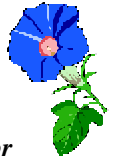


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Bright Horizons



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The Jefferson County Fourth Street Health Center offering basic primary health care.

April is Minority Health Month!

Kick-off Event:
Friday, April 7, 2006
12:00 Noon
Second Baptist Church
717 Adams Street
Steubenville

**“Health Matters:
I’m taking
charge!”**

The Vision of God. . . the Grace of God at Work **The Fourth Street Health Clinic Opens**

One of the greatest privileges of being a pastor is watching God at work. Over three years ago, God gave me the vision to establish a free community health center. Others in the area had received that vision even before I did. Prayer and many discussions were the initial avenues of work on the project. Soon, many things began to fall right into place. One of the first things was the building. A family donated an old house to Urban Mission. It was in need of major repairs in order to be used. Many thought the house should be torn down but God had other plans.

After securing the building, the City of Steubenville encouraged me to apply for block grant funding to begin the rehabilitation process on the property. The application was successful and \$130,000 made the facility weather tight. After that, the process continued and many meetings followed.

Last May, I was driving up Sunset Boulevard in Steubenville and I received back-to-back phone calls on my cell phone. Both of the people calling offered \$25,000 each for rehabilitation and construction work for the health clinic. The funds were unsolicited. At this point, it was very clear that God wanted the health center established for the poor.

As time went on, a friend called to introduce me to individuals who also wanted to start the health center. We visited an existing health center in Warren, Ohio. After that, we began working very hard to see this happen in Steubenville. It was not an easy task but God always provided what we needed at exactly the right time. Donations were offered, people volunteered and soon, 60 different organizations had involved themselves in establishing the health center.

In early March, the vision of God came to fruition. A ribbon cutting and open house ceremony was held on March 10, 2006. Within the next week, the first patients were seen. Now we offer basic primary care, much like a doctors office. We still need doctors, nurses and funding. Soon we will finish the rehabilitation work and offer a dental center and other healthcare opportunities.

Though much hard work went into this project, we all realize that none of us worked hard enough for this to happen as it well as it has. ONLY God’s will and grace could open this health center. It took the work of this entire community and only God could bring about such a united front. God gave the vision, supplied the funds, the property, the people and revealed the Amazing Grace of God for the poor.

The Vision of God is still unfulfilled in my heart. There is still much yet to be done. But there is also much to celebrate. Thank God for you, who support the work of God through Urban Mission. Thank God for all the people, organizations and institutions who became the hands and feet of God. Praise God for the great things that are to come!

-Love, Pastor Bruce

Annual Volunteer Luncheon



You're Invited!

Annual Volunteer Luncheon

Friday, April 21, 2006

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wintersville UMC

702 Main Street

Wintersville, OH 43953



Volunteers:

The Seeds of our Success!

Please RSVP by Friday, April 14, 2006 at 740-282-2911.

During the year 2005, many groups, churches and individuals combined efforts and gave over **40,000 hours of volunteer service** at Urban Mission. It would be impossible to thank each volunteer individually for all of their hard work. Therefore, we would like to thank everyone collectively, with a celebration in your honor! Volunteer awards for 2005 will also be presented at the Luncheon.

If you, your friends or anyone you know volunteered at Urban Mission during 2005, please share the news of this luncheon with them. Invite them to share in the celebration, as we say thank you to a very special group of hardworking individuals. Transportation will be available from Urban Mission beginning at 11 AM. ***See you there!***

April is Minority Health Month



April is Minority Health Month in Ohio. Special events will be held throughout the state to provide health education and raise the awareness of the health issues of Minorities and promote healthy lifestyle changes. Please see the enclosed calendar of events.

Tell your family and friends about the activities. All events are open to the public and some events target specific groups. For information about any event, please call 740-282-8010.

-Sharon Kirtdoll, Community Developer

Annual Shoe Giveaway

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It's time to start bringing in your good used shoes for our annual **shoe giveaway**, set for **May 10, 11 and 12, 2006**.



We need shoes for children, women and men. We will also collect handbags and hats. Please be sure shoes are in good, wearable condition.

Shoes can be dropped off at the Warehouse, 311 North 6th Street, Steubenville. Please be sure to have all shoes delivered to the warehouse by **Friday, May 5, 2006**.

Applications Still Available

Robert E. Hutton Memorial Scholarship applications are available to students of any age wishing to pursue higher education. **The deadline for applications is April 3, 2006.**

JOSHUA Home Repair applications are available to area low-income homeowners for

minor home repairs. **The deadline for applications to be returned is April 14, 2006.**

If you would like an application for either of these programs, please stop by Urban Mission or give us a call at 740-282-8010 and one can be mailed to you.

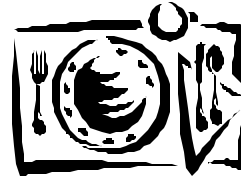
End Hunger in the Valley

Urban Mission has been blessed with an offer to match funds donated for the “**End Hunger in the Valley**” campaign up to \$50,000. For every dollar donated toward this program from now until April 30, it will be matched by an additional two dollars. \$100 becomes \$300, \$1000 becomes \$3,000 and so forth. The total raised will then be applied toward the Feinstejn Hunger Challenge by Rhode Island Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstejn. He has pledged to proportionately match donations marked for hunger through **April 30, 2006**.

If you haven't sent in a donation yet, please consider doing so, that we may take advantage of this once in a lifetime offer.

K-Kids Dinner

The Annual **K-KID'S** (**Keeping Kids Involved During Summer**) Ham loaf dinner is coming up! The dinner will be held on **May 5, 2006 from 4-7 PM** at the Wintersville UMC Church, 702 Main Street, Wintersville.



This dinner is the only fundraiser for our summer youth program. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the Mission at 740-282-8010. The cost is **\$6 for adults** and **\$3 for children**. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Carry-outs will be available.

Parish Nurse News: April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Alcoholic beverages have been around for a long time. Ancient civilizations learned to make alcoholic beverages. These beverages have been consumed with meals, at social gathering and even at religious celebrations. Although alcoholic beverages are common, consumption of alcohol is responsible for many problems. Let's look at some of those problems.

Persons can become addicted to alcoholic beverages. There are actual changes that take place in a person's nervous system when he/she becomes addicted to alcohol. Alcohol addiction can lead to such things as job loss, violence, and health problems. Some research has shown that alcohol addiction runs in families.

Another problem with alcohol is teenage drinking, especially binge drinking. Every year there are stories about young persons who died after

binge drinking. Binge drinking involves drinking a large amount of alcohol over a very short period of time. The alcohol acts as a poison in the person's body and the person can die. In many of these cases, friends thought that the person was just sleeping off the alcohol, but the person was actually in a coma. We need to educate young people about the dangers of alcohol, especially binge drinking.

An additional problem with drinking alcohol is driving under the influence. Every year many people are killed by drunk drivers. Alcohol depresses the central nervous system, which slows the person's reactions and also alters his perceptions. Persons under the influence of alcohol cannot drive safely.

Be safe. Educate yourself about the dangers of alcohol, so that you can protect yourself and others.

-Michalene A. King RN MSED MSN

Fundraisers to Benefit Urban Mission

Starkdale Presbyterian Church, 4600 Sunset Blvd, Steubenville, will hold a “Quartets for Urban Mission” night on Sunday, April 9, 2006 at 7:00 PM. Ticket donations are \$10 per person. Additional info can be obtained by calling the church at 740-264-5309. Proceeds to benefit Urban Mission.

Ponderosa Restaurant. How would you like to have 20% off of your dinner bill? On page four of this newsletter is a coupon for friends of Urban Mission to use at **Ponderosa Restaurant**. 10% of your dinner meal will be donated back to Urban Mission with the use of the coupon. *Enjoy!*

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Upcoming Events in April 2006

1, 8, 22, 29	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
3, 10, 24	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
4	Hunger Committee Meeting	10:00 AM
5	Program/Evaluation Committee Meeting	2:00 PM
6	NCDC Meeting; GSCDC Meeting	4:00 PM; 5:00 PM
7	Minority Health Month Kick-off	12:00 PM
9	Quartets for Urban Mission (See inside, page 3)	7:00 PM
11	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
14-17	Offices Closed for Easter. No Mission Rejoice	Closed
18	Packing for Food Distribution	9:00 AM
18	Lupus Support Group Meeting (Martin Luther King Ctr)	6:00 PM
20	God's Pantry Food Distribution	9-12; 1-3
21	Annual Volunteer Luncheon (Wintersville UMC)	12-2 PM
24	Lupus Support Group Meeting (Trinity East)	6:00 PM
27	Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 PM
	Bible Study with Rev. Toni Every Friday	6:00 PM

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