ON A MISSION

Thank you for all who supported the VBS missions this year. Two large tubs were overflowing by the end of the week with supplies for our local mission, the Plain City Food Pantry, and our international mission, children's vitamins for Honduras.

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)

FROM THE MINISTER OF

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rob and Sara Meriweather will join Bill Bryan in leading the Senior High Sunday School. Rob and Sara have been attending our church for over a year. They have a son, Jackson, who was born last December. Sara serves on the Board of Trustees and is a member of the church's softball team. Rob serves on the Administrative Board. Rob and Sara are excited about participating in this very important ministry.

On September 7, Bill Bryan will begin the year with a study using clips from the television show 'Joan of Arcadia'.

SIGN UP PROCEDURE FOR UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Beginning in September, we will no longer post sign up sheets for youth events and retreats at the church. One of the main reasons is that students sign up for events without their parent's permission. Our other goal is for people to sign up via email or phone for the various events. Email messages regarding various events will be sent to parents. By just hitting the reply button and writing a quick note, parents can inform Denise if their son or daughter will be attending. Please adhere to the deadline for each event. This helps us enormously with planning.

MIDDLE SCHOOL KICKOFF PIZZA AND BOWLING PARTY

The Middle School Kickoff will be on Sunday 14. We will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. for a trip to Plain City Lane for bowling and pizza. We will return at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$13, which includes all you can bowl, shoes and all the pizza you can eat! We will also need adults to help drive and supervise the event. If your son or daughter would like to attend, please EMAIL Denise at SWAJUMC@aol.com or call her at 873-8851 by September 10. All students will need updated permission slips for 2008-2009. Permission slips will be available in the office or by email.

Thanks to two families of our congregation, who wish to remain anonymous, the church now has wireless internet connections. This enables the Staff to all be on line at the same time, as well as providing us

with faster access then dial up. It has been a long time dream of the staff fulfilled!!

COLLECTING TOILETRIES FOR THE FREE STORE

The United Methodist Free Store provides clothing and household items to people who are in need. The Free Store is located on Parsons Avenue in downtown Columbus. The Church for All People is adjacent to the Free Store, which is where we serve Soup For the Soul every Friday.

The Free Store also provides toiletries to people in need on daily basis, such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and combs. If you have any of these items that you may have picked up at hotels or perhaps the Dollar Store and would like to donate to the Free Store, please bring them to the church office year round. If you have any questions, call Melinda Murphy at 766-9002.

FALL PREVIEW OF YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

Bible studies and fellowship opportunities will begin in the fall. More information about those will be in the next newsletter. Here are the dates they will begin. Please mark your calendars now with these important dates.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Boys Only Bible Study- Will meet at Rusty Woerner's home at 11111 Jerome Road for Bible study, pizza and dessert on the second Monday of the month beginning October 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Buckeye Angels (Girls Only Bible Study) will meet at Denise Gorden's home, 7866 Harriott Road, for Bible study, pizza and dessert the second Monday of the month beginning October 13 at 7:30 p.m.

BREAKAWAY-Middle School fellowship which includes dinner, Bible Study and activities for both boys and girls will meet the fourth Monday of the month 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the church beginning Monday, September 29. Parents are asked to sign up to provide a dinner for twenty students for the 8 or 9 meetings during the school year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL- Will begin on Sunday September 7 at 9:45 a.m. Join for the introduction of a new curriculum, "GRAPPLE." Students will have the ability to interact with students of the class and teacher on the computer through a secure network during the week. However, computer participation is not necessary to be part of the class.

FALL RETREAT- This year's retreat will be held at Camp Wesley November 1-2. We will leave the church at 1:00 p.m. Saturday and return by 2:00p.m. Sunday. During the retreat there is study, worship and plenty of fun activities scheduled for students to experience God and Christian Fellowship. Look for sign ups in October. Parent volunteers are needed to help chaperone the retreat. See Denise if you can help. Camp Wesley is located in Bellefontaine.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Boys Only Bible Study- Will meet on the third Monday of the month, beginning October 20, at the home of Rusty Woerner, 11111 Jerome Road for pizza, dessert and Bible study at 7:30 p.m.

G.R.A.P.E.S. (Girls Only Bible Study)- Will meet at the home of Denise Gorden for pizza, dessert and Bible study on the third Monday of the month beginning October 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL- Will begin Sunday, September 7 at 9:45 a.m. The class meets in the Teen Room.

FALL RETREAT- Will be held at Faith Ranch Friday-Sunday, November 8-10. Faith Ranch is a Christian Ranch in Jewett, Ohio. During our stay, we will experience God through study, worship and Christian fellowship, which includes horseback riding, hayrides, and chuck wagon lunch and barn games. Look for sign ups in October.

SPIRIT CAFÉ

Sunday mornings 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Both middle school and high school students are invited to join us at the Spirit Café beginning September 7. Donuts, bagels, hot chocolate and juice are served from 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Parents are asked to take turns providing three dozen donuts and/or two gallons of juice each week. Look for the sign up sheet in the church lobby or call Denise if you would like to provide the food for any given week.

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.

RECREATION & FUN

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, September 6, 7:30 A.M. This is open to all men of the church and their guests. Sign up on the rolling bulletin board if you plan to attend.

EUCHRE PARTY

Sign up for the euchre party on Friday, September 12, 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.

SILVER SINGLES

Plans are to travel to Roscoe Village on Tuesday, September 16. Sign up in the narthex if you would like to go. We would love to have more Silver Singles join us for these fun times. Call Martha Morley, 614-873-8158, for information, ideas, or questions.

Thank You!

Thank you, Jerome Church for the donations of food collected for the Dublin Food Pantry. We delivered 154 pounds of food!

Melinda Bryan

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To our church family,

Many thanks for all the well wishes, cards and calls as we welcomed Evan into our family. We are thrilled that he is here and a part of our family – and the Jerome Church family.

Special thanks to the Jerome softball team for all the yummy meals and the generous gift card.

God bless,

Randy, Amy, Nick, Claire, and Evan Page

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Dear M & E Committee,

Thank you so very much for selecting me to receive your scholarship. I am so grateful.

I am humbled to see the ways in which God is providing for my time at Asbury. Thank you for being an instrument of his provision and blessing in my life.

Sincerely,
Laura Hill

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Dear Pastor Brooks,

The Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross would like to sincerely thank you for hosting a bloodmobile held at the Jerome United Methodist Church on May 3.

With your support of donating the use of your facility, the Red Cross was again able to have a successful blood drive and thereby was able to assist in providing blood and blood products to area patients.

Goal 25.....Units collected 31

Sincerely,
Marjorie Morley
Blood Services Coordinator

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for gift of hospitality for the roofing volunteers for the United Methodist Children's Home. Your hospitality and financial support has made this such a successful project. You are providing the essential charitable support that makes up the gap in funding from governmental agencies 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,
Rev. Stephen Putka, MA, M. Div.
Director of Spiritual Life & Development

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Thanks to....

- Jeff Allen who has been updating our website. Look for the updated website in a few weeks. We thank Tara and Andy Keller who have maintained our website over the past several years.

- the Koenig famil, who hosted the UMYF pool party at their home last month.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

BEREAVEMENT

- family and friends of Elaine Stergiou
- Pat & Clark Breading (Pat's brother, Bob Lathrop)
- Kathy & Roy Helms (Kathy's mother, Geraldine Rausch)
- family of Ashton Fink (Joe Sullivan's grand-nephew)

HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Forrest & Ginny Albright
- Taj Brown (Terry Woerner)
- Maxine Evans (Joan Hayslip)
- Loran Faulk
- John Feightner (Kathy Feightner)
- Charlene Foreman (Jan Manring)
- Joan Hayslip
- John & Esther Manker
- Charlie Miller
- Dottie Neill
- Evelyn Woerner
- Bob Woodard (Chip Seely)
- Andrew Zanko

NURSING HOME:

- Medrith Carson

MILITARY:

- Kelleigh & Brad Bennett (Kristi Smith)
- Beau Castilla
- Willy & Betsey Griffith (Kristi Smith)
- 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
- Ben Potts (Mattmiller family)
- Brian Doyle-Wenger (Dave & Valerie Altfater)
- Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

MISSIONARIES:

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

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS

9/7 8:30 Dick & Joan Hayslip
10:45 Rusty & Terry Woerner
9/14 8:30 Al & Joni Clark
10:45 Roger & Becky Hayslip
9/21 8:30 Robert & Karen Guthrie
10:45 Bruce & Leslie Lauer
9/28 8:30 Valerie Bowerman
10:45 Kathy Feightner

USHERS

9/7 8:30 King family
10:45 Woody & Jane Green
9/14 8:30 Paul & Mary Henderlong
10:45 Gary & Kathy Grauer
9/21 8:30 Mathew & Hayley Neumeier
10:45 Brian & Julie Jackson
9/28 8:30 Jud & Kathy Smith
10:45 Paul & Shelly Detwiler

SCRIPTURE READERS

9/7 8:30 Katie King
10:45 Steve Roggenkamp
9/14 8:30 Charlie King
10:45 Tom Boyd
9/21 8:30 Ed Kauffman
10:45 Jon Pettit
9/28 8:30 Brenda Warne
10:45 Terry Woerner

ACOLYTES – 9:00AM

9/7 Holly King
9/14 Nick & Ben Yost
9/21 Ushers
9/28 Ushers

ALTAR FLOWERS

9/7 Denise Gorden – in honor of Roger's birthday and

Jarrold's birthday
9/14 Jud & Kathy Smith – in honor of our wedding anniversary
9/21 Open – call church office if you would like to donate the flowers for this week
9/28 Pettit family – in honor of Michelle's birthday

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

9/7 8:30 Janet Wilkie
10:45 Sheri Hartman
9/14 8:30 Janet Wilkie
10:45 Sheri Hartman
9/21 8:30 Sharon Dunn
10:45 Marla Moore
9/28 8:30 Sharon Dunn
10:45 Marla Moore

FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS

9/7 9:30 Ron & Myra Brenneman
10:30 Dave & Jan Boone
9/14 9:30 Charlie & Wendy Bynner
10:30 Tom Boyd
9/21 9:30 Mike & Marie Clark
10:30 Bill & Melinda Bryan
9/28 9:30 Al & Joni Clark
10:30 Amy Bucklin and June Booher

FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP

9/7 Bob Warne
9/14 Sonnenberg family
9/21 Bowman family
9/28 Bryan family

PANERA BREAD/ SOUP FOR THE SOUL PICK UP VOLUNTEERS

9/7 Scott Sonnenberg
9/14 Valerie Altfater
9/21 Esther Manker
9/28 Kathy Smith

September Calendar

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day
Church office closed

Wednesday, September 3
10:00am Serendipity brunch at Denise Gorden's
7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Adult handbell rehearsal

Thursday, September 4
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, September 5
3:30pm Soup for the Soul
6:30pm Vacation Bible School

Saturday, September 6
7:30am Men's breakfast

Sunday, September 7
8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time
9:45am Sunday school for all ages
10:30am Fellowship time
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

Monday, September 8
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

Tuesday, September 9
7:00pm H.O.W. Team meeting

Wednesday, September 10
10:00am Serendipity brunch at Denise's
7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Adult handbell rehearsal

Thursday, September 11
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, September 12
3:30pm Soup for the Soul
7:00pm Euchre party

Sunday, September 14
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

4:30pm UMYF Kick-Off – meet at the church to go bowling

Monday, September 15
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

Tuesday, September 16
9-4pm Beyond the Barrier work shop
Silver Singles Roscoe Village trip – meet at church

Wednesday, September 17
9:45am Serendipity
5:30pm Twist
7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Adult handbell rehearsal

Thursday, September 18
7:00pm Serendipity
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, September 19
3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, September 21
8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time
9:45am Sunday school for all ages
10:30am Fellowship time
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

Monday, September 22
6:30pm Breakaway – fellowship hall
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

Wednesday, September 24
9:45am Serendipity
7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Adult handbell rehearsal

Thursday, September 25
7:00pm Serendipity
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, September 26
3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, September 28
8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time
9:45am Sunday school for all ages
10:30am Fellowship time
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

Monday, September 29
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

