

# Hi-Lites

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### OPEN TO ALL!

#### Kalahari Swim Party

January 10, 2009 at 12 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per person

#### Snooze at the Zoo

February 15-16, 2009

Cost is \$25 per person

This is the maximum cost for each event. The cost may be significantly lower depending on the amount of participants. Please call Kyle at 419-307-3083 for more information.



**U.M.M. Breakfast** The Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, January 10 at 8 a.m. Tim Brown, Executive Director of the Wood County

Juvenile Court, will present the program.

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2009 is posted in the education wing foyer. Cost is \$20 a Sunday, paid to the church. Flowers of their choosing are brought each week by Otto and Urban. Contact them if special flowers or colors are preferred.

### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

January, 2009

#### Jan. 4 - "A Prayer for All Seasons"

Ephesiansf 1:3-6, 15-19a  
The Glory of God.

#### Jan. 11 - "Back to Ephesus"

Acts 19:1-7  
Openness to not only hear God's Word, but to obey it.

#### Jan. 18 - "Choices that Honor God"

I Corinthians 6:12-20  
Do things that are spiritually appropriate.

#### Jan. 25 - "The Big Boss from Galilee"

Mark 1:14-20  
God's Kingdom is here.

### FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.....

As of December 15, 2008, the number of pledge cards received was 73, and the total amount of money pledged was \$140,276.00. The average pledge, \$1,921.00. This compares with last year's total which was \$131,704.00

It is not too late to make a pledge, if you intended to do so. We will accept pledges any time.

Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the sanctuary narthex. If you can deliver any to a neighbor or shut-in, it would be appreciated.

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Altar Flower Chart for 2009 is posted.*
- *Offering Envelopes for 2009 are available for pick up.*
- *Methodist Men's Breakfast is January 10*
- *Kalahari Swim Party is January 10*
- *Snooze at the Zoo is February 15-16*
- *History Committee seeking information on special events*

**FROM PASTOR DENISE.....**

**Why We Celebrate the New Year**

New Year's Day, or January 1, is the first day of the year. On that day we witness and partake in the biggest annual celebration across all countries of the world. It is the time when we say goodbye to the old year and welcome the present year with open arms, with eyes filled with new dreams and visions, and where our hearts are supplied with new expectations.

**How then Do We Celebrate This Occasion?**

My family and I would celebrate the coming of the New Year in a church service before midnight. We would have the beautiful songs from the choir, readings from the scripture, and an inspirational message that would challenge us to grow more in faith than the year before and we would end with a congregational song after everyone had welcomed in the New Year with hugs, handshakes, kisses and laughter.

The coming weeks and months would be saturated with prayer and positive power-filled living. Hopefully, each breath and step for the day would bring

us closer to the God we claimed to love, and our faithfulness would bring out of us the caring and commitment needed for living the love we promised.

So, as I reviewed the challenge of our United Methodist Bishop for each church to become an ACTS 2 Congregation, where the fruit of God's labor is seen in action among the people to the point that daily God added new people into the church. (See Acts Chapter 2 and especially verses 41-47).

Let each of us pick up our mantles of love, embrace the fruits of the healthy examples of the Body of Christ in peek of great ministry, unified vision and diverse service.

The Bishop clearly identifies the fruits from Acts, chapter 2:41-47:

- ◆ Persons of all nations and races being added to and included in the faith community;
- ◆ Persons receiving the Good News and being saved;
- ◆ Persons being cared for as they had need; and
- ◆ Persons demonstrating wonders and signs of God's kingdom-reversing and kingdom-multiplying power. (From Bishop's vision workshop 2008).

**See Pastor, pg. 6**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2008**

**Membership Jan. 1, 2008 - 422**

**Added:**

Confession of Faith - 2

James Humburg, Kathryn Humburg

Transfer - 2

Teryl Boegli, Eleanor Peterson

**Total Added: 4**

**Removed:**

Death - 14

Thomas Gruver, Barbara Humberger, Mildred Coonrod, Patricia Carr, Raymond Artz, Margaret Joseph, Florence Lash, Betty Carr, Auretia Scharf, Vivian Rice, Margaret Tindall, Claribel Smith, Susan Bowman, Anna Tilton

Transfer - 1

Nadine Wenger

Withdrew - 1

Cornelia Zienta

Church Conference Action - 36

Cynthia Bartlett, Charles Carnicom, Penny Carnicom, Morgan Carnicom, Deborah Covell, Vickie Ditslear, Doede Donough, Kyle Ehemann, Michael Gilson, Tonya Gilson, Heather Holewinski, Jill Holewinski, Michael Holewinski, Sandra Holewinski, Shannon Holewinski, Gary Hottinger, Kenneth Kiss, Belinda Logan, Donald Logan, Bradley Merritt, Janet Merritt, Jeffrey Miarer, Gwendolyn Minich, James Moyer, Wade Moyer, Krystal Nelson, Andrew Peterson, Keith Poynter, Jr., Lori Poynter, Carrie Rodd, Carl Schutt, Brett Spicer, Shirley Walters, Anthony Warren, Walter Whittle, Lori Wood

**Total Removed: 52**

**Membership Dec. 31, 2008 - 374**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

	<u>November 2008</u>	<u>November YTD 2008</u>	<u>Projected for December 2008</u>	
Income	20,500.07	196,005.69	20,212.00	
Expenses	16,044.95	197,436.73	25,525.00	Includes Dec. apport.
	Previous months' O/S	apportionment	<u>27,450.00</u>	
<b>NET</b>	<b>4,455.12</b>	<b>(1,431.04)</b>	<b>52,975.00</b>	<b>Estimated expenses to pay everything</b>

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

### January 2

Mrs. Marilyn Bilger, 3859 N. SR 19  
Mrs. Karen Dray, 1451 Chieftain  
Circle

Mrs. Helen Watson, 1451 Port Clin-  
ton Road

### January 3

Julia Munoz, 429 Vine St., Clyde,  
Ohio 43410

### January 5

Gavin O'Brien, 1090 Co. Rd. 238  
Jessica White, 2400 Buckland Ave.

### January 6

Heather Carper, 4127 Cramer Dr.,  
Valatie, NY 12184

Mrs. Marjorie Haas, 898 Meadow  
Lane

Mrs. Peggy Heilman, 3813 Julie  
Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33543

Mrs. Peg Wilson, 1568 Tiffin Road

### January 7

Mrs. Crystal Laurer, 1509 Port  
Clinton Road

### January 8

Mrs. Carol Michael, 190 Co Rd 130

Mrs. Betty Stuber, 2003 Co Rd 198

### January 9

Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer, 5620 Pleas-  
ant St., North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Brittany Stults, 608 Garden St.

### January 10

Mrs. Phyllis Eberhardt, 913 Carbon  
Street

Mr. Herbert Wright, 2720 Co. Rd.  
254, Vickery, Ohio 43464

### January 12

Caitlin Warren, 1946 Buckland  
Ave.

### January 16

Robert Root, 5219 N. State Route  
53, Tiffin, Ohio 44883

### January 17

Mr. Larry Jackson, 212 Sixth St.

### January 18

Mr. James Clark, Heather Hills, 109  
49th Ave. W, Bradenton, FL 34207

### January 19

Mrs. Beverly Hill, 3017 W. Hayes  
Ave.

### January 20

Mrs. Virginia Reed, Elmwood As-  
sisted Living, 1545 Fangboner Rd.  
Meadow Skutt, 711 S. Buchanan  
Street, Apt. A



### January 21

Mrs. Dawn Root, 5219 North SR 53,  
Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Casey Stull, 703 Franklin Ave.

### January 22

Natalie Wakefield, 5741 Acres,  
Sylvania, OH 43560

### January 23

Hunter Shilling, 314 Sparrow Drive,  
Fayetteville, NC 28306

### January 24

Mrs. Kim Meek, 314 Sixth St.

### January 25

Mr. Carl Irick, 27 Meadowbrook Ln.

### January 26

Mrs. Linda Smith, 1130 Western  
Ave.

### January 27

Mrs. Terri Connors, 502 Hayes Ave.

### January 28

Mrs. Sue Franks, 19 Katlyn Drive

Mr. Craig Stull, 703 Franklin Ave.

Mrs. Peggy Zinkand, 1870 Port Clin-  
ton Road

### January 29

Mrs. Jeanne Dieterich, 608 Memorial  
Parkway

### January 31

Mrs. Jeanne Warren, 1228 Stilwell  
Avenue

### CRADLE ROLL:

One year old—Natalie Wakefield  
on the 22nd; Two years old—  
Meadow Skutt on the 20th; Four  
years old—Gavin O'Brien on the  
5th.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 1—Phil & Barb Brooks

January 9—Charles & Phyllis  
Eberhardt

January 10—Richard & Linda  
Pearson

January 11—Richard & Sherry  
Glass

January 18—Jim & Katie  
Humburg

January 21—Ken & Paula Robb

January 25—Asa & Karen Sabiers



**New Address:** Amanda and Roy  
Miller have moved to Gahanna,  
Ohio. They are sorry to leave  
Hayes Memorial Church, but ap-  
preciate all the wonderful memo-  
ries. Their new address is: Wor-  
thington Apt. 337, 1201 Riva  
Ridge Court, Gahanna, Ohio  
43230.

### On Top of Heaven's Roof

by John C. Moor

#### Take the Long Way to Heaven

The first Christmas card we received this year was from Audrey.

Several years ago, Audrey was a student in a couple of my composition classes. When I first met her, she was in her 60's and married to her beloved Donald, who was suffering from Alzheimer's at the time. After he passed, she came to me for help in writing a book about her experiences caring for Donald. Every year since, she has sent us a card—usually it's the first one of the season.

This year's card included a letter telling us of her sister Naomi's death at 82. In warm, graceful and loving words, Audrey explained how much her "big sister" meant to her and how much she will be missed. At one point, Audrey writes, "I hope she is taking the long way to Heaven and taking time to remember all the memories we shared and the good times and fun she had in her journey of life with those who loved her."

As her former teacher, I was struck by how beautifully she crafted that thought. As a friend and fellow traveler on this life's journey, I was touched by such an insightful suggestion—take the long way to Heaven.

When I was in grade school, I remember I hardly ever came straight home after school. Sometimes I'd linger on the playground and play one more game of basketball, or I'd stop along the way and collect some buckeyes, carefully peeling away

their spiked shells and shoving the shiny, dark brown nuts into my pockets until they bulged like the bellies of fat squirrels. In winter, there would be snowball fights to tend to, and in the spring I'd stop at the creek and jump back and forth from one muddy bank to the other until I eventually became one with the water—much to the dismay of my mom on laundry day.

I was in no hurry to get home because home would always be there. I knew that instinctively. It was a safe and comfortable feeling that I took with me wherever I roamed. In the long run, the stops along the way didn't amount to much except the memories I still have after all these years. And I guess those alone made all the little meanderings worthwhile.

I'm not very good at geometry, but I do know that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. I think that would also go for that line between birth and death.

So, as we begin another new year together, let's not go straight home. Let's follow Audrey's advice and take the long way, so when we finally get home, we'll have lots to talk about and lots to remember.



**Our Sympathy** goes out to the family of Anna J. Tilton on her death December 18, 2008. Her funeral service was held Monday, December 22, 2008 at the Crosser Funeral Home, in Oak Harbor, Ohio with burial at Union Cemetery, Oak Harbor, Ohio. Anna re-joined the former Hayes United Methodist Church in May, 1995.

### FROM THE HISTORY COMMITTEE.....

Every church group or committee has many special events that are ongoing throughout the year. As your new church historians, we are not always going to be available to record; so if at all possible, could someone from each group/committee assume responsibility for submitting the information/photograph to Lois in the church office as these events take place.

There are forms in the church office that may be used. Below is an example.

Historian Committee: Carolyn Johnson, Donna Shively, Betty Bostic, Juanita Robinett, Diane Thomson

Date of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Participants/  
Groups \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number for questions/  
clarification \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by \_\_\_\_\_

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***On Beginning the New Year***

*Lord of heaven and earth, prosper thou us this year even as our soul prospereth. Let thy presence go with us. Be thou the Companion of our way.*

*In our home, grant that we may cheerfully welcome thee as our daily Guest. In our relationships with others, teach us to practice the Golden Rule.*

*In all our seeking, grant that we seek first thy kingdom and righteousness.*

*—17th-century prayer*

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Church—[www.hayesmemorialumc.org](http://www.hayesmemorialumc.org)  
District—[www.maumeewatershed.org](http://www.maumeewatershed.org)  
Conference—[www.westohioumc.org](http://www.westohioumc.org)

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

**Pastor, cont'd. from pg. 2**

So, together with all UMC churches, we are again focusing on becoming a more welcoming congregation, RADICAL HOSPITALITY, encouraging and enhancing our worship by becoming more PASSIONATE IN WORSHIP, increasing our study and prayer disciplines individually and corporately building FAITH-FORMING RELATIONSHIPS and increasing in our giving of our time, talent and finances to holistic development in our communities and the world by RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE.

Let each of us set our goals high—for "ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD" and NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR OUR GOD TO ACCOMPLISH through us.

**GREETER/USHERS**

**Monthly Greeter:** Nancy Wright

**Ushers:**

January 4—Herb & Nancy Wright,  
Jane Stout, Charles &  
Phyllis Eberhardt

January 11—Herb & Nancy Wright,  
Steve Root, Jodi  
Cummings, Eve Mason

January 18—Herb & Nancy Wright,  
Carl Hahn, Barb  
Kennedy, Betty Burr

January 25—Herb & Nancy Wright,  
Jodi Cummings, Barb  
Batesole, Eve Mason

