

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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

## APRIL 2010

### **Alleluia! He Is Risen!**

To travel through the Church year is like revisiting our family history. We note generation after generation, recalling the important events and giving thanks for those whose faithful living created the traditions we cherish. Much as old photographs help us remember our ancestors, the colors, symbols and celebrations of Church seasons help us remember our ancestors. The colors, symbols and celebrations of Church seasons help us remember the heritage of our faith. As we come to the end of the Lenten Season, we move to Easter, the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, and the claiming, through faith in Christ, of victory and new life for ourselves.

The color of Easter is white, symbolizing the purity and sinlessness of Christ and the bright light of God's grace as it breaks through the dark loneliness of our sin; life in conflict with God's hope and will for each of us.

Many persons prefer to move from the celebrations of Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday right to the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. But there is much that happened to Jesus in the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We remember Christ's time with his disciples in the Upper Room on the day we now call Maundy Thursday with the celebration of the Passover meal. At the end of the meal Jesus foretold his death by taking bread from the table, breaking it, blessing it, and telling his disciples "*This is my body broken for you. Take and eat and remember me.*" Then Jesus took the cup,

blessed it and gave it to the disciples saying, "*Drink from this all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*" After the meal was over Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. It was in that garden that Jesus was arrested. On Friday he was crucified and laid in a borrowed tomb. There he stayed until the glorious resurrection on Easter morn.

Yes, it is more comfortable to move from the celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on to the marvelous celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter. But celebrating all of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection is important to the understanding of this wonderful season of the Church. Therefore, for the fullest blessing, involvement in the darkest moments of Lent is as important as celebrating Christ's resurrection on Easter.

I invite you to participate in the many services and fellowship opportunities that have been planned during Holy Week, March 28 – April 4. Your participation leads to a Church overflowing with the Spirit and gives witness to our community that Christ lives. The Holy Week, Easter, and fellowship opportunities include:

**Palm Sunday, March 28:** Both the 8:30 and 10:45 services will be held in Fellowship Hall with a "Palm Processional" by our children to begin each service and beautiful music by the Chancel Choir (8:30) and the Higher Ground Praise Band (10:45).

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Rev. Brook's sermon is titled "From Parade to Passion: Jesus' Journey to the Cross," based on Matthew 21:1-9; 26:36-46.

**Palm Sunday at 4:00 p.m.:** The Festival Choir and Festival Orchestra will present "*No More Night*" with music directed by John Holsinger and drama written and directed by Rev. Steve Harsh. Childcare will be provided for children infants through age 5.

**Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.:** Join us for experiential contemporary worship in the Fellowship Hall, led by Rev. Steve Harsh and the Youth and Young Adults, with music by the Higher Ground Praise Band. This service will include foot washing or hand washing, if you prefer. Childcare will be provided for children, infants through age 5.

**Good Friday, April 2 at noon:** The Good Friday Cross Walk, sponsored by the Dublin Clergy Association, will begin at noon from the south parking lot of Dublin Coffman High School and end at the Dublin Community Church, where a brief service will follow. The Cross Walk is a way of saying to the world that Good Friday is not "just another day," but the day that Jesus gave his life for us.

**Good Friday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m.:** A very moving Tennebrae service of light and darkness, scripture and music, will be held in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will provide special music. Childcare will be provided for children, birth through age 5.

**Easter Sunday, April 4:** Both the 8:30 and 10:45 Worship Celebrations will be in the Fellowship Hall with music by the Chancel Choir at 8:30 and the Higher Ground Praise Band at 10:45. "He is Alive!" is the title of Rev. Brook's sermon, based on Luke 24:1-6a. There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Easter Sunday. A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST will be served in the lobby from 9:30 until 10:30. Childcare for children infants through age 3 will be available all morning.

Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you for these special Holy Week services. What better gift could you give to your family and friends than to help them know and understand God's love for them in Jesus Christ?

-Rev. Gloria Brooks

### **Mission and Vision of Jerome UMC**

The mission of Jerome United Methodist Church is to share God's love by words and actions. We envision Jerome United Methodist Church to be a welcoming congregation where people of all ages and backgrounds are invited to LOVE GOD and be an important part of the community of Christian faith; SEEK JESUS to nurture and deepen our faith through prayer, worship, fellowship, study and mission; and to REACH OUT through God's Spirit to make a positive impact on our community, nation, and world. This is who we are and what we seek to do as we serve God in this time and place.

### **JEROME UMC ON FACEBOOK**

The Jerome United Methodist Church now has a Facebook page. If you would like to become a Fan of Jerome UMC, type in Jerome United Methodist Church and click on "I want to become a fan". Weekly updates of events happening at the church will be posted on the Facebook page. If you have an event you would like posted on the page, please contact the church office.

# JUMC Flea Market

## April 17, 2010

Jerome Church will hold its annual indoor Flea Market on Saturday, April 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

***Donation DROP OFF begins Sunday, April 11, 1-3 p.m. You may also drop off items Monday-Thursday, April 12-15, 9 a.m.-7:30 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 11 through the evening of April 15. If you are able to help in any way, check the flea market bulletin board, see Leslie Zimmerman or call the church office. ***There will be two 30 minute information sessions for those who are interested in volunteering but have questions about what is involved. The sessions are Thursday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 10, 10:00 am. in the sanctuary.*** 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. There are no shift times, just come and help when you can.

**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 12 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 Murphy. 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. There is no schedule for weekday volunteers – just come when you can!

**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 Chuck Dyer (581-6295) and let him know when you are available.

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

## FLEA MARKET POTLUCK DINNER

There will be a potluck dinner at noon on Sunday, April 11. Please bring a salad, side dish, sandwich makings, fruit or dessert to share.

After dinner, we will set up the fellowship hall and classrooms for the flea market, carry up flea market items stored in the basement, and bring items stored off-site. Members of the church family may also drop off items for the flea market at this time.

# COMMITTEE UPDATES

## STEWARDSHIP TEAM NEWS

One of the outcomes of the soon to be completed strategic planning work is regular, timely and concise communications regarding the gifts of our time, talents and resources. It is anticipated that a variety of methods and materials will be used as the stewardship communication plan unfolds, but it is expected that this newsletter will be a principal channel for highlighting Stewardship activities and efforts going on in and around our church community. As we are very much in the formative stages of this plan, please feel free to connect with any member of the Stewardship Team with ideas, thoughts, questions you might have or Stewardship in practice you would like highlighted. Members of the team are as follows - Jan Bambach, Tom Boyd, Gloria Brooks, Scott Hanhart, Kenan Ikels, Ed Kauffman, Barb Keith, Karen Roggenkamp and Jud Smith.

For our first installment –**Great news** – To avoid operating with an unbalanced budget for the third year in a row, requiring a year end appeal to meet our needs, the church was asked to work together to close our budget gap of some \$16,000. As of this writing, we are pleased to report that \$18,550 has been pledged against that gap. With the above amount included, our pledges for 2010 are 114 for a total of \$325,146 as opposed to 122 pledges for 2009, totaling \$333,818. Provided pledges are fulfilled and weekly offerings remain robust, an appeal at year end will hopefully not be necessary. To all who participated here, thank you. Yes, truly, “many hands make light work”.

## PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

### Blood Pressure Screening

The next blood pressure screening will be Sunday, April 11. The screening is done from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the office conference room. All are welcome.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Spring Clean Up

The Jerome Trustees would be delighted if you could help the congregation by meeting at the church on Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. – noon to help with the annual Spring Clean Up. Donuts and beverages will be served. Tasks to be done include kitchen and yard clean up.

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

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### Missions Projects 2010

Our church has a strong history of supporting mission projects and these have been a wonderful expression of God’s love and compassion for others. Missions work here at Jerome is alive and well! You – the Jerome church family – provide financial, work, and prayer support for many mission activities. These include missionaries Dave and Donna Jacobsson in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, World Vision, Total Home and Total Health in Honduras, Appalachian Service Project, United Methodist Mountain Mission in Kentucky, Habitat for Humanity – Columbus, United Methodist Free Store, Soup for the Soul, Good Works in Athens, numerous food pantries, Heifer Project, Asia’s Hope, Choices, Alternative Christmas, and other special interests. We continue to ask for your prayers and support for all of these missions, and encourage you to get involved in any way possible. We will share with you upcoming activities and projects using the monthly newsletter, Sunday bulletins, and the narthex bulletin boards. At Jerome there is something for everyone! We are continually thankful to our Lord for including the entire congregation, young and old, in His Mission Field. God can use you too.....if you let Him!

Mission Team

**Habitat for Humanity**

The Dublin Habitat for Humanity Partnership is planning fundraising events for the 2010 Habitat house. We will build a new house or do a major renovation of an existing house for this year's Habitat build. The first major fundraiser will be the 'Build Your Swing 2010' tennis event. The tennis event will be held at the Elysium Tennis Club in Dublin on Saturday, April 3, 6-11:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will support our Habitat build. This will be a fun night for tennis or non-tennis players. There will be tennis, live music, great food and adult beverages. Non-players will be able to enjoy the music (provided by David Clo), play Wii tennis, view the silent auction, and have food and drinks. Cost per tennis player is \$40; \$20 for social/non-players. This is a fun way to support the Dublin Habitat Partnership! Over \$7,000 was raised from this event last year. Please RSVP to Rich Brown, [richb@compasstechintl.com](mailto:richb@compasstechintl.com) or 614-657-6750. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Altfater, [altfaterobx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:altfaterobx@sbcglobal.net) or 614-282-2501.

### **Grow a Row for Soup for the Soul**

Thank you for the growing assistance from your gardens last year, donating your extra produce to Soup for the Soul. The fresh food is very much appreciated.

We hope you can help this year, too!

### **Greeting Card Shop**

The Mission Team is recycling your greeting cards to raise money for missions. Your cards have been transformed into lovely, creative new greeting cards to send to your family and friends. Come check out our selection on the rack in the narthex. Choose one or several to have on hand, then place a voluntary donation in the donation envelope on the rack. Thank you for shopping with us and for supporting this ministry. Remember to keep supplying us with your old cards so we can offer new cards for you.

### **Soup for the Soul**

We want to thank DeeAnn King for her dedication to Soup for the Soul. DeeAnn has boiled 12 dozen eggs each week for the last four years.

Due to work demands, she asks if someone would be interested in taking over egg duty. Please contact the church office (873-8851) if you would like to participate in this ministry.

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.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

A Red Cross blood drive will be held Saturday, May 1, at the church from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the lobby. You can give blood every 56 days. Please come and help us meet or surpass our goal again. The Red Cross must collect 650 units of blood each day from volunteers in central Ohio alone to support 56 medical facilities in the region. Your participation is welcomed and appreciated. Please mark your calendars for the other blood drive scheduled for 2010: November 13.

## **Music Ministry**

## **John Holsinger**

Director of Music

740-361-1281

[Holsinger.4@osu.edu](mailto:Holsinger.4@osu.edu)

Thanks to all of our musicians and drama team for a wonderful presentation of "No More Night." Your hard work has paid many dividends!

### ***Good Friday Service***

***Friday, April 2 - 7:30 p.m.***

Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir, men's chorus and instrumentalists. Please come and participate in a very moving evening, commemorating our Savior's death upon a cross.

### ***Easter Services***

Sunday, April 4 - 8:30 a.m. Traditional and 10:45 a.m. Contemporary service.

### ***Chancel Choir***

Rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

\*Good Friday – April 2 – meet at 6:30 p.m. for rehearsal. Service is at 7:30 p.m.

### ***Jerome Ringers***

Rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

\*Columbus Handbell Festival will be held Sunday, May 2, in New Albany. Mark your calendars! Rehearsal begins at 2:00, program for the public at 7:00 p.m.

### ***Higher Ground***

Special Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. on April 1. Rehearsal is at 6:15 p.m.


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

### **Junior Bells**

Junior Bells will rehearse from noon to 12:45 on Sundays, April 11, 18, 25.

### **Children's Choir**

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, April 7 & 21 (prior to Twist). We are preparing to sing for Mother's Day!

Jerome United Methodist Church  
  
Connecting Kids to Christ and Christian Community  
Donna Montgomery  
Director of Children's Ministries  
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## **NEW THIS MONTH:**

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**TWEEN NIGHT** - a new ministry for third, fourth, and fifth grade students: This month we are going to the movie theater and then to CiCi's for pizza afterwards. On **Sunday, April 11**, we will meet at the church and carpool to the Dublin Village AMC Theater to see the movie, Letters to God, rated PG. The movie showing is at 4:30 so plan to arrive for **carpooling at 3:30**.

Parents are not required to attend, but a good number of chaperones certainly will make the experience more enjoyable for everyone and will allow parents to get more acquainted with one another. For kids whose parents are not attending, we will need a signed permission slip.

Prices are \$5.50 for students and \$8.50 for adults. We will go to CiCi's afterwards for pizza. Please invite your friends to come, too. An RSVP is not

required but certainly is helpful for carpooling and planning. Either sign up on the bulletin board, on facebook, or email [donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com) .

Future activities will include a lock-in, a night at the zoo, bowling, horseback riding at Marmon Valley, and more.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL - EASTER SUNDAY**

There is no Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 4. Instead, enjoy an Easter breakfast provided by the Fellowship Committee in the lobby.

## **UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES**

We are currently planning some summer ministries to be held at the New California Park. Two ministries that you may want to join are:

- Neighborhood Vacation Bible School in June
- Weekly playgroup/Bible Study for stay-home parents

All input regarding these ministries is welcomed. We really need more leaders/workers to help reach out to the families with young children. If you feel a nudging on your heart, it could be an answer to our prayers....contact Donna Montgomery, we can share our dreams with one another.

## **CHURCH CAMP**

Send your child to Church Camp this summer. There are numerous choices at three United Methodist Camp locations in Ohio. The closest facility to JUMC is Camp Wesley. Call 800-437-0028, e-mail [camps@wocumc.org](mailto:camps@wocumc.org) or visit [www.westohiocamps.com](http://www.westohiocamps.com). Everyone who goes has good time so grab a friend and pick a date. You will be glad you did.

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## **CURRENT MINISTRY INFORMATION**

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### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The Children's Choir meets the first and third Wednesday of each month, 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., prior to Twist. It is open to kids in Elementary school. Invite a friend.

### **TWIST- the weaving of Family, Friends, Faith, Food, and Fellowship**

Twist is a 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. Come dine with us...here are the details:

- Families with children thru Grade 5
- 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month 5:50– 7:15
- Children's Choir at 5:30 for 2nd grade and older  
Meal \$3 per person
- Music, Recreation, Bible Devotion, Craft, Mission
- Last Twist will be April 21

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Mark your calendars and plan your vacation around VBS...reserve August 2 - 6 evenings (6:15 - 8:45).

We will need plenty of help prior to, during, and afterwards. We have all sorts of ways you can be involved.... praying, planning, organizing, decorating, teaching, chaperoning inviting, advertising, recruiting, etc. We are currently making ministry assignments, so sign up early by contacting Donna Montgomery or ([donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com)) or Marla Anderson.

### **SUNDAY MORNING KIDCONNECTIONS**

During Worship, children (preschool - 4th grade) are invited to attend Children's Worship or they are always welcome to stay in Adult Worship. If they would like to stay in Worship, we have activity bags available with a Children's Bible, markers, and Bible activity pages. If you need a bag, the Greeters should be able to direct you to them. The

nursery is also available for Infants and Toddlers. We have a nursery information packet for parents at the Welcome Center if you would like to read about our nursery policies. Children attending Children's Worship will leave with the teacher and shepherd during the greeting time of the service.

Nursery - Room 121

8:30 Children's Worship - Room 119

10:45 Children's Worship - Preschool, Room 119 - Elementary, Room 111

Sunday School is offered for all ages ....preschool through adult. Sunday School starts at 9:45 and is a great way for your children to learn the Bible and get to know others in their same age group. People from both Traditional (8:30) and Contemporary (10:45) Worship attend Sunday School.

Preschool - Room 119 with Jenney Seely and Dax Pitts

Kindergarten & First Grade - Room 107 with Susie Sutphen and Joni Clark

Second & Third Grade - Room 111 with Marc Zimmerman and Roger Hayslip

Fourth & Fifth Grade - Room 106 with Linda Pettit and Nancy Ikels

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## WAYS TO SERVE KIDCONNECTIONS

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### **SERVING SUNDAY MORNING KIDCONNECTIONS**

Now is the time to consider serving KidConnections this summer or next fall. We need teachers, shepherds, substitutes, nursery leaders, etc. Teams currently forming:  
Nursery Leaders (at 8:30, 9:35, or 10:35 a.m.)  
Sunday School (age specific at 9:45 a.m.)  
Children's Worship (Preschool or Elementary at 8:30 or 10:45 a.m.)

Youth and are invited to serve however, we require at least one adult in each classroom. Teachers

should be in High School and shepherds should be at least seventh grade. If you are interested, **Contact Donna Montgomery for more information [donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com) or 614-873-8483.**

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## THANK YOU!

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**Easter Party:** Thank you, Sarah and Chris Holcomb, Kathy and Wayne Tummonds, and Chuck and Carol Dyer, Michelle Pettit, Abagael Clark, Emma Anderson, Morgan Hayslip, Nick Page, and James Montgomery for a wonderful Easter party.

**Nursery Leaders:** Rosemary Pitts, Randy Page, Becky Neill, Lynn Boston, Kim Weaver, Amy Smith, Amy Plank, Anne Allen, Brenda Hancock, Stephanie Eye, and Hayley Sutphen

**Sunday School Teachers and Shepherds:** Dax Pitts, Jenney Seely, Joni Clark, Susie Sutphen, Marc Zimmerman, Roger Hayslip, Linda Pettit, and Nancy Ikels

**Substitutes this month:** Brenda Hancock, Jana Marsh, Aaron Plank, April Keiffer, Tom Montgomery, and Luke Bolte.

**Children's Church Teachers and Shepherds:** Abby Clark, Abbi Clark, Amy Page, Cody Middlestead, Tracy Moldovan, Elizabeth Hagloch, Leah Koenig, Mike Anderson, Anjie Stanko, Michelle Pettit, Janell Bolte, Sarah Holcomb, April Keiffer, Lori Greiner, Kathleen Rose, Greg Jaudzems, Erica Pettit, Becky Hayslip, and Kimberly Bowman

**Twist Helpers:** Chris and Sarah Holcomb who set up, cook, and clean up the food. Amanda Cobb who helps get things organized. Sara Meriweather, April Keiffer, and Michelle Blackburn who helped with the craft/mission projects, Tom Montgomery

who gives the devotional, and John Holsinger who leads the children's Choir.

**Roger Hayslip** for taking and sharing pictures of KidConnections events.

**Thank you to everyone who prays for the children and leaders at Jerome.**

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

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL END OF THE YEAR PARTY**

All Middle School students are invited to a bowling party at the Plain City Lanes on Sunday, April 25, 5:00 p.m. We will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. and return at 7:45 p.m. The cost is \$12 for bowling, pizza, beverages and shoes. Please bring the exact amount of money and no checks, please. If your son or daughter would like to attend, please call Denise at 873-8851 or email her at [swajumc@aol.com](mailto:swajumc@aol.com) by April 20. THERE WILL BE NO BREAKAWAY ON APRIL 26.

### **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

Sunday, June 7, will be Graduation Sunday. Students of our church family who will graduate from high school this year will be recognized at either the 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. service. A senior video will be shown at the 10:45 a.m. service. If your son or daughter plans to attend, please call the church office by May 15. Please let us know what his or

her plans are following graduation. Each student will receive a gift from the church.

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

This year we will stay at the church again for our Mountain T.O.P. retreat. It has become too difficult to get all the students away for the weekend. The date of the mini retreat is May 2.

All first time adult and student campers will be asked to come to the church at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 2. All other adult and student campers will be asked to join us at 5:00 p.m. At that time we will work on our Mountain T.O.P. banner, have dinner and have worship together. The evening will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

Parents who are willing to help prepare and serve a meal for 35 adults and students are asked to call Denise at 873-8851 as soon as possible.

Students will return home from that meeting with health and permission forms that will need to be returned with your final payment on May 14. Each form will have to be notarized. Please adhere to this deadline. All students who will be 18 years of age by camp week will need a background check by May 14.

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

Through the 16 years we have been part of the Mountain T.O.P. ministry, we have collected an array of tools. Each church brings tools to use during their stay at the work camps. Some of the tools have been lost and some have just worn out. Thanks to Marc Mattmiller, we have two new circular saws to add to our tool collection. Some of the other items we always need are circular saws, handsaws, hammers, long extension cords, six electric drills, hand clippers, pruning shears, posthole diggers, paint brushes, paint tray liners, large coolers, large levels and drop clothes. We also go through a tremendous number of drill bits because the lumber we use is so hard. If you have some of these items or wish to purchase any of these items for the youth to use at Mountain T.O.P., please bring them to Denise's office.

## **YOUTH GROUP SPRING FLOWER SALE**

The youth group flower sale will conclude April 11. Proceeds from this sale will go directly into a special account that helps pay for youth group mission projects.

Delivery of flats of flowers, hanging baskets or plants will be Friday, April 30, in time for Mothers Day! Take this opportunity to purchase a gift for your mother and support the youth group at the same time. Gift certificates are also available. You can pick out your own flowers at Fortmeyers Greenhouse in Delaware.

Orders will be taken during fellowship or you may place an order with a particular student who will receive the credit. We hope you will support our youth group with a purchase of a flat of flowers or hanging basket for your yard. If you have questions or your son or daughter wants a brochure, please see Denise.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL WORK CAMP**

This year's middle school work camp will once again be held at Faith Ranch in Jewett, Ohio. Jewett is located about 3 hours east of Columbus near Steubenville, Ohio. Faith Ranch is a 5,000 acre Christian ranch. During our stay, we will perform various jobs around the ranch and in the community. This year we will leave Sunday, July 18, 1:00 p.m. and return Wednesday, July 21, around 6:00 p.m. During our stay we will have devotions and worship. We will also have time for horseback riding, swimming, a hayride and barn games. The cost is \$125, which includes lodging and meals. All students who are CURRENTLY in MIDDLE SCHOOL are invited to join us on this trip. Please have your checks to the church by May 15 if your son or daughter plans to attend. Please check your calendars carefully before you commit to this mission opportunity. There will be no refunds once you have committed to this trip. If you have questions, please see Denise or Rusty.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR HIGH**

## **BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE**

**Buckeye Angels – Middle School Girls...** meet the second Monday of the month, April 12, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study at the home of Denise Gorden.

**The Rust Machine – Middle School Boys...** meet the second Monday of the month, April 12, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study at the home of Rusty Woerner.

**G.R.A.P.E.S. – Senior High Girls...** meet the third Monday of the month, April 19, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study at the home of Denise Gorden. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are invited to join us for this meeting.

**Senior High Boys...** will not meet in April, but will have an end of year cookout at Rusty's house on Monday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.

**Oasis...** senior high boys and girls are invited to join us in the teen room on Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study.

## **SPIRIT CAFÉ**

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

## **PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING**

Thanks to everyone who has donated used printer cartridges. Please continue to save your used cartridges. There is a collection box in the narthex on the shelf above the coat rack. Proceeds from these collections will go toward the Mountain T.O.P. 2010 trip.

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN**

BEREAVEMENT:

- Chas Burgess and Maggie Mattmiller (Chas's mother, Teri Burgess)
- Gloria Brooks and family (Gloria's step-father, Harold Adams)

HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Dolores Adams (Gloria Brooks)
- Bill Bynner
- Sarah Chapman
- Maxwell Cobb
- Bruce Colabrese
- Margie Dixon (Chris McDowell)
- Rick Graves (Larry Tinlin)
- Bob Haley (Diana Hoffman)
- Hugh Hawkins
- Pat Heier (Jan Bambach)
- Don Kinker (Barb Keith)
- Bob Haley (Diana Hoffman)
- Donald McCarthy (Pat McCarthy)
- Charlie Miller
- Gerri Miller
- Aaron Moore
- Shelly Pettit (Norma Pettit)
- Helen Tinlin (Larry Tinlin)
- Larry Tinlin
- Janice Winn (Drema Phelps)
- Andrew Zanko
- Madilyn Zimmerman

HOMEBOUND:

- Forrest & Ginny Albright
- Mary Alice Schacherbauer

NURSING HOME:

- Christine Hensley (Holly Hedrick)
- Mary Hoover (Diana Hoffman)
- Tom Webb

MILITARY:

- Brad Bennett (Kristi Smith)
- Daniel Clark, Jr. (Abby Clark)
- Vince Cobb (John Holsinger)
- Brian Doyle-Wenger (Dave & Valerie Altfater)
- Austin Evans (Joan Hayslip)
- Jeremy Holcomb (Chris & Sarah Holcomb)
- Michael Hoover (Steve & Diana Hoffman Harsh)
- Jodi McFee (Vicki Bowman)
- Cody Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Seth Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Michael Moran (Marla Anderson)
- Jordan Neill
- Shannon Neill
- Zach Shipe (Joan Hayslip)
- Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

MISSIONARIES:

-Dave & Donna Jacobsson: MAF

E-mail: [djacobsson@maf.org](mailto:djacobsson@maf.org)

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/4 Jack Beatty
- 4/7 Brad Yates, Wayne Tummonds
- 4/8 Cheryl Reis, Joel Altfater,  
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, 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

## RECYCLING

The time of our recycling pick up (on the second Saturday of the month) has been extended to 8-9:30 a.m. Union Recyclers accepts glass and plastic bottles/jars, tin and aluminum cans, newspaper, cardboard and magazines. Bottles and cans should be rinsed out. Please save your recyclables and bring them to the church on Saturday, April 10.

## ADULT PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

## **JEROME MEN'S GROUP**

The men's group activity for April will be to support the JUMC Flea Market. There are several opportunities to help. Please email Steve Harsh at [harsh1946@hotmail.com](mailto:harsh1946@hotmail.com) if you can help with items 1-4 below and Chuck Dyer at [dyer1@att.net](mailto:dyer1@att.net) if you can help with furniture and large item pick up.

1. Set up for the sale, Sunday, April 11, 1:00 p.m.
2. Put up signs in the community April 15-16.
3. Come by church anytime April 12-15 to test electrical items and mark them so we're sure they work before we sell them.
4. Clean up after the sale, Saturday, April 17, 3:00 p.m. - need lots of willing workers to make this go quickly.
5. FURNITURE & LARGE ITEM PICK UP – Major effort on Sunday, April 11, 3:00 p.m., also some evenings, April 12-16, 5-7:30 pm.

## **SAGE-ING CLASS**

The topic for the April Sage-ing class is "Facing Our Mortality" -- very timely just after we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Identical classes will be held on Monday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome as we continue ways to create a more positive attitude about harvesting life experience and wisdom in the second half of life. Contact Steve Harsh for more information.

## **WOMEN OF FAITH 2010**

Women of Faith is coming to Nationwide Arena April 30 and May 1! This year's theme is "Over the Top - Enjoy the God Who Loves You More Than You Ever Dreamed Possible". Speakers will be Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Sandi Patty, Anita Renfroe, Lisa Whelchel, Nicole Johnson, music by Mandisa, Mary Beth and Steven Curtis Chapman, and special guest, Andy Andrews. The ticket cost is \$89 for both days, which includes 2 box lunches. (Friday 10-3:30 and 7-9:30 and Saturday 9-4). Great seats have been reserved with the Girlfriends in Grace group from UA Lutheran Church, with our group leader, Shirley Herchline.

All reservations and payments must be made online and the instructions for doing that are on Penny's desk in the church office. This info will also be on the bulletin board in the narthex. Questions to Leslie Herchline, 873-4712. Reserve now so you will not miss out on this special event!

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**

On Sunday, May 23, the congregation is invited to join us for breakfast at 9:45 a.m. to help show our appreciation to all teachers and other persons involved in the educational ministries of our church. This will be the last day of Sunday school for this school year. Our Christian Education ministries for adults and children would not be possible without the service of so many faithful adults. Please join us as we celebrate with those who help make Christian Education at our church such a meaningful experience for both the adults and children.

## **RECREATION & FUN**

Calling All

Softball Players.....

Dust off those gloves.....it is game time!! Come join the Jerome co-ed softball team. The team is open to anyone interested in playing; the only requirement is that you are 15 years old by June 1. Games are played at the Millcreek Township Park (Watkins Road) with specific days and times yet to be determined. We do ask each player to contribute \$5 to help cover the league fee. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and more information will be coming about practices and games.... If you have any questions or want more information, please call Randy Page at 873-6369.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

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

## **EUCHRE PARTY**

Sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby for the euchre party on Friday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

There is also a sign up sheet to host upcoming euchre parties. The host provides soft drinks, paper products, and small prizes for men's and women's high, men's and women's low and most loners (optional).

## **FROGS & TOADS**

The women's book club has selected Half Broke Horses, by Jeannette Walls, for our next discussion book. We will meet Monday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Valerie Bowerman, 7065 Concord Bend Drive. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. All women are invited.

# *Thank You*

I want to thank everyone for all of the prayers/support during the past week following the death of Chas' Mother in California. I know our GROW group has been through so much, and it seems like every time anything happens to our group as a whole, or someone in the group, there's always an outpouring of love, support, and everyone just rallies. Chas and I have really appreciated that in this time of immense sadness. He even said that he never expected to receive so

much support from my friends. I told him welcome to GROW! So thank you for the texts, calls, facebook messages/wall posts and prayers. God bless each and everyone one of you. I am surely blessed to have all of you in my life.

Sincerely,

Maggie Mattmiller and Chas Burgess

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After six weeks, I am out of the hospital and am going back to school. Each week I have clinic appointments to check on the leg's status. I have a long way to go regarding healing and pain relief, but would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support. Jerome UMC has made a huge difference in my life. I am proud to be a member of this church.

Aaron Moore

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It takes many volunteers to keep our church and its programs running smoothly. We thank all our committees who do work on a regular basis and others who help with specific projects.

Thanks to:

- Greg Jaudzems for transporting the cross to the Dublin Cross Walk
- Terry and Rusty Woerner who open their home to the Senior High and Middle School boys
- the exercise class for wrapping and bagging bread and bagels for Soup for the Soul
- Melinda Murphy, who organizes Soup for the Soul, everyone who provides soup and other food items each week, and those who help serve 100 persons in need each Friday at the Church for All People in downtown Columbus
- Stuart Staples for making the coffee on Sunday mornings
- volunteers who set up and take down the fellowship hall chairs weekly

# April Calendar

## Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday

6:15pm Band rehearsal  
7:30pm Maundy Thursday worship service

## Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

Noon Cross Walk  
3:30pm Soup for the Soul  
6:30pm Chancel choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Good Friday worship service

## Saturday, April 3

7:30am Men's breakfast  
6:00pm Habitat for Humanity tennis event

## Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday

8:30am Worship, Nursery, Children's Church  
9:30am Continental breakfast in lobby  
10:45am Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

## Monday, April 5

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

## Wednesday, April 7

9:45am Daytime Serendipity  
5:30pm Children's choir rehearsal  
5:50pm Twist  
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Oasis  
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

## Thursday, April 8

Good Works mission trip participants depart  
7:00pm Serendipity Nighttime  
8:00pm Band rehearsal

## Friday, April 9

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

## Saturday, April 10

8:00am Recycling pick up

## Sunday, April 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 Flea Market Potluck and set up  
noon Junior handbell rehearsal  
12-3pm Flea Market item drop off

## Monday, April 12

9-7:30pm Flea Market items drop off, sorting and pricing  
10:00am Sage-ing class  
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting  
7:00pm Sage-ing class  
7:30pm Buckeye Angels Bible study – Denise's  
7:30pm Rust Machine Bible study - Rusty's

## Tuesday, April 13

9-7:30pm Flea Market items drop off, sorting and pricing  
7:00pm Finance Committee meeting

## Wednesday, April 14

9-7:30pm Flea Market items drop off, sorting and pricing  
9:45am Serendipity  
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Oasis  
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

## Thursday, April 15

9-7:30pm Flea Market items drop off, sorting and pricing  
7:00pm Serendipity (last class)  
8:00pm Band rehearsal

## Friday, April 16

12-7pm Flea Market - church family presale  
3:30pm Soup for the Soul

## Saturday, April 17

8-3:00pm Flea Market

## Sunday, April 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  
noon Junior handbell rehearsal

## Monday, April 19

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting  
7:30pm G.R.A.P.E.S. Bible study – Denise's

## Tuesday, April 20

7:00pm Administrative Council meeting

## Wednesday, April 21

9:45am Daytime Serendipity  
5:30pm Children's choir rehearsal  
5:50pm Twist  
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Oasis  
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

## Thursday, April 22

7:00pm Education Committee meeting  
8:00pm Band rehearsal

## Friday, April 23

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

## Saturday, April 24

9-noon Spring Clean Up at JUMC

**Sunday, April 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  
 noon Junior handbell rehearsal  
 4:30pm Junior high bowling party – meet at the church

**Monday, April 26**

7:00pm Frogs & Toads book club  
 7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Wednesday, April 28**

9:45am Daytime Serendipity  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal  
 7:30pm Oasis  
 8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

**Thursday, April 29**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, April 30**

Spring flower delivery  
 3:30pm Soup for the Soul

# APRIL VOLUNTEERS

**GREETERS**

4/4 8:30 Bob & Becky Neill  
 10:45 Scott & Cara Hanhart  
 4/11 8:30 Charlie & Wendy Bynner  
 10:45 Carl & Ellen Erikson  
 4/18 8:30 Myra Brenneman  
 10:45 Rob & Sara Meriweather  
 4/25 8:30 Sharon Dunn  
 10:45 Chris & Sarah Holcomb

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS**

	<b>Inside</b>	<b>Outside</b>
4/4	8:30 Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45 Sarah Holcomb	Kathy Feightner
4/11	8:30 Karen Guthrie	Robert Guthrie

	10:45 June Booher	Sandy Montee
4/18	8:30 Sharon Dunn	Joni Clark
	10:45 Jan Bambach	Tom Montgomery
4/25	8:45 Vickie Dicesare	DeeAnn King
	10:45 Tracy Moldovan	Steve Mark

**USHERS**

4/4	8:30 David & Madeleine Breitmayer
	10:45 Andy & Marilyn Trux
4/11	8:30 Randy & Amy Page
	10:45 Scott & Kim Weaver
4/18	8:30 Scott & Melanie Danhof
	10:45 Woody & Jane Green
4/25	8:30 Marc & Leslie Zimmerman
	10:45 Don & Gail Lambie

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

4/4	8:30 Ruth Elliott
	10:45 Jan Manring
4/11	8:30 Kathy Hoover
	10:45 Steve Mark
4/18	8:30 Carol Kauffman
	10:45 Kim Weaver
4/25	8:30 Kathy Tummonds
	10:45 Chip Seely

**ACOLYTES – 9:00AM**

4/4	Seth Transue
4/11	Nick Page
4/18	Abbi Clark
4/25	Madilyn Zimmerman

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

4/4	Myra Brenneman – in memory of Ron's birthday
4/11	Todd & Vicki Bowman – in memory of Scott D. Bowman
4/18	Steve Mark – in honor of Kristina's birthday
4/25	Mindy & Jon Kundtz – celebrating 33 blissful years of marriage

**FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS**

4/4	9:30 Easter breakfast sponsored by the Fellowship Committee
4/11	9:30 Larry & Leslie Herchline
	10:45 Scott & Michele Decker
4/18	9:30 Dan & DeeAnn King
	10:45 Mike & Joey Dennison
4/25	9:30 Jon & Mindy Kundtz
	10:45 Frank & Vickie Dicesare

**CHILDREN'S NURSERY**

4/4 8:20 Randy Page  
 9:35 no Sunday school  
 10:35 Amy Smith  
 4/11 8:20 Rosemary Pitts  
 9:35 Brenda Hancock  
 10:35 Brenda Hancock  
 4/18 8:20 Lynn Boston  
 9:35 Stephanie Eye  
 10:35 Anne Allen  
 4/25 8:20 Becky Neill  
 9:35 Kim Weaver  
 10:35 Amy Plank

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
 VOLUNTEERS  
 8:30 service**

	Teacher	Shepherd
4/4	Donna Montgomery	Abbi Clark
4/11	Donna Montgomery	Amy Page
4/18	Donna Montgomery	Abby Clark
4/25	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
 VOLUNTEERS  
 10:45 service  
 Pre-K**

	Teacher	Shepherd
4/4	Leah Koenig	Mike Anderson
4/11	Tracy Moldovan	Elizabeth Hagloch
4/18	Donna Montgomery	Anjie Stanko
4/25	Michelle Pettit	Janell Bolte

**Elementary**

4/4	Greg Jaudzems	Erica Pettit
4/11	Becky Hayslip	Kimberly Bowman
4/18	Kathleen Rose	Lori Greiner
4/25	Becky Hayslip	Kimberly Bowman

**FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP**

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

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

4/1 Gregg Rothermund  
 4/8 Valerie Altfater  
 4/15 Penny Sullivan  
 4/22 Chuck Dyer  
 4/29 Larry Herchline