

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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

## MARCH 2010

### JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

When historian Stephen Ambrose told the amazing story of the building of the transcontinental railroad that linked Chicago and San Francisco, he titled his book *Nothing Like It in the World* (Simon and Shuster, 2000). He compared the construction of the railroad to the Civil War, in which many of the railroad's builders had just fought. Ambrose says, "*There was but one single decisive spot . . . the builders could not outflank an enemy, or attack in an unexpected place, or encircle. The end of the track, the place where the rails gave out, was the only spot that mattered. Only there could the line advance, only there could the battle be joined.*"

Using this imagery, we are invited during this Lenten season to take a spiritual "Journey to the Cross", *the single, decisive spot . . . the inevitable end of the track Jesus followed, the only spot that really mattered . . . the pivotal event upon which the whole Christian tradition hangs . . . that on a Friday afternoon, around A.D. 33, Jesus of Nazareth died as a convicted felon on a Roman cross outside Jerusalem; and then three days later he was raised from the dead ("Dying to Live," James A. Harnish). Professor Mark Heim declares that Christ's death on the cross is "so integral to the grammar of faith that its absence amounts to a debilitating speech defect. A church that falls silent about the cross has a hole where the gospel ought to be."* ("Christ Crucified," *The Christian Century*, March 7, 2001, Page 12).

Our Lenten "Journey to the Cross" began on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and continues in Sunday morning worship, and through special Holy Week services and activities which include:

#### **A Children's Easter Party, Sunday, March 14**

Children age 2 – grade 5 are invited to the church from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. to hunt for Easter eggs, and enjoy games, crafts, an Easter Story, and snacks. Kids, invite your cousins, friends, and neighbors to come to the Easter Party at Jerome with you!

**Palm Sunday, March 28,** "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services will be held in Fellowship Hall with beautiful music by the Chancel Choir (8:30) and the Higher Ground Praise Band (10:45). A "Palm Processional" by the children will begin each service. Rev. Brooks' sermon will be "The Time of God's Coming" based on John 19:28-44. **Palm Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** The Festival Choir and Festival Orchestra will present "***No More Night***" with music directed by John Holsinger and drama directed by Rev. Steve Harsh. This upbeat

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dramatic musical will be one of the highlights of your Easter season! Bring your family and friends to enjoy this wonderful musical production with you. Childcare for children birth through age 5 will be provided.

**Maundy Thursday, April 1,** “On the night that He was betrayed, Jesus took bread .....” At 7:30 p.m. there will be an experiential contemporary time of worship in Fellowship Hall led by Rev. Steve Harsh and the Youth and Young Adults with music by the Higher Ground Praise Band. The service will include Holy Communion and foot washing or hand washing. Child Care will be provided for children birth through age 5.

**Good Friday, April 2,** “It is finished . . .”  
The **Good Friday Cross Walk**, sponsored by the Dublin Clergy Association, will begin at noon from the south parking lot or Dublin Coffman High School. The Walk will end at 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. Childcare will be provided for children birth through age 5.

**The Good Friday Tenebrae Service** of light and darkness, scripture and music, begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will provide the special music. Childcare will be provided for children birth through age 5 during the Tenebrae Service.

**Easter Sunday, April 4,** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today! Alleluia!” This will be a glorious morning celebrating the victorious resurrection of our Lord. Both the 8:30 and 10:45 Worship Celebrations will be in Fellowship Hall with music by the Chancel Choir at 8:30 a.m. and the Higher Ground Praise

Band at 10:45. “He Is Risen” is the title of Rev. Brooks 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 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. For Holy Week to be truly meaningful, we need to keep the church an integral part of our experience. Please come to each service expecting a blessing and the opportunity to grow closer to the one who loved us so much that He gave His life for us, Jesus Christ, our crucified, resurrected, and ruling Lord.  
Rev. Gloria Brooks

**Welcome New Members**

On Sunday, February 21, we welcomed Jana Marsh and Sharon Martin as new members of Jerome United Methodist Church.

Jana is married to Philip and they have a five year old son, Charlie.

Sharon is married to Scott and they have two grown sons, Shawn, who is married to Melanie, and Seth.

Jana and Sharon, welcome to Jerome United Methodist Church! Our prayer is that you will continue to grow in your faith and relationship with Christ through worship, study, fellowship, and service in and through Jerome Church.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### 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

### Volunteers Needed

#### for New Charitable Pharmacy for Central Ohio

The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio will open in mid-February at Livingston United Methodist Church. Many volunteers are needed to help with **HOSPITALITY . . . Front Door Greeters** with initial contact for pharmacy patients, **Pharmacy Guides** to direct patients to the pharmacy, and Waiting Room Volunteers to help with sign-in and to help with paperwork.

Also, **HEALTH SERVICE WORKERS** are needed. . . **Pharmacists and Pharmacy Students** to help with prescription services, **Nurses** for health screening and counseling, and **Interpreters** for translating for clients who do not speak English.

Once opened, the Pharmacy Hours will be Monday, 9 am-3pm, Wednesday, 12-4pm, and Friday, 9am-1pm. Volunteer Training will be held Saturday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. at Livingston UMC, 200 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. For more information, call Volunteer Coordinator Mariellyn Dunlap, [charitablepharmacy@gmail.com](mailto:charitablepharmacy@gmail.com) or 614-227-0301.

#### 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.

#### Home Dedicated to Everett Buckner

The Jerome 2010 Honduras Mission Team and the people of Honduras want to thank you for your generosity. During the week of January 30 to February 6, the team completed a three bedroom, one bath house for the Ramirez family, consisting of 5 children, and parents Pedro and Sara. Sara is due to deliver number 6 this month. The team also worked with children at the Children's Nutritional Institute, where two of the children attend and at the Total Health Clinic, where patients were seen and medical records organized and updated. The house was built through Total Home. You paid for the house with a \$4000 anonymous gift and contributed an additional \$2,470 in cash. The \$4,000 provided for all materials, supervision, and Honduran skilled labor necessary to complete the house with the help of the team. The \$2,470 came from many sources, including \$605 from the Buckner Memorial Fund, \$415 from Alternative Christmas, \$1,150 from Team Members and their friends. This also included \$300 that was carried over from last year's trip that was not used. We use the money as needed in Honduras and do not waste any. The money this year was used for a variety of needs in Honduras. Much of the donated money was used for furnishing the house with basic supplies, luggage cost to take medical supplies, construction supplies, and school supplies and clothes for the children at CNI. Part of the funds were used to start an education fund through the Church of the Grand Commission for students in La Ceiba.

For the house, you purchased three double beds. Each was complete with box springs, mattress, sheets, pillows and pillow cases. Towels and wash clothes were furnished for each person. Also the kitchen/living area was outfitted with a two burner propane stove top, table and four chairs, two chests of drawers, a broom, dishes, cooking pots, a skillet, food, including rice and beans, bathroom supplies, including diapers for the expected addition to the family. The kids now have beds of their own and for the first time the parents have their own bed and bedroom. Also, for the first time, they have a

bathroom with a sink, shower, and toilet. We cannot express in words the gratitude and sincerity that Pedro, Sara, and kids showed at the home dedication. This house was and is dedicated to the memory of Everett Buckner, a long time member of the Jerome Church. Everett contributed much to our church and has helped the Honduran people better their lives.

Thanks to your generosity, Total Home is able to continue their mission to build houses for those in need in Honduras. Thanks to you, your 2010 Honduras Mission Team was able to help build a house for a deserving family, help man the Health Clinic, and staff and care for children at CNI. You have helped spread the Love of our Lord throughout the world. This love has also been returned to Jerome Church from the people of Honduras. Won't you join us on the next mission trip to Honduras on January 29, 2011?

### **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.

### **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**

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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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

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Dear Friends,

“As the days get longer, the weather gets stronger!” Nancy’s grandfather used to say. Thanks to all the hardy folks who did not let the weather deter their participation in worship. Just as our Father’s love for us never stops, our worship of Him should be never ceasing. Thank you and God Bless You!

## EASTER MUSICAL

### *"NO MORE NIGHT"*

Festival Choir, Orchestra, Bells, and  
Drama

Sunday, March 28, 4:00 p.m.

## FESTIVAL CHOIR

Rehearsals for March:

Sunday, March 7, 14 - 1:00 to 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 21 – 1-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
with orchestra

Dress Rehearsal - Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. -  
noon.

Performance - Sunday, March 28, 4:00 p.m. (call  
3:00)

## FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Festival Orchestra began rehearsals on Sunday,  
February 28. Rehearsals are scheduled for 2:30 to  
3:30, following Festival Choir. Any youth (high  
school age) or adult who plays a band or string  
instrument is invited to participate in the group.

\*Sundays, March 7 and 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the  
fellowship hall

\*Sunday, March 21, 1-3:00 p.m. in the fellowship  
hall with choir

\*Dress Rehearsal - Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.  
- noon.

\*Performance - Sunday, March 28, 4:00 p.m. (call  
3:00)

## CHANCEL CHOIR

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

\*Special Holy Week Schedule includes Good  
Friday service on April 2, 7:30 p.m., with rehearsal  
at 6:30 p.m.

## JEROME RINGERS

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

\*Performance on Sunday, March 28, 4:00 p.m.  
(rehearse at 2:45)

\*Columbus Handbell Festival will be held Sunday,  
May 2, in New Albany. Mark your calendars!

## HIGHER GROUND

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

\*Special Holy Week Schedule includes Maundy  
Thursday Service on April 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Special Rehearsal time prior to the service, 6:15  
p.m.

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

## Junior Bells

NO rehearsals are scheduled for March. We will  
continue after Easter in April!

## Children's Choir

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, March 3  
and 17, 5:30 p.m. (prior to Twist).

## NO TUESDAY REHEARSALS IN MARCH

*Thank you to the Children's Choir and Junior Bells for their wonderful music in February. You did a great job in spite of the weather. Blessings!*

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

## NEW THIS MONTH:

### EASTER PARTY- Date and Time Change -



### Donations needed

The date and time has be changed to **March 14 3:00-4:30pm** in the fellowship hall. There will be a story, games, crafts, snacks and of course, a visit from the Easter Bunny.....you will not want to miss the fun. Who can your kids invite? Sarah Holcomb is organizing this family outreach event. We need wrapped mini candies and small party prizes donated (bubbles, playdough, etc.). There is a

basket for donations in the narthex. Contact Sarah Holcomb of Donna Montgomery with questions.

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## CURRENT MINISTRY INFORMATION

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### 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 from January 20 through March 9. See Dax Pitts with questions regarding this ministry.

### 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. The Last BBS will be March 7.

### TWIST

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 and 3rd Wednesdays of the month 5:50– 7:15 Children's Choir at 5:30 for 2nd grade and older Meal at 6:15 are \$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).

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## **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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### **OPEN GYM PLUS**

Want to help? Hands are needed to help set up on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 - 9:30 thru March 9. Many toys are carried from the Nursery, Preschool, and Basement into the gym. It is a good cardiac work-out.

### **EASTER PARTY - DONATIONS NEEDED**

Sarah Holcomb needs organizers and workers to set up, run, and clean up the Easter Party. We are also collecting small candy pieces (to put inside the eggs) and small prizes. Place items in the basket in the narthex.....the more the better! Thank you!

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

There are many places to serve in regards to VBS. Planning, organizing, decorating, inviting, advertising, recruiting, etc. It is always a blessing to me when someone asks to serve on a team. Contact Donna if you'd like to help with Vacation Bible School this year.

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### **THANK YOU!**

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**Easter Party:** Thank you, Sarah Holcomb for organizing the Easter Party and encouraging parents to enjoy the family time. What a gift you have given to all of us.

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

**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

**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.

**B.B.S. Helpers:** Marla Anderson and Becky Hayslip who help supervise and who organize all the snacks.

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

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

### **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.

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

### **MOUNTAIN T.O.P. SECOND PAYMENT**

The second payment of \$135 is due for this year's Mountain T.O.P. mission trip. All payments must be into the office by March 5. This is the final date to withdraw with a refund. We still have one space for a youth to attend. If your son or daughter would like to attend Mountain T.O.P., please call Denise as soon as possible. The dates are June 19- June 27. We currently have 34 adults and students attending this year's camp.

### **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 begin March 15 and conclude April 11. Proceeds from this sale will go directly into a special account that helps pay for youth group mission projects. This year \$250 was used to send health care kits to Haiti. This fund is also used to help pay for items for our annual Thanksgiving dinner at The Church for All People in downtown Columbus. Scholarships are also taken from this account for students who need financial assistance for mission trips and retreats. The fund

currently has \$150. Our hope is this sale will replenish this amount for future mission work by our youth. We encourage you to spread the word to your friends and neighbors about this sale.

Student can earn 50% of the profits from this sale, which can be used for Mountain T.O.P. or other youth activities. The remainder of the profits will go into the youth account.

Delivery of flats of flowers, hanging baskets or plants will be Friday, April 30. This is the Friday before 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 go and 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 also 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, March 8, 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, March 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, March 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, March 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.

### **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:

- Adams & Brooks family (Gloria's step-father, Harold Adams)
- Mattmiller family (Marc's sister, Vicky)
- Kauffman family (Ed's sister, Mary Plank)

### HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Harold Adams
- Dolores Adams (Gloria Brooks)
- Forrest & Ginny Allbright
- Bill Bynner
- Sarah Chapman
- Bruce Colabrese
- Marge Dixon (Chris McDowell)
- Rick Graves ( Larry Tinlin)
- Bob Haley (Diana Hoffman)
- Steve Harsh
- Hugh Hawkins
- Pat Heier (Jan Bambach)
- Arlene Kelly (Marie Clark)
- Don Kinker (Barb Keith)
- Jake Koch (Tina Darr)
- Bob Haley (Diana Hoffman)
- Donald McCarthy (Pat McCarthy)
- Gerri Miller
- Aaron Moore
- Bob Neill (Sr.)
- Shelly Pettit (Norma Pettit)
- Cathy Priday
- Ritchie family (Ruth Schwab)
- Harland Smyers (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Tracy Thorne (Penny Sullivan)
- Helen Tinlin (Larry Tinlin)
- Larry Tinlin
- Barb Wilcox
- 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)

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Tracy Mills, Erica Pettit, Donna Gordon
- 3/2 Bob Neill (Marysville), Ben Yates
- 3/6 Charlie King, Matt Ingram, Olivia Evans
- 3/8 Brian Jackson
- 3/9 David McDowell, Misti Morgan
- 3/11 Conner Matrka
- 3/12 Bill Foulke
- 3/13 Amy Page, April Keiffer
- 3/14 Dan Gossard, Carol Dixon, Wendy Bynner, Marian Webb, Karen Matrka, Lauren Bambach, Mike Dennison, Emma Anderson
- 3/15 Art Earl
- 3/17 Ginny Allbright
- 3/18 Colin Seely
- 3/19 Kelsey Hoover, Cody Middlestead, Rosemary Pitts
- 3/22 Chase Rose, Rob Meriweather
- 3/25 Susan Miller, Abbie Clark
- 3/26 Kathy Helms, Kevin Hill, Clark Breeding, John Bolte, William Anderson
- 3/27 Jessica Flowers
- 3/29 Luke Detwiler
- 3/31 Monica Welcker

## ADULT PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

### ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS NEW STUDY

The Adult Discussion Class has begun a new study, "Battlefield of the mind -Winning the Battle in Your Mind" by Joyce Meyer. Worry, doubt, anger, depression and feelings of condemnations are attacks on the mind, If you suffer from negative thoughts, this will show you how to change your life by changing your mind. The book teaches you how to deal with thoughts you have every day and focus your mind to think the way God thinks. It is not too late to join this class, which meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the education wing (room 108).

### **WOMEN'S AND MEN'S RETREATS**

Twenty three women attended the women's retreat at the Kirkmont Center. The theme for the retreat was "Recipe For Life". Thanks to Janell Bolte for providing the music and Kim Solomon for providing the center pieces and decorations for the retreat. Thanks to Jan Manring for organizing the food. Following the night session Friday evening, many of the ladies enjoyed a late night tubing experience at Mad River Mountain!

Fifteen men attended the men's retreat. Thanks to Joe Sullivan, who provided the music. Scott Sonnenberg, Jon Kundtz and Dan Schmidt were 'chefs' for a day!

### **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!

## **RECREATION & FUN**

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

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, March 6, 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, March 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 want to thank everyone who remembered me with cards for my birthday and also for get well cards when I had pneumonia.

Marie Faulk

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Dear Total Home Partners,

On behalf of the Total Home Board of Directors, allow me to communicate my most sincere “thank you” for your support during the year. We are grateful that you chose to share in our mission to provide quality housing to less fortunate parts of the world.

During 2009, your contribution helped to fund the building of five small, quality homes for Honduran families who otherwise would have none. Additionally, we have two mission trips scheduled for January to build two additional homes. Generous partners like you, who are willing to support us financially, as well as with your time and expertise, are making a significant difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Once again, please accept our gratitude for your gift. You have done a wonderful and gracious thing for those in need.

Sincerely,  
Rosemary Pitts, Treasurer

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Thank you for your gift of food to the Dublin Food Pantry. Your contribution enables the Pantry to provide a variety of food assistance to needy families in our community. In this challenging economy, we especially appreciate your kindness and generosity in making this gift.

Sincerely,  
Linda A. Fisher, Operations Manager

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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:

- 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

## Easter Flowers

If you would like to order flowers, in honor of or memory of a special person in your life, to decorate the church for Easter, please fill out an order form that you will find in pew rack or attendance book and place it in the envelope with a check made to Jerome Church. The cost is \$7.00 for a 6 ½” pot of blue hyacinths, pink tulips, or white lilies.

## 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, March 13.

# March Calendar

## Monday, March 1

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

## Tuesday, March 2

9:30am Open Gym Plus

## Wednesday, March 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, March 4

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

## Friday, March 5

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

## Saturday, March 6

7:30am Men's breakfast

## Sunday, March 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  
1:00pm Festival choir rehearsal – music room  
2:30pm Festival orchestra rehearsal – fellowship hall  
5:30pm Beginners' Bible study

## Monday, March 8

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

## Tuesday, March 9

9:30am Open Gym Plus

## Wednesday, March 10

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

## Thursday, March 11

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

## Friday, March 12

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

## Saturday, March 13

8:00am Recycling pick up

## Sunday, March 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  
1:00pm Festival choir rehearsal – music room  
2:30pm Festival orchestra rehearsal – fellowship hall  
3:00pm Easter party  
5:30pm Beginners' Bible study

## Monday, March 15

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

## Wednesday, March 17

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

## Thursday, March 18

7:00pm Serendipity  
8:00pm Band rehearsal

## Friday, March 19

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

## Sunday, March 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- 3pm Festival Choir and Festival Orchestra rehearsal - gym

## Monday, March 22

6:30pm Breakaway  
7:00pm Frogs & Toads book club meeting – Kathy Feightner's  
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

## Wednesday, March 24

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

## Thursday, March 25

7:00pm Serendipity  
8:00pm Band rehearsal

## Friday, March 26

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

## Saturday, March 27

10:00am Jerome Festival Choir/Orchestra rehearsal

**Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday**

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery  
9:30am Fellowship time  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church  
4:00pm Easter Cantata

**Monday, March 29**

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Wednesday, March 31**

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

# MARCH VOLUNTEERS

**GREETERS**

3/7 8:30 Bob & Stephanie Middlestead  
10:45 Steve & Sandy Montee  
3/14 8:30 Dick & Joan Hayslip  
10:45 Rusty & Terry Woerner  
3/21 8:30 Al & Joni Clark  
10:45 Roger & Becky Hayslip  
3/28 8:30 Robert & Karen Guthrie  
10:45 Bruce & Leslie Lauer

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS**

	<b>Inside</b>	<b>Outside</b>
3/7	8:30 Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45 Barb Keith	Kathy Feightner
3/14	8:30 Karen Guthrie	Robert Guthrie
	10:45 June Booher	Sandy Montee
3/21	8:30 Stephanie Middlestead	Dan Sutphen
	10:45 Sarah Holcomb	Terry Woerner
3/28	8:45 DeeAnn King	Joni Clark
	10:45 Tracy Moldovan	Dawn Stanko

**USHERS**

3/7 8:30 Bill Gossard & Larry Herchline  
10:45 Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg  
3/14 8:30 King family  
10:45 Mark & Kim Solomon  
3/21 8:30 Dan & Pam Schmidt  
10:45 Gary & Kathy Grauer  
3/28 8:30 Matthew & Hayley Neumeier  
10:45 Brian & Julie Jackson

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

3/7 8:30 Anita Norris  
10:45 Linda Pettit  
3/14 8:30 Katie King  
10:45 Steve Roggenkamp  
3/21 8:30 Tom Pierce  
10:45 Tom Boyd  
3/28 8:30 Ed Kauffman  
10:45 Jon Pettit

**ACOLYTES – 9:00AM**

3/7 Seth Transue  
3/14 Nick Page  
3/21 Abbi Clark  
3/28 Madilyn Zimmerman

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

3/7 Chris Mills – in honor of family birthdays – Carol’s 62<sup>nd</sup>, Pat’s 46<sup>th</sup>, Tracy’s 46th  
3/14 Anderson family – in honor of Emma’s birthday  
3/21 Roger & Denise Gorden – in honor of our wedding anniversary  
3/28 Detwiler & Anderson family – in honor of William’s, Caroline’s and Luke’s birthdays

**FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS**

3/7 9:30 Robert & Karen Guthrie  
10:45 Todd & Vicki Bowman  
3/14 9:30 Phil & Dana Hammond  
10:45 June Booher & Tom Boyd  
3/21 9:30 Dick & Joan Hayslip  
10:45 Bill & Melinda Bryan  
3/28 9:30 Roger & Becky Hayslip  
10:45 Bruce & Toni Burkholder

**CHILDREN’S NURSERY**

3/7 8:20 Rosemary Pitts

9:35 Open  
 10:35 Amy Smith  
 3/14 8:20 Randy Page  
 9:35 Open  
 10:35 Brenda Hancock  
 3/21 8:20 Lynn Boston  
 9:35 Open  
 10:35 Amy Plank  
 3/28 8:20 Becky Neill  
 9:35 Kim Weaver  
 10:35 Ann Allen

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

	Teacher	Shepherd
3/7	Donna Montgomery	Abbi Clark
3/14	Donna Montgomery	Amy Page
3/21	Donna Montgomery	Abby Clark
3/28	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead

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

	Teacher	Shepherd
3/7	Elizabeth Hagloch	Tracy Moldovan
3/14	Leah Koenig	Mike Anderson
3/21	Donna Montgomery	Anjie Stanko
3/28	Michelle Pettit	Janell Bolte

**Elementary**

3/7	April Keiffer	Sarah Holcomb
3/14	Greg Jaudzems	Erica Pettit
3/21	Donna Montgomery	Anjie Stanko
3/28	Becky Hayslip	Kimberly Bowman

**FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP**

3/7 Bob Warne  
 3/14 Sonnenberg family  
 3/21 Bowman family  
 3/28 Bryan family

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

3/4 Gregg Rothermund  
 3/11 Valerie Altfater  
 3/18 Penny Sullivan  
 3/25 Chuck Dyer

## Daylight Savings Time

**Daylight savings time begins.... don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 13!**

