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NEW LIFE NEWS

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Magazine of
New Life
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Church



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

As we come to the end of one year, and begin another, I want to express my gratitude to the many churches who have partnered with us in ministry with our neighbors in need. You have had fundraisers and supported us financially in other ways, organized "collections" of various items we need, sent volunteer teams, and invited us to share the story of New Life ministries to groups in your congregation. We have worshipped together, eaten together, prayed together, and are developing new ministries together. By lifting up New Life Ministries as a missional priority, there has become a groundswell of individuals who desire to share in this ministry in some way. Truly, we come together as one body united by the love of Christ, to be in servant ministry with our neighbors. I know that many of your lives have been changed by your sharing in this ministry. And, I know that through our ministries, we have supported and improved many of our neighbor's lives, and they are grateful. And I praise God that some of their lives have been changed, as well.

We serve a lot of meals, give away lots of clothes, and provide a dry, warm, safe place for people. But, more importantly, we offer the love of Christ through acts of hospitality and kindness. And when people know that someone cares about them, relationships develop as we open our hearts to one another, finding that we are more alike than unlike, and just as we are all broken, we all have gifts to share. That's when Christ has the "opening" to change us. Here is an example:

A young woman and her two boys started coming to breakfast just a couple months ago. She is of a different faith. While here, she found people who truly care about them. Because we have listened and supported her as she struggles to raise these two small children alone, she has begun to ask questions about the Christian faith which has provided us opportunities to witness to the good news of Jesus. While she is still has many questions, she is experiencing the love of Christ through our relationship with her and her sons. They were even in the Christmas pageant this year, so they are learning the good news of God's love come to earth in the Christ Child! They have been as much a blessing to us as we have been to them. There's nothing like being greeted every Sunday with a big smile and hug from the 4 year old! I don't know what God will do in her life, but I know that we will continue to surround them with love and support, and trust that all of our lives will be changed in some way because of it.

As the extended Body, I pray that our faith will continue to grow, even as we put it into action in love and service to our neighbors together.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

WITH GRATITUDE

To the Church of the Messiah Youth & Adult Choirs: who presented an amazing Christmas Cantata last month at New Life. The music just filled the room like the multitude of the heavenly chorus praising God for the birth of Jesus our Savior.

A free will offering provided about \$1,300 for the ministries of New Life!

Thanks to **Lindsay Smith**, director, who made this event possible, and all who attended. We hope for an “encore performance” next year!

To those who helped with “Make & Take” on December 3:

26 volunteers, representing five churches provided leadership and supplies for the 15 young disciples who made Christmas gifts for their family and friends.

To the King Avenue UMC Youth: who made gift bags for our young disciples.

To those who helped with decorating the building for Christmas:

Marlene Haught, Tina and John Findley, Kathy Williams, John Scott, Vincent Ware, Eddie Phillips, Bill Casto, Jim Stewart and Steve Penn.

To Richard Mason: who picks up end-of-the-day pastries and bread from Panera and Giant Eagle, as well as making connection with Ralston Foods for a donation of cereal.

To the many special people: who have provided: 125 men's hats, 500 carrying bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, deodorant, toilet tissue, razors, hats and gloves. Groups that have had special projects are: Thomas Worthington High School Student Council collected 75 backpacks, 70 bedrolls from York Center and Richwood UMC ladies, two Y Princesses tribes (girls, K-3rd grade) and their dads donated hygiene items and assembled Christmas packages for the Sunday Morning Breakfast group, Trinity Wee Moms study group organized a toy shopping event.

To the volunteers: who have helped sort clothes from Indian Run UMC, Worthington UMC, and a Saturday work group **Dan and Beulah Wingett, Terry and Ken Fulk, Liz Shelton, Cathy Brady, Anne Lawyer, Kelly Lawyer, Ann Carlson, Brad Carlson, Jen Thomas, George Coles, Jeff Jump, Doug Talbott, Hurst Talbott, Carol Savage, Jon Keeney, Bob Eberhard, Melanie Jerse, Judy Thompson, Leah Miller, Mary Lynn Jacobson, Wade Hicks, Barbara Childs Connie Bence, Carla Tipton, and Renee Reichenbach,** and the Tuesday afternoon group: **Dale and Gayle Channell, Don Vorst, Millie McVey, Susan McVey, Jan Goff.** Thank you for keeping everything in such splendid order.

From our Clothing Room Steward

Underwear and socks remain the number one need in the clothing room. We have been greatly blessed with monetary gifts and bags of underwear and sox from many churches and individuals during the holiday season. Thank you for being so generous. We are so dependent upon you; when you give, we can give!

For future reference :

Underwear in all sizes for men, women and children is needed.

White crew or tube socks for men, white ankle crew or low cuts for women and children are preferred.

We would like to recommend that summer clothes be held until March since our storage is full to capacity.

We are so grateful for all the many gifts given to New Life's clothing room for our neighbors. You are an important part of the ministry of the clothing room. Your generosity is most evident of the commitment of many to follow the command of Jesus to take care of those who are in need.

As we count our blessings and share from our abundance let us remember these words from I Timothy 6:18-19;

“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”

Joyfully in thanksgiving,
Vickie Moseley

2006 Coat Extravaganza a Success

November 1, 2006 was an exciting day. Over 1000 wonderful coats were available to 175 neighbors who shopped and received 313 coats. On Sunday and the following week during regular clothing room hours an additional 100 coats were given out. (As of December 17, we still are in the need of men's extra large and 1x-4x coats).

The generosity of 20-25 churches, and the hard work of over 80 volunteers representing 10 churches, made this event happen. Many volunteers worked several days and the church was filled with coats in every space available.

Thanks to **Doral Chenoweth III**, the winter coat extravaganza had remarkable coverage with pictures in the Nov. 2 issue of *The Dispatch* and a video on the internet, which can be still be seen on Trinity UMC's website: trinityumchurch.com, on the home page.

On behalf of our neighbors, thank you for the tremendous support given by all of you to keep our neighbors warm this winter.

(Editor's note: In the December 2006 edition, we mistakenly included the article reporting on the 2005 Coat Extravaganza instead of this one.)

Grant Received!

The West Ohio Conference Board of Global Ministries has awarded New Life a \$5,500 grant to support our community and outreach ministries! We are grateful to our grant writing team: **Patty Conrad, Jill Geiger, Lisa Norris, and Bob Yano** (members of King Avenue), who worked many hours to put this grant together. They have recently submitted a proposal to the Governor's Faith Based Initiative Grant to purchase new computers, software and equipment for both the Plugged In ministry for young disciples, and for staff use.

Hold the Cereal!!

Thanks to the churches and organizations who responded to our appeal and collected 100s of boxes of cereal for our Breakfast Ministry. We are overwhelmed with it! We also received a donation of 300 boxes from Ralston Foods at the same time, thanks to **Richard Mason's** contact.

So, for now, we ask that you hold off on bringing us any more until we use up what we have. We may come back to you at some point, but want to make sure we serve this before it get's stale. Thanks you for your generosity—a wonderful expression of God's abundance meant to be shared!

Shopping for a Bus

Keavin Hill is one of the drivers who transports people from shelters to Breakfast each Sunday. He does so in his 24 passenger bus.

It is at the point of needing to be "retired," so **Keavin** is looking to purchase a bus that holds 24 people or more. If anyone knows of a church, organization or business that owns one, and is interested in selling it, please let **Pastor Jennifer** know. **Keavin** (and his bus) is an integral part of the Breakfast Ministry and we want him to continue to be, as does he!

Changes of Address

Mike & Cathy Christman
395 Broadmeadows Blvd, Apt. 303
Columbus, OH 43214

Rick Bayes & Dave Cordell
6555 San Miguel Pl.
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
614/762-2397

From Student Pastor Cathy

A longtime friend of mine, who attended my recent wedding, said something to me about how wonderful it is to be in ministry with someone like a spouse. As a retired minister, this friend has spent many years serving the church on the local and conference levels. He, his wife and his family have spent many hours ministering to those whom they meet. He expressed a deep sense of gratitude to his wife for standing by him during this time. Without her love and constant companionship, their ministry together would not have thrived.

Today, I write this as a married woman. Yes, the wedding went wonderfully well. It was a joy to celebrate mine and **Mike's** love with all of our family and friends. I'll have pictures very soon. More importantly, I write this article as a partner with **Mike** in ministry. From going to church every Sunday to being a sounding board for me with my sermons, **Mike** has been an amazing part of the family. You've seen him around. He's always with the kids or down in the clothing room joking with one of our neighbors. When we began dating, I think he knew he was going to be a big part of this church. I don't think he knew how big.

Our marriage will be one of love and support, just as our partnership will be. Just as he supports me in all aspects of ministry such as camping and boards, he knows that I will support him in whatever role he finds himself in as the pastor's spouse. For this, I will always be grateful.

There are many, of course, who are struggling with faith alone. There are many who do not have the sounding board of a significant other. All of us can rest assured that we do not do anything alone. Everything we do is grounded in the work that is found in Christ Jesus. When we find that some of our work goes un-noticed, I pray that we will see that the recognition we seek comes from God.

We are all partners in ministry. We depend on each other for support and nurturing as brothers and sisters in faith. We seek to find Christ in each other. I pray today, that we may know newness of a life with Christ as we experience the fellowship that comes with being in the presence of the Holy Spirit. May we join hands as partners in faith and love.

Peace,
Pastor Cathy

*A reception honoring **Cathy & Mike Christman's** recent marriage will be held Saturday, January 20, from 1 pm to 3 pm, at the Methodist Theological School, 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH. It will be held in the coffee shop on campus. There will be lots of pictures and even some cake!! All their family and friends are invited. Any questions, either e-mail Cathy at cmckenzie@mtso.edu, or by phone at 825-0306.*

Calendar of Events

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

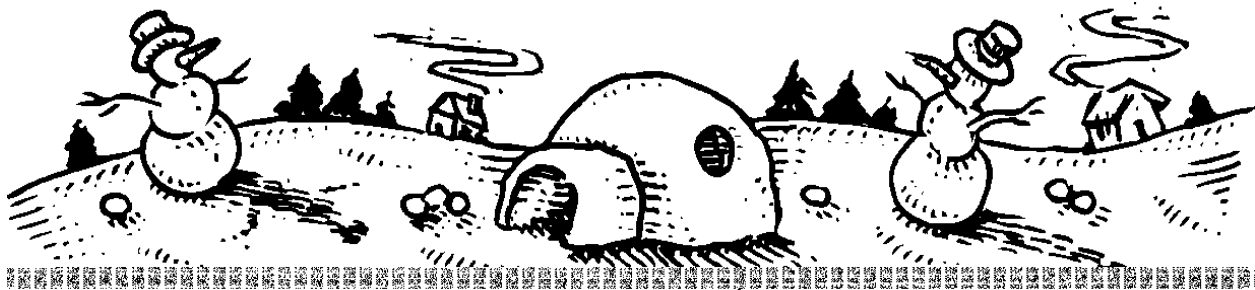
- Sunday: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,
Young Disciples Church, Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous
(1:30PM & 7:30PM), Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)
- Monday: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesday: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast, Plugged In (6-8PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)
- Wednesday: Clothing Room*, Bible Study (7 PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)
- Thursday: Breakfast Ministry Preparations,
Drummers Alcohol Anonymous (8PM)
- Friday: Cocaine Anonymous (8PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (10PM)
- Saturday: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

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

In addition to our weekly scheduled ministries and meetings as listed above, please note these dates:

January Calendar

1		HAPPY NEW YEAR!
3	7:00 PM	Bible Study
7	10:30 AM	Sacrament of Holy Communion
10	7:00 PM	Bible Study
15		Newsletter deadline
15		Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
17	7:00 PM	Bible Study
24	7:00 PM	Bible Study
27	9:30 AM	Health Ministries meeting
28	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
31	7:00 PM	Bible Study



FINANCIAL



NEWS

Report of the Treasurer

Nov., 2006

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 21,371.68
Deposits	16,310.80
Withdrawals	<u>26,495.93</u>

Balance \$ 11,186.55

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in	Nov 2006	and Year
Total Plate	\$ 4,154.54	\$ 56,348.15
Friends	4,200.00	22,698.00
Partner Churches	3,456.40	34,059.55
Breakfast Ministry	525.00	11,912.20
Youth Ministry	2,891.00	22,860.70
Clothing Room	30.00	3,409.00
Bus Passes	0.00	50.00
Parsonage Rent	569.36	6,102.36
Investment Income	0.00	124.43
Mauddy Thurs Service	0.00	561.86
Memorial Gifts	0.00	735.00
One Great Hr of Sharing	0.00	275.00
Bethel Fundraiser*	0.00	620.00
Assoc Pastor (student)	250.00	3,647.50
Gift Fund	0.00	589.00
Group Meeting Income	20.00	5,340.00
Buckeye Tailgate**	207.00	16,617.25
Spaghetti Dinner	0.00	62.00
Holiday Flower Income	7.50	162.00
Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>

Total Receipts \$16,310.80 \$186,774.00

-Rebecca Naas,
Financial Sec'y

*Tickets purchased at New Life

**Fundraiser party

Balance Sheet November, 2006

Assets

City National checking acct	\$ 11,186.55
Savings & Investments	<u>90,841.44</u>
Total Assets	\$102,027.99

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$ 916.45
Operations	34,897.63
Youth Ministry Fund	22,929.59
Misc. Ministry Fund	(9,090.69)
Memorial Fund	18,206.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund	16,430.77
Clothing Room Fund	8,128.68
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(1,968.54)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	728.07
Lillian Skeelee Fund	10,899.17
2006 Begin. Balance Correction	<u>(49.14)</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$102,027.99

Clothing Room Report November

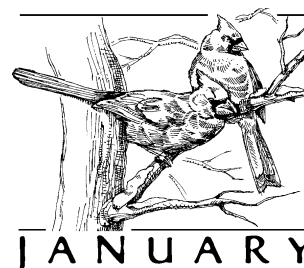
Hours of Operation:

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

Weekday Guests	1581
Sunday Guests	<u>569</u>
Total	2150

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