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

FEBRUARY 2010

2009 - What a Year It Was!

The New Year 2010 is one month old. Christmas celebrations are wonderful memories in our minds. New Year's Resolutions have been made. Year end reports for the District and Conference are complete. We praise God and thank you, the Jerome congregation, that all of our financial obligations for 2009 were met, including District and Conference apportionments!

In addition to financial giving, there are many other things to celebrate! During 2009 we welcomed 27 new members, celebrated 19 first time professions of faith, and had 6 baptisms: 2 Confirmands, 2 children, and 2 babies.

Jerome has always been a mission minded church through financial gifts and hands-on work by children, youth and adults. In 2009, eleven people went to Honduras to build a house in La Ceiba. An anonymous donor from Jerome UMC provided the funds to purchase the needed materials to build the house. Eleven people joined the Appalachian Service Project Mission Team to work on a variety of projects helping those less fortunate than we in Brenton, West Virginia. Thirty-five youth and adults participated on the Mountain T.O.P. Mission Team. Other special mission gifts given throughout the year are listed in the first column of page 2 of this newsletter.

The Trustees and the Administrative Council approved the plan to renovate the Sanctuary in the summer of 2009. We appreciate the financial gifts

that were received, material gifts that were donated, and the many hours given by Jerome volunteers that made the renovation possible. Included in the renovation are new wall covering, lights, fans, carpet, sound system, and a beautiful new stained glass window above the original front door of the Sanctuary. On Sunday, September 13, Rev. Marcus Atha, Capitol Area North District Superintendent, joined us for our worship celebration and dedication of newly renovated Sanctuary.

Music is one of the highlights of worship at Jerome and the number of persons participating in the various music groups is steadily increasing under the superb leadership of John Holsinger. Children, youth, and adults have the opportunity to serve the Lord through voice and instruments each Sunday morning, as well as during special services throughout the year.

When we have a discovery luncheon with those who are new to the church, we ask what brought you to Jerome Church, we hear a variety of answers. When we ask what brought you back, the answer is almost always, "the friendliness of the people". Thank you for making our guests feel welcome.

2009 – What a year it was! Thank you, Jerome Congregation, for your faithfulness in praying for the people and ministries of this congregation and for your generosity in giving of your time, abilities, and finances to support God's work through Jerome Church.

Rev. Gloria Brooks

Mailboxes Can Help

Some folks have asked, "If I have a question, concern, suggestion, or compliment to give, how do I make it known?" We have the answer! Use the Staff and Committee Chairperson's mailboxes. In the church office between the lobby and education wing, there are mailboxes for each Staff person and Chairperson of each Committee or Team. On the side panel of the mailboxes is a picture and the phone number and e-mail of each Staff member and each Committee or Team Chairperson. You may call or e-mail the person or you may leave a note in his or her mailbox.

Don't know which committee does what? We can help you with this as well. Along with the list of Staff and Chairpersons and the title of the committee or team each chairs there is a brief description of each. This will help you know to whom your note, call, or e-mail should go. It is hoped the use of the mailboxes will make communication a bit easier for everyone.

Would you like to have a list of the Committee or Team Chairpersons and members? They are available on the desk in the office area on Sunday morning and during the week. If all have been taken when you look, please call Penny or Chris at church, 614-873-8851, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and one will be mailed to you.

SPECIAL GIFTS IN 2009

In addition to operating expenses, these financial gifts have been given to District, Conference, and special missions and ministries through Jerome UMC in 2009:

Apportionments:

Conference Apportionments \$49,519

District Apportionments \$ 7,495

Mission Giving: **Budgeted:**

Missionaries – Dave and Donna Jacobsson \$ 1,500

Habitat for Humanity \$ 1,800

United Methodist Free Store \$ 1,200

Soup for the Soul \$ 600

Other offerings:

Children's Sunday School Mission – \$ 85

Blankets for children in Need

Samaritan's Purse – 27 shoe boxes \$ 189

Soup for the Soul – Private Donations \$ 1,169

Dave and Donna Jacobsson \$ 1,774

Love offering – World Communion Sunday \$ 32

Love First Miracle Offering \$ 1,063

Dublin, Marysville, Plain City Food Pantries

\$ 1,062

Stefanie Spielman Fund \$ 1,014

Choices \$ 1,014

Asia's Hope \$ 1,014

Habitat for Humanity \$ 518

Heifer Project \$ 185

Soup for the Soul \$ 529

World Vision \$ 150

Special Christmas Offering \$ 1,014

Alternative Christmas \$ 516

Alternative Christmas \$ 390

Special Easter Offering \$ 1,063

Two houses \$ 8,000

Total Home/Health – Salary Donation \$ 960

Max and Erma's Fundraiser \$ 275

Evert Buckner's Memorial \$ 605

Individual Donations \$ 2,550

TOTAL \$87,574

Giving of time and talent as teachers, committee members, scripture readers, greeters, ushers, vocalists, instrumentalists, actors, tech team, graphic artists, web host, workers in children and youth ministries, blood pressure and glucose checks, participants in hands on local missions and Mountain T.O.P., Faith Ranch, Appalachia Service Project, Honduras and other mission trips, CROP WALK, Habitat for Humanity, Soup for the Soul, working at the Dublin Food Pantry, Bethlehem on Broad, McCurdy School, Fall Festival and Flea Market

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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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Special Music by the Chancel Choir
Imposition of Ashes
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday message by Rev. Gloria Brooks
Please join us in this special time of worship
as we begin the Season of Lent.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Thank You, Church Leaders

Thank you to the elected Committee and Team Chairpersons and members and to the Staff who attended the Leadership Orientation Luncheon on January 17. We had a delicious lunch and great time of fellowship, heard details about our work together for this year, met new folks on the teams, and had a brief meeting of each team before we adjourned. What a great way to begin our work for 2009! Thanks for coming!

PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Screening

The next blood pressure screening will be Sunday, February 14. The screening is done from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the office conference room. All are welcome.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Special Christmas Offering

Thank you, JUMC, for another year of awesome giving to the Special Christmas Offering. The 2009 results are:

\$1,014.50	Appalachian Service Project
\$1,014.50	Stefanie Spielman Fund
\$1,014.50	Choices
\$1,014.50	Asia's Hope

This year the money sent to ASP was matched by a special gift that ASP received so \$2,029 was actually raised. Thank you, JUMC family, for your heart for missions at Jerome. You all are so generous about helping, not only through financial giving, but also through physical support for all we do.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross blood drive will be held Saturday, February 27, at the church from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We had 33 units donated last November and that was 8 over our goal!! Roger Whitacre reached the 4-gallon plateau; Gregg Rothermund reached the 3-gallon plateau; and Terry Woerner reached 2 gallons. Congratulations and a special thank you go to these dedicated donors. If you have any questions or fears about being a blood donor, these folks would be good ones to ask.

A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. 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 drives scheduled for 2010: May 1 and November 13.

ADULT SPRING MISSION TRIP

Good Works, Inc.

Athens, Ohio

The vision of Good Works, Inc. is to create a loving COMMUNITY OF HOPE where those struggling with homelessness, poverty and recovery issues can experience God's LOVE, identify their FAITH and develop HOPE. Its mission is to strive to improve the quality of life of those it serves by helping each person make connections with people, programs, services and opportunities in their community.

Our work group will help Good Works, Inc. in its mission by reaching out to those in the community who need assistance with home repairs, hosting a community picnic at the Friday Night Life event, working in one of the community gardens, interacting with the displaced and/or helping in the building of a new facility adjacent to the Hannah House.

When: April 8 - 11 (Thursday – Sunday)
Where: Athens, Ohio
Cost: Estimated cost is \$100 per person.
This cost includes: food and lodging (dormitory style), registration fee, food and gas costs for travel to and from destination.

There will be an informational meeting after worship services on Sunday, February 28 at 12:15 p.m. for all interested persons.

If you are interested in participating but can't attend the meeting, please call Kathy Feightner at 771-2437.

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

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.

JUMC Garage Sale April 17, 2010

OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW

It's time to clean out the closets and storage spaces to make room for the new items everyone received for Christmas. Please consider saving items you no longer want and give them to JUMC for our garage sale. We will store items for individuals who absolutely cannot store them until April. Please call Leslie Zimmerman to make arrangements for these items.

One of the best parts of this garage sale is that every single person in our church family can participate. Below you will find a list of ways you can help.

1. Donate items to sell (Hot Items are listed in this article as suggestions only)
 - a. Encourage friends and family to donate a variety of items
2. We will accept cash donations for the garage sale. This will help us achieve our goal by keeping our expenses at a minimum. After expenses are paid, leftover monies will be included in our grand total.
3. Volunteer the week of the sale. Volunteer the day of the sale – April 17th. Training will be provided prior to garage sale week. Days and times will be posted and training is strongly recommended but not required. Many changes are being made in 2010 that

will make the informational training sessions beneficial.

4. Volunteers are needed to help pick up furniture and other items.
5. A variety of interior and exterior signs need to be made and put up the week of the sale.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE JUMC GARAGE SALE – THESE ARE BEST SELLING ITEMS

Bicycles for all ages
Electronics
Sporting Goods
Hardware and Tools
Towels, Comforters and Blankets
Children's Clothing and jackets size 0 through 12
Men's and Women's outerwear and jackets, including suit jackets
Suitcases – Any style, Any type
Lamps and Lamp Shades
Chairs, Rocking chairs, Recliners, Kitchen Chairs, Table and Chair set – all types of furniture
Stationary, Cards, Memory Boards, Arts and Craft Items
Books, dvds and cds
Pots and Pans, Glass and Corningware Dishes
Complete Dish Sets and Silverware/Utensils of all kinds

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS FOR ALL AGES

We are looking for any type of used or new plastic or metal shelving units. These units will be used to store items on and will also be used for the garage sale to hold smaller items to sell. We are also looking for used or new banquet tables and card tables. If you have these items or know where to find these items at a discounted price or a donation for the church, please call Leslie Zimmerman or the church office.

Music Ministry

John Holsinger

Director of Music

740-361-1281

Holsinger.4@osu.edu

Dear Friends,

One of Jud Smith's favorite hymns is "In the Bleak Midwinter". I know because he told me. What is your favorite hymn or praise song? We can only guess unless you tell us. It is very rewarding for us fulfill a request of yours by playing or singing one of your favorite pieces of music.

EASTER MUSICAL

Festival Choir, Orchestra, Bells, and Drama
Sunday, March 26, 4:00 p.m.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Our first rehearsal for Festival Choir is set for Sunday, February 21. We will practice from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Everyone in the congregation (high school age and up) is welcome to participate. If you are interested, please contact John Holsinger.

FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Festival Orchestra will begin rehearsals on Sunday, February 28. Rehearsals will be from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., following Festival Choir. Any youth (high school age) or adult who plays a band or string instrument is invited to participate in the group. If you are interested, please contact John Holsinger.

Chancel Choir

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

*Special Ash Wednesday rehearsal at 6:30 p.m..
Service is at 7:30!

JEROME RINGERS

We will ring on Sunday, February 7, for the 8:30 a.m. service. Rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE NO REHEARSAL ON ASH WEDNESDAY!

HIGHER GROUND

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

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

Junior Bells

We will have rehearsal on Sundays, February 7 and 14 from noon to 12:30.

New This Month:

EASTER PARTY

The date is set for March 21, 3:30-5:00 p.m. There will be Story, Games, Crafts, and Snacks.....you will not want to miss the fun.

Sarah Holcomb is organizing this family outreach event. Who can your kids invite? Contact Sarah Holcomb of Donna Montgomery with questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars and schedule your vacation around VBS...reserve August 2 - 6 evenings (6:15 - 8:45). If you would like to be on the VBS planning team, contact Donna Montgomery or Marla Anderson. We plan to go February 6 to research and choose the available curriculum.

Current Ministry information

OPEN GYM PLUS

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00am

Open Gym Plus for toddlers and preschoolers is back this winter. Tell your friends about this free play time and a snack to chase away the winter blues and help everyone from going "stir crazy." Open Gym Plus will be held weekly on Tuesdays through March 9. See Dax Pitts with questions regarding this ministry. Want to help? Hands are needed to help set up on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 - 9:30. Many toys are carried from the Nursery, Preschool, and basement into the gym. It is a good cardiac work-out.

BEGINNERS BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 5:30 - 7:00pm

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students are encouraged to bring a friend and join in the fun. At B.B.S, we enjoy some fun ways to learn about the Bible, we laugh and play games together, and we always eat pizza. It is not too late to join. If you have questions, contact Donna Montgomery, Becky Hayslip, or Marla Anderson.

TWIST

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 children thru grade 5

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

5:50– 7:15 p.m.

Children's Choir meets at 5:30 for 2nd grade and older

Meal at 6:15

Meals are \$3 per person and can be paid that night

Music, Recreation, Bible Devotion, Activities

Parents attend with their children

Ways to Serve KidConnections

NURSERY LEADERS

We need one more person to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings at the 10:45 worship service and three more at 9:45 Sunday school. The commitment includes helping our childcare provider, Kristi Smith, in caring for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old, obtaining a background check (not hard), reading the training packet, and serving once every four weeks. Our leaders in this ministry are Lynn Boston, Becky Neill, Rosemary Pitts, Randy Page, Hayley Neumeier, Kim Weaver, Brenda Hancock, Anne Allen, Amy Plank, and Amy Smith. If you would like to help complete the team, contact Donna Montgomery, Kristi Smith, or Anne Allen.

THANK YOU!

Nursery Leaders: Rosemary Pitts, Randy Page, Becky Neill, Lynn Boston, Kim Weaver, Amy Smith, Amy Plank, Anne Allen, Brenda Hancock

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

Children's Church Teachers and Shepherds: Abby Clark, Abbi, Clark, Amy Page, Cody Smith, Jack Moberger, 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

Substitutes in January: Kathy Clark and Hayley Neumeier

Twist Helpers: Chris and Sarah Holcomb and Amanda Cobb

B.B.S. Helpers: Marla Anderson and Becky Hayslip

Roger Hayslip for taking pictures of KidConnections events.

Dax Pitts and Don Groves for helping put away the HEAVY manger scene.

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

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Youth who will attend either the Mountain T.O.P. work camp or the Middle School Faith Ranch work camp will have another chance to earn money for their trips with the Spring Flower Sale which will begin March 22.

This year's orders will be delivered in time for Mother's Day! Please mark your calendars for the start of the sale and support our youth group with the purchase of your spring and Mother's Day flowers from Fortmeyers Greenhouse. Delivery date is April 30.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Buckeye Angels – Middle School Girls... will not meet the second Monday of the month in February. Instead, there will be a sleepover at the home of Denise Gorden on Friday, February 26. Call or email Denise (873-8851 or swajumc@aol.com) if you plan to attend.

The Rust Machine – Middle School Boys... meet the second Monday of the month, February 8, 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, February 15, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study at the home of Denise Gorden.

Senior High Boys... meet the third Monday of the month, February 15, 7:30 p.m. for pizza and Bible study at the home of Rusty Woerner.

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

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. 2010

The youth group will make its 16th trip to Mountain T.O.P. We have received confirmation of our 2010 Mountain T.O.P. week - June 19-27. Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) is a non-denominational organization that serves the

people of the Cumberland Mountains. During our stay there we will provide for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the people we visit.

We will leave the church Saturday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m. and return Sunday, June 27, at 3:00 p.m. All students who will complete the 8th grade in June and those in senior high school are invited to join this ministry. The cost of the camp week is \$375. Each student will be asked to PAY or EARN an additional \$75 to help pay for our trailer, gas for six vans and food and hotel. If you choose not to participate in any fundraisers, you will be asked to write a check for \$75 to help cover the other costs. Money can be earned from the wreath or flower sale. If you are new to our church and have any questions about the Mountain T.O.P. ministry, please give Denise a call. If you are interested in providing a scholarship for someone attending Mountain T.O.P., please contact Denise.

This is the payment schedule:

January 3-\$135

March 12 (no refund after this date)-\$135

May 14- \$150 (camp cost plus t-shirt cost)

June 15-\$75 if not earned or paid

All checks need to be made out to Jerome UMC and marked Mountain T.O.P.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISING God's Creation Pictorial Calendars

The youth group is selling the "God's Creation" pictorial appointment calendars. The cost of the calendar is \$7. All proceeds benefit the youth group's trip to Mountain T.O.P. in June. Our goal is to sell 75 calendars with a profit of \$300. This would provide enough gas for two vans on our Mountain T.O.P. trip. Calendars will be available during fellowship time or can be picked up in the office.

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 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.

2/10 Heath Gorden
2/11 Dan Schmidt
2/12 Barb Ingram
2/13 Ann Hugill, Tom Boyd
2/14 Kim Zanko
2/15 Mike Rose
2/16 Jennifer Sonnenberg
2/18 Fred Seely
2/19 Rose Webb, Scott Weaver
2/20 Charlie Miller, Carl Erikson
2/23 DeeAnn King, Kayla Smith
2/24 Bob Warne

FLEA MARKET PLANNING

Planning for the 2010 flea market has begun. There are many items we always need to run the sale. Even though we will post items of the month that we would like to collect, we will absolutely take additional donations anytime throughout the year. In the Flea Market mailbox will be a list of all the items we need for the flea market. Please feel free to take a list with you. There is a box in the lobby hallway for items.

The items we are collecting this month are:

Bottled water (3 cases)
Diet Coke (2 cases)
Coke (2 cases)
Caffeine Free Coke (2 cases)
Sprite (2 cases)
Lemonade (1 case)
Large can of coffee
2 bottles ketchup, 2 mustard, 2 relish

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, February 13.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/3 Chris McDowell, Andrew Zanko
2/4 Chris Dunn
2/5 Jon Kundtz
2/7 Marie Faulk, Pauline Scott

ADULT PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

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

Sage-ing is a process of finding more meaning and purpose in the second half of life. Our classes on Monday, February 8 will focus on "Loving the Self." This session focuses on silencing the inner critic and using affirmations to celebrate our God-given talents. People of all ages are invited to attend either class, 10-11:30 a.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. on February 8. If you have questions, call Rev. Harsh.

Men's Retreat

The Men's Retreat is February 20-21 at the Kirkmont Center in Bellefontaine. We will leave from the church at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and return mid-afternoon on Sunday. Our Bible study will look at men who have tried to run away from God – Jonah, Moses, Saul, the Prodigal Son, Jesus' disciples – why we do it and how to stop running. The cost is \$50. Checks should be made out to Jerome UMC and marked "Men's Retreat" in the memo. Your check is your reservation and is due immediately. We will do our own cooking this year. If you have questions or want to help with food, contact Steve @ harsh1946@hotmail.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Recipe for Life"

Feasting on God's Grace

This year's women's retreat will be held February 19-20 at the Kirkmont Center in Bellefontaine. Those wishing to car pool to the retreat will meet at the church on Friday at 3:00 p.m. The first session of the retreat will begin at 5:00 p.m. The theme for this year's retreat will be

"Recipe for Life-Feasting on God's Grace." Denise will lead the retreat. The cost this year will be \$50, which includes lodging, linens and retreat materials. There will not only be time for study, but plenty of time for fellowship, walks in the woods, alone time, worship and our annual game of spoons!

The retreat center will not provide food service this year. Therefore, each participant will be asked to provide part of a meal. The adult lodge at the Kirkmont Center has capacity for twenty four participants. Checks should be made out to the Jerome UMC and marked women's retreat. Your check will be your reservation.

Women of all ages attend this retreat over the years. If you are new to our church family or been around for a while and wish to reconnect with God and the church community, we invite you to join us. Please call Denise if you have any questions.

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 tickets are \$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 payment 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!

RECREATION & FUN

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, February 6, 7:30 a.m. This is open to all men of the church and their guests.

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EUCHRE PARTY

Sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby for the euchre party on Friday, February 12, 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 Olive Kitteridge, by Elizabeth Strout, for our next discussion book. We will meet Monday, March 1, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Feightner, 3372 Smiley's Corner, Hilliard. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. All women are invited.

Thank You

I've had the pleasure of meeting some of the fine people from Jerome and even serving with them in Honduras! It never ceases to amaze me the way that God connects people and resources for the purpose of serving Him around the world. I would like to send a heartfelt thanks to the members of Jerome United Methodist Church for making a contribution to Asia's Hope. The donation will be used to buy

immunizations to prevent life-threatening diseases and some will be placed in an emergency medical fund in Cambodia to pay for emergency surgeries and treatments at local hospitals for the children. Thank you so much for your kindness and support.

Engage suffering. Unleash hope.

Sherrod Fields

Asia's Hope Board Member, Medical Coordinator, and Team Leader

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Thanks to the generosity of the Jerome Church family, 200 health kits were assembled and shipped to Haiti.

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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:

- Dana Pharis for providing dinner for the Buckeye Angels

- 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

February Calendar

Monday, February 1

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

Tuesday, February 2

9:30am Open Gym Plus

Wednesday, February 3

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

Thursday, February 4

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

Friday, February 5

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, February 6

7:30am Men's breakfast
Honduras mission team returns

Sunday, February 7

8:30am Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
9:30am Fellowship time
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
10:45am Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
noon Junior handbell rehearsal
5:30pm Beginners' Bible study

Monday, February 8

10:00am Sage-ing class
7:00pm Sage-ing class
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting
7:30pm Rust Machine Bible study - Rusty's

Tuesday, February 9

9:30am Open Gym Plus
4:30pm Children's Choir rehearsal
7:00pm Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, February 10

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

Thursday, February 11

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

Friday, February 12

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

Saturday, February 13

8:00am Recycling pick up

Sunday, February 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
noon Junior handbell rehearsal
5:30pm Beginners' Bible study

Monday, February 15 – Presidents' Day

Church office closed
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting
7:30pm G.R.A.P.E.S. Bible study – Denise's
7:30pm Senior high boys Bible study – Rusty's

Tuesday, February 16

9:30am Open Gym Plus
7:00pm Administrative Council meeting

Wednesday, February 17 – Ash Wednesday

9:45am Serendipity
5:30pm Children's choir rehearsal
5:45pm Twist
6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Ash Wednesday service

Thursday, February 18

7:00pm Serendipity
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, February 19

3:00pm Women's Retreat – meet at the church to carpool
3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, February 20

1:30pm Men's Retreat – meet at the church

Sunday, February 21

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal
5:30pm Beginners' Bible study

Monday, February 22

6:30pm Breakaway

Tuesday, February 23

9:30am Open Gym Plus
4:30pm Children's choir rehearsal

Wednesday, February 24

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

Thursday, February 25

7:00pm Serendipity
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, February 26

3:30pm Soup for the Soul
 8:00pm Buckeye Angels sleep over – Denise’s

Saturday, February 27

8:00pm Red Cross blood drive

Sunday, February 28

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
 9:30am Fellowship time
 9:45am Sunday School for all ages
 10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church
 12:15pm ASP informational meeting
 1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal
 2:30pm Festival Orchestra rehearsal
 5:30pm Beginners’ Bible study

2/21 8:30 Scott & Melanie Danhof
 10:45 Woody & Jane Green
 2/28 8:30 Wayne & Kathy Tummonds
 10:45 Don & Gail Lambie

SCRIPTURE READERS

2/7 8:30 Ruth Elliott
 10:45 Jan Manring
 2/14 8:30 Kathy Hoover
 10:45 Steve Mark
 2/21 8:30 Carol Kauffman
 10:45 Kim Weaver
 2/28 8:30 Kathy Tummonds
 10:45 Chip Seely

ACOLYTES – 9:00AM

2/7 Seth Transue
 2/14 Nick Page
 2/21 Abbi Clark
 2/28 Madilyn Zimmerman

ALTAR FLOWERS

2/7 Dick & Joan Hayslip – in honor of our wedding anniversary
 2/14 Roger & Denise Gorden – in honor of Heath’s birthday
 2/21 Dan & Pam Schmidt – in honor of our daughter, Chelsea’s birthday
 2/28 Marian Webb – in memory of my mother on her birthday and in honor of Rose’s birthday

FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS

2/7 9:30 K.C. & Bev Fields
 10:45 Jeff & Anne Allen
 2/14 9:30 Fred & Kristen Gardini
 10:45 David & Valerie Altfater
 2/21 9:30 Bill & Julie Gossard
 10:45 Mike & Marla Anderson
 2/28 9:30 Don & Ann Grove
 10:45 Dennis & Jan Bambach

CHILDREN’S NURSERY

2/7 8:20 Rosemary Pitts
 9:35 Open
 10:35 Amy Smith
 2/14 8:20 Randy Page
 9:35 Open

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS

2/7 8:30 Bob & Becky Neill
 10:45 Scott & Cara Hanhart
 2/14 8:30 Charlie & Wendy Bynner
 10:45 Carl & Ellen Erkison
 2/21 8:30 Ron & Myra Brennehan
 10:45 Rob & Sara Meriweather
 2/28 8:30 Sharon Dunn
 10:45 Chris & Sarah Holcomb

GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS

	Inside	Outside
2/7	8:30 Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45 Barb Keith	Tom Montgomery
2/14	8:30 Vickie DiCesare	Robert Guthrie
	10:45 June Booher	Sandy Montee
2/21	8:30 Stephanie Middlestead	Dan Sutphen
	10:45 Sarah Holcomb	Terry Woerner
2/28	8:45 DeeAnn King	Joni Clark
	10:45 Tracy Moldovan	Steve Mark

USHERS

2/7 8:30 David & Madeleine Breitmayer
 10:45 Andy & Marilyn Trux
 2/14 8:30 Randy & Amy Page
 10:45 Kim & Scott Weaver

10:35 Open
 2/21 8:20 Lynn Boston
 9:35 Open
 10:35 Anne Allen
 2/28 8:20 Becky Neill
 9:35 Kim Weaver
 10:35 Amy Plank

- Myra, Julie and Sarah, their families and friends
 (husband and father, Ron Brenneman)
 - family and friends of Inges Bradachia (Gloria's
 nephew's mother)
HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Harold Adams (Gloria Brooks)
 - Bill Bynner
 - Sarah Chapman
 - Bruce Colabrese
 - Helen Foreman (Jan Manring)
 - Pat Heier (Jan Bambach)
 - Arlene Kelly

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

	Teacher	Shepherd
2/7	Donna Montgomery	Abbi Clark
2/14	Donna Montgomery	Amy Page
2/21	Donna Montgomery	Abby Clark
2/28	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead

- Don Kinker (Barb Keith)
 - Jake Koch (Tina Darr)
 - Bob Haley (Diana Hoffman)
 - Steve Harsh
 - Bob Neill
 - Shelly Pettit (Norma Pettit)
 - Gene Phelps
 - Lana Powers
 - Cathy Priday
 - Ritchie family (Ruth Schwab)
 - Harland Smyers (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

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

	Teacher	Shepherd
2/7	Elizabeth Hagloch	Tracy Moldovan
2/14	Leah Koenig	Mike Anderson
2/21	Donna Montgomery	Anjie Stanko
2/28	Michelle Pettit	Janell Bolte

- Tracy Thorne (Penny Sullivan)
 - Helen Tinlin (Larry Tinlin)
 - Larry Tinlin
 - Barb Wilcox
 - Jeane Wilkin (Jan Bambach's mother)
 - Madilyn Zimmerman

Elementary

2/7	Sarah Holcomb	April Keiffer
2/14	Kathleen Rose	Lori Greiner
2/21	Greg Jaudzems	Erica Pettit
2/28	Becky Hayslip	Kimberly Bowman

HOMEBOUND:
 - Forrest & Ginny Albright
 - Mary Alice Schacherbauer
NURSING HOME:
 - Christine Hensley (Holly Hedrick)
 - Mary Hoover (Diana Hoffman)
 - Tom Webb
 - Miriam Wilcox

FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP

2/7 Bob Warne
 2/14 Sonnenberg family
 2/21 Bowman family
 2/28 Bryan family

MILITARY:
 - Brad Bennett (Kristi Smith)
 - Daniel Clark, Jr. (Abby Clark)
 - Vince Cobb (John Holsinger)

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

2/4 Gregg Rothermund
 2/11 Valerie Altfater
 2/18 Penny Sullivan
 2/25 Chuck Dyer

- Brian Doyle-Wenger (Dave & Valerie Altfater)
 - Austin Evans (Joan Hayslip)
 - 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
 - Shannon Neill
 - Zach Shipe (Joan Hayslip)
 - Zach Yeager (Charlie & Gerri Miller)

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

BEREAVEMENT:

- Andrew Zanko

MISSIONARIES:

-Dave & Donna Jacobsson: MAF

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- Honduras Mission Team

(January 31 – February 6)