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# NEW LIFE NEWS

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Monthly News  
Magazine of  
New Life  
United  
Methodist  
Church



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

On December 21, the first day of winter and shortest day of the year, I had the honor of speaking at the Interfaith Homeless Memorial Service. While I cannot include the entire message here, I want to share a portion of it which I hope will serve as a reminder of some lessons we can learn through our interactions and relationships with people who are homeless through the ministries of New Life. In my relationships with many people who are homeless or living in poverty, I have learned about the **power of hope**: hope is essential for surviving because it sustains a will to live, to endure, to keep moving forward, to keep seeking, keep asking, keep banging on the door, keep working, keep praying with whatever amount of faith one has.

I have learned about **gratitude**: to be grateful for having a safe place to stay and basic needs being met. I have witnessed gratitude for simply being treated with respect and compassion. And the importance of being grateful for each day. When I ask people how they're doing, so many of them say, "I'm blessed! I woke up this morning!" And I have been convicted to be grateful for the privileges, opportunities and resources I have that so many go without. I have learned about **perspective**: to be clear in my mind and spirit what is truly important, and to take nothing for granted; to clarify what is a right and what is a privilege; to discern what is truly a problem and what is just an inconvenience.

I have learned about the **importance of relationships and connection**. To trust people who "have your back," and notice when you have a need or are missing. We all need to know that we are valued, respected, and loved for who we are. And it is through us -- everyone of us -- that others experience the love of God. And that love, above all other things, inspires hope, evokes gratitude, convicts hearts, provides perspective, gives life.

These lessons are true for all of us -- people of all faiths or no faith, of all nationalities and race, age or gender, education level or economic circumstances. As Maya Angelou has said, "We are more alike than we are unlike." All of us have needs, yet all of us have gifts to share. Each one of us is broken in some way, yet we are also all blessed in many ways. All of us, in all of our diversity are made in the image of God, are loved unconditionally by God, and are of sacred worth. And all of us are invited to live in faith, trusting in the presence and love of God, which does indeed inspire hope, evoke gratitude, convict hearts, provide perspective, bless our lives every day we wake up!

On this cold and dark night, we are mindful of our neighbors who are currently homeless, and pray that God will be with them, protecting them, helping them to endure, working in their lives, and waking them up to be blessed by another day. And let us pray and work toward the day when there will be enough room, enough shelter, enough permanent shelter for every one of God's children.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jennifer*

## From the Minister of Youth & Families

### Practice Makes Perfect



December 19th, 2010, was a big deal at New Life! It was the day of our annual Christmas Pageant! The children started practicing in early November. Every Friday and Sunday was spent learning songs and practicing lines. This is no easy task; with New Life children it is fluid, moving, and ever changing.

We stuck to it, adjusting, instructing and praying! Some days rehearsal was great, other days it was so much of a challenge mentors looked forward to a nap!

This is a lot like life! Some folks say, “Life is not a dress rehearsal!” but I say it is exactly like a dress rehearsal, especially if you believe in a God who allows “retakes!”

When we get it wrong...God is in His director chair and shouting, “Retake”. He wants us to learn from our mistakes. He is not controlling us with a remote, he is watching, observing, and teaching us through the Holy Spirit. He gives us a lot of “retakes.” And just like any good director, when we do a “retake” He gives us instructions on how to do it right. We find these instructions in the Word, the Holy Book, the Bible. Many of these instructions are found in the book of Proverbs and in the Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew. Take a look! Read the Book!



On the 19th of December the children performed and they were excellent! We are so proud of them! The program was possible with many practices in which the children were allowed to make mistakes and then do a “retake.” You too can learn the advantages of “retakes.” If there is something in your life you are not happy about, do a “retake”....seek instruction in the Bible, seek counseling, ask a friend for help, pray for help, and ask God to forgive you. In this New Year, we will make a lot of mistakes...we are practicing how to live. Do a “retake!” I love “retakes!” That means we have a chance to get it right! Be Blessed in this New Year...Hey, it’s a brand New Year with no mistakes in it yet! Go for it!

—Pastor Rosie

## Clothing Room Report

by **Vickie Moseley**, Clothing Room Steward

“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.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19

The ministry of the New Life Clothing Room has been richly blessed by those who have lived out the path to true life given in Timothy. We give thanks to God for each of you: your caring for our neighbors and your sharing in our ministry to them. With grateful hearts we say thank you for the following gifts:

**Hand knit hats**...Meadow Park Church of God, Lorna Graham and June Shunk

**Hats and gloves**...Maple Grove UMC

**Sunday Breakfast Christmas Gifts** (razors, lotion, foot powder, baby powder, deodorant, wash cloths, socks, toilet tissue, vanity kits, tooth paste)...Church of the Master UMC, Church of the Messiah UMC, Concord Presbyterian Fellowship, Linworth UMC Mission Impact and Claremont Retirement Village, New Creation Metropolitan Community Church, New Life UMC, Trinity UMC, Worthington UMC and Cardinal Health.

**Packing Christmas Gifts**...Women’s Bible Study, Trinity UMC

**New Life Youth Christmas Gifts**...hand made fleece blankets, Trinity UMC Confirmation Class, Middle School and High School Youth groups

...gift bags of toiletries, towels and wash cloths, West Ohio Clergy Spouses  
...individual gifts, Indian Run UMC

**Toiletries, hats, gloves, socks, clothing**...Dublin Coffman High School Teen Institute

**Coats**...Fort Hayes students

**Sundry toiletries**...Cardinal Health

**Shoes**...Fronrunner Shoes, Foot Solutions

**New boots, socks, underwear, sweat shirts**...various individuals

**Underwear, socks, cookware, bedding, appliances**... Bethel Road Wal Mart

**Many hours of dedicated service** ...All Clothing Room volunteers

All of the above gifts plus the many loads of donations received weekly and hygiene items given monthly make it possible for the Clothing Room to provide Christmas Joy, warm clothing and many necessities to those we serve.

You are blessed by God to be a blessing! You know the meaning of true life. Thank you! We look forward to working with you during the New Year.

## Health Ministry Grows through OSU Nursing Students' Presence

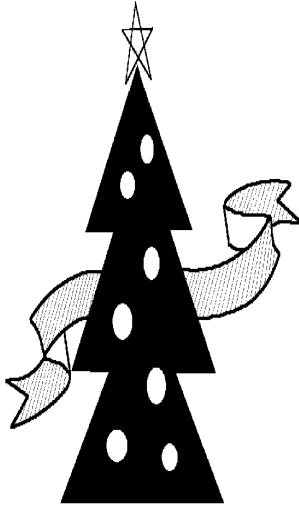
During the fall term at Ohio State University, a team of 8 nursing students and their professor, **Alexis Downing** were part of our ministry on Tuesday mornings. **Ms. Downing** contacted **Pastor Jennifer** upon hearing about our Health Ministry in follow up meetings after the Interprofessional Collaborative class, which included the School of Nursing, was held at New Life in the Spring of 2009. The students, easily identifiable in their red "scrubs" volunteered in the kitchen and clothing room, but more importantly, they provided medical care and counsel to many of our neighbors. They gave flu shots, as well as provided blood pressure and blood glucose screenings, nutrition and general health counseling to over 80 people. On two occasions, there was a need to call the emergency squad, and it was so helpful to have these nurses on hand to monitor the situation, and provide EMS personnel with information that helped them to care for the individual more efficiently. Having them present in those circumstances also maintained a level of calm among the crowd because there was a confidence that everything was "under control" thanks to their expertise.

Most importantly, these nursing students exhibited a true spirit of compassion and concern for people. They were very comfortable interacting and caring for our neighbors, including taking the initiative to go table to table in the dining room to see if anyone had any health questions or concerns, or if they could be helpful in providing referrals or further information about other resources in the area.

At the end of the term, they shared their experiences and learnings with **Pastor Jennifer**. Many students commented that what they did while at New Life was exactly why they chose nursing as their profession. They truly felt that they had helped people, both through direct care, and connecting them with other resources. It would not be surprising if we saw some of them volunteering in our Health Ministry in the future!

We grew accustomed to their red uniformed presence on Tuesday mornings, and have missed them during the month of December. Fortunately, our partnership with the School of Nursing will continue with another team of students beginning January 18.





### **Christmas Tree Fundraiser a Success!**

This was the first year for the Christmas tree fundraiser in partnership with NNEMAP (Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program) food pantry. New Life received \$1,500 of the proceeds, which will support our operating budget. Thanks to **Anne Nelson**, member of King Ave. United Methodist Church, NNEMAP board member (and wife of **Dr. Jim Ritchlin** who volunteers in our Health Ministry almost every Sunday morning) for her family's generosity, and her hard work to make it a success. And thanks to members of New Life and many partner churches who purchased trees. This is just the first year for the event, and much was learned in anticipation for next Christmas season!

  
*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**  


This lady's Septic System leaked and ruined many things in her home. While we were not able to meet all of her needs, she wrote this thank you note in response to what we were able to do:

***“Thank you for the clothing and the house supply that you given to me and my family. I will think of you every time I use it. Your generosity is so totally amazing to me. Knowing that I have a friend so generous and thoughtful is gift in itself. That you have chose to share your generosity not only with my boys and me but with the City of Columbus. I pray that GOD continues to Bless your wonderful church and your organization.***

***With love From  
Luann Forbes and her Boys***

***I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart, but for you my heart has no bottom.”***

# LAY LEADERSHIP FOR 2011

## Administrative Council

Chair: Marlene Haught  
Secretary: Chuck Belding  
Chair, Finance & Treasurer: Steve Waldron  
Financial Secretary: Tom Householder  
Chair, Staff/Parish Relations Committee: Robin Chenoweth  
Chair, Trustees: Gary Sansbury  
Ministry of Care and Encouragement: Tricia Allenby  
Rep., Community Ministries: Tim Holcomb  
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Greg Allenby  
New Life Community Outreach Board Chair: Greg Allenby  
Members at Large: Doral Chenoweth

### *Ex Officio*

Breakfast Ministry Coordinator: Chuck Belding  
Clothing Room Steward: Vickie Moseley  
Choir Director: Bob Brown

### Staff:

Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto  
Rosie Porambo

## Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Robin Chenoweth (2009)  
Lay member to Annual Conference: Greg Allenby  
Kendra Booker, Elaine Buhrlage, Cora Green, Bill Seiber, Jim Stewart, Todd Yockey

## Board of Trustees

Chair: Gary Sansbury  
Sherri Benedict, Tom Householder, Chris Nichols, Doug Mays, Ed Phillips, Ed Timmons

## Committee on Lay Leadership

Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto (Chair)  
Bob Brown, Marlene Haught, Ed Phillips

## Committee on Finance

Chair: Steve Waldron  
Bob Ater, Robin Chenoweth (SPRC), Tom Householder (Financial Sec.), Gary Sansbury (Trustees), Jim Stewart, Amy Timmons

## New Life Community Outreach Board (501c3)

Greg Allenby, Bob Ater, Connie Bachman, Sherri Benedict, Chip Cooper, Laura Ehninger, Scott Powell, Leo Robinson, Chris Stover, Dave Wade

# FINANCIAL



# NEWS

## Report of the Treasurer as of November 30, 2010

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	43,715.72
Deposits	14,574.21
Withdrawals	<u>30,166.45</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$28,123.48</b>

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in	Nov.	and Year
Total Plate	7,485.12	80,734.69
Friends	1,118.00	21,224.39
Partner Churches	450.00	23,111.93
Breakfast Ministry	472.00	18,318.73
Youth Ministry	2,520.00	20,592.00
Clothing Room	310.00	5,657.86
Parsonage Rent	650.00	3,210.00
Healthcare Ministry	100.00	4,338.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	42,755.00
UMCOR	0.00	929.00
Misc. (inc. ins pymt)	958.09	40,156.02
CROP Walk	0.00	207.00
Thanksgiving Offering	25.00	25.00
Group Meeting	420.00	4,720.00
Youth Ice Skate Party	0.00	1,566.00
Pastor Discretionary	50.00	926.00
Easter	0.00	541.00
Easter Flowers	0.00	277.50
Poinsettias	16.00	16.00
Bluegrass Concert	0.00	5,868.50
Buckeye Tailgate	<u>0.00</u>	<u>21,403.75</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,574.21</b>	<b>\$296,578.37</b>

—Tom Householder,  
Financial Secretary

## Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2010

### Assets

City National checking acct	28,123.48
Savings & Investments	<u>290,873.30</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$318,996.78</b>

### Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	5,236.28
Operations	165,901.74
Youth Ministry Fund	13,077.96
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,775.63)
Memorial Fund	66,482.00
Health Ministry Fund	14,961.64
Breakfast Ministry Fund	46,237.81
Clothing Room Fund	9,021.70
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,890.62)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	2,020.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$318,996.78</b>



## November, 2010

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

Weekday Guests	1856
Sunday Guests	<u>581</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2437</b>

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**New Life  
United Methodist  
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25 West Fifth Avenue  
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**JANUARY**



## MISSION STATEMENT

*To love, welcome, and serve all people  
in the name of Jesus Christ*

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# IT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

**\*\*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, Plugged In (6-8PM),

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),

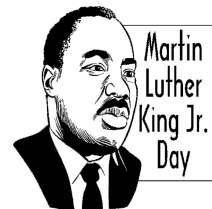
Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (10PM)

Saturdays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

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

**In addition to our weekly scheduled ministries, as listed above, please note the following activities for January:**

1		HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2	10:30 AM	Worship—Sacrament of Holy Communion
5	7:00 PM	Bible Study
6	7:00 PM	Trustees meeting
7	4:00-6:00 PM	Friday Night Live
11	6:00-8:00 PM	Plugged In resumes
12	7:00 PM	Bible Study
13	6:30 PM	New Life Community Outreach Board meeting
14	4:00-6:00 PM	Friday Night Live
17		MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
17-24		Pastor Jennifer on vacation
19		NO Bible Study
21	4:00-6:00 PM	Friday Night Live
26	7:00 PM	Bible Study
28	4:00-8:00 PM	Friday Night Live Extravaganza
30	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner

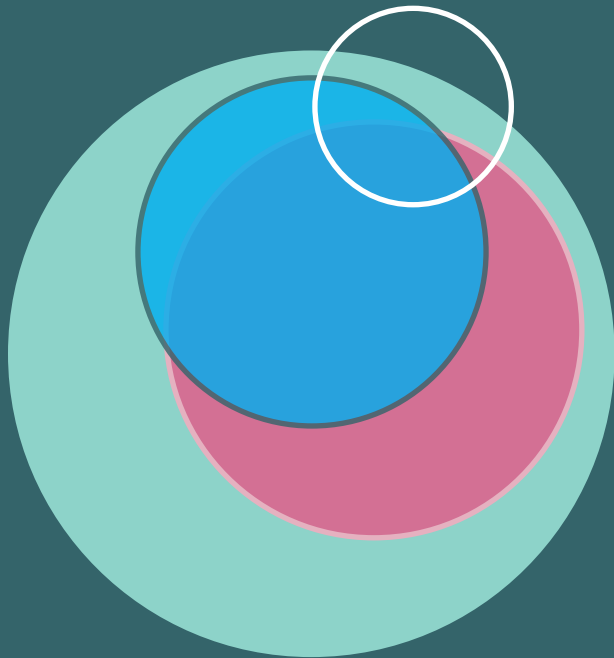


*Columbus Coalition for the Homeless Presents:*

# WORKING

## Out Of Homelessness:

### Innovative Solutions to Employment



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January 20, 2011

Broad Street Presbyterian Church

- Businesses that have successfully employed homeless individuals
- How non-profits can start a business to employ their homeless consumers
- Supporting homeless persons in finding and maintaining a job
- Possibilities for homeless microenterprise
- Experiences of homeless individuals in accessing employment

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Conference fee: Only \$50 with lunch, continental breakfast and snack.  
6 CEU's applied for.

For more information see our website at [www.columbushomeless.org](http://www.columbushomeless.org), or call us at 614-228-1342.