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NEW LIFE NEWS

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Church



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

FROM THE PASTOR

I am writing this article while attending the West Ohio Annual Conference in Lakeside, Ohio. It is wonderful to gather with about 1600 Christians to worship and learn, as well as reconnect with friends and peers I don't see very often. The delegates, both lay and clergy, are making decisions about the priorities and positions of United Methodists in our Conference, including opposing the war in Iraq and a commitment to support the Global Aids Fund (We contributed more than \$250 as a congregation). We are also about the business of electing delegates to General (where the Book of Discipline, which outlines both the theology and law of our Church, is modified and/or affirmed) and Jurisdictional Conferences (where Bishops are elected and assigned), which meet every 4 years.

But, one of the most important events is when **Bishop Ough** sets the appointments for the coming year. As many of you know, we have an "itinerant system," which means that pastors are appointed by the Bishop, and can be moved from their current church, to serve another one whenever it seems appropriate for the overall mission of the church. So, I was thrilled to see my name listed beside New Life for the 12th time, confirming that I have been reappointed to this Christ centered, diverse community of faith, which is committed to *loving, welcoming and serving all people in the name of Jesus Christ.*

It is an incredible blessing to be in ministry with each one of you — New Life members and friends, members of partner churches, neighbors, young disciples, seminary students, and all who pass through our building for a wide range of reasons. You encourage me, challenge me, surprise me, love me, and have helped me to grow as a pastor and a follower of Christ.

As I come to church most days to worship, serve, converse, pray and grow in relationship with all of you, as fellow disciples, I anticipate that absolutely anything can happen! That's one of the things I love about New Life!

Bill and I "process" Sunday morning over brunch at First Watch each week, and as we talk about all of the unpredictable celebrations and challenges, all of the interesting people and stories, what the young disciples did, the professions of faith and even the difficult confrontations, we simply conclude with gratitude for "just another day at New Life Church!"

And hopefully, we will have many, many more days when we can make that declaration.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

From the Minister of Youth & Families

Pastor Laura Young-Moats (laurayoungmoats@yahoo.com)

Hello, everyone! **Pastor Jennifer** asked me to tell you a little bit about myself and what's happening with youth and family programs at New Life.

First, I love God, I love people, and I love to talk. So, it won't surprise you that I love to talk with people about God! I especially like to do this when doing fun and worthwhile activities in church and our community. My goal is to help people experience the presence of Jesus Christ in their life; in the process, I experience the love and peace of Christ, too. I am originally from Columbus, but I grew up primarily in Michigan and then spent ten years in California. I've been back in Ohio for eight years. I just graduated from seminary and in time will be ordained a UMC elder (like **Pastor Jennifer**).

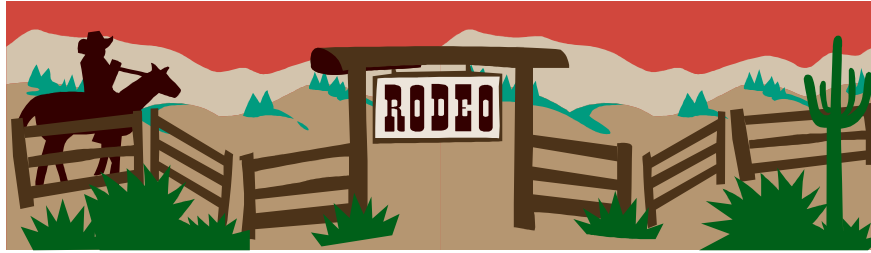
In addition to planning, organizing, and recruiting people to participate in our youth and family programs, I want to get to know YOU! Let's talk SOON -- in your home, at church, or at a coffee shop -- so I can learn what brings you to New Life, what you like about church, and what you need and want from the youth and family church community. I want to hear about your family, your work, your successes and challenges, your faith journey, and whatever you feel like sharing with me. I'll share with you, too. Please stop by my office at church, call me, or e-mail me whenever you want to connect. I want to hear what God's calling you to do! Maybe you'd like to participate in parenting classes, family movie nights, cutting-edge studies, support groups, outings, or social justice programs. We can do anything!

In addition to meeting everyone, I'll be working on the summer programs (reading club, Vacation Bible School [August 20-24], pool parties, etc.), planning fall and winter programs (with your input!), and of course participating in Sunday worship and the breakfast and clothing room ministries. I will help **Pastor Jennifer** with anything happening at New Life. When she's away, I'll preach and lead worship (August 12 is the first time).

Youth ministry and family ministry include everyone -- families of all kinds and children and youth of all ages. I can't wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work with you as we help create a little corner of the Kingdom of God!

—Love and prayers,

Pastor Laura



Avalanche Ranch:

A Wild Ride Through God's Word

August 20-24 (M-F*), 9 a.m.-12 noon

New Life United Methodist Church

25 West Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201 (614) 294-0134

Dear New Life UMC Parents and All Adults:

Be sure your young disciples, all the kids in your life, have a great Vacation Bible School experience this summer by going to Avalanche Ranch at New Life UMC! They'll find plenty of adventures at this week-long fun and educational experience. Each day young disciples will be part of fun Bible learning they can see, hear, touch, and taste! Games, crafts, songs, and treats are all geared to help faith grow into real life. Young disciples will choose a "daily challenge" as a way to live out what they've learned.

Avalanche Ranch is fun for young disciples of all ages; even teenagers will enjoy being crew leaders who help. Please sign up the young disciples in your life today! To register, call the church or e-mail Laura Young-Moats (laurayoungmoats@yahoo.com)

Love & Prayers, Pastor Laura

***Extended hours [9-3] for pool party on Thursday, Aug. 23**

Christmas Party



Let's Celebrate Christmas in July!

It may not be beginning to look a lot like Christmas, but the Christmas spirit lasts all year long, right? Well, kids and families from New Life and Trinity United Methodist Churches are going to celebrate that it does! On July 25, elementary-age kids and families will gather to decorate Christmas cookies, decorate the Christmas tree, sing Christmas carols, and hear a Christmas story together. There will be some surprises too! What would Christmas be without them!

Organist/Pianist Needed

On June 17, we said farewell to **Jenni Kristoff**, who has served as our pianist for the last four years. **Jenni** began as a temporary “transitional” musician, intending to be with us for two months, but ended up staying much longer. We have been blessed by her classical style, and the way in which she helped the congregation sing “joyfully and lustily,” as John Wesley charges us. We send her with our prayers and blessing to Church of the Redeemer United Methodist Church in Gahanna which, she will agree, will be very different from worship at New Life (of course, nothing is like worship at New Life!).

As **Jenni** leaves, we begin our search for a new organist/pianist. New Life News is widely distributed, so if you or someone in your church is interested in learning more about the position, please contact **Pastor Jennifer**.

A special thanks to **Mona Haught** and **Cathy Brunskill** for doing some major cleaning, sorting and “tossing” in a storage area where Young Disciples supplies were kept.

West Ohio Annual Conference

Doral, Robin, Cassie and Kurt were on a mission trip in Africa while we were at Annual Conference this year. On July 13th the Conference took a Miracle Offering to help people in Africa who have HIV/AIDS. We collected \$151,000. Great Job! Once again New Life paid 100% of our apportionments.

This was my first year to vote for delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The voting was confusing at times. But I got the hang of it. We worked very hard on trying to pass resolutions. Some of them were very controversial. But we kept debating until we came to some agreement. It was a long process.

Bishop Ough asked “where do we go from here?” (Acts 2). He said that “we write Acts 29 –the next chapter of what the church will do.” He also said need to ‘get a grip’ on HOPE! He talked about having the Holy Spirit “whoosh” through us. The praise and worship was awesome! We also had beautiful weather.

Once again **Pastor Jennifer** has been appointed for another year at New Life. PRAISE THE LORD!

-**Kathy Williams**, Lay Delegate

Fifth Annual Season Kick-Off Tailgate Party



The Buckeye Hall of Fame Café
(Between King and Fifth Avenues on Olentangy River Road)

Thursday, August 30, 2007 5-8PM

(Thursday night before the season opener with Youngstown State)

**To benefit people who are homeless and poor in Columbus
through the ministries of
New Life United Methodist Church at 25 W. Fifth Ave.**

Featuring a Variety of Ohio State University Football Related Celebrities including:
Brutus Buckeye, OSU Cheerleaders, OSU Pep Band

Tailgate Food and Beverage buffet

And several hundred Buckeye Fans

\$20 per ticket for Adults 18 and over

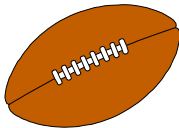
\$10 for Kids 5-17

Free for Kids under 5

BRING YOUR CAMERA

email nwlifeumc1@juno.com for Information and Tickets

Tickets are available in the Gift Shop at The Buckeye Hall of Fame Café
and at a variety of Churches around Central Ohio.



GO Bucks!

Sponsored By
Buckeye Hall of Fame Café

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)
- Mondays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)
- Tuesdays: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)
- Wednesdays: Clothing Room*, Bible Study (7 PM),
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)
- Thursdays: Breakfast Ministry Preparations,
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:

July Calendar

1	10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Sacrament of Holy Communion Welcome reception for Laura Young-Moats
4		Independence Day Clothing Room Closed No Bible Study
5	2:00-4:00 PM	Young Disciples Reading Club
11	7:00 PM	Bible Study
12	2:00-4:00 PM	Young Disciples Reading Club
14	9:30 AM	Health Ministry Team Meeting
14	9:00-12:00 NOON	Clothing Room work day
15		Newsletter deadline
18	7:00 PM	Bible Study
19	11:00-3:00 PM	Young Disciples Pool Party
25	2:00-4:00 PM	Christmas in July Party for Trinity UMC and New Life Families
25	7:00 PM	Bible Study
26	2:00-4:00 PM	Young Disciples Reading Club
29	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner



FINANCIAL



NEWS

Report of the Treasurer May 2007

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 21,138.41
Deposits	13,816.79
Withdrawals	<u>22,274.53</u>
 Balance	 \$ 12,680.67

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in	<u>May 2007</u>	and	<u>Year</u>
Total Plate	\$ 4,542.62		\$ 24,367.90
Friends	1,020.00		12,028.00
Partner Churches	6,192.67		27,980.79
Breakfast Ministry	30.00		6,040.45
Youth Ministry	280.00		4,461.00
Clothing Room	225.00		1,400.00
Parsonage Rent	1,075.00		5,585.00
Memorial Gifts	0.00		846.00
UMCOR	0.00		362.95
Computers	0.00		1,050.00
Group Meeting Income	420.00		2,215.00
Flowers	6.50		168.00
Maundy Thurs Service	0.00		368.42
Bluegrass Fundraiser	25.00		3,664.96
Chiller Fundraiser	<u>0.00</u>		<u>2,555.12</u>
 Total Receipts	 \$13,816.79		 \$93,093.50

-Rebecca Naas,
Financial Sec'y

Balance Sheet May, 2007

Assets

City National checking acct	\$ 12,680.67
Savings & Investments	<u>128,828.39</u>
Total Assets	\$141,509.06

Liabilities & Fund Balances

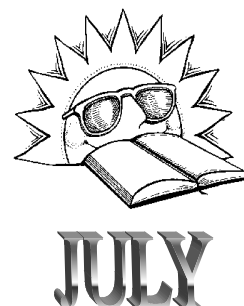
Withholdings	\$ 236.91
Operations	66,115.50
Youth Ministry Fund	31,721.65
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,419.24)
Memorial Fund	19,152.00
Breakfast Ministry Fund	17,585.06
Clothing Room Fund	8,485.25
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,182.97)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	1,091.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$141,509.06

Clothing Room Report May, 2007

Hours of Operation:	
Sunday	7-9:30 am
Tues. & Wed.	9-11:30 am
 Weekday Guests	 1521
Sunday Guests	<u>604</u>
Total	2125

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