

BRIGHT HORIZONS

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Do You Have Gifts to Give?

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Something was wrong. She walked with thunderclouds all about her. The storm was raging and she was not to be touched less the storm explode. And there was another quality about her. She was brittle. Her face looked as though it would break if not handled gently. She came to the warehouse with a little boy looking for food.

She registered and collected her bag of groceries. As she reached the back door, the little boy reached up and tugged on his mom's shirt. She stopped and bent down. He said, "Momma, are you happy now? We got all this food?" The storm broke with quiet tears on her face, our staff and

volunteer faces, and with a huge smile on a little boy's face.

One brief moment of peace in the midst of a storm created by hunger. It is so hard to imagine that in the year 2002 people in America are hungry, yet people are hungry! In fact we have seen hunger increase dramatically in the last six months. We have already spent more money this year than the previous two years. Part of it is due to extending our efforts to Weirton, WV, but much of it is due to the growing needs of the poor in our valley.

It is not the custom of the Director's article to

be employed to ask for donations, but our circumstances compel me to ask for donations. Some money, some staff, lots of volunteers, the warehouse, a truck, some love and loads of God's grace made all the difference in a Mom and little boy's life. Mother and Child were given a little piece of God. I cannot help but to think of three Kings offering gifts to a Mother and Child long ago. Folks, children all over the Upper Ohio Valley who are living and breathing brothers and sisters of the Christ Child need some food. Have you any gifts to give?

Love,
—Rev. Bruce

CORRECTION:

In the June issue of BRIGHT HORIZONS, it stated the Urban Mission was *developing* an endowment. Please note that the sentence should have read: "The Urban Mission *has* an endowment fund that you can contribute to through your will, stocks, bonds, insurance policies and other methods." We apologize for this error.

Back To School Supplies That Are Needed:

- Rulers**
- Crayons**
- Scissors**
- Glue Sticks**
- Protractors**
- Theme Books**
- Filler Paper (college & wide ruled)**
- Composition Notebooks**
- Assorted Highlighters**
- Pencil Boxes**
- Colored Pencils**
- Folders**
- Large Pencils**

Annual Street Carnival

Planning of the Urban Mission's annual end of the summer street Carnival is in full swing! We have already received many donations for the carnival but it is not enough. We still need several things, namely volunteers. We are also in need of several food items. Any donations would be wonderful and extremely helpful. This year's Carnival will include entertainment from the Weirton Alliance Puppets, music from Kalled Out and the Word of Life Praise and Worship Team, which includes the Senior Pastor, Russell Witkowski and Associate Pastor, Alan Grondin. We will also have games booths, bingo, nail polishing, Women's Aglow booth, inflatable rides from Kurt James and horse & buggy rides. There will be a wide array of food to go along with the fun. Local churches and businesses have helped tremendously and without them we would not be able to have the Carnival. If you would like to help or donate food items, please call Jami or Sarah Hibbits at 740-282-8010. The Carnival is set for August 10, 2002 from 12-4 PM.



One of the many fun games of past years carnivals.

School Supplies for K-12

A new school year is upon us. For Parents in need of a little extra help, the Mission will be distributing school supplies on **Friday, August 23, from 9 AM to 2 PM.** Supplies will only be given directly to your student, so please bring them with you. If you or your group can help, please call the Mission at 740-282-8010.

Annual Back To School Clothing Give-a-way

Friday, August 17, 2002
9:00 AM to Noon & 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Tops & Bottoms

Socks & Underwear

Sizes for Children and Youth

Dolls for Christmas!

It's early to be thinking about Christmas. However some local children will be delighted to receive one of our restored, previously-loved dolls or stuffed animals. Our resident "Doll Doctor" performs makeovers on these as we receive them all year. Each doll and stuffed animal is thoroughly cleaned, then wrapped to keep it looking that way until a new home is found. They are brushed, dressed, given new hair do's, repaired, or whatever is needed to make them look new. Many volunteer hours go into this project every year. The only payment expected is a smile on a child's face. If you have dolls and/or stuffed animals that no longer have a child companion, consider donating them to the Urban Mission. The new owners will thank you.

—Sandra Chandler
Education Director

Parish Nurse News: Protect Yourself From the Heat

What kind of summer are we going to have? If the recent hot spells are any indication, then we are in for a long, hot and humid summer. Each year people die because of overexposure to the heat. Although this happens more to the young, the elderly, and those with chronic health problems, it can happen to anyone. Here are a few tips to help you keep cool during those extremely hot days.

**Drink at least 8 glasses a water a day, unless you are on fluid restriction. If you sweat a lot, try one of the “sports drinks” that contain electrolytes. Those on salt restriction must not drink these drinks unless their doctor approves, so check with your doctor if you are on salt/sodium restriction or have kidney or heart disease. Refrain from liquids containing caffeine or alcohol. Both act as diuretics (take fluid out of the body), so you can have the potential to lose fluids if you drink those kinds of liquids. *Wear less clothing and lighter colored clothing if you will be in the sun. *Swim or sit in a tub of lukewarm water to cool off. *Stay in doors with air conditioning.*

If you do not have air conditioning and it is extremely hot and humid, try to find a public place such as a Grocery store or a Church to cool off. When it is humid, the body has a hard time evaporating sweat, which is a natural way to remove heat from the body. When the air is humid, the sweat can't evaporate well. That is why air conditioning makes you feel cooler—it removes humidity from the air. If you take all these cooling measures and still don't feel well (symptoms such as dizziness, headache, nausea), seek medical treatment as soon as possible. You may be dehydrated. You can be treated with intravenous fluids, which will re-hydrate you. Remember—be cool and be safe! Don't forget your sunscreen when you are spending a day in the sun!

—*Michalene A. King, RN, MEd, MSN*

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Hutton House Gets A Face Lift

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

This scripture certainly rings true at the Hutton House 7th Street Site. If you've toured the Site or even driven by, observation would tell you that it was in great need of new windows and doors. Through a grant the Lord provided, a team from Lepi Enterprises of Zanesville, OH has blessed the Hutton House with these much needed doors and windows.



The House now has a new face and we are grateful to God for once again supplying our needs!

—**Debra Bryan**
Hutton House
Director



JOSHUA Program Impacting Lives

We're just past the midway point of the JOSHUA season. Many repairs and paint jobs have been done throughout the community. I feel the program has done its part to add a little shine to local pride. Shannan Farmer and Jared Schmidt have done an excellent job overseeing the work done by our volunteer groups. All groups have taken pride in doing all the jobs with a high degree of professionalism, no matter what the task. They now not only have the satisfaction of doing these jobs for those in the community who can't afford to have them done, but also knowing that these jobs are done in the name of our Lord. I believe the total impact of these acts are not able to be seen by us, and that the fruits of our labors are for a harvest sometime in the future. It is enough to say, the smallest of things done in His name can have a great effect on peoples' lives; both giver and receiver are blessed. We covet your payers for everyone in the JOSHUA as we continue through this summer and also for the future success of this ministry. May God add His blessings and multiply our efforts.

—**Wayne Barcalow**
JOSHUA Director



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Upcoming Events in August 2002

3	NO MISSION REJOICE	
4	Mission Rejoice Picnic-Belleview Park	2:30-6:30 PM
4-10	Boardman/Berlin UMC-Youngstown, OH Chicago District Youth Event, Chicago, IL	Host Church: Toronto FUMC
5	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
6	Hunger Committee Meeting	10:00 AM
10	ANNUAL CARNIVAL (No Mission Rejoice due to carnival)	12:00-4:00 PM
11-16	Conneaut UMC, Conneaut OH St. Timothy Lutheran, Bemus Point, NY	Host Church: Grace Evangelical
12	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
13	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
14	Program Committee Meeting Trinity Health Van	9:30 AM 11:00 AM
15	God's Pantry: Ohio Food Distribution	9-12;1-3
17	Mission Rejoice-Mt. Pleasant Friends	5 PM
18-23	Stop Ministries, Steubenville, OH Champion Presbyterian Church, Cortland, OH	Host Church: Crossroads Christian Ch.
19	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
20	Packing of God's Pantry Food Bags	9:00 AM
22	God's Pantry-WV Food Distribution Ministries Council Meeting	9-12;1-3 6:00 PM
24	Mission Rejoice	5:00 PM
26	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
28	Trinity Health Van	11:00 AM
28	Lupus Meeting	6:00 PM
31	No Mission Rejoice: Labor Day Holiday	

Calling All Volunteers!

Where has the summer gone?! It is almost time for the children to go back to school. The Summer Program has just about come to its end for 2002 but there is still one event coming up—our annual street Carnival set for August 10, from 12-4 PM. If you have been looking to volunteer, this is your chance. There will be more than 1000 children and adults who come in to share in the fun and we are in need of help with games, food booths, bingo, and many other areas. If you, your group or your family can share in the work, please phone Sarah or Jami at 282-8010 or Linda at 282-2911 and they will be glad to accommodate you. You won't want to miss this fun-filled day!

Linda Poe
 Program Director