

HI-LITES

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RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

February 10, 2009



Our church is hosting a bloodmobile on Tuesday, February 10 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. We will need volunteers to recruit donors in advance of that day as well as several people to work at the bloodmobile as truck unloaders and loaders, greeters, and canteen workers. The donors appreciate our home-baked cookies. Sign-up sheets for cookies are posted in the concourse leading to the sanctuary and in the education foyer.

Everyone who is eligible to donate blood is encouraged to do so that day. In order to be eligible to donate blood a person must be 17 years old or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. A person cannot donate blood if he or she gave within the past 56 days or under a few other circumstances. If you have any questions or are willing to work, please call Carolyn Geiger at 419-332-8680.

Remember that it usually takes less than an hour to donate blood, but in doing so, as many as three people can benefit from each donation.

Changes Made in Greeting and Ushering

Eve Mason has done an outstanding job of contacting persons to greet and to usher for a week at the 10:30 a.m. service for the whole year of 2009. Eve joins last year's co-leaders of the ushers: Mike Geiger,

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“WE CARE” PACKAGES WILL BE MAILED SOON

It's time to collect the goodies for our Higher Education/Military Ministry!

Packaged treats, cookies, candy, gum, microwave popcorn, cocoa mixes, whatever you think they might like, can be dropped off in the classroom next to the office. Mark them for Higher Education/ Military Ministry. Deadline is Sunday, February 15. Boxes will be mailed on February 16. Monetary gifts to help defray the cost of shipping are also welcome.

Also, we need current addresses, so please notify Lois in the church office of any up-dates before February 15.

COMBINED BREAKFAST

February 7, 2009, 8:30 a.m.

There is to be a combined Methodist Women/ Methodist Men's breakfast on Saturday, February 7 at 8:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on bulletin boards in the sanctuary hall and education wing foyer. Please sign or call the church office by Saturday, January 31.

Zoo Snoozin' is February 15

There are 25 positions open to enroll your child in this fun event. We are asking members of the congregation to sponsor a child for \$35 so they can be a part of this fun adventure. A sign-up sheet is posted in the education wing foyer.

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• SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Goodies being collected for "We Care" Packages*
- *Combined Women/ Men's Breakfast is February 7*
- *Bloodmobile is here February 10*
- *Snooze at the Zoo is February 15*
- *Ash Wednesday Service is February 25 at 7 p.m.*
- *Bishop Ough will lead educational trip which includes Oberammergau Passion Play 2010 in Germany*

FROM PASTOR DENISE.....

Someone asked me how pastors are appointed to churches. The following information comes from our United Methodist website:www.umc.org.

The bishop makes clergy appointments. Every year some church members are surprised to find that their pastor will or will not be staying. Under the unique appointment system in the United Methodist Church, only the bishop makes clergy appointments.

The Book of Discipline states, "Clergy shall be appointed by the bishop, who is empowered to make and fix all appointments in the Episcopal area..." (§430 Responsibility, 2004 *Book of Discipline*)

The pastor-parish relations committee has a responsibility to consult with the district superintendent and inform him or her of the status of the relationship between the congregation and the pastor, and communicate the desires of the church. Recommendations of the pastor-parish relations committee are advisory only. (§431 Consultation and Appointment-Making, 2004 *Book of Discipline*)

Pastors also can indicate whether they wish to stay at their current appointments, wish to move to another appointment or have no preference. However, they are not assured that they will get their first choice. Pastors in the United Methodist Church agree to serve where called and to accept and abide by the appointments. (§338 The Itinerant System, 2004 *Book of Discipline*)

The bishop and the cabinet (all district superintendents in the conference) look at appointment needs throughout the conference, taking into consideration the needs of each church, the gifts and talents of each pastor, and other circumstances in the conference. They then determine the appointments for each church in the conference.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.....

The Finance Committee has received 76 pledge cards for a total of \$141,476.00. This compares to last year's totals of 76 pledge cards, \$131,704.00.

We are very grateful to everyone who made a pledge and say a big THANK YOU.

Alamar, who manages the Hispanic ministry for our church opened a Christmas store for our children during the Christmas

season. There was a profit of \$84.50, half of this was donated by the ministry to our apportionments. This was a total of \$42.25. We thank the Hispanic ministry for this.

Someone, during the month of December turned in a pledge card with no name on it. Martha Belch won't be able to credit their pledge payments next year unless she knows who it belongs to. If you think you might have forgotten to add your name to the card, please contact Martha at 332-3621. Thank you.

I would appreciate very much anyone who could, would pick up one or two offering envelope books to deliver. It costs over \$1.00 to mail each one, so it would be very helpful to have some of them delivered.

Thanks,
Martha Belch

***Preparing for Worship
February, 2009***

Feb. 1 - "Committed to the Father"

I Corinthians 8:1-13
This is what we accept by faith

Feb. 8 - "Being Culturally Relevant"

I Corinthians 9:16-23
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday & today & forever

Feb. 15 - "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus!"

Mark 1:35-45
Jesus still cares for us

Feb. 22 - "I Saw the Face of the Pilot"

Mark 9:2-9
We see the glory of God through Jesus

FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>December</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>December YTD</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Projected for</u> <u>January, 2009</u>
Income	26,254.16	222,259.85	14,100.25 (thru 1/18)
Expenses	22,413.12	219,849.85	<u>20,851.00</u> (Includes Jan. apportionment)
NET	3,841.04	2,410.00	20,851.00 (Estimated expenses to pay everything)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1

Mr. David Michael, 190 CR 130

February 2

Mr. Lane Beeker, 904 N CR 232
Rev. Denise Turpin, 1501 Fang-boner Road

February 4

Mrs. Judy Cooper, 1421 Napoleon Street

Mr. Lyle Sibold, 2297 County Road 250, Vickery, Ohio 43464

February 5

Mrs. Bette Whitcomb, 108 Cottage Grove Drive

February 7

Natalie Brown, 761 Barker Road
Mrs. Nanciarol Woleslagel, 1416 Hayes Avenue

February 8

Jamie Munoz, 429 Vine Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

February 10

Zoey McQuiston, 511 N. Fifth St.
Mr. Philip Spicer, 2859 S. River Rd
Kristen Wagner, 1011 Christy Blvd.

February 11

Mr. Steven Boegli, 15 Tracy Lane
Mrs. Pat Leemaster, 1921 Finley Dr
Kimberly White, 4901 Whisper Creek Court, Columbus, OH 43231

February 12

Delores Almendinger, Countryside Continuing Care, 1865 Countryside Drive

February 13

Mrs. Jenny Beal, 815 Rambo Lane

February 14

Braxton White, 1024 South Street

February 15

Mrs. Edie Stull, 703 Franklin Ave.

February 18

Mrs. Lisa Barr, 3854 County Road 247, Vickery, Ohio 43464
Mr. Steven Root, 5219 North State Route 53, Tiffin, Ohio 44883

February 19

Katie Humburg, 1730 Tomahawk Tr.

February 20

Mr. Ricky Miarer, 1006 June Street

February 21

Mrs. Kathy Baker, 200 W. Cole Rd.

February 23

Mr. Richard Pearson, 624 Sixth St.



February 24

Mr. Brian Meek, 314 Sixth Street

February 26

Mrs. Vanessa Warren, 1946 Buckland Avenue

February 27

Mr. Jack Berryman, 1612 Smith Rd.
Mrs. Laura Casdorff, 386 Sheraton Drive, Beech Island, SC 29842

Mrs. Marilyn Clark, Heather Hills, 109 49th Avenue W., Bradenton, Florida 34207

February 28

Nicole Davis, 711 S. Buchanan St., Apt. A
Vi Hurst, 138 Cottage Grove Dr.

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Lane & Clare Beeker
- 14 - William & Nanci Britenburg
- 17 - Roy & Amanda Miller



February 25
7:00 p.m.

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Charles Eberhardt and Kirby Ehemann. We thank and appreciate the ones who are willing to be the first to shake hands with visitors and help them before, during and after the service with any questions they may have.

There will be one greeter near the door coming from the fellowship hall. This person should arrive at 10 a.m. The other ushers should arrive by 10:15 a.m. and hand out bulletins. All five—the greeter and ushers—will be needed for the offering.

A sign-up sheet is on the table left side of the middle doors leading to the sanctuary, or contact Eve Mason or one of the co-leaders. The worship committee is attempting to schedule a workshop to teach and show what is expected of a good greeter or an usher.

Community Christmas Summary

The Missions Team is extremely grateful to everyone in the congregation who gave so generously to the 2008 Community Christmas. Our church adopted two families and two senior citizens. With all of the donations we were able to meet and exceed the requests of items these people needed.

Each senior citizen and each child received an entire outfit of clothing. Each of the four children had several toys, which their parents would not have been able to give them. All of the people received food for their Christmas dinners and additional food. We

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On Top of Heaven's Roof

by John C. Moor

The Power of the Merest Gesture

Even the merest gesture is holy if it is filled with faith.

—Franz Kafka,
Austrian author and poet

It was early on a Saturday morning, and I had just finished running. As I walked back home, I noticed another runner coming up one of the other side streets, but he was still far enough away that I didn't feel obligated to acknowledge him, so I ignored him and continued toward home.

Then it happened. *He acknowledged me.*

"Good morning," he shouted, his voice echoing in the empty stillness of the new day.

I smiled and waved in his direction.

"How are you today?"

"Fine," I answered hesitantly.

"That's great. Have a good one." And with that, he rounded the corner and disappeared down the street.

It was a little thing, one of those ordinary moments in life that I should've already forgotten, but I haven't.

His cheery greeting and the fact that he could've kept running and didn't have to say anything stayed with me the rest of that day and all the way to this one.

I'm smiling again just thinking about it.

Isn't that something? I've forgotten so many things that I thought were so important at the time, and what I do remember is a simple early morning greeting from an anonymous person. Kafka might

have called it the power of "the merest gesture".

Recently, I read an article in a running magazine in which the author bemoans those runners who don't acknowledge another runner's wave or greeting in passing. Such a slight has often left him disheartened. And we know how he feels. Every day we pass people on the street or in cars who have perfected the ability to look above us, below us and beside us, but rarely at us.

When my wife's parents still lived in town—now many years ago—they held a huge family reunion. Before one of the meals, Marty's dad asked me to say the prayer. It was such a large group, and his offer took me so much by surprise that half way through the prayer—one I'd been reciting since I was a kid—I forgot the words. Somehow I stumbled through to the end, but I was so embarrassed that I wanted to cry. After the meal, I immediately went back to our apartment where I think I did cry.

Eventually, Marty came to get me and take me back. Reluctantly, I agreed, but I was still stinging with that shame, and I wasn't looking forward to the return.

As I came through the front door, her dad was there to meet me and put an arm around my shoulders. He didn't say anything, and he didn't have to. He was telling me through that gesture that he felt bad about putting me on the spot, and that a bumbled prayer was no big deal.

It was a gesture that has outlived him. Even now, many years after his death, when I think of him, I think of that moment.

Sometimes the most important things are the littlest things—and the holiest.

FROM THE HISPANIC MINISTRY.....

As most of you know, we had a Kids' Christmas Shop here at the church which opened December 3 until December 22, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This was for the kids to shop for their family members. Most of the items purchased were also wrapped for the kids. We collected \$84.35 and half of this is going to apportionments and the other half will be used for Hispanic ministries.

Also, I would like to say thanks to Kelley Hasselbach and family who donated items for our shop and also to their daughter, Addi, who helped me wrap and tape some items; and, also, for my secret helper who was on hand every Wednesday and helped me with kids' names and also wrap and tape. His name is Braxton White. Thank you **Addi** and **Braxton** for your help.

God bless,

Alamar Arriaga

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also included gift certificates amounting to \$36.00 for each family and \$20.00 for each senior citizen. We were able to give each adult personal hygiene items, paper products, and a few household items.

We wish to thank Jerry Hassen for making two trips to transport all of the items to the fairgrounds and helping with the distribution of the gifts.

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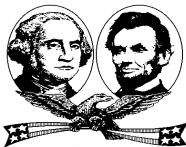
Recent Memorial Gifts received:

Claribel Smith

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Earl A. Shulenberger

Living Memorial Fund



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Church—www.hayesmemorialumc.org
District— www.maumeewatershed.org
Conference—www.westohioumc.org

*Centered in Christ, we will extend God's Word
of Love to all.*

Educational Opportunity Trip

Bishop Ough will be leading an Educational Opportunity trip to the Alpine Wonders of Germany, Austria and Italy on July 20, 2010. As part of this trip, together with United Methodists from around the West Ohio Conference, there will be an opportunity to experience the Oberammergau Passion Play 2010 and tour the majestic cathedrals and abbeys of Central Europe.

Rev. Randall Haase from Fremont Trinity UMC will be a host pastor for this trip and is in the process of forming a group of people from his church and surrounding churches to join him in this adventure.

Please contact Rev. Haase at 332-5032 if you are interested in this exciting trip.

GREETERS/USHERS

Greeters:

- Feb. 1 — Jane Stout
- Feb. 8 — Sandy Schemmer
- Feb. 15— Betty Burr
- Feb. 22— Sandy Schemmer

Ushers:

- Feb. 1— Dennis Hasselbach,
Jane Stout, Charles &
Phyllis Eberhardt,
Cody Bowman
- Feb. 8— Steve Root, Jeff & Holly
Phillips, Tom & Sandy
Schemmer
- Feb. 15— Carl Hahn, Barb
Kennedy, Betty Burr,
Lee Havens, Kathy Beck
- Feb. 22— Barb Batesole, Lee
Havens, Tom & Sandy
Schemmer