

BRIGHT HORIZONS



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The Greatest Ministry: "God's Endless Love"

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WV Food Sign-Ups

Monday, **June 9** and Tuesday, **June 10** from **9-11** and **1-3** at the Dunbar School Gymnasium, 2850 Weir Avenue, Weirton, WV.

Please bring the following information.

- A form of identification
- Birth certificate, medical card or social security card for all children living in the household.
- Verification of income or food stamps.
- Written verification of address.

Years ago, a man named Richard Riggs had a vision to own and operate a warehouse in order to meet the hunger needs of the Ohio Valley. This Executive Director with the blessing of the Board of Directors, stepped out in FAITH and purchased an old run down warehouse. Today we refer to that warehouse as the Ministry Center of the Mission. It has been transformed into a powerful tool in the hands of God to bless the people of the Valley!

The transformation took years, gallons and gallons of sweat, gifts of time, talent, money, and in kind products. The transformation took literally hundreds of people following Jesus Christ in the Way of God's Kingdom. Some of the people who help transform this building on a daily basis are prisoners from East Ohio Correctional Center (EOCC), high school students from Toronto, Big Red, Indian Creek, Springfield Jr. High, workers from AARP, local volunteers, church folk, JOSHUA volunteers, and of course the Staff of the Ministry Center. Each individual worked for a while with God to help others in need.

Today the Ministry Center is home to the largest food distribution in the Valley. It is home to shoe, coat, and in-kind distributions. Ceramic, hospitality center, Sight for Students, and twelve step ministries call the Ministry Center home. This building serves as a storage sight for many other ministries. All that said, the greatest ministry taking place at the warehouse is the distribution of God's endless love.

EOCC "guys" come and work for us. They are treated well, fed and taught that their work makes a difference in the lives of people. They could be treated like slave labor. They could be driven to get every last ounce

of effort out of them. We choose to treat them with respect. As a result many come back to volunteer after time served. Many gain a new sense of self worth. Many of them work harder than we ever expect because they believe in what the Mission does. I call this "redemptive love." Many AARP workers who are supposed to be too old to be of use to society and volunteers from the ranks of those whom we serve come to the warehouse to labor in God's vineyard. The AARP workers end up doing wonders. They are mostly responsible for keeping our sorting floor neat and clean. This saves the Mission big dollars. The food from this floor is donated, sorted and distributed with little cost to the Mission. One man began working for us after receiving an emergency distribution of food. He has been with us over six months now. Most people would not give him the time of day due to his appearance. To us, he looks like a working angel. A young man can't find work that suits his particular needs. He has a variety of learning disabilities and low self esteem. For the Mission, he works hard and well. He is given serious responsibilities and he fulfills them well. I call this "restorative love".

Through faith and vision the Warehouse has become the Ministry Center. There, God using people like you distributes endless grace. We never run out of grace. We don't do grace drives because we are running low. God always provides. God is so good. As of last month the warehouse mortgage was paid off. Generosity of mind and heart led to financial generosity. This abiding love and giving from God ends up leading everyone at the Mission to love and give of themselves. Praise God!

Love, Pastor Bruce

K-KIDS Summer Program **(Keeping Kids Involved During Summer)**

Once again the Urban Mission is getting ready for its summer program. And for a second year the Urban Mission is partnering with Quinn AME Church. Tutoring, Music, Bible Lessons and Field Trips are planned with much more in the works.

K-KIDS Schedule 2003: **July 8 — August 8** **Tuesday's-Friday's** **11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** **Ages 6-13**

Parents can register their children at the Urban Mission any time during the month of June and Final Registration is July 7th. Parents are asked to bring their child's medical and insurance information as well as their most recent report card. Sign your children up for a fun and constructive summer. Volunteers are also needed, if you are an older teen or adult you can help in many different ways. For more information please call 282-8010.

-Deborah Schaffer, Associate Director

Thanksgiving Challenge

Believe it or not, we have already started to plan for Thanksgiving! This year we are asking everyone to help.



Each month, from June through October, we are challenging everyone to lend a hand. Each month a different product is going to be asked for. It will be fun to see how many of these items come in. This help will allow the cost of the food for this year to be greatly reduced.

It is our hope that area churches, businesses, families, individuals, and groups will come on board with this project.

THE MONTH & ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE: Sweet potatoes (18 oz – 20 oz can)

JULY: Cranberry sauce (can)

AUGUST: Chicken noodle soup

SEPTEMBER: Canned peaches or pears

OCTOBER: Yellow cake mix & vanilla frosting

If you have any questions concerning this fun project or you want to participate, please give Linda a call at 282-2911.

K-Kids Dinner Raises Funds

When it comes to doing the Lord's work, is our part ever done? I don't think so. And in many ways I am so thankful for that. This provides us the opportunity to come together and work together to do His work. That is how most of the programs of Urban Mission are accomplished...everyone coming together and doing the job. The K-KIDS Dinner is a very good example of this. Each year this dinner is the only fundraiser for our Summer Program. It takes many folks to put this dinner together from beginning to end but year after year, God always provides the wherewithal to make it a success!

I would like to thank those who helped with this dinner. Thanks go to the following...Karen Felix (coordinating the event), the congregation and youth group of the Wintersville UMC (location of event and workers), to ALL the many churches who provided pies and desserts, to Betty Hilderbrand and her crew from Bell Chapel UMC (coordinated the process of preparing the ham loaves), Paula Bush (Wintersville UMC-decorating the tables), to Urban Mission co-workers (for everything you did to help) and to everyone who came to eat and support this dinner. Please forgive me if I have omitted anyone from this list. You may have been forgotten in memory, but not from the heart. Thanks to everyone for your love and support in order to allow our Summer Program to continue.

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
-Philippians 1:6

-Linda Poe, Program Director

OOPS!

The Food Distribution dates were inadvertently left off the Calendar before printing. They are as follows:

OH Distribution: Thurs., June 19; 9-12;1-3

WV Distribution: Thurs., June 26; 9-12

NCDC News

Shoe Giveaway a Success!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the churches, organizations and individuals who helped in the annual shoe giveaway by either volunteering or donating shoes. The giveaway was a great success! We were able to help hundreds of people who came to the Mission in search of good used shoes. Again thank you for all of your help. This giveaway, to those in need, was only possible because of friends like you.



Ceramics Class

Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., volunteer Peg Bell arrives to instruct the ceramics class here at the Mission. The class is open for membership to anyone interested in learning the art of ceramics. Members purchase items and complete projects for themselves, family and friends. If you are interested in joining the class, call Peg at 740-282-8010.

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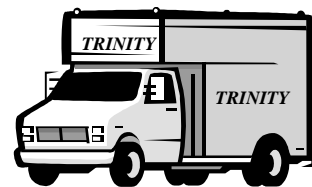
The teen pregnancy prevention group will be traveling to Canton, OH for a weekend retreat. Youth Counselors from Canton will conduct workshops with boys and girls on June 6-7. Adult volunteers will accompany the group. This outing is made possible by a grant from the Jefferson County Children & Family First Council Wellness Funding.

-Sharon Kirtdoll, Community Developer

Trinity Health Van

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

The Trinity Health Van will be at the Urban Mission from 10 AM– 12 PM. Free screenings for Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar Levels, and more.



Math Excellence Program a Success!



The pilot program at Garfield School for Math Excellence 2003 held its final session for the school year on Thursday, May 22. NCDC Volunteers Kent Lewis, Sandi Rue and Patti West handed out certificates and words of encouragement to each student. Thirty-four (34) children, grades 1-5 received certificates for attendance and participation in the program. This was a learning experience for each of us. The volunteers have already pledged their support for the 2004 school year.

Parish Nurse News: Summer Safety Tips

It's spring and that means that summer is just around the corner. The weather is getting warmer and it seems like everyone is outside (when it's not raining). People are walking—alone, with friends, or with their dogs. Some people are planting flower and vegetable gardens. Other people are mowing and fertilizing their lawns. Then there are the people who are beginning to make repairs and additions to their homes. Everyone is busy this time of year, but we all need to take a little time to prepare ourselves to do our tasks safely. Let's take a few minutes to review some safety tips.



Many people are couch potatoes during the cold weather and then emerge during the warm weather to do physical tasks. These people especially need to be cautious when starting to do physically exerting tasks. Take the task slowly, rest frequently, and stop if you experience any pain. If you develop chest pain or trouble breathing, stop immediately and call the emergency squad. You need to

be evaluated for a possible heart or lung problem that was brought on by exertion.

If you are lifting heavy objects, remember not to stoop but to bend at the knees. If you can't lift the object in this manner, then it's too heavy for you to lift by yourself, so get help. There are also back support braces that can be worn when doing a lot of lifting.

If you are using any chemicals, make sure that you read the labels and use them properly. Some chemicals require a well-ventilated area. Some chemicals cannot come in direct contact with your skin. Some lawn chemicals should not be applied if you have animals who will be walking on the lawn. Remember to store your chemicals in their original containers in a safe place. Small children need to be protected from accidental poisonings. Now get outside, get busy, and stay safe.

-Michalene A. King, RN, MSED, MSN

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Upcoming Events in June 2003

1-6	Joshua Work Team: Sacred Heart Griffin, Springfield, IL	
2	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
3	Hunger Committee Meeting	10:00 AM
4	Personnel Committee Meeting	4:30 PM
7	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
9	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
9-10	WV Food Registration-Dunbar Gymnasium	9-12;1-3
10	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
11	Program/Evaluation Committee Meeting	2:00 PM
14	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
15-20	Huron UMC: Huron, OH	
16	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
21	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
22-27	Trumbull Area Lutheran Coalition: Warren, OH Prairie Chapel; Coshocton, OH	
23	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
25	Lupus Meeting	6:00 PM
26	Ministries Council Meeting	5:00 PM
28	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
29-4	Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church; Louisville, KY	

Hutton House Needs

The Hutton House needs a few items for the residents. Help us make a comfortable home for a family by donating any of the following:

- Queen size bed frames
- Toddler Beds
- Children's swimming pool (new)
- Diapers size 5, 6 & up.
- Light bulbs
- Towels and wash cloths
- Dish towels and dish cloths