

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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

## MAY 2010

### What If?

An old saying asserts that “if” is the biggest little word in the English language because it encompasses limitless possibilities. Whether formally or not, we have all played “what if?” Such activity can be productive or depressing, depending on where it leads. For a moment, think about “what if?”

What if your parents had not met? What if you had not jumped clear of danger that time in childhood? What if you had studied a different major or under a different teacher? What if you had not gone to that gathering where you met that special person? What if you had taken the job that you decided against? What if you had not done what you finally did that led to today?

Speculations about “what if?” would prove endless without some restraint on imagination by reality. What if I were 20 again? I wish I were, but I’m not, and never can be again, so reality says, “Forget it.”

But “what if?” can lead to great hopes and dreams that can result in new realities for us as individuals and as a congregation. What if I intentionally and daily apply Jesus’ teachings to my life? What if I set aside a time each day to pray and read the Bible? What if I attend worship every

Sunday? What if I commit to attending a class or small group at church to learn more about my faith? What if I decide to actively invite two new people each week to come to church with me?

What if I volunteer my time to support a special mission project or to teach a Sunday school class or lead a small group? What if I decide to follow the Bible’s teaching and work toward tithing 10% of my income to God’s work through my church? What if I plan each year to pledge an additional 1% of my annual income until I reach my goal of a tithe (10%)? What if I live a lot more years, how shall I use my time? What if my time is short, what will I leave as my legacy? What if I live each day as a joyful and faithful follower of Jesus Christ?

Carefully applied, these “what ifs?” will change our lives for the better. As with so many “what ifs?” in life, change begins with a commitment to do things differently. I pray that you and I, with a sense of great thanksgiving for God’s many blessings, will consider life’s “what ifs?” and turn a dream-filled “if” into a fact-experienced reality.

*“IF you love me, you will keep my commandments,”* Jesus said in John 14:15. That small yet huge word will change our lives if we choose to allow it to happen.

Rev. Gloria Brooks

## **Mothers' Day Pancake Breakfast**

The Men's Group of the church will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast on Mothers' Day, May 9, from 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy the meal and mothers will be honored. Those in Sunday school classes are welcome to take their breakfasts with them to class.

## **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 people 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 volunteers. 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.

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION**

The following adults will be recognized for their dedication to the Christian education ministry of our church on May 23. Most of them teach on a weekly basis and have shared their love of the Lord and their knowledge of the Bible with so many adults and teens. Please join us as we show our appreciation to them on Sunday, May 23 at our Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.

- Dr. Robert Guthrie teaches the Adult Bible Class
- Mary Jo Edwards and Chip Seely teach the Adult Discussion Class
- Chuck Dyer and Anne Allen teach the Hot Topics Class
- Bill Bryan and Rob & Sara Meriweather teach the Senior High Class

- Rusty Woerner and Vickie Bowman teach the Middle School Class
- Amy Plank teaches "The Lounge".
- Anita Norris teaches Serendipity Nighttime

After many years of teaching, Bill Bryan has decided to retire from his teaching position. Bill was able to have all of his three daughters in class during his years of teaching. Bill has a gift of bringing current events into the class and relating them to teaching in the Bible. We thank Bill for his devotion to the teens of our church and wish him the best in his next venture into ministry.

Amy Plank started 'The Lounge,' a place where parents with small children could come and learn about God and share their experiences with other parents. Amy has decided to take a break from teaching and take the time to sit back and be a student for awhile. We thank Amy for her vision of starting this class and we pray that the class will continue to welcome new families from our church.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Christian education Sunday school classes for adults and children will hold their final class of the year on Sunday, May 23. The Education Team encourages you to use that hour on Sunday mornings during the summer before or after your worship time to spend time with your family, either in study or perhaps a family devotion. You may choose to take an early morning walk and take the time to be thankful for all God has given you. Classes for all ages will resume in the fall -- Kickoff Sunday is set for September 12.

Children's Church during worship will continue throughout the summer for children up to grade 4. The nursery will be staffed throughout the summer.

An Education fair is scheduled for between services on August 22 to introduce adults, youth and children to the classes, curriculum and teachers!

Please contact Anne Allen or Denise Gorden if you have any questions regarding the adult education classes our church has to offer.

# COMMITTEE UPDATES

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Faithful stewardship is the gift of our time, talents and resources and nowhere does this come together better for JUMC than at our annual flea market. Success here requires the talent of the committee to organize and conduct this important ministry, the time and effort of many to set up and staff it, and the entire church to provide the resources (product to sell and cash to run) to make it a financial success. On behalf of the entire church community, the Stewardship Committee offers its sincere appreciation to all involved for a job very well done.

### Thank you for Supporting This Year's Flea Market

Thank you to the Flea Market Committee: Don Grove, Chuck Dyer, Richard Hayslip, Melinda Murphy, June Booher, and Barb Keith, who worked throughout the year planning this event. They also worked day and night flea market week, Friday and Saturday. There are also many individuals who worked very long hours helping us prepare for the flea market. The fellowship was amazing!

Thank you to those who donated items to help us run the flea market and donations for us to sell. Without those items, this wouldn't be possible.

We appreciate your support setting up the flea market and bringing items up from the basement and off-site storage places. We also appreciate your support and assistance with cleaning up after the Flea Market.

Last year we had a record breaking year with a grand total of \$8,248.00. This year, we had another record breaking year with a grand total of **\$12,443.13**. (We made \$4,195.13 more than last year.)

Can you believe it? We did it! The newspaper mistake did not stop us from having the best Flea Market Ever! We appreciate everybody's support

with all the creative ideas to get the word out about our sale - AND it worked!

The kitchen had a record breaking year with \$573.95. The bake sale also had a record breaking year with a total of \$773.95

*Did you know?* Greater than 50% of our church family supported this year's flea market. One of the best parts of this church ministry is that every single person in the church can help. *How can you help?* Please watch for Flea Market news in future bulletins, newsletters, emails, and on the church website.

We do have one favor to ask.... Please start saving your items for next year's Flea Market.

*Thank you, thank you for all of your support!*

Leslie Zimmerman, Chair  
Flea Market Committee

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### 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!

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross blood drive will be held at the church Saturday, May 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A sign up sheet is 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 our final blood drive of 2010 on November 13.

## Honduras Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting at the church on Thursday, May 13, 7:00 p.m., for the next mission trip to Honduras. The next trip is scheduled for January 29 to February 5, 2011. We

have a list of many people interested in the trip and want to answer all of your questions. Several previous team members will be at the meeting and will have brochures, schedules, costs, covenants, pictures, and applications. The Honduras mission trips are a great opportunity to reach out to the less fortunate in our world. You will have the opportunity to work at a health clinic, a children's center, build a house in one week or maybe do a little of all three. Please contact Debbie Trego, Charlie Bynner, or the church office if you are interested in attending the meeting, have any questions, or want additional information sent to you.

### **Golf for Habitat**

The third annual golf outing for Habitat for Humanity is planned for Saturday, June 12th. The golf outing will have an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. This outing will be at Rolling Meadows Golf Course. The cost to play in the four person scramble is \$65 per golfer. Included is your riding cart, greens fee, food, a skins game, on-course contests, and a raffle. We'll have mulligans for sale, a 50/50 raffle, and beverages for sale on the course. Besides golfers, Jim Whitmer is also looking for hole sponsors. A hole sponsorship costs \$150. A nice wooden house sign will feature your business name at the course. You will receive the sign after the outing. The house will sit nicely on a shelf or hang from a wall. Please contact Jim Whitmer to play or to sponsor a hole at Snoopytp10@aol.com. or 614-766-4425. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for all interested golfers. The funds from the golf outing will support the Dublin Habitat Partnership housebuilding effort this year.

### **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 (provided by Charlie & Wendy Bynner) 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.

## **PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

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

### **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.

# Music Ministry

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Dear Jerome Musicians,

Here is our plan for the month of May. Please check the plans for Mothers Day (May 9) and Memorial Day weekend. May God bless our efforts.

## CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We will sing on May 2, 16, 23, and 30.

**The Men will sing on Mother's Day!**

**\*\* ONE COMBINED SERVICE ON MAY 30 \*\***

We will prepare a special anthem for Memorial Sunday!

## JEROME RINGERS

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

\*Columbus Handbell Festival" has been canceled! Watch for an alternate performance for our group!

## HIGHER GROUND

Rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings.

**\*\*ONE COMBINED SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 30\*\***

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

### Junior Bells

**\*\*Mother's Day Performance\*\***

Junior Bells will rehearse from noon to 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 2. We will ring for Mother's Day, May 9, at both services.

## Children's Choir


**\*\*Mother's Day Performance\*\***

Children's Choir will sing for Mother's Day. We will have practice on Wednesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. (There is NO TWIST that evening)

\*Plan to arrive at church at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 9. We will sing at the end of the first service and the beginning of the second service.

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## NEW THIS MONTH:

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**TWEEN** - a new ministry for third, fourth, and fifth grade students.

-- Our Next Event will be a trip to **Marmon Valley Farms**, where we will go horse-back riding on an hour ride through the hills and woods and then enjoy the other farm attractions.

-- Afterwards we will stop for pizza at Pizza Hut.

-- The cost depends on the number of people attending, riding is \$20-\$25 plus the cost of food.

-- We are still searching for the best date for this event, but it looks like it will be toward the beginning of June. We will post it on

Facebook and in the bulletin when the date is determined. If you are interested, let us know and we will keep you posted by email or phone.

-- Parents are not required to attend, but a good number of chaperones certainly makes the experience more enjoyable for everyone.

-- For kids whose parents are not attending, Marmon Valley requires a signed permission slip/waiver that can be printed from their on-line website.

-- Please invite your friends to come, too. We need to know how many are coming so we can reserve a group ride time .... RSVP, please. Either sign up on the bulletin board, on Facebook, or send Donna an email [donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com).

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION –**

**Exploring the Mighty Love of God**

August 2 - 6 at 6:30 pm.

Children 3 years old to those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade

\$10 per child up to \$25 per family of 3 or more

Guests are FREE!

Everyone receives an iron-on decal

Music CD's will be on sale

It takes many people to run VBS, we could use your help, too. If you have a passion for helping in a certain area, contact us soon to get on the list. Contact Marla Anderson at 614-402-9606 or Donna Montgomery at [donna.jumc@gmail.com](mailto:donna.jumc@gmail.com).

## **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

There is no Sunday school on Sunday, May 30. Instead, there is one service at 10:00 a.m. in remembrance of Memorial Day. Our last day of regular Sunday school will be Sunday, May 23.

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## **CURRENT MINISTRY INFORMATION**

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### **TEACHER APPRECIATION BRUNCH**

There will be a Teacher Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, May 23, for ALL teachers and shepherds in children's, youth, and adult ministry. You are so vital to the church, please plan to attend and let us shower you with thanksgiving. This is also the last day of Sunday school before Summer.

### **UPCOMING**

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES**

**I have only heard from a couple of people about joining or helping with either one of these ministries....let me know SOON if you are considering them or if you just want more information. The purpose is to spread God's love in words and actions. We need your help.**

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

1. Neighborhood Vacation Bible School in June
2. 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 a good time, so grab a friend and pick a date. You will be glad you did.

## ACTIVITY BAGS

There are activity bags in the corner of the fellowship hall for kids who stay in the service on Sunday mornings. To use a bag, simply pick up one of the blue bags from the wooden stand before the service and return it to the rack afterwards. Thank you, Linda Pettit, for serving as the coordinator of this ministry.

## 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 8:20, 9:35, or 10:35)

Sunday School (age specific at 9:45)

Children's Worship (Preschool or Elementary at 8:30 or 10:45)

Youth and adults 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.**

### EDUCATION TEAM

Do you want to be a part of our exciting Education Ministry but don't necessarily want to teach? We need people dedicated to Christian leadership and who understand the importance of Biblical study to help with planning and organizing and running the various ministries supported by the Education Team. Talk to Anne Allen, Denise Gorden or Donna Montgomery about ways you can serve JUMC through your service on the Education Team.

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## THANK YOU!

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**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

**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 and bakes the cookies for us. Sara Meriweather who helped with the craft/mission projects. John Holsinger who leads the children's Choir.

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

## **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

Sunday, June 6, is Graduation Sunday. Students of our church family who will graduate from high school this year will be recognized at either the 8:30 or 10:45 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.

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

### **TARA MIDDLESTEAD**

Tara Middlestead will complete a practicum this summer at the church. There is no salary for this position but Tara will receive college credit. She will assist Denise with the planning of various summer youth activities, including upcoming mission trips and Bible studies, as well as planning and supervising activities for our young adults in the G.R.O.W. ministry. Tara will begin her practicum on May 17 and conclude August 20.

### **MOUNTAIN T.O.P. MISSION PARTNERS**

Each year we ask persons from our congregation to be mission partners for our adults and students who will attend Mountain T.O.P. this summer. The responsibility of a mission partner is as follows:

1. Be at the Mountain T.O.P. Dedication Service on Sunday, June 13, 10:45 a.m.
2. Be at the church on Saturday, June 19, at 8:30 a.m. when we leave.
3. Pray for his or her mission partner during our week long stay.

4. Send mail and or a goodie bag to the camper
5. Be at the church on June 27 around 2:00 p.m. when we return.

The following is a list of the people attending this year's camp. If you are new to our church, this is a great way to get to know the youth of our church and their families. You may sign up in the church lobby or call Denise if you would like to be a mission partner.

Mike Allen, John Bolte, Kimberly Bowman, Vicky Bowman, Lizzy Bryan, Jacob Bucklin, Abby Clark, Andrea Decker, Luke Detwiler, Jacob Eye, Denise Gorden, Megan Griffith, Rachel Grauer, Elizabeth Hagloch, Dan King, Holly King, Katie King, Leah Koenig, Luke Koenig, Alyssa Lambie, Diane Leibold, Alex Mark, Emily McDowell, Cody Middlestead, Jack Moberger, Tom Montgomery, Kevin Murphy, Abby Potter, Emma Schnell, Stewart Seely, Josh Transue, Kelly Transue, Monica Welcker, Emily Whitacre, Rusty Woerner.

### **TOOL DAY AND TOOLS**

All Mountain T.O.P. campers are asked to join us on Saturday, June 12, for "Tool Day". All the tools we take to Mountain T.O.P. will be brought up from the basement, sorted and marked for our trip. The more hands we have, the faster the sorting will go! Also, we will need to borrow a number of tools for our trip. Tools are marked and returned to you after the trip. Please see the list in the church lobby to see what we need for the trip.

### **CAKE AND DESSERT AUCTION**

The final fundraiser for Mountain T.O.P. will be our annual cake and dessert auction. The Mountain T.O.P. campers will be asked to make a delicious dessert or cake with a Mountain T.O.P. theme to be placed in an auction on Sunday, June 13. The auction will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at noon. Campers are asked to have their items to the church by 9:15 a.m. that Sunday.

### **MOUNTAIN T.O.P. DEDICATION SERVICE**

Sunday, June 13, will be Mountain T.O.P. Sunday at 10:45 a.m. The Mountain T.O.P. students will lead the service. Parents and mission partners are invited to join us for this very special service.

### **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.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FALL**

Parents with teens who will be involved in the youth ministry of our church are asked to mark their calendars for the following dates for the Fall:

**The Rust Machine** - the middle school boys' Bible study meets the second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at Rusty's home for pizza and Bible study from October-April

**Buckeye Angels** - the middle school girls' Bible study meets the second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at Denise's home for pizza and Bible study from October-April

**GRAPES** (God Reaches Out and Promises Everlasting Salvation) - the girls' senior high Bible study meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., for dinner and Bible study October-April at Denise's home

Senior High Boys meet the third Monday of the month, October –April, 7:30 p.m., for pizza and Bible study at Rusty’s home

BREAKAWAY is the Middle School fellowship that meets for dinner and Bible study at the church the fourth Monday of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., September-March

OASIS is the senior high group that meets at the church teen room 7:30 p.m. EVERY WEDNESDAY for pizza and Bible study. *All incoming freshmen are invited to join us this summer following our Mountain T.O.P. trip.*

### **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

- Marc Mattmiller (sister, Vicky)
- Larry Tinlin (mother, Helen Tinlin)
- Pitts family (friend, Rick Kellogg)
- Dan Sutphen (friend, Ron Speakman)
- Swartz family (Paul’s mother, Carol’s step-mother)

### HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Valerie Bowerman
- Marjorie Dreher (Leslie Herchline)
- Lori Gravelis (Nancy Pimm)
- Rick Graves (Tracy Graves)
- Ron Graves (Tracy Graves)
- Maxine Evans
- Pat Heier (Jan Bambach)
- Marc Mattmiller’s mother
- Judy Myers
- Aaron Moore
- Martha Morley
- Shelly Pettit (Norma Pettit)
- Larry Tinlin
- 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)
- Jessica 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:

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## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 5/01 Charlie Bynner
- 5/03 Alison Decker, Scott Danhof
- 5/05 Cody Weaver
- 5/06 Mike Norris
- 5/07 Mike Clark

5/08 Marjene Caldwell, Andrew Zimmerman,  
Matthew Zimmerman  
5/11 Stephen Mills, Leah Koenig  
5/14 Craig Miller  
5/15 Lisa Seely, Ellen Smith, Bunny Boyd  
5/17 Dave Trego  
5/18 Dax Pitts  
5/19 K.C. Fields, Don Lambie, David Breitmayer  
5/20 Christopher Hoover, Erin Wilkie,  
Hannah Plank, Anne Allen  
5/21 Dora Grove  
5/23 Phil Zanko  
5/24 Pat McCarthy  
5/26 Helen Priday  
5/28 Carleigh Moore, Melanie Danhof, Brian Andrews  
5/29 Scott Farley  
5/30 Kim Weible, Nancy Ikels

## ADULT PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

### SAGE-ING CLASS

Session 7 of the Sage-ing Class will meet Monday, May 10, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The topic is "Conscious Living - Living in the Present Moment." Come learn ways to live each day in a more focused, grateful and mindful way. Contact Steve Harsh ([harsh1946@hotmail.com](mailto:harsh1946@hotmail.com)) for more information.

## 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, May 1, 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, May 14, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

This will be the last euchre party of the season. Euchre will resume in September.

## 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, May 8.

*Thank You*

To my Jerome Church family ~

Please know how much your acts of loving kindness - your prayers, your cards, your gifts, and your phone calls, have meant to my spirit over the past year. Surely the light and thoughtfulness of Our Lord dwells in each of you and for this I give

thanks and feel truly blessed to be a part of such a caring and Christ-like church family.

Bless you all,  
Kathy Smith

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Dear JUMC Brothers and Sisters:

It is hard to believe that January 27, the date of our arrival, looks so far behind and April 21, the date of our departure, is so close. Yes, it will be 12 full weeks for us, the Irias' (Dago, Sandra and Samuel) being in Columbus, OH.

As we look back, it is impossible to not thank God for the many blessings He poured upon us through you all in so many ways. You made our staying here so easy, comfortable and with abundance; for you not only opened your Church service and your homes, but mainly your hearts and made us feel so welcome and loved.

Thanks because your prayers were answered; both surgeries went so well that the doctor shows his satisfaction with a big and friendly smile.

Thanks to Pastor Gloria for such a wonderful bunch of attention she bestowed to us while visiting her at her office.

You can be sure you will never be forgotten and you can be sure you have a special place in our hearts and home in Honduras. We look forward to seeing you again soon, we just do not know where it will be; here in Columbus, there at La Ceiba or in heaven; if the Lord calls us home.

May our God bless you all abundantly and make you recipients of His love and mercy.

Dago

What a great experience and opportunity the Mission Team provided me on the Good Works mission trip last month. The Good Works facility in Athens is a nice, comfortable place to accomplish mission work. I felt that the team that went was able to accomplish much during the four days we were there. We visited with many of the poor in the Athens area at "Friday Night Live", worked in several houses, helped the elderly with landscaping, completed plumbing work in a house, helped build beds for the Timothy House, and worked on the

Hope Center at Good Works. We had great fellowship and food throughout the four days. I was part of a team of 11 with varying skills who were all kept busy. Our ages varied from the early twenties to the late seventies. The team was awesome with lots of enthusiasm and volunteering spirit. Thanks again for the opportunity.

Charlie Bynner

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We would like to thank everyone in the church who baked items for the flea market bake sale and worked the days of the sale. Without all of you, the bake sale could not have been a success.

June Booher and Pat Breading

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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:

- 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

## *May Calendar*

**Saturday, May 1**  
7:30am Men's breakfast

8:00am Red Cross blood drive

**Sunday, May 2**

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 Discovery Lunch  
2:00pm Mountain T.O.P. retreat

**Monday, May 3**

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Tuesday, May 4 – Election Day**

7:00pm Missions Committee meeting

**Wednesday, May 5**

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

**Thursday, May 6**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, May 7**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Saturday, May 8**

8:00am Recycling pick up

**Sunday, May 9**

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

**Monday, May 10**

10:00am Sage-ing class  
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting  
7:00pm Sage-ing class  
7:30pm Rust Machine year end cookout – Rusty's

**Wednesday, May 12**

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Oasis  
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

**Thursday, May 13**

7:00pm Honduras mission trip information meeting

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, May 14**

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

**Sunday, May 16**

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery

9:30am Fellowship time

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

**Monday, May 17**

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Wednesday, May 19**

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Oasis  
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

**Thursday, May 20**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, May 21**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Sunday, May 23**

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery  
9:30am Fellowship time  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages (last day)  
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

**Monday, May 24**

7:00pm Acts 2 Team meeting  
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

**Wednesday, May 25**

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Oasis  
8:00pm Handbell rehearsal

**Thursday, May 27**

8:00pm Band rehearsal

**Friday, May 28**

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

**Sunday, May 30**

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery  
9:30am Fellowship time  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages (last day)  
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

**Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day**

Church office closed

# MAY VOLUNTEERS

## GREETERS

5/2 8:30 Bob & Stephanie Middlestead

10:45 Steve & Sandy Montee  
 5/9 8:30 Dick & Joan Hayslip  
 10:45 Rusty & Terry Woerner  
 5/16 8:30 Al & Joni Clark  
 10:45 Roger & Becky Hayslip  
 5/23 8:30 Robert & Karen Guthrie  
 10:45 Bruce & Leslie Lauer  
 5/30 10:00 Kathy Feightner

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS**

		<b>Inside</b>	<b>Outside</b>
5/2	8:30	Laurel Benefiel	Tom Pierce
	10:45	Sarah Holcomb	Dawn Stanko
5/9	8:30	Karen Guthrie	Robert Guthrie
	10:45	Barb Keith	Sandy Montee
5/16	8:30	Sharon Dunn	Joni Clark
	10:45	Jan Bambach	Tom Montgomery
5/23	8:45	Dee Ann King	Dan Sutphen
	10:45	Jan Manring	Kathy Feightner
5/30	9:45	Vickie DiCesare	StephanieMiddlestead
		Tracy Moldovan	Terry Woerner

**USHERS**

5/2 8:30 Bill Gossard & Larry Herchline  
 10:45 Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg  
 5/9 8:30 Charlie & Wendy Bynner  
 10:45 Mark & Kim Solomon  
 5/16 8:30 Bob & Becky Neill  
 10:45 Mike & Kelli Kerns  
 5/23 8:30 Scott & Melanie Danhof  
 10:45 Brian & Julie Jackson  
 5/30 10:00 Jud & Kathy Smith  
 Paul & Shelly Detwiler

**ACOLYTES – 9:00AM**

5/2 Page family  
 5/9 Pitts family  
 5/16 Zimmerman family  
 5/23 Page family  
 5/30 Pitts family (10:00 a.m.)

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

5/2 8:30 Anita Norris  
 10:45 Linda Pettit  
 5/9 8:30 Tom Pierce  
 10:45 Steve Roggenkamp

5/16 8:30 Mary Jo Edwards  
 10:45 Tom Boyd  
 5/23 8:30 Ed Kauffman  
 10:45 Jon Pettit  
 5/30 10:00 Brenda Warne

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

5/2 Bob & Becky Neill – in memory of our mothers  
 5/9 Burkholder family  
 5/16 Larry & Leslie Herchline – in honor of our 45<sup>th</sup>  
 wedding anniversary  
 5/23 Wilkie family – in honor of Erin’s birthday  
 5/30 Bill & Julie Gossard – in honor of family  
 birthdays

**FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS**

5/2 9:30 Paul & Mary Henderlong  
 10:45 Jeff & Kathy Clark  
 5/9 9:30 Bob & Stephanie Middlestead  
 10:45 Carl & Ellen Erikson  
 5/16 9:30 Stephen & Jennifer Mills  
 10:45 Chuck & Carol Dyer  
 5/23 9:30 Tracy & Chris Mills  
 10:45 Dan & Stephanie Eye  
 5/30 9:30 Doris Millspaugh & Penny Sullivan  
 11:00 Kathy Feightner

**CHILDREN’S NURSERY**

5/2 8:20 Rosemary Pitts  
 9:35 Donna Montgomery  
 10:35 Amy Smith  
 5/9 8:20 Randy Page  
 9:35 Brenda Hancock  
 10:35 Brenda Hancock  
 5/16 8:20 Lynn Boston  
 9:35 Stephanie Eye  
 10:35 Anne Allen  
 5/23 8:20 Becky Neill  
 9:35 Kim Weaver  
 10:35 Amy Plank  
 5/30 9:45 Amy Smith (one service at 10:00)

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP**

**VOLUNTEERS**

**8:30 service**

Teacher Shepherd  
 5/2 Donna Montgomery Abbi Clark

5/9 Donna Montgomery Amy Page  
5/16 Donna Montgomery Abby Clark  
5/23 Donna Montgomery Cody Middlestead  
5/30 (one service 10:00 a.m.)

### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

##### **10:45 service**

##### **Pre-K**

	Teacher	Shepherd
5/2	Tracy Moldovan	Elizabeth Hagloch
5/9	Leah Koenig	Mike Anderson
5/16	Michelle Pettit	Anjie Stanko
5/23	Michelle Pettit	Janell Bolte
5/30	Tracy Moldovan(10:00)	Elizabeth Hagloch

##### **Elementary**

5/2	April Keiffer	Sarah Holcomb
5/9	Greg Jaudzems	Erica Pettit
5/16	Becky Hayslip	Kimberly Bowman
5/23	Kathleen Rose	Lori Greiner
5/30	Sarah Holcomb(10:00)	April Keiffer

### **FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP**

5/2 Bob Warne  
5/9 Sonnenberg family  
5/16 Bowman family  
5/23 Bryan family  
5/30 Chris & Sarah Holcomb

### **PANERA BREAD/ SOUP FOR THE SOUL**

#### **PICK UP VOLUNTEERS**

5/6 Gregg Rothermund  
5/13 Valerie Altfater  
5/20 Penny Sullivan  
5/27 Chuck Dyer

