

Bright Horizons



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“Acts” of Caring

One of the great visions of the Kingdom of God is found in Acts of the Apostles 4:34a; *“There was not a needy person among them...”* In those days, the Christians who *had* gave to those who *had not*. The love was so great that none among them had need. There was enough food to go around. Everybody had clothing . . . and health-care (as it was then). It is interesting that things can be simple, right, and good for everybody. It is also compelling, inspiring, hopeful and joyous. That vision seems light years away from the Church and even farther away for our society.

The distance between what we see in Acts and the reality of today’s church and society is not due to complexity, time or indifference to the gospel. It may be a case of, “out of sight out of mind.” I believe most Christians are loving people willing to share with those in need. The massive outreach to Louisiana and Mississippi provide a witness to the power of God’s grace in the hearts of Christians in America.

There is a small mean streak that runs through the church. Even the Christians in Acts had that problem. Some have living tissue running from the heart to the wallet and will always find X reasons not

to give and not to care.

What is frightening now is the casual disregard our nation is developing toward the needy. Poor folk are “cheap labor.” Retirees are “legacy costs,” to be cut. The poor are seen as burdens on the system. People without healthcare are called the “uninsured.” Does that sound like a disease? The words we use to describe our fellow citizens leads directly to how they are treated. When it comes to working conditions and fair wages our nation is taking giant steps backward. Our spending is a snapshot of our spiritual condition. Currently we are spending billions of dollars in war, but cannot muster enough integrity to maintain spending for the poor of our nation. We are cutting finances to food programs, Head Start, and Federally qualified health clinics. There are times when we as a people need to demand better of our leaders. What is wrong with caring for children and senior citizens? What is wrong with taking care of our human resources? What is wrong with using the wealth of this nation to care for those who need it?

There was not a needy person among them...

-Love, Pastor Bruce

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Back To School “Supplies & Funds Needed”

It won’t be long before it’s time for our children and youth to go Back to School. Our School Supplies Giveaway will be held on **Friday, August 25, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at Urban Mission. We are in need of the following items for the giveaway:

- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Pencil Boxes
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Theme & Composition Notebooks
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Folders
- Filler Paper
- Pens
- Pencils

Please bring them to the Mission by **August 21, 2006**. You may also send in a monetary donation in the enclosed envelope. We appreciate your support!!

Getting Ready for the Holidays!

Do you believe it? The temperatures are soaring in the 90's and I am writing a newsletter article to get everyone geared up for the Holidays!

So-o-o...if it is still in the 90's when you are reading this STOP right now. Go and position yourself in front of your air conditioner. Now...begin to read!

Believe it or not, getting ready for the holidays is just around the corner. And getting ready means checking our calendars and planning to be part of the activities of Urban Mission.

Enclosed you will find the Holiday Activities Schedule for October, November and December. It is a very busy time and lots of help is needed. Please mark the dates for the upcoming programs. You can participate with the programs and/or you can come in and help. Invite your friends and family to participate and/or help also. Give me a call and I will place you on our "Helpers" list. You can reach me at 740-282-2911. Enjoy the rest of your summer and think "2006 Holidays at Urban Mission".

-Linda L. Smith, Program Director

Mission Rejoice Hosts Needed

We still have many open weeks during the fall for Mission Rejoice Services. Would your church or group consider hosting one of the Saturday night services? You can choose to provide the meal and speaker or one or the other.



If you would more information about serving as a Host church or would like to schedule a night to host the service, please call Rev. Toni Hubbard at 740-282-8010, Monday—Wednesday from 9-1. Please consider sharing your time and talents today!

Annual Street Carnival



It's time again for our Annual Street Carnival. The Carnival will be held on **Saturday, August 12, 2006 from 12-4 PM** in the Urban Mission parking lot. **Children and adults are invited out for a day of free fun, food, games and prizes.**

We are also in need of volunteers for all aspects of the Carnival. If you, your church or group can help with game booths, food and snacks, setup work, providing prizes or other volunteer work, please call the Mission at 740-282-8010 and get involved in this wonderful community event.

Thanksgiving 2006 Schedule

Registration Information

Urban Mission Main Office
301 North 5th Street, Steubenville, OH
October 23, 24, 25, 2006
9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 3:00

The following information is necessary for registration:

- A form of identification
- Birth certificate, medical card or social security card for each child in the household
- You must know the source and the amount of income for anyone in the household having income.
- Written verification of address (utility bill, rent receipt, etc.)

If you have a family member, friend or neighbor you feel could benefit from our services, please share this information with them and encourage them to come see us. If they prefer privacy for the interview process, that can be arranged. If anyone has any questions concerning the process of registration, please call Linda at 740-282-2911.

Packing and Distribution Information

THANKSGIVING BAG PACKING

Ohio and West Virginia

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 14

Starting at 9:00 AM

(Lunch will be served)

(Please RSVP at 282-2911 if planning to help.)

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTIONS

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 15

9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 3:00

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 16

9:00 – 12:00

Thanksgiving Challenge

We're getting closer to Thanksgiving and our big Thanksgiving Basket distribution. It's time to collect **Sweet Potatoes (18-20 oz can/1200 cans)** for this month's challenge. If you'd like more information about this, give Linda a call at 740-282-2911.



Summer Youth Program Ends

The **Children of Promise Summer Youth Program** has come to a close. Throughout the months of June and July, over 50 children participated in reading, science, music, Bible lessons and field trips. Some of the field trips included the Carnegie Science Center, Oglebay Zoo, and Austin Lake. The children also had boys outing to a Pittsburgh Pirates game and a ladies day in which the girls had a special luncheon and activities.

The summer program closing ceremony was held on Friday, July 19 with a special program at the Center for Music and Arts. The final activity for this year will be the Annual Street Carnival on Saturday, August 12. (See page 2 for additional info.)

Urban Mission would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who helped make this program a success for the children of our community. Job well done . . . God bless you all!

Community Events

African American Heritage Festival August 4, 5 and 6, 2006

North End Ball Park
Steubenville, Ohio

Music, Vendors,
Entertainment and much
more!



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### Festival of Caring Saturday, September 16, 2006

Urban Mission will be one of many ministries participating in the Festival of Caring in Mansfield, Ohio on Saturday, September 16, 2006.

The Ohio Valley District is sponsoring a bus trip to the festival. For more information on the bus, please call the District office at 740-264-1601.

## Parish Nurse News: Getting Ready for School

When you think about getting your children ready for school, what do you think about? New clothes? School supplies? Transportation? Before or after school care? Don't forget about their health!

In order for children to learn, they must be in good health. There are health issues that need to be addressed. Are your children's immunizations up to date? Can your child see well? Can your child hear well? Does your child have a chronic health problem that requires medication or specialized care? All of these aspects of health must be considered when sending your child to school.

Check your child's immunization record and make sure that his/her immunizations are up to date. If you have any questions about the immunizations, you can check with your family doctor or the health department. The health department has immunization clinics available at various locations. The nurses can give your child the immunizations that are needed for school. If your child's immunizations are not up to date, your child may be sent home until he/she receives the immunizations. You can avoid this embarrassment and absence from school by making sure that your child's immunizations are current prior to the start of school.

Children need to see and hear well in order to learn. If you suspect that your child has a problem in either of

these areas, check with your family doctor or the health department about testing. These tests are simple to do and corrective devices can be prescribed for your child. Your child will then be able to see and hear the lessons in school.



If your child has a health problem that requires medication, make sure that you have an adequate supply of medication to send to school. If your child has activity restrictions, get a note from your doctor outlining the restrictions and send this to school. If your child requires any specialized care, get a note from your doctor about that care. Make sure that you take these to school and explain them to the school nurse and school administrators. They can then make sure that your child will receive the care that is needed.

Children spend many hours in school. They need to be in optimum health in order to learn. School administrators and school nurses will work with your children in the area of health. Make sure that you keep them informed about health matters. When you're getting ready for the start of a new school year, don't forget to think about health.

**-Michalene A. King, RN, MSED, MSN**

# Holiday Activities Calendar

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



The list is now ready to add the names of those who want to participate with this wonderful program. This project involves filling a Christmas stocking (holiday gift bags work wonderfully also!) with toiletries for a teen female or male. The stockings (approximately 200-250) will then be presented to teens 13-18 years of age just before Christmas.

Items that can be included in the stockings are...**soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, comb/brush, shampoo, conditioner, cologne/aftershave, talc powder, lipstick/compact, hair spray, hair combs, barrettes, nail polish, cotton balls, Q-tips, jewelry, blank cassette tapes, restaurant gift certificates (McDonalds, Burger King, etc.).**

*Please have the stockings back to Urban Mission on or before December 8, 2006.*

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HAT, GLOVE AND MITTEN TREE

Hats, hats, hats...gloves, gloves, gloves...mittens, mittens, mittens, girls' underwear and socks and boys' underwear and socks!! Can you tell we need lots of these items?



We have a large Christmas tree in the office area and we fill up the tree and then place the rest in boxes under and around the tree. When parents come in to pick up the gifts from our Christmas Kids Program, they are also permitted to take these items for their children.

Last year the donations were wonderful and plentiful. We had nearly enough to make it through to the end of the distribution. When we help provide toys for nearly 800 children that creates a need for lots and lots of hats, gloves, mittens and underwear.

Anyone wishing to help with this project can mail or bring the items to the main office located at 301 North 5th Street or to the warehouse located at 311 North 6th Street, both in Steubenville, OH.

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## SANTA'S RECYCLE SHOP



Each year we have several families who do not make the deadline for getting their children registered in our Christmas Kids Program. In order to help these families have toys for their children, we will have "Santa's Recycle Shop" on **December 20 and 21 from 9:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 3:00.**

If you have any used toys, games, etc. please consider donating them for this program. We ask that these items be in very good condition (toys in good working order, puzzles without missing pieces, books not colored or written in, etc.). If it is possible for you to help provide items for this program, please deliver them to the warehouse located at 311 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Steubenville, OH.

**NOTE:** We are also asking for volunteers to help during the Christmas Season. As you can imagine, it takes lots of help to make these programs successful. If you truly want to be blessed during the Holidays, this is where it can happen. You will be moved in only a way that the Lord can provide. If you would like to volunteer during the holidays, or if you have a question about the programs listed above, please give me a call at 282-2911. I will be glad to work with you and share the Spirit of the Season!



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### Upcoming Events in August 2006

|                  |                                                                                               |                     |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2                | Lupus Support Group Meeting (Trinity East)                                                    | 6:00 PM             |
| 3                | Neighborhood Community Development Center<br>Greater Steubenville Community Development Corp. | 4:00 PM<br>5:00 PM  |
| 5, 19, 26        | Mission Rejoice                                                                               | 6:00 PM             |
| 7, 14,<br>21, 28 | Parish Nurse: Every Monday in August                                                          | 11:00 AM            |
| 8                | God's Pantry Hunger Committee<br>Finance Committee Meeting                                    | 10:00 AM<br>6:00 PM |
| 9                | Program/Evaluation Committee Meeting                                                          | 2:00 PM             |
| 12               | Annual Street Carnival-See article on page 2<br>(No Mission Rejoice)                          | 12-4 PM             |
| 15               | Packing for Food Distribution                                                                 | 9:00 AM             |
| 17               | God's Pantry Food Distribution                                                                | 9-12; 1-3           |
| 22               | CSFP Senior Food Program                                                                      | 1:00 PM             |
| 23               | Community Back to School Rally: Harding Stadium                                               | 6:00 PM             |
| 24               | Urban Mission Board of Directors Meeting                                                      | 4:30 PM             |
| 25               | Urban Mission School Supply Give-A-Way                                                        | 9 AM-2 PM           |
| 31               | Newsletter Folding at Urban Mission                                                           | 9:00 AM             |

### Joshua Work Teams

**8/6-8/11:** Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain, OH  
**Host Church: Riverview UMC**

**8/13-18:** St. Timothy's Lutheran, Bemus  
Point, NY  
**Host Church: Grace Lutheran Church**

### Hope Box

- Alarm Clocks
- Single Mattresses and Box Springs (good condition)
- Meat Cutter/Slicer (for Unity Kitchen)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Light Bulbs
- Laundry Baskets
- Towels and Washcloths
- Garbage Cans
- School Supplies