

Hi-Lites

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World Community Day

November 6, 2009
9:30 a.m.

"Piecing Earth Together" is the theme for this year's World Community Day to be held Friday, November 6, 2009, 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 206 N. Park Avenue in Fremont. Speaker will be Jamie Coleman. A light breakfast will be held before the service. This is sponsored by Church Women United. There is no cost and no reservations are needed.

Community Christmas Families and Seniors Will Be Adopted

The Missions Team decided that our church should adopt two families with children and two senior citizens through the Sandusky County Community Christmas Project. In this program several local social service agencies work together to coordinate the adoption of needy families and senior citizens by groups and individuals in Sandusky County. We plan to provide the ingredients for a complete Christmas dinner, clothing items for children and seniors, toys for children up to age 12, and household items such as bedding and cleaning supplies.

When we receive information from Community Christmas about the needs

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Festival of Sharing Given 55 Kits

The Missions Team wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the kits for the Festival of Sharing held at Otterbein College on October 10. We donated a total of 55 kits. Because over ten thousand School Kits were collected at Annual Conference at Lakeside, we emphasized collecting for Hygiene Kits and Baby Kits. We assembled 33 Hygiene Kits, 10 Baby Kits and 12 School Kits.

We are grateful that our Vacation Bible School had Hygiene and Baby Kits as their mission emphasis. The children donated a number of quality items, which we included in the kits. Their special offerings allowed us to purchase more items for the kits.

We wish to thank both the United Methodist Men and the United Methodist Women for their generous contributions to cover the shipping costs for the kits.

From the Festival of Sharing, the kits were sent to a Church World Service warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. From there CWS ships the kits to various places throughout the world where the need is the greatest in events of emergency and extreme poverty.



U.M.W. Bake Sale November 3

The United Methodist Women will be sponsoring an all-day Bake Sale on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Donations of baked goods of all kinds should be brought to the church by 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 2.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Stewardship Sunday is November 8. A Continental Breakfast will be served.*
- *World Community Day is November 6.*
- *UMW Bake Sale is November 3.*
- *New banquet tables have been purchased by the Kitchen Committee.*
- *Sweatpants and socks are being collected for God's Country Cooperative Parish.*
- *Special offering will be taken November 29 for the United Methodist Children's Home.*

FROM PASTOR DENISE.....

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to invite and encourage you to participate in our Stewardship Sunday giving. Your generous giving is part family reunion, part mission and part celebration of God's faithfulness.

Our giving is sharing God's blessings with others who desperately need the assurance of Jesus' love and grace.

Our stewardship is about God and our neighbors, not ourselves.

Our giving tells us what we believe about God's Love and reminds us we have a gift from God that proclaims to the world we believe in a generous, life-giving God.

I thank God for the deep faith, unconditional compassion and sacrificial generosity. I thank you, the congregation and people, for your obedience to Christ's call to offer abundant life to all God's people.

May the riches of Christ be a blessing to those who give and those who receive.

Pastor Denise

Stewardship Sunday is November 8

Please join the congregation for breakfast between 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 8. This is Stewardship Sunday, when we will be pledging for the 2010 church budget.

This will be a continental breakfast and there is no charge.

Hope to see you there!
The Finance Committee

\$5 on the 5th!

The United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington takes care of the children that are in need. In need of love! In need of a safe place to stay! In need of someone to understand! Many of these children have suffered a lifetime of abuse and neglect. It takes a lot to provide the quality of care for which UMCH is known. They receive some money from government agencies, but not nearly enough to cover the cost of the care these children need. They are asking for every church member to give just \$5 on the 5th Sunday. This is an easy way to provide for these children. The next 5th Sunday is November 29. On that date we will be taking a special offering to assist the United Methodist Children's Home. Please give generously.

*Preparing for Worship
November, 2009*

Nov. 1 - "The Way It Was Meant to Be"

Revelation 21:1-14
A new heaven and a new earth.

Nov. 8 - "God Is Great, God Is Good, Let Us Thank Him"

Psalm 146
God deserves our praise.

Nov. 15 - "Let No One Lead You Astray"

Mark 13:1-13
The destiny of the world is the rule of the love of Christ.

Nov. 22 - "How Old Is God?"

Revelation 1:4-8
God is timeless, yet relates to every time.

Nov. 29 - "Interpreters of Circumstances"

Luke 21:25-36
God uses circumstances to speak to us.

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of our adopted families and seniors, we will make a poster listing items they need. Post-a-Notes will be attached to the poster. If you choose to purchase something on the poster, we ask that you remove the Post-a-Note and sign the square on the poster underneath. Please bring the items you purchase to the church by Sunday, December 20.

More information about Community Christmas will be in the December Hi-Lites.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>September 2009</u>	<u>September YTD 2009</u>	<u>Projected For October, 2009</u>
Income	14,842.00	160,908.72	15,399.25 (thru 10/18)
Expenses	16,493.44	168,868.32	18,300.00 (Includes current month's apportionment)
Previous months' O/S Apportionment			<u>22,151.15</u>
NET	(1,651.44)	(7,959.60)	40,451.15 Estimated expenses to pay everything

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



November 5

Nathan DeRodes, 1015 Buckland Avenue

November 6

Michael Meek, 314 Sixth St.

November 7

Mrs. Angela Depew, 2298 Woodmont Drive

November 10

Mrs. Lois Bradford, 1323 Circle Dr.

November 11

Mrs. Betty Bostic, Bethesda Care Center, 600 N. Brush Street

Justin Eilrich, 91 Bethany Drive

November 12

Mrs. Joy Hassen, 211 N. Pennsylvania Avenue

Mr. George Weissinger, 1924 Valley View Terrace

November 13

Addison Hasselbach, 3149 County Road 106, Lindsey, OH 43442

November 15

Mrs. Evaden Mason, 140 Cottage Grove Drive

November 16

Mrs. Norma Jackson, 212 Sixth St.

November 18

Mrs. Daun Diedrich, 808 Castalia Road

November 19

Mrs. Vicki Carlson, 546 Oaklawn Avenue

November 21

Mrs. Marsha Spicer, 2859 S. River Road

November 22

Cynthia Geiger, 930 Kirkwood Ave., Nashville, TN 37204

November 23

Mr. Dennis Cummings, 745 CR 100

Mrs. Ruth Ann Stout, 1249 E. Cole Road

November 25

Cody Bowman, 399 Co. Rd. 204

Mr. Roy Miller, The Worthington Apt. 337, 1201 Riva Ridge Court, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

November 28

Merynn O'Brien, 1090 Co. Rd. 238

November 30

Mrs. Barbara Mason, 2015 Elm Dr.

CRADLE ROLL: Three years old—Merynn O'Brien on the 28th.

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Harold & Betty Frey
Nathan and Julie Wright
- 9 - Tom & Andy Hogan
- 13 - Jeff & Linda Smith
- 19 - David & Carol Michael
- 26 - Bill & Susan Krumnow
- 29 - Dick & Pam Binau



Notes from God's Country Cooperative Parish

Katie Peterson is collecting sweatpants and socks for the children in her area of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This allows the children to have a change of clothes if necessary in the frigid temperatures of that part of the country.

We are collecting all sizes of sweatpants and socks—new and used but not worn out or stained. Please bring sweatpants and socks and place them in the labeled box under the literature table in the education wing foyer.

Henderson Settlement Volunteers Work on Nine Projects...

The Volunteers in Mission Team from The Maumee Watershed District was able to work on nine building projects in private homes in the area of Henderson Settlement. This was made possible by the generous monetary donations by the twelve churches from which 36 volunteers came. Our church donated \$1001.00, which was more than we had ever collected in the past.

Our workers were so efficient and effective that we completed some projects and were anxious and willing to work on more. Some of the volunteers worked on the grounds assembling 6500 mailings, sorting and putting clothing on racks in the Opportunity Store, sorting through items to be given to people in emergencies, power-washing concrete steps and working in the greenhouses and on the farm.

The building projects our VIM team worked on included applying vinyl siding, soffits and skirting on room additions, putting in a door, doing electrical work, installing dry wall, mudding and painting walls, and improving ceilings in rooms.

Among the volunteers were several people with connections to our church—Rev. Duane Smith, Rev. Lowell Peterson, Katie Humburg, and Mike and Carolyn Geiger. It is interesting to note that some of the building materials we used were made by Stylecrest in Fremont, but purchased at local hardware and lumber companies in Kentucky.

On Top of Heaven's Roof

by John C. Moor

"Swear to God"

Sometimes the news is good.

For instance, recently I came across this headline in the newspaper, "Swearing Makes Pain More Tolerable."

Hot d@*n! I thought to myself. In that case, I should be able to juggle hot coals during a root canal while passing a kidney stone.

That's right, I'm a cusser.

My Aunt Doris called it "bad mouth". And she spared no bar of soap in an attempt to wash away the bad words that came out of it. In fact, I still hiccup a Lifebuoy bubble every now and then.

If she'd only realized, all I was trying to do was ease my pain.

According to the article, researchers at Keele University in England "enlisted 64 undergraduate volunteers and had them submerge their hand in a tub of ice water for as long as possible while repeating a swear word of their choice." They then had the volunteers repeat the experiment using a non-swear word. The researchers discovered that those who swore were able to keep their hands in the water longer.

Cursers of the world, rejoice!

I'm not sure where the dark side of my vocabulary came from. It probably developed a long time ago at the knee of my next-door neighbor, Don, when we listed to football games on the radio together. Whenever things didn't go well for the Browns or the Buckeyes, Don filled the living room with a blue

streak of raw cursing that even Satan would've found offensive.

And, in fact, most of the cursing I do now is while I'm watching sports on television. I'm so bad that even I can't stand to hear myself, so I've gone to not watching the games at all and just catching the highlights on ESPN.

But while swearing might ease our pain—from frozen digits to our favorite team fumbling—it doesn't to a thing for God. As a matter of fact, you can scour the Bible, and you'll find only two words that come close to being naughty—one is a synonym for a donkey and the other, well, the other describes a normal bodily function that rhymes with "hissith".

On the other hand, the Bible is filled with constant reminders that God takes a dim view of profanity. For example, in **Ephesians 4:29**, God instructs, "*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*" And in **Leviticus 19:12**, He is even more pointed: "*You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of God: I am the Lord.*"

When we curse, it may make us feel better; it may even lessen any pain we're feeling, but it also undoubtedly hurts our God and saddens His heart.

I've always admired people who don't curse even under the worst of conditions. In particular, John Wooden, the great UCLA basketball coach, had only a few team rules, and one of them was, "No Swearing". In fact, when Wooden got mad, the worst thing that came out of

his mouth was, "goodness gracious sakes alive!"

So here's my deal with you and with God: **From this moment on, no more swearing.** When Ohio State loses unexpectedly or the Cleveland Browns, um, just play like the Browns, the harshest words you'll hear from me are, "Goodness gracious sakes alive!"

I swear.

FROM THE TRUSTEES.....

You may have noticed new banquet tables in the Fellowship Hall. These were purchased by the Kitchen Committee to replace worn out tables.

The Trustees have enacted a policy which prohibits the removal of these tables from the Fellowship Hall. This is to prevent damage to the new tables and to prolong our investment. We will still have older but presentable wood tables available to our members for personal use and for use outside the Fellowship Hall.

As always, please see Lois for the form to request personal use of tables and chairs.

Thank you,

George Weissinger, Chair
Board of Trustees

Fall Garage Sale Raises Money for Missions

The Fall Garage Sale raised \$735 for missions! Thanks to everyone who contributed in some way. We cannot do it without you! Anything that was left after the Sale went to either Share and Care or Good Will, so it will help others.

Thanks again.

The Garage Sale Committee

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Thank You to all those who turned in plastic bottle caps. The 4-H group received over a thousand caps from HMUMC members. Their program is now ended, but they want our members to know how much they appreciated our support.

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

The Horn of Plenty

The symbol that best expresses the abundance that Thanksgiving celebrates is the cornucopia. The cornucopia is an ancient symbol used in both Greek and Roman mythology. In some myths, the goat Amalthea, whose milk fed the infant Zeus, was said to have a horn that was always filled with whatever anyone wanted to eat or drink. In other tales the Roman goddess of plenty, named "Copia," always wore or carried a horn filled with fruits and drinks. The horn of plenty was always full; its abundance could never be exhausted.

Today the cornucopia sounds the joyful noise of God's bountiful blessings, of abundant, overflowing graciousness that God makes available in our lives. This horn also sounds a note to remind us that we must use our blessings to bless others.

GREETERS

- Nov. 1 - Jane Stout
- Nov. 8 - Marie Zimmerman
- Nov. 15 - Carl Hahn
- Nov. 22 - Barb Batesole
- Nov. 29 - Nancy Wright

USHERS

- Nov. 1 - Dennis Hasselbach, Jane Stout, Charles & Phyllis Eberhardt, Pam Warren
- Nov. 8 - Steve Root, Marie Zimmerman, Rob Root, Pam Warren, John Singer
- Nov. 15 - Carl Hahn, Barb Kennedy, Betty Burr, Kathy Beck, Pam Warren
- Nov. 22 - Barb Batesole, Jim Humburg, Herb Wright, Pam Warren, Cody Bowman
- Nov. 29 - Pam Warren, Cody Bowman, Herb & Nancy Wright, Eve Mason
- Door Man - Roger Stout