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NEW LIFE NEWS

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New Life
United
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Church



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

FROM THE PASTOR

Many of you, if you have been to New Life on a Sunday or Tuesday know **Vincent**. And if you know him, you must definitely like him. It's hard not to! I have never seen him in a bad mood, nor heard him complain. He is FULL of energy, and just makes you feel good when you talk with him. Each time he comes, the first thing he says to me is, "Hi Pastor Jennifer! Is there anything special you'd like me to do for you today?" He's been nagging me for a month to get the air conditioners in — he just needs someone with a drill to ensure that they stay in the windows. Now it's beginning to be hot, and they are still not in, so he's REALLY on it now. Hopefully by the time you read this, he will have motivated the right people to make it happen. **Vincent** won't even really benefit from the air conditioners — he just wants to make sure that the young disciples, and **Laura**, our new Minister of Youth and Families, and I are comfortable this summer. This is just one example of **Vincent's** generous, compassionate spirit that is so endearing.

Just a couple months ago, **Vincent** FINALLY moved into his own apartment after years of living outside. He was thrilled! **Bill** and I went to check it out, and he wanted to show us every nook and cranny, and for us to pray together to give thanks to God for giving him the apartment. He knew who had been at work through a number of people to make this dream a reality. There's just one problem — he now lives on the south end of town on Harrison Pike. Too far for the vans to go on Sunday morning to pick him up. So, for the first couple of weeks there, **Vincent** felt "stranded," unable to get to New Life. He told one of the people that helped him get the apartment that if he just had a bike, he would be able to get to church, and to other appointments (but mostly to church). Through the generosity of a couple people, we were able to get him a bike. When we delivered it, it was as if we had just given him a Ferrari! Now, on both Sundays and Tuesdays, when the weather cooperates, **Vincent** rides his bike to church. It takes him AT LEAST AN HOUR to make the journey. But to him, it's worth every minute and every mile. And we are always so glad to see him when he comes. New Life just isn't the same when **Vincent**, with his energetic and joyful spirit, isn't here.

My guess is that none of us — even if we come from a distance — have to go to that effort to get to church. Most of us just need to get out of bed, get ready, and drive a short distance. I hope on Sunday mornings when you "don't feel like coming to church," or have other options for things to do, or have just gotten out of the habit of coming to worship, you will think of **Vincent**, and be challenged and inspired to make your way to New Life (or whatever faith community you are part of) with the same enthusiasm and joy that he does. I am confident that you will feel better emotionally and spiritually, having done so. And I want you to know that New Life just isn't the same if you're not here.

I'll see you Sunday!

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jennifer*

Summer Sundays with Young Disciples

We are still in need of adults who would teach Sunday School one, 2 or even more weeks this summer. You would typically have 3-6 young disciples, depending on the age group. Sunday School meets from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and the materials for each lesson is very "teacher friendly."

Providing consistency for the young disciples in this time of transition is very important. We never want there to be an interruption in our teaching them about Jesus and the stories of our faith.

Would YOU be willing to be a messenger of the Good News of Jesus and His love for our young disciples this summer?

Please contact **Pastor Jennifer** if you would, because summer is HERE already!!

Family, friends, and otherwise very important people;

You may know, I've always loved country music. I've even been to Nashville and have seen the Grand Ole Opry. Yet, nothing is going to compare to the Nashville we're moving to. I have been appointed to the Nashville United Methodist Church in Nashville, Michigan. If you look on a Michigan map, it is located near the middle between Lansing, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Battle Creek. It is a small town, but with very big dreams. They are primarily a mission focused church, with similar activities to the things we do here at New Life.

Mike and I will be moving near the end of June (before church camp!) to a parsonage that is probably 3 or 4 times bigger than our apartment. We have met with some church members and have seen the parsonage. We are both very excited about this new adventure that God has laid before us. Our new home address and phone number will be: (after June 21st)

Mike and Cathy Christman
540 Chapel Dr.
Nashville, MI 49073
(517)852-0685

The church address:
Nashville UMC
PO Box 370
210 Washington St.
Nashville, MI 49073
(517)852-2043

We are both very excited about this opportunity and gift. We ask for your prayers for transition for us, and for the churches, both the one that we are leaving behind and the one we are going to. In the midst of all this packing and preparation for moving, we are also preparing for church camp. We have some wonderful things planned and God has certainly been working in the midst of all this planning.

-Prayers and peace, **Pastor Cathy**

A FORM OF RECONCILIATION NEEDED

We are committed to being good stewards of the money which we are given by members, friends and partner churches. Our treasurer, **Steve Waldron**, and Financial Secretary, **Rebecca Naas** (member of King Ave. UMC) are responsible servants tending to our finances. Part of being responsible is separation of roles. It is very important that the monthly bank statements be reconciled by a third person. **We are still in need of some one to provide this service for us.**

Do you have some basic accounting skills? Do you have 2-3 hours to give each month (maybe a couple more the first month to bring us up to date)? We need YOU!!

One of the blessings of our ministry is the extensive network of partner churches, and the people how have a variety of gifts which they share in every aspect of our ministry. Our hope is that someone will serve in this capacity, so that we have complete and accurate financial records. Contact **Pastor Jennifer** if you would be willing to serve in this capacity.

New Minister of Youth and Families Hired

Laura Young-Moats has been hired as our Minister of Youth and Families. **Laura** is a recent graduate of Methodist Theological School, with a Master of Divinity degree, and is seeking ordination as an elder in the coming years. Having worked in corporate settings, as well as in the local church, she comes with a wide range of experiences and gifts, which she will draw upon in her ministry with our young disciples and families.

For the past 9 months, we have received resumes from people across the nation and central Ohio, and have prayed that God would raise up the right person to serve in this position. Just recently, we were introduced to **Laura** (who is a member of Church of the Messiah), and were convinced that God had called and sent her to New Life. Obviously **Laura** was too!

Laura is married to **Chip Moats**, and they have two children: **Liza**, age 14, and **Nick**, age 11. We look forward to welcoming them to the New Life community on July 1st.

-- **Steve Waldron**, Staff/Parish Relations Committee Chair

BUILDING the **KINGDOM**
of **GOD**  **TOGETHER**

From our Clothing Room Steward

JEANS ARE THE THING!

It is always a thrill when young people take the initiative to help New Life. Recently, **Jeff Quinn**, a student at Wellington school and a member of Trinity organized a jeans drive at his school and delivered eighty pair of jeans to the clothing room. Knowing how teenagers and children outgrow their clothes so fast and given that every man, woman and child who come to the clothing room would like to have jeans, this was a tremendous idea. We greatly appreciate **Jeff's** help and compliment him for coming up with another way to fill our need in the clothing room. We encourage other schools or church youth groups to have their own jeans drive for kids, youth, men and women. Thank you, Wellington students.

APRIL WORK DAY REVEALS NEED FOR PANTS HANGERS

Forty volunteers, including 5 youth, from 9 churches worked very hard one Saturday morning in April to empty bins filled with summer clothes. Under the capable supervision of **Gayle and Dale Channell** (Trinity UMC), the chaos of piles of clothes was put in good order. With the addition of shorts to the racks, the pants hangers were quickly gone. Please, if you have pants hangers with metal clips that you are not using, we can use them in the clothing room.

Thanks to all of the volunteers from Bethel, Church of the Master, Church of the Messiah, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Liberty Presbyterian, New Life, Trinity and Worthington UM Churches, Concord Presbyterian Fellowship and Phi Mu of OSU. Thanks to everyone for an excellent job. The Saturday workdays offer a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with new people and give a helping hand in the clothing room. New volunteers are always welcome.

NEEDS NEVER END

Thank you to all who have donated clothes, socks, underwear, towels, and personal items. Everything is appreciated and the need never ends. **The greatest needs are jeans, tee-shirts, nightclothes, spring jackets, women's plus sizes, women's shoes, size 9 and larger, toilet tissue, large bottles of lotion and shampoo, small and large toothpaste, and razors. Underwear, sizes 30-38 for men and sizes 5-9 for women and socks are always needed.**

WEEKDAY SORTING GROUPS

Several groups come in regularly to sort clothes on Tuesday afternoon and/or Wednesday morning, which adds to the efficiency of operating the clothing room and keeping it in order. Any group interested in working Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 or Wednesday from 9-11:30 may contact **Vickie Moseley** to make arrangements. vickiemoseley@wowway.com or 766-0583



LET'S DIVE INTO READING THIS SUMMER!

New Life United Methodist Church Thursdays 2-4 PM

All Young Disciples and their friends are invited to join New Life's Summer Reading Club, which begins on June 21. Readers will earn points based on the number of minutes they read, and turn in their points for exciting prizes. Two summer swim parties are planned. Attendance at the weekly reading sessions will be a requirement for being invited to the swim parties. Anyone needing a ride can call the church @ 294-0134 or talk to **Marlene Haught**.

We also need adult mentors to read with the young disciples! If interested, please contact **Pastor Jennifer**.



Calendar of Events

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

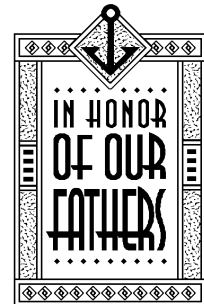
- Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,
Young Disciples Church, Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous
(1:30PM & 7:30PM), Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)
- Monday:s Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesdays: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)
- Wednesdays: Clothing Room*, Reading Club (2-4 PM), Bible Study (7 PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)
- Thursdays: Breakfast Ministry Preparations
Summer Reading Club (2-4PM)
Drummers Alcohol Anonymous (8PM)
- Fridays: Cocaine Anonymous (8PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (10PM)
- Saturdays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

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

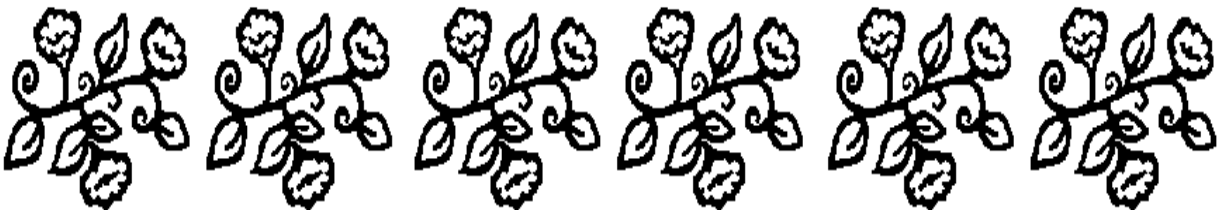
In addition to our weekly scheduled ministries and meetings as listed above, please note these dates:

June Calendar

2	9:30 AM	Health Ministries meeting
3	10:30 AM	Sacrament of Holy Communion
6	7:00 PM	Bible Study
10-14		West Ohio Conference
13	7:00 PM	Bible Study
15		Newsletter deadline
17		Happy Father's Day!
20	7:00 PM	Bible Study
24	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
27	7:00 PM	Bible Study



July 1 11:45 AM Welcome/Reception for **Laura Young-Moats**, our new Minister to Youth and Families



FINANCIAL



NEWS

Report of the Treasurer

April, 2007

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 23,337.84
Deposits	25,978.95
Withdrawals	<u>28,178.38</u>

Balance \$ 21,138.41

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

—John Spang, Sec'y to the Treas

Receipts in

Apr 2007 and Year

Total Plate	\$ 6,509.47	\$ 19,825.28
Friends	2,868.00	11,008.00
Partner Churches	7,519.65	21,788.12
Breakfast Ministry	2,297.50	6,010.45
Youth Ministry	295.00	4,181.00
Clothing Room	50.00	1,175.00
Parsonage Rent	1,075.00	4,510.00
Memorial Gifts	0.00	846.00
UMCOR	362.95	362.95
Computers	0.00	1,050.00
Group Meeting Income	845.00	1,795.00
Flowers	148.00	161.50
Maundy Thurs Service	368.42	368.42
Bluegrass Fundraiser	3,639.96	3,639.96
Chiller Fundraiser	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,555.12</u>

Total Receipts \$25,978.95 \$79,276.80

-Rebecca Nass,
Financial Sec'y

Balance Sheet April, 2007

Assets

City National checking acct	\$ 21,138.41
Savings & Investments	<u>120,525.08</u>
Total Assets	\$141,663.49

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	\$ 116.29
Operations	64,890.22
Youth Ministry Fund	31,441.65
Misc. Ministry Fund	(11,721.66)
Memorial Fund	19,152.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund	18,743.56
Clothing Room Fund	8,384.04
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,157.51)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	1,091.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$141,663.49

Clothing Room Report April, 2007

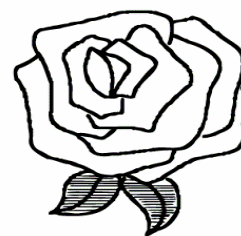
Hours of Operation:

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

Weekday Guests	1226
Sunday Guests	<u>658</u>
Total	1884

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in the name of Jesus Christ*

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