



Bright Horizons



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Holiday Thanks from Hutton House

Each year, there is an abundance of love poured out from our community to the families living in our Hutton House Homeless Shelter. This year was no exception. Thank you to those donated items to help make our Hutton House apartments feel like home. We are also very grateful for the love Salem UMC and other special donors showed to the Shelter families. Thanks to these special persons, there was a "little something" special under all the families trees this year. Christmas was indeed wonderful at Hutton House because you chose to share of your substances that others might receive a blessing.

**-Debra Bryan
Shelter Director**

"The Joy of Christmas Past"

The Scripture says, "You shall know them by their fruit." God's light in Christ has been revealed. The City on the hill cannot hide its light and the light of God shines brightly in the communities of the Ohio Valley! This year just over 1,000 children received the gift of Christmas in the form of toys, clothes and food. This accounting includes the Urban Mission. Other agencies, groups and churches did the same thing we did at the Mission. My hope is that every child living in poverty had the opportunity to receive Christ through gifts provided by those who choose to love.

It is ever so easy to focus upon the negatives, the bad economy, the bad news. Why is it so hard to focus upon the good news? Epiphany is the time to focus upon the richness of God's grace. We are a reflection of the goodness, that light of Jesus Christ. Gifts have been given and people have been touched by love. The great gift of serving at the Mission is revealed in the generosity we witness on a daily basis.

A young man confined to a wheel chair gave away his board games to children as a gift at Christmas. Firemen stood out in the cold to collect money for children. Marines worked to collect toys and when they did not get enough, they dug into their pockets and purchased what was needed.

A faithful volunteer with limited finances gave \$100 for needy children. Hundreds of people donated, gifts, money and food. Many businesses took cash out of profits, and sometimes losses, to make sure there was Christmas for everyone. Many churches went over and beyond sharing to giving as a means of grace in union with Jesus Christ.

Seeing the need strikes the heart. Seeing the need met heals and expands the heart. St. Augustine once prayed, "O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow, enlarge it that thou mayest enter in." Witnessing God at work within and with all the people of the Valley who had need, and those who answered the need, enlarges the house of my soul! We are all taught once again that we are not sufficient for any need, but God is sufficient for every need!

There are not enough newsletters, books and libraries to thank God and praise God for the gift of Jesus Christ. And there is not enough room to thank and praise God for each of you who acted like God by giving, caring, and choosing to bring joy to others. May each of you experience the joy of Jesus this Epiphany season!

-Love Pastor Bruce

“Angels” of Urban Mission

January is the month when new calendars are opened and the process of preparing for a new year begins. It is exciting to look ahead to each month as the dates are selected and the calendar begins to fill up with anticipated events.

It is also a time when we look back at the old calendar and study the events that occurred during the past year. In order to prepare for the “new”, we must go back and review the “old”. It is this process that helps each New Year become better than the previous one.

When change occurs, challenge follows. This past year at Urban Mission included both. It was the most challenging of the nine years I have served as Program Director/Volunteer Coordinator. Personally, I love a challenge. And when I look at the past year knowing this about myself, I can say that 2004 was a great year! But, I did not survive all those challenges alone. I had someone there every step of the way showing me the right way to work through those tough spots. I was constantly reminded of who was in control, just as He always does. He also provided several miracles to show me just what happens when we allow ourselves to do His work.

But the best part of all was His ability to provide the many “angels” who were there at just the right times they were needed. These “angels” all have names and there are too many of them to mention in this article. Most of them proba-

bly wouldn't even consider themselves to be angels. But I do and I thank you for being there.

You may have helped with the volunteer luncheon. There were many of you who helped with the annual K-KIDS Dinner getting our Summer Program started. You may have helped with the Summer Program and the Carnival. There were those of you who helped with Thanksgiving Registration. And there were so many of you who helped with our Christmas Kids and Teen Stocking Program.

*If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
-2 Corinthians 5:17*

Some of you are thinking you were not there helping with all of our programs. You may not have been there in body (although many of you were!), but adopting our children and providing stockings for the teens, donating shoes, coats, hot dogs, toys (new and used), etc., are what keeps our programs successful.

Your continued love and support gets us through any challenge that comes our way.

Each of us, working together in Christ, is a new creature every day. All the things of yesterday are passed away. And each day all things become new. How exciting it is to know that no matter what challenges are sent our way, working together in Christ, we will be able to plan another great New Year. God bless each of you for your love and support during the year 2004. And may you all be blessed with a safe, healthy and happy 2005.

-Linda Smith, Program Director

Parish Nurse News: Faith & Healing

There are many wonderful stories in the New Testament about healings performed by Jesus. Persons were cured of acute and chronic diseases and even death. Jesus healed many people. We usually focus on the physical healings that Jesus performed, but He also performed mental and spiritual healings. Jesus healed people because they had faith that He would be able to heal them. Many times Jesus would say, “Your faith has made you whole”. These people were able to see Him and ask for healing. We cannot see Jesus, but we have faith that He is the Son of God. Do you have faith that Jesus can heal you if you ask?

Christians have long believed that they could ask Jesus for healing and that faith in His healing power would lead to healing. Many people have been skeptical about these healings. Scientists have tried to disprove these them. Now there is research that is investigating the relationship between faith and healing or health.

Two doctors have compiled a large number of studies that have been done worldwide on the relationship between religion and health. They have published a book entitled, *The Link between Religion and Health*. These authors acknowledge that there has traditionally been a strong link among

religious practices, medicine, and health care. With the advent of “scientific medicine”, this link was lost. Recently there has been an interest in investigating this relationship with scientific studies that examine the effects of religious beliefs and practices on physical and mental health. The results of these studies suggest that religious involvement is associated with better mental health, greater social support, and avoidance of negative health behaviors. Additional studies have found an association between religious involvement, better physical health, and a longer life. Scientists are now acknowledging what faithful Christians have known all along—faith in the healing power of Jesus Christ can lead to a longer, healthier life.

If you would like to read more on the subject of faith and healing, you can read the “scientific evidence” in the above mentioned book by Harold G. Koenig and Harvey Jay Cohen. If you would like to read more about the healing power of Jesus, there's a wonderful book available that you may already have in your home. The book is the *Holy Bible*. Reading your Bible can lead to a longer, healthier life.

-Michalene A. King, RN, MSED, MSN

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER
February 19, 2005; 5:30 PM
Calvary Pentecostal Church
Steubenville, Ohio

On **Saturday, February 19, 2005**, the Mission will be hold the **Annual Scholarship Dinner** at Calvary Pentecostal Church, 255 North Fifth Street, Steubenville. It will be an evening full of food, fellowship, and inspiration that you will not want to miss. The **dinner will begin at 5:30 PM** and conclude with a **special service at 6:30 PM**. We invite you to be a part of this important evening. You will find a reservation form below. Please fill it out and return it with a check or money order. **Tickets are \$17 per person. Deadline for the tickets will be February 11, 2005.**

Please consider making a donation to the Hutton Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Dinner is the vehicle through which we raise funds to provide low income persons an opportunity for further education. We will grant four \$650 scholarships. Your donations are needed as they will make a difference in the lives of needy youth. If you have any questions about purchasing tickets, or making a donation to the Scholarship Fund call the Mission at 740-282-8010. **Again, we would like to remind you this is a FUNDRAISER for the Scholarships. Part of the dinner tickets goes to the Scholarship Fund.** (Scholarship Applications are available at Urban Mission.)

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**RESERVATION FORM**  
**URBAN MISSION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER**  
**FEBRUARY 19, 2005**

Church/ Organization/ Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dinner Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed (\$17 each) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Tickets to be picked up \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Person picking up Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like your tickets mailed, please enclose a **self addressed, stamped envelope**.

Robert E. Hutton Scholarship Fund Contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: February 11, 2005**

**Mail to:**  
**Annual Scholarship Dinner**  
**Urban Mission**  
**301 North Fifth Street**  
**Steubenville, OH 43952**

**NCDC News: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebrations**

*Musical Concert*

**Saturday, January 15, 2005, 7:00 PM;**  
**Emmanuel Church of God in Christ**  
**128 South Fifth Street, Steubenville, OH.**




Musical Concert honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Featuring the Martin Luther King Memorial Mass Choir under the direction of Mrs. Delores Wiggins. Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, 128 South Fifth Street, Steubenville, OH.

*29th Annual Memorial Service*

**Sunday, January 16, 2005, 6:00 PM**  
**Quinn Memorial AME Church**  
**515 North Street, Steubenville, OH**

Special guest speaker Reverend Father Cletus Watson, of Jacksonville, FL and community guest presenters.

*Memorial March*

 **Monday, January 17, 2005, 9:00 AM:** Memorial March from Martin Luther King Center to Steubenville High School. The march will be followed by a special program at Steubenville High School at 10:30 AM.

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### Upcoming Events in January 2005

|     |                                              |           |
|-----|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1-2 | Mission Closed-Happy New Year                | CLOSED    |
| 3   | No Parish Nurse                              |           |
| 4   | Hunger Committee Meeting                     | 10:00 AM  |
| 5   | Program/Evaluation Committee Meeting         | 2:00 PM   |
| 8   | Mission Rejoice                              | 6:00 PM   |
| 10  | No Parish Nurse                              |           |
| 11  | Finance Committee Meeting                    | 6:00 PM   |
| 15  | No Mission Rejoice                           | Closed    |
| 17  | Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day -Closed       | Closed    |
| 18  | Packing for Food Distribution Bags           | 9:00 AM   |
| 20  | God's Pantry Ohio Food Distribution          | 9-12; 1-3 |
| 22  | Mission Rejoice                              | 6:00 PM   |
| 24  | Parish Nurse                                 | 11:00 AM  |
| 25  | CSFP Senior Food Distribution                | 1:00 PM   |
| 26  | Lupus Support Group Meeting                  | 6:00 PM   |
| 27  | God's Pantry West Virginia Food Distribution | 9-12      |
| 27  | Board of Directors Meeting                   | 4:30 PM   |
| 29  | Mission Rejoice                              | 6:00 PM   |
| 31  | Parish Nurse                                 | 11:00 AM  |

*Look for the NCDC Math Excellence display at the Family Expo at Steubenville High School on Thursday, January 20, 2005.*

### Hope Box Our Needs for Hutton House are:



- 2005 Calendars
- Working refrigerators & appliances
- Dish drainers, mops, brooms, dust pans, buckets, kitchen garbage cans
- Towels, wash cloths, dish towels, dish cloths and throw rugs
- Coffee pots & can openers
- Cooking utensils, silverware, pots/pans and sets of dishes