



BRIGHT HORIZONS

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A New View of Life

Today I saw a changed man. Two years ago, “John” started coming to the Hospitality Room and the Unity Kitchen. We talked off and on over time. We even played horseshoes at the summer picnic. John’s openness and fun loving ways draw people to him. Some find a friend in him and others find someone they can exploit.

People made fun of John. Some even tried to get him to go on the Jerry Springer Show in order to humiliate him. John did not go. John has enough friends around to keep him away from such things. John can become quite angry when he realizes that people are making fun of him or trying to embarrass him.

“The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light . . .”
–Isaiah 9:2

While waiting at a railroad crossing, John got into the car with me. We talked about things going on in life. I then watched as a man in another car tried to cut in front of us. We were simply waiting for the train to pass. There was no hurry, nothing to be gained by jumping into a three-car line. Yet, the man persisted. John turned and said to me, “If he is in that much of a hurry, let him go!”

Not long ago, John would have been fuming over the rudeness. He would have yelled things and maybe even have offered to fight. **Not anymore!** Now we can sit there and wonder at the man’s silliness. Over time, God works with all of us. We are not yet at the level of turning the other cheek or handing over our shirt too, but we are getting there!

Today I saw a changed woman. Two weeks “Mary” was threatening to fight anyone and everyone over a perceived slight, gossip, and few who liked to stir up trouble. Rev. Toni Hubbard, the Unity Kitchen Director intervened and calmed everyone down. Rev. Toni told this woman that she needed to focus upon Christ as her Savior. She also told Mary that she needed to worship God on Sunday, go to Bible Study on Friday night and listen to the Word. Otherwise, Mary would remain vulnerable to the gossip and trouble making of others. Rev. Toni listens, loves and doesn’t hesitate to tell people about Jesus and that they need to walk away from everyday existence, to life in Christ. Mary listened and heeded to what Rev. Toni shared with her. I wish you could see her today. Mary smiles, laughs and is at peace.

Today, I realize that I too am changed. Just as John and Mary have a new view of life, I do also. One cannot remain the same when Christ acts in the lives of people. John and Mary are new and changing as they follow the way of love and grace. We see new life in the spring flowers, the green grass, butterflies and eggs. We also see new life in gracious behaviors. It is so easy to say, “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come gain” and to celebrate Easter and the Holy Meal. But to see it in the lives of everyday people changes you. Look for Easter in the lives of your loved ones, friends, neighbors and even those you do not particularly like. The Risen Savior seeks every man woman and child on this planet to lavish upon them grace and love.

-Love, Pastor Bruce

Mark Your Calendars

Urban Mission Garage Sale



June 1, 2 & 3

Urban Mission Warehouse
 311 North 6th Street
 Steubenville, OH

Urban Mission Shoe Giveaway

May 10, 11 & 12
9-12; 1-3



Good used shoes will be available for children, men and women.

K-KID'S Ham Loaf Dinner

Friday, May 5, 2006

4:00-7:00 PM

Wintersville UMC

702 Main Street, Wintersville, OH 43953

(Meal Includes: Ham Loaf, Potatoes, Corn or Green Beans, Applesauce, Roll, Pie and a Beverage)

Adults \$6 Children \$3

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 282-8010 or at the door. Carry-outs Available

This is the only Fundraiser for our K-KID'S (Keeping Kid's Involved During Summer) Program.

Summer Program Registration Begins

Children of Promise Summer Program

June 19, 2006 - July 14, 2006

Registration Begins on Friday, May 26.



The **Children of Promise** Summer Youth program will begin taking registrations at the Urban Mission on **Friday, May 26 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.** The program is open to children from 1st grade to 8th grade. The Registration will continue every Friday until the first week of class.

This years program will coincide with Steubenville City Schools Math & Reading Program. Students will meet at the Harding Middle School at 9:00 AM for Academic Learning. Students will be fed lunch at Quinn AME Church at 12 noon and walk with chaperones to the destination of the day. The program will conclude by 3 p.m.

Some of this years sites include Quinn AME Church and First West Minister Presbyterian Church. There will be four weeks of fun and learning including Science, Arts, Crafts, Drama, Music, Cooking, and Exercise. The program dates are June 19 - July 14. This year's director is Anthony Grimes and the Assistant Director is Sesalie Grimes. Angela Suggs will serve as the Coordinator and Consultant of the program.

Volunteers are needed for field trips and daily activities. If you are interested in sharing of your time and talents, please contact us at 740-282-8010.

Hunger Challenge Update



Our matching funds grant challenges ended on April 30. We thank all of the churches, groups, businesses and individuals who donated funds so that we could take advantage of the dollar for dollar match and the Feinstein Challenge by Rhode Island Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein. Urban Mission will receive the matching funds in the upcoming weeks.

We also thank all those who donated food items for this program. Each food item will be counted as \$1.00 for the Feinstein Hunger Challenge. These donations allow us to cut our food purchasing cost for the distributions by a great deal. We thank you all for your commitment to helping those in need within our Valley.

Street Carnival Plans Underway

Preparations have already begun for our Annual Street Carnival. The Carnival will be held on Saturday, **August 12, 2006.** This will be a day of free food, games, music, prizes and fun for the children and adults of our community.



We are in need of churches, clubs and organizations to sponsor a booth for games or food. Donations can be made directly to Urban Mission Summer Carnival Fund. If you are interested in volunteering for the carnival or donating items, please contact Angela Suggs at 740-282-8010.

Joshua Program Set to Begin



Spring is here and it's time for our Joshua Program to begin. Work Teams come in from all over the country to complete minor home repairs for low-income homeowners in our area. Jim Sloane, the Joshua Director will be returning for his third year of service. Three site supervisors will also be employed for the Summer.

Our first groups are set to arrive later this month. We are anxious to see how the Lord will work through these groups to help those in need. We will keep you updated with information on the project.

NCDC News

Minority Health Month a Success!

Thanks to each of the 15 participating churches. Thanks to the volunteers who helped distribute the health information at the local churches and at community events.

Each year it is a challenge to sponsor the educational program, but it is well worth the effort when we hear the testimonies of the lives that have been changed.

Drink water — exercise— and don't over eat.

Remember: "Good Health begins with you!"

Lupus Support Group Meetings

Do you have Lupus? Do you know someone who is living with Lupus? Would you like to learn more about this disease? Come join us for informative information and more at the Lupus Support Group Meetings.

Tuesday, May 16; 6:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King Center; Coordinator, Patti West

Monday, May 22; 6:00 p.m.

Trinity East; Coordinators Walter and Pat Howard

Jelly Bean Goal Exceeded!

I have a book I really like to refer to. It is entitled "God's Little Instruction Book II". It's just a little book but it's loaded with lots of good thoughts. One thought I want to share is packed with much wisdom. "Faith doesn't make anything happen – faith rests on something that has happened!"

When I started asking for jelly beans for our Easter program two years ago, I was a little skeptical, but a lot hopeful. After receiving more than I needed other years, I knew God was in control.

This year I needed several more bags and again, I was skeptical but hopeful. I needed 720 bags for every family to receive one bag. Well, God was really in control this year. We received a total of 1,840 bags of jellybeans! Our families are going to get two bags this year!

All the churches, schools, groups and individuals proved the above statement to be true. Everyone reached out to help show the process of how faith works. Many, many thanks go out to everyone. God bless each of you!

-Linda Smith, Program Director

Parish Nurse News: Safety Tips for the Summer

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 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 they start 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 an ambulance. You need to be evaluated for a possible heart or lung problem 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 lifting. If you experience any back pain, stop the task and seek care. Back pain can be a sign of a dislocated vertebrae, which will need treatment.

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, MEd, MSN

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Upcoming Events in May 2006

1, 8, 15, 22	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
2	Hunger Committee Meeting	10:00 AM
3	Program/Evaluation Committee Meeting	2:00 PM
5	K-Kids Dinner (Wintersville UMC, 702 Main Street, Wintersville)	4:00 –7:00 PM
6	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
9	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
10, 11 & 12	Shoe Giveaway (Warehouse, 311 North 6th Street, Steubenville)	9-12; 1-3
13	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
16	Packing for Food Distribution Lupus Support Group Meeting (Martin Luther King Center)	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
18	God's Pantry Food Distribution NCDC Meeting; Greater Steubenville CDC Meeting	9-12; 1-3 4:00 PM; 5:00 PM
20	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
22	Lupus Support Group Meeting (Trinity East Medical Center)	6:00 PM
23	CSFP Senior Food Distribution	1:00
25	Newsletter Folding Board of Directors Meeting	9:00 AM 4:30 PM
27-29	Closed for Memorial Day. No Mission Rejoice on May 27.	Closed

Joshua Work Teams

***5/14-19: Church of the Lakes UMC
Host Church: St. Marks Lutheran***

***5/21-26: Sacred Heart-Griffin HS
Host Church: Second Baptist Church***

Hutton House Needs

Our Hutton House apartments are in need of items for our residents.

- Mops
- Light Bulbs
- Wash Cloths
- Towels
- Pot Holders
- Laundry Baskets
- Household Cleaning Supplies.