

Hi-Lites

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EAST OF CHICAGO PIZZA DAY FOR MISSIONS May 6, 2009

The Missions Team of our church is sponsoring a Pizza Day at East of Chicago Pizza all day on Wednesday, May 6. You may call in your orders of pizza, sub sandwiches, salads, pasta, breads and desserts. We will receive 20 percent of all sales placed using the password given below. This will go toward the cost of the building materials used by the Maumee Watershed District's Volunteers in Mission trip to Henderson Settlement scheduled for September 27 through October 3.

You may place your order for lunch, supper or snack-time, but you must mention that you are ordering for the Hayes Memorial U.M.C. Fundraiser. East of Chicago Pizza also requests that you do not use discount coupons for this fundraiser.

To order, call East of Chicago Pizza at 419-332-8200. The restaurant is located at 917 W. State St.



Special Music Needed for the Summer

We are starting to take names for Sundays during the summer months, June through August, for Special Music during the second service. Can you or someone you know sing, play an instrument, or dance? All are welcome. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside the Choir Room, so pick a Sunday and share your God-given talent!



Saturday May 9, 2009 5:00 p.m.

A Musical Program will be featured for our Mother/Child Banquet to be held in the fellowship hall, Saturday, May 9 at 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available for reservations.

Adult menu: beef stroganoff, grape salad, green beans, angel food cake w/strawberry mousse, beverage. Child (10 and under menu: Hot dog, chips, dirt pudding, beverage. Adults: \$6.00; Children: \$3.50. Reservation deadline is Monday, May 4.

Volunteers in Mission Trip

The Maumee Watershed District is planning a Volunteers in Mission trip to Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Kentucky, for September 27 thru October 3. The people living in this region have limited employment opportunities and live in poverty and isolation. Henderson Settlement offers social, economic, educational and agricultural ministries to them.

The V.I.M. teams work on building projects at individual homes such as adding a room, painting, applying siding, etc., and also on the grounds in the Opportunity Store, library, craft room, greenhouse, the after-school program, the room which provides clothing and items for infants at no cost, or the office, working on mailings or Campbell soup points.

Each V.I.M. team collects money for the building materials
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Mother/Child Banquet is Saturday, May 9.*
- *Senior Recognition is Sunday, June 7.*
- *Pizza Day for Missions is May 6.*
- *Methodist Men's Breakfast/Workday is May 2.*
- *Volunteers in Mission Trip will be Sept. 27 to Oct. 3.*
- *"Love First Miracle Offering" will be taken to Annual Conference.*
- *Special Music is needed for the 10:30 a.m. service for the summer.*

FROM PASTOR DENISE.....

**Sharing Your Story,
Using the Gift...**

Galatians 5:22

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others = LOVE; exuberance about life = JOY; serenity = PEACE. We develop a willingness to stick with things = PATIENCE; a sense of compassion in the heart = KINDNESS; and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people = GOODNESS. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments = FAITHFULNESS.

(Message Bible)

In the scripture above we find that God is ready to bring gifts into the lives of those who will live God's way. As resurrected children of God, we are to exercise our gifts by using them to tell our story. This fruit comes as a gift from the HOLY Spirit and is birth in us by our actions of prayer, praise, worship and service.

I imagine the Holy Spirit rains down Agape (DIVINE LOVE) to us and puts Agape in us. Some of us, like the soil, will absorb all the

rain we can. Some of us will respond as soil mixed with clay and some will repel the rain.

My prayer for you today is that you fully embrace the gifts God wants to grace you with; the care of others, excitement for life, calmness, staying power, empathy, assurance, loyalty and responsibility, to be molded into the likeness of Christ by character, attitude and service.

The rain is serving us with food, green grass for beautiful parks, etc... The Holy Spirit will guide us into the fruitful service of the Lord. Amen! Amen!

Pastor Denise

**2009 Maumee Watershed
District Spring Conference**

Sunday, May 31, 2009
2:30 p.m. Gathering
3:00 p.m. Conference

Hosted by Christ United Methodist Church, 301 W. Main Street, Portage, Ohio 43451. All District clergy, church leaders and church members welcome. There will be Pre-Annual Conference Briefing, Love First Miracle Offering, Amendments from General Conference, Recognition of Retirees and Ordinands and closing by Rev. Marla E. Brown.

**Preparing for Worship
May, 2009**

May 3 - "No Greater Love"

I John 3:16-24
Jesus, greater love has no one than He.

May 10 - "Chasing Chariots"

Acts 8:26-40
Go where God needs you.

**May 17 - "Weapons of Mass
Destruction"**

I John 5:1-6
The power of faith.

**May 24 - "Check Your Life
Boat"**

I John 5:9-13
A spiritual check-up.

**May 31 - "Situation Looks
Mighty Bad"**

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Dry bones, weakened spiritual attachments.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

A reminder that we have the following events coming up for 2009:

Taste of Home:
Sun., June 14, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fiesta:
Sun., July 19, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Farm Workers' Day:
Sat., August 1, 2-6 p.m.
(Walsh Park)

I am also in need of clothing items for men, women, children. I am receiving a lot of Hispanics now at this time, and I am in need of clothing and blankets for all family members. Thank you!

God bless,
Alamar Arriaga

FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>March YTD 2009</u>	<u>Projected for April 2009</u>
Income	18,814.38	32,731.13	17,014.02 (thru 4/19)
Expenses	16,617.53	38,880.30	18,202.50 (Includes April Apportionment)
Previous Months' O/S Apportionment			<u>9,199.41</u>
NET	2,196.85	(6,149.17)	27,401.91 (April Estimated Expenses to Pay Everything)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1

Alexa Franks, 16557 Hampton Chase, Strongsville, OH 44136
John Moor, 328 Whittlesey St.

May 2

Gina Depew, 2298 Woodmont Dr.
Hunter Pollock, 717 Nickel St.
Ann Woolf, 2248 E. State St.

May 3

Donald Britenburg, 9740 Blue Rock Road, Blue Rock, Ohio 43720
Gloria Poynter, 740 C R 212, #103

May 4

Daniel Leemaster, 3345 Schwartz Dr.

May 7

Linda Carper, 4127 Cramer Drive, Valatie, NY 12184
Dawn Meek, 314 Sixth Street

Cassandra Miarer, 1519 S. Co Rd 198

Dawn Suhrer, St. Mary's of the Woods, 35755 Detroit Rd., Avon, OH 44011

May 8

Jeff Smith, 1130 Western Avenue

May 9

Melissa Fox, 1051 County Road 37

May 11

Sean Mueller, 3882 County Road 168

May 12

Barbara Stoyer, 504 Everett Road

May 13

John Almendinger, PMB F136148, 3590 Round Bottom Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

May 14

Julian Sabiers, 815 Rambo Lane

May 15

Alice Meek, 805 Harmon Street
Tom Schemmer, 2142 Roselawn Dr.
Ellie Shaul, 51 Lisa Ann Drive
Kaylee Sherer, 1279 County Road 41

May 16

Reta Errett, 1135 Hickory Street
Nathan Wright, 122 Erie Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449

May 20

Jessica Chism, 821 W. Maple Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

May 21

Rebecca White, 1103 Garrison St.
Julie Wright, 122 Erie Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449

May 25

Kelley Hasselbach, 3149 County Road 106, Lindsey, Ohio 43442



May 26

Nanci Britenburg, 2311 Buckland Ave.

Ashleigh Hasselbach, 3149 County Road 106, Lindsey, Ohio 43442

May 29

Eric O'Brien, 1090 Co. Rd. 238
John White IV, 1024 South Street

May 30

John Singer, 4346 N. State Route 53

May 31

Harry Dole, 600 W. State St., Apt. 415

CRADLE ROLL:

One year old—Hunter Pollock on the 2nd; Four years old—Julian Sabiers on the 14th.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 2—Dean & Pat Leemaster

May 3—Al & Reta Errett

May 22—Jim & Sharon Cain

May 23—Carl & Phyllis Hahn



Our Sympathy goes out to the family of I. Jeanne Williamson Briggs on her death March 31, 2009. Jeanne was a life-long member of our church, joining in April, 1939. Her funeral service was held Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Wonderly Horvath Hanes Funeral Home with burial at McGormley Cemetery.

Thank You!

Dear Hayes Memorial,

Thank you so much for the care package!! My roommates and I enjoyed all the cookies, chips, and soups. ☺

Sincerely,

Ashleigh Hasselbach

Dear Friends at Hayes M.U.M Church,

I want to thank you for the many, many cards at all Holidays, also "Thinking of You" cards that I've received so often. They surely remind me of times I have missed seeing friends, the services and music for several years.

Thank you for the services we enjoy here at Elmwood Assisted Living brought to us by Tom and Sandy Schemmer, Rosie Stout and Janice Smith. May God Bless all of you.

In Christian Love,
Delora (Dodie) Hetrick

Senior Recognition will be Sunday, June 7, 2009. Please contact the church office if you have a son or daughter graduating from high school or college. We do not want to miss anyone.

On Top of Heaven's Roof

by John C. Moor

Kicking Butt and Changing Hearts

Not long ago I was at the store hunting a birthday card for my son Graham. Usually picking out a card—for any occasion—is a labor-intensive experience for me because I figure since I'm not drawing the picture or writing the verse, the least I can do is take the time to find the card that fits the person.

This particular time it didn't take long. I spotted it immediately.

On the front of the card there was a picture of a little boy dressed as his version of a superhero—blue shirt, red tights, rain boots, black Lone Ranger mask and a red cape. Beside him it says: "This is the part where the hero decides enough is enough and it's time to kick some butt." Open it up and inside it says simply: "I love this part."

I think it has become my favorite card of all time. First, it fits Graham so well. Before we adopted him, I was really hesitant to bring one more baby into the house and to go through all that "baby stuff" one more time when I hadn't even caught up on my sleep from our first son.

But Marty promised me that I would be all right. Graham will be our savior, she told me. You'll see.

She was right. With his inextinguishable smile and those gentle pats on our back that come when we seem to need them most, he has become our superhero.

Second, I just love the sentiment in that card. The words ring true and with such familiarity, at least to me they do and probably you, too. We have all

watched movies and television shows in which the good guy—the hero—gets pummeled to the point of submission by the bad guy until we're almost shouting, "C'mon, do something. Kick his butt."

And when he does, isn't that gratifying? We've waited and waited for that moment until it looked like our superhero couldn't possibly win, but when he does, our belief in "truth, justice and all things good" is reaffirmed—at least until the next villain comes along. We have watched him prevail against impossible odds and because of his triumph, we know that all is right with our world again.

I wonder sometimes if this is how the disciples and other followers were feeling around Easter time when Jesus—arrested, ridiculed and crucified—rose from the dead. At that moment, did they think, "Enough is enough already. Now it's time to kick some butt"?

If so, they must have been disappointed. Even though the original Dynamic Duo could've easily have "POWed, WHAMed and ZONKed" all things dark and destructive out of existence in one fell swoop, they didn't

Instead, they directed the disciples and those who believed to go forth and change the world one heart at a time. Yes, it would've been gratifying to read that Jesus had used his superpowers to coldcock the Devil right back to Hell, but that's not His style.

Rather, Jesus recognizes that the only way for light to ultimately defeat darkness and for change to truly take place in the world is to rely on his greatest superpower—us. For in us through Him is where the power to change resides; a power generated by faith, not force.

So we've reached that part in the story where it's up to us.

It's the part where we can make a difference.

It's the part where we can be the hero.

I love this part.

YOUTH NEWS

On March 21 the youth and Hispanic ministry joined on a trip to Kalahari Swim Resorts. The group of 68 participants arrived at Kalahari around 12:30 p.m. for an all-day swimming filled day. The trip included pizza and drinks for everyone. We did everything such as riding the waves in the wave pool, going down every slide possible, playing water basketball, riding the lazy river, and everything else in the park! The all-day passes lasted until 10 p.m. if you had the energy to make it that long. The turnout was such a big success!

On another note, the last day of Youth Club was April 29 when we had our annual potluck with the kids and families. To stay in touch, the youth will have monthly get-togethers throughout the summer. Events like camping, putt-putt, and swimming will be scheduled and details will be posted on the church bulletin board.

Thank you for your help and support throughout the year for our youth!



U.M.M.
Breakfast

Methodist Men's
Breakfast will be
Saturday, May 2

at 8 a.m. It will be our last meeting until fall and will be our annual church workday. Please plan on attending and supporting Roger Stout in this project. All Methodist men are invited.

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Love First Miracle Offering

The theme for the June 7-11, 2009 Annual Conference is **Love in Action: Developing Leaders**. In keeping with that theme, they will be receiving a **Love First Miracle Offering**. The goal is \$325,000 which will be used to support leadership development efforts in West Ohio and around the world.

(1) \$75,000 will go to support clergy and lay leadership training in our 4 mission partnerships in Southeast Asia, the North Katanga Conference in the Congo, the Oriental Conference in Mexico and the Volga District in Russia.

(2) \$100,000 will go to support West Ohio Conference's Next Generation leadership development efforts.

(3) 10,000 school kits for children in the United States and around the world (valued at \$150,000).

As our Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, Nancy Wright will take your offerings to Lakeside in June. If you would like to contribute to this **Love First Miracle Offering**, please make a check out to the church but designate it to go to the "Love First Offering".

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they use. The East of Chicago Pizza Day is one way our church is helping to raise funds for building materials.

This is a very fulfilling program and volunteers of all abilities are needed. Applications are due by June 1. For questions, please talk to Mike or Carolyn Geiger at 419-332-8680.

GREETERS

- May 3 - Jane Stout
- May 10 - Steve Root
- May 17 - Betty Burr
- May 24 - Barb Batesole
- May 31 - Nancy Wright

USHERS

- May 3** - Jane Stout, Dennis Hasselbach, Charles & Phyllis Eberhardt, Jodi Cummings
- May 10** - Steve Root, Barb Kennedy, George Weissinger, Jodi Cummings, Cody Bowman
- May 17** - Carl Hahn, Barb Kennedy, Kathy Beck, Cody Bowman, Betty Burr
- May 24** - Barb Batesole, Jim Humburg, Cody Bowman
- May 31** - Herb & Nancy Wright, Eve Mason, Cody Bowman

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God's Word of Love to all.*