



Bright Horizons

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Good News Within Crisis

The Urban Mission is in a state of fiscal distress and crisis. The combination of increasing need, which results in higher expenses, and reduced income due to the economy, leaves us wondering about how we can feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Jefferson County is experiencing rates of poverty and unemployment over 20%. This is double the rest of Ohio and most of the nation.

One of the saddest experiences I have seen is watching people who once gave to the Mission or served as volunteers now standing in line to get help with food. Many call asking for assistance with water and gas bills. The Urban Mission has never helped with those things, yet we get up to 10 calls a day. At our next distribution we will be unable to provide eggs. The cost is simply too high. In the coming weeks we will have to begin turning people away. Those we turn away will be senior citizens, children and those with disabling conditions. Those three groups make up 75% of the people we serve. Last month we fed 840 families, over 1,700 individuals, just over 600 senior citizens, 507 children, and 348 people with a disability. These numbers do not include the 1,570 hot meals served, or the food provided at the Hutton House Homeless Shelter, or the food provided at the Hospitality Center.

Last year, 208 people stayed at the Homeless Shelter. 123 of these people were children. It is very difficult to think that those children might be living on the streets of Steubenville, Weirton, Mingo, Toronto, Smithfield and the other communities of our region.

There is some good financial news. The Urban Mission has received a challenge. \$50,000 is sitting on the table for us. In order to receive this wonderful gift, it must be matched. We are making an appeal via newsletter, Internet, newspaper, radio and TV for financial support. Every dollar that you can give will be matched by another dollar. No gift is too small, too insignificant, or too large. Mother Teresa taught us that, "We can do no great things; only small things with great love." My appeal to you is not for the survival of the Mission as an institution, but for loving the poor, the elderly, the children, the disabled and those without a home. This is also an appeal to love God, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Today, the Gospel means sharing the Lord Jesus Christ with everyone we meet, and feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and healing the sick. All of these are successful when done with great love.

Thank you, O God, for the bounty of our lives, and the extravagant work of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Give us the same work that you gave your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to love your people on earth. Let us participate in your Kingdom. In all things we thank you and praise you. Amen.

Peace and Love, Pastor Bruce

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Welcome JOSHUA Mission Work Teams!

July 5-10:

St. Mark's Lutheran,
Warren, OH

Host: Richmond UMC

July 12-17:

Champion Presbyterian,
Warren, OH

Host: Bell Chapel UMC

July 19-24:

Willoughby UMC
Willoughby, OH

**Host: Starkdale
Presbyterian**

July 26-31:

Sacred Heart Chapel
Lorain, OH

Host: Grace Lutheran



*"Urban Mission:
Listening with compassion;
serving with love"*

Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future: CALL TO ACTION!

Your action is needed today! Making smart choices in this two-year budget for a stronger Ohio economy and stronger, healthier families in Ohio. Act now or hold your peace when the budget for health and human services is gutted!!!!

Revised revenue shortfall numbers were released on June 16, 2009, painting a bleak picture for all Ohioans and the programs they rely on most.

What's at stake?

- Services for abused and neglected children
- Health care for ALL of Ohio's children
- Food programs for Ohioans, including children and seniors
- Home nurse visits for at-risk infants
- Services for people with mental illnesses
- Child care services for children
- Health care for uninsured adults
- After-school programs for school-aged kids
- Community services for senior citizens
- Kinship supportive services for children
- Care for uninsured adults and community health centers, including family planning, prenatal care and well-child care

In the face of newly revised budget shortfall numbers, we are asking our supporters to share the message

that pursuing revenue solutions to Ohio's budget shortfall is fiscally responsible and balanced.

Help avoid further cuts and reverse the cuts that have already been made to critical health and human services by taking just a few minutes to make your voice heard and visit: www.protectohio.org. The Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future is a coalition of health, human services, education organizations seeking to protect Ohio's most vulnerable citizens by restoring or adequately funding vital services through a responsible budget that has as its primary priority to meet basic human needs and provide sufficient funds to invest in Ohio's future.

Making smart choices in this two-year budget plan can help Ohio to not only strengthen our economy for the future but also support families struggling right now.

To attract growing industries, Ohio needs healthy families and communities for a job-ready workforce. We need to make smart choices in this budget to invest in the education, training, health and family supports that keep our workforce strong.

Thank you for your participation and advocacy!

~Linda L. Smith, Program Director

Area Activities for Children

The City of Steubenville Parks and Recreation Department offers **free lunch and activities for children ages preschool through age 18 and persons with disabilities**. If you are looking for activities for your children, listed below are area sites that host this program. For additional information, contact the individual site.

Finley UMC, 958 Lincoln Avenue
Time Open: 11:00 AM—2:00 PM
Meal Time: 12:15—1:15 PM

MLK Center, 905 Market
Time Open: 11:00 AM—2:00 PM
Meal Time: 11:00—12:00 PM

Quinn AME, 515 North Street
Time Open: 11:00 AM—2:00 PM
Meal Time: 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

First Westminster, 235 North 4th St.
Time Open: 12:00 PM—1:00 PM
Meal Time: 12:00 PM—1:00 PM

Murphy's Field, Plum St.
Time Open: 11:00 AM—2:00 PM
Meal Time: 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

Simpson Church, 430 Slack St.
Time Open: 11:00 AM—2:00 PM
Meal Time: 11:45—12:45 PM

Harding Field, 1928 Sunset
Time Open: 10:30 AM—1:30 PM
Meal Time: 10:30 AM—11:30 AM

North End Ball Field, N 7th. St.
Time Open: 11:00 AM—2:00 PM
Meal Time: 11:45 AM—12:45 PM

Steubenville High School, 420 N. 4th
Time Open: 10:30 AM—1:30 PM
Meal Time 10:30—1:30 PM

JCC, 4000 Sunset Blvd.
Time Open: 12:00 PM—1:30 PM
Meal Time: 12:15 PM—1:15 PM

Pizza Pie Park, Maryland Avenue
Time Open: 10:30 AM—1:30 PM
Meal Time: 11:45 AM—12:45 PM



Parish Nurse News: Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

Summer is here and we are spending more time outside. We can be engaging in activities that may take us into wooded areas. Ticks, which can transmit diseases such as Lyme Disease, live in wooded and brushy areas. Although we do not hear a lot about Lyme Disease, the last published statistics for the number of cases in the US were 27,444 cases in 2007. Let's take a few minutes to discuss ways to protect yourself.

The first precaution is to avoid areas where ticks live, which are brushy and wooded areas. Ticks that transmit Lyme Disease are most active in May, June, and July. When walking in wooded areas, walk in the middle of the trail to avoid contact with brush and grass.

The second precaution is to keep ticks off your skin. First use an insect repellent with 20-30% DEET on exposed skin and clothing. You can purchase these repellents in drug stores, grocery stores, and discount stores. Another type of repellent is Permethrin, which can only be used on clothing. This repellent can be purchased at stores

that carry hunting and camping equipment. One application of this repellent to pants, socks and shoes typically stays for several washings and will kill ticks on contact. **Remember that you cannot put Permethrin on your skin.** You can obtain more information about Permethrin from the "National Pesticide Information Center". Wear long pants, long sleeves, and long socks to keep ticks off your skin, tucking pant legs into socks or boots and tucking shirts into pants. Light colored clothing will assist you to spot ticks easily on your clothing. It is recommend to tape the area where your pants and socks meet if you are going to be outside for an extended period of time as this can prevent ticks from crawling under your clothes.

The third precaution is to check your skin for ticks whenever you are in an area where you may have been in contact with ticks. Check yourself before you go indoors and remove ticks from your clothing outside or remove your clothing in the basement or garage and then wash your clothing in hot water and dry them using high heat for at least an hour to kill any ticks that you may have missed.

If you are outside, even in your yard, inspect your body for ticks including armpits, scalp, and groin. Remove ticks immediately using fine-tipped tweezers. Grasp the tick firmly as close to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin. Do not squeeze or try to kill it—flush it down the toilet. Clean the area with an anti-septic and watch it. If redness or an unusual rash appears or you develop signs of infection such as a fever, seek medical treatment and tell the health professional that you received a tick bite.



For additional information about tickborne diseases, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov. The website contains additional information about ticks including the "Tick Management Handbook", an 84 page book that can be printed from the website. Summer is a great time to be outdoors. Take a few precautions to keep yourself, your family and friends, and your pets free from ticks and tickborne diseases.

-Michalene A. King, PhD, RN

Annual Street Carnival

Due to a lack of funding, Urban Mission will not have the Annual Street Carnival scheduled for August 15. We hope to secure funding and donations in the future to provide a Carnival for the children and Community next year.

For the United Methodist Women, we are asking that you please collect school supplies instead of Carnival prizes. If you have already purchased Carnival items, we will use them for Carnival 2010.

For additional information or a list of needed school supplies, please call Sharon Kirtdoll at 740-282-8010. Supplies are needed by Friday, August 14, 2009 and can be delivered to the Mission at 301 North 5th Street.

Thanksgiving Challenge

 The heat of summer is here and yet we are planning for Thanksgiving!

The challenge item for July is cranberry sauce (1,200 cans).

For more information about this project, call Linda at 282-2911.

Mission Rejoice Picnic

**Saturday, July 25
2:00-6:00 PM**
Jefferson State Lake
Richmond, Ohio

Join us for free food, games, fellowship and fun!



See you at the park!



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Upcoming Events in July 2009

2	Neighborhood Community Development Center (NCDC) Mtg. Greater Steubenville Community Development Corp. Mtg.	4:00 PM 5:00 PM
6, 13, 20 & 27	Parish Nurse (Monday's)	11:00 AM
7	God's Pantry Hunger Committee Meeting	10:00 AM
8	No Program/Evaluation Committee Meeting	No Mtg.
11 & 18	Mission Rejoice Service (Saturday's)	6:00 PM
14	Packing for Food Distribution Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
15, 16 & 17	God's Pantry Food Distribution	9-12; 1-3
21	CSFP Senior Food Program	1:00 PM
23	UM Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 PM
25	Annual Mission Rejoice Picnic (See page 3)	2:00 PM
30	UM Newsletter Folding	9:00 AM
	<i>The Unity Kitchen is open for lunch Monday through Wednesday from 12-1 PM</i>	

**HUTTON HOUSE
NEEDS**

- Personal Care Items
- Kitchen Garbage Bags
- Mops, Brooms and Dust Pans
- Silverware
- Cooking Utensils
- Pots, Pans and Bake ware

In addition to these items, we are in need of good condition bicycles.

There will be no Mission Rejoice Service on Saturday, July 4, 2009. Have a happy and safe holiday!

