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NEW LIFE NEWS

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New Life
United
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Church



"Here there are no strangers;
only friends we have not met before."

From The Pastor

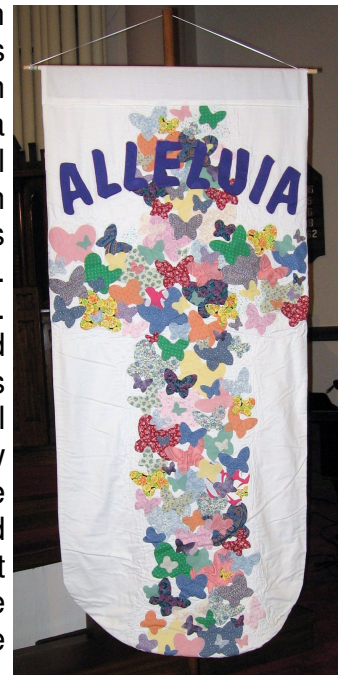
We are blessed to have beautiful banners for each season of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost) displayed in our sanctuary. They were created by our former Minister of Youth & Families, **Rev. Brooke (Hubbs) Hilliard**. In the seasons of Lent and Easter, we see in the two banners the power of the cross.



On the Lenten banner, the cross is a collage of small crosses made from various fabrics in shades of grey, purple and black. Its somber colors are meant to inspire self-reflection, an awareness of our own sin, and the depth of suffering and sacrifice Jesus endured on the cross. The small crosses are reminders that Jesus died for each one of us, yet they form one large cross because Jesus is the Savior of all of humanity.

Then, on Resurrection Sunday, the banner is transformed. On a white cloth canvas, the cross is now a collage of bright, colorful butterflies! The cross on which Christ died is the cross through which we find new life.

We are free from our sin and reconciled with God. And He not only conquered sin, but also conquered death itself when he rose from the dead. The cross is no longer only a symbol of death, but is also a symbol of life. Through faith in him, we have a new beginning, a new hope, a new perspective, a new life entirely. In First Peter it says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!"



I invite you in these Lent and Easter seasons to join me in reflecting on the power of the cross and rejoicing in the promise of the empty tomb upon your life.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jennifer

MINISTRY WITH YOUTH & FAMILIES

Kudos for New Life Kids!

We want to celebrate the great work of our young people. **Nyree Booker** took second place in the Metro High School fund raiser for raising money for Nationwide Children's Hospital. Way to go!

Kyajah Rodriguez attends Eastgate Elementary. She too, was honored by Nationwide Children's Hospital. She was selected to read the essay she wrote for African-American History Month at one of their celebrations. She read her speech in front of hundreds of medical personnel, doctors and nurses. There wasn't a dry eye in the house! Keep shining **Kyajah!**

Special dates to Remember:

"Fourth" Friday Night Live (FNL) is being switched in April. We will not have FNL on April 22, in respect for Good Friday. We will be at Thompson Recreation Center on April 29th instead. See you there!

May 1st the New Life Children are having an art show following the worship service. Children will display their work, perform music, dance, and give a Marshall Arts demonstration. Additionally some of them will have items that can be purchased to help provide funds for their summer camp experience or to provide funds for their school clothes in the fall. Reception will be provided.

Friday Night Live will be taking the summer off starting May 20th. The last night will be May 13th. "Fourth" Friday Night Live will continue throughout the summer.

Mission opportunities

I am required to take a cross-cultural trip in order to graduate from seminary. My trip is coming up soon. **I will be in the Congo May 24th to June 12th.** I covet your prayers.

Mini Mission opportunity coming up this summer! Check out this web-site for details. <http://hammerandnails.org/> We would like the teens to have the blessing of serving others through this mission organization. They will likely be assisting the elderly in painting their homes.

Schedule for New Life WISE Kids

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	Fridays (1st-3rd)	Fourth Fridays
Breakfast	Plugged In	4:00 PM Marshall Art	6:00 to 8:00 PM
Christian Ed.	6:00 to 8:00PM	4:30 to 6:30PM	Fun Activities!
Worship		Activities & Dinner	
8:30 -11:30 AM	New Life UMC	New Life UMC	Thompson
New Life UMC			Rec. Center

Be Blessed! ***Pastor Rosie***

Holy Week Schedule

Passion/Palm Sunday, April 17, 10:30 A.M. New Life UMC—Celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and the events that would ultimately lead to his crucifixion.

Holy Thursday, April 21, 7:00 P.M. New Life UMC—Traditionally called Maundy Thursday after the Latin word "mandatum" referring to Jesus' new commandment to love one another. In a drama entitled "Another Supper" we will hear the witnesses of 12 women whose lives were changed by their encounters with Jesus. We will then celebrate Holy Communion. Women from both King Avenue and New Life UM Churches, as well as the combined choirs, will share in the leadership of the service.

Good Friday, April 22, 12 noon, Trinity UMC, 1581 Cambridge Blvd—We will remember Jesus' death on the cross, and the gift of salvation we receive because of that sacrificial death. This is a very important day, second only to Easter, to worship our Lord Jesus. **Rev. Amy Aspey** is preaching. After worship, we will gather with our friends and partners in ministry for lunch at Trinity.

Easter—Christ is Risen! April 24, 10:30 A.M. New Life UMC—Need we say more about having a reason to celebrate!



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Last date to order: April 17

Cost: \$7.50

_____ In memory of _____

_____ In honor of _____

_____ To the Glory of God

_____ Total number ordered; \$_____ enclosed

Name _____

Please put order form and money in the collection plate or give to one of the pastors

TWO ways to Donate to New Life's Ministries via www.newlifeunitedmethodist.org

New Life UMC is now accepting online donations in two different ways. These are through the Columbus Foundation's PowerPhilanthropy (where a donor can view our portrait and make donations online) and through PayPal (using a credit card or a direct bank transfer).

A donor who chooses to give direct transfer from a bank to PayPal will not be charged any fee, nor will the church, for that transfer. If a donor chooses the PayPal credit card option there will be a 2.2% +\$0.30 per transaction. However, the direct transfer option will require the donor to either have, or setup, a PayPal account.

A donor who chooses the Columbus Foundation option will be asked to use a credit card and will be charged a fee of 3.3%, which will be deducted from each donation. The balance will be sent to the church.

Within either option there is the opportunity for the donor to direct the donation to a particular fund or ministry at the church.

Money from either option will be transferred directly from the donor's chosen source to the church's checking account.

Annual Conference Delegate Needed

The West Ohio Annual Conference will be held at Lakeside, Ohio **June 6 through June 9**. During this time, pastors and lay people will discuss, debate and vote on resolutions regarding social issues, programs in the local churches, and business and financial matters; worship together and learn from key speakers; celebrate the commissioning and ordination of deacons and elders; fellowship together and enjoy beautiful Lake Erie.

Each local church is to have a lay delegate for each appointed pastor. That means we can send one person from our congregation. **If you are interested in representing New Life by serving as a lay delegate, please speak with Pastor Jennifer as soon as possible.** Please know that you are expected to cover all but \$150 of your expenses (housing and meals).

Easter on Fifth Lenten Mission Project

It has become a tradition to be in mutual mission with Trinity United Methodist Church each Lenten Season by raising funds to purchase new blankets, sheets, pillows, queen size sheets for 100 beds, and 50 sleeping bags. They will then be distributed to our neighbors through the Clothing Room throughout the year. **Donations of \$50 will purchase a complete queen size set, or 2 sleeping bags. Donations of \$25 will purchase 1/2 queen size set or 1 sleeping bag.** Trinity UMC will be leading the effort in raising the necessary funds, and members and friends of New Life UMC are invited to invest in this mission project as well. Please indicate that your gift (of any amount) is for "Easter on Fifth." Thank you in advance for your generosity as we care for our neighbors in this way!

Columbus Coalition for the Homeless Mother's Day Celebration Coming Up

On Sunday, May 8th from 11:00am-1:30pm in Capitol University's Harry C. Moores Campus Center, the annual Marsha Donner Mother's Day Brunch will be held to honor homeless and formerly homeless mothers. This event brings together about 300 homeless mothers and their families. Organizations and individuals can be program sponsor for \$1,000, sponsor a table for \$100 or an individual mom for \$20. All donations are accepted, and small health and beauty items are also needed. There are openings for many volunteers. For more information call (614) 228-1342 or **Bob Ater**, Coalition Director, at ater_r@yahoo.com.

News from the Clothing Room

Vickie Moseley, Clothing Room Steward

As the first day of spring approaches, in preparation the earth is bathed in sunshine, daffodils and crocus are poking through the earth, soon to be followed by the brilliant gold of forsythia and the startling pink of red bud. As we shed our heavy coats our hearts are gladdened by the rebirth and renewal that surrounds us. Spiritually, we shed the darkness of guilt and once again renew ourselves with the light that Christ brings to our lives as our Savior and guide. It is indeed a time of anticipation and joy.

In the clothing room, constantly in need of clothing and household items, we anticipate the joy of having many of these needs met by mission projects held by our caring church partners. Although Christmas and Lent our often times for mission projects, we would like to encourage churches to consider planning a project for any season. Items mostly needed are: men's underwear briefs, (sizes small, medium and large), white crew socks for men, women and children, jeans, towels and washcloths, sheets and blankets. **Currently our priority is for white crew socks for men, women and children.**

This Spring we want to thank the following churches whose special mission projects help the clothing room: Linworth UMC *Bags of Blessings*---bath towels and wash cloths; Northwest UMC---underwear and socks; Trinity UMC Wee Moms---January school supplies; Trinity UMC, St. Luke's UMC and New Life UMC---*Easter on Fifth*--- sheets, blankets, pillows, pillow cases and sleeping bags; Worthington UMC--- *Change for the Better*---Jeans and hygiene items. Thank you for these blessings.

Spring and summer clothes are now being accepted. We prefer that winter clothes be held until fall. We have a need for men's suits, sizes 44 and up. Please mark suits with the size and hang on a hanger. Women's plus size clothes are also needed. Your generous response is greatly appreciated.

Dear God, this is Your daughter.
Teach me how to pray.

Dear God, Your world is wonderful.
Come on out and play.

Spill your sun on my sandals.
Weave me a daisy chain
to tickle my toes when I dip
and dance

May your green woods last forever.
May I never grow too tall
to imagine You inside of me,
to hear You when You call.

Dear God, You know I love You.
What else is there to say?

Dear God, Your world is wonderful.
Thank You for another day.

Excerpts from "A Little Girl's Psalm", WomanWord by Miriam Therese Winter



****We gather to Worship God each Sunday morning at 10:30AM****

- Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,
Young Disciples Church
Men's Ministry & Lunch (12 PM)
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (1:30PM & 7:30PM)
Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)
- Mondays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesdays: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast, Plugged In (6-8PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)
- Wednesdays: Clothing Room*, Bible Study (7 PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)
- Thursdays: Breakfast Ministry Preparations,
Drummers Alcohol Anonymous (8PM)
- Fridays: Friday Night Live (4-6 PM)
Cocaine Anonymous (8PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (10PM)
- Saturdays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

*Clothing Room hours are 9:00 AM—11:30 AM

In addition to our weekly scheduled ministries, as listed above, please note the following activities for March:

1-2		Free Store Conference @ Church for All People
3	10:30 AM	Communion; One Great Hour of Sharing offering
6	7:00 PM	Bible Study
7	7:00 PM	Trustee's meeting
13	7:00 PM	Bible Study
14	6:30 PM	New Life Community Outreach Board meeting
17		PALM SUNDAY
17-23		HOLY WEEK
20	7:00 PM	Bible Study
21	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service @ New Life UMC
22	12:00 Noon	Good Friday Service & lunch @ Trinity UMC
24		RESURRECTION SUNDAY!
	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
27	7:00 PM	Bible Study

FINANCIAL



NEWS

Report of the Treasurer as of February 28, 2011

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	16,179.04
Deposits	22,739.88
Withdrawals	<u>18,477.22</u>
Balance	20,441.70

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in	Feb.	and Year
Total Plate	8,720.88	20,125.72
Friends	2,993.00	5,332.52
Partner Churches	6,434.00	8,042.00
Breakfast Ministry	160.00	1,536.00
Youth Ministry	2,550.00	3,910.00
Clothing Room	100.00	110.00
Healthcare Ministry	15.00	675.00
Memorial Fund	305.00	735.00
Group Meeting	420.00	840.00
Miscellaneous	992.00	992.00
Pastor Discretionary	<u>50.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>

Total	\$22,739.88	\$42,648.24
	—Tom Householder, Financial Secretary	

Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2011

Assets

City National checking acct	20,441.70
Savings & Investments	<u>314,671.95</u>
Total	\$335,113.65

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	4,970.62
Operations	180,550.56
Youth Ministry Fund	21,528.58
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,775.63)
Memorial Fund	67,217.00
Health Ministry Fund	15,398.45
Breakfast Ministry Fund	39,295.12
Clothing Room Fund	7,505.71
Pass Thru Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,320.66)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	2,020.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
Total	\$335,113.65

Worship Through Giving



February, 2011

Hours of Operation:
 Sunday 7-9 am
 Tues. & Wed. 9-11:30 am

Weekday Neighbors	968
Sunday Neighbors	<u>582</u>
Total	1550

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*To love, welcome, and serve all people
in the name of Jesus Christ*

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5th Annual Benefit Bluegrass Concert

Saturday May 14th, 2011

To support the homeless outreach ministries of
New Life United Methodist Church

**Admission Granted
with any donation!**

**The Kentucky String Quintet
(Featuring Dale Vanderpool)**

Also ... The 'Strung Up!' Bluegrass Band



Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

Music Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Served 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner: \$10 adults \$5 kids

*Fried chicken, slaw, cornbread, ranch beans,
and Texas sheet cake!*

There will also be a Silent Auction!

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