



Bright Horizons



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Joshua: A labor of Love and Compassion

The generosity of God is overwhelming. The generosity of God's people is also overwhelming. Our first JOSHUA (Journeys Of Service Helping Upper Appalachia) Mission work team is here. This team comes to Steubenville every year from Church of the Lakes UMC near Canton, Ohio. This is one of the hardest working and skilled work teams we see. Jim Sloane, our JOSHUA Director, had set up many jobs for this group to complete. But then, it started to rain. All of the work lined up for the Church of the Lakes group was outdoor jobs. Because of the rain, they all had to be changed to indoor worksites. The group never complained about the weather, the job changes, or anything else. They simply set out to work.



The Church of the Lakes group has been coming to Steubenville for many years. They have done more good, for more people than you can imagine. When they rehab a home, it is done well! In addition, these Christians have been known to plant flowers, clean up yards, do landscaping, come back during the year to check on people and projects, give gifts, pray and love people in ways that can only be explained by God's grace and love. Please understand. This group pays to come and work in Steubenville. No one pays them. In fact, they pay for everything right out of their own pockets.

These Christians go out of their way to forge close relationships with the people they serve. In addition to the visits during the year, cards and letters are exchanged, phone calls are made and lives are shared in love. This all happens simply because they are who they are. No one really cheers them on. Media crews do not follow them around. Their names are not known outside of the Mission, their church and those they serve. They are motivated by the profound love God has for them. Their response is to love others in profound ways.

This story is repeated throughout the year with group after group coming to Steubenville to love people. This is happening all over our country. It is most easily seen in Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida. Refugees have been taken into the homes of Christians. Churches have sent money, goods, and work teams to help people who have been devastated by the storms. It is a massive movement of love and compassion that far exceeds what the government has done. This compassion goes beyond what any other religious group has done. This goes far beyond what any secular organization or corporation has done. Yet, this story is not told in the media. The general media is dedicated to bad news. The Church of Jesus Christ is dedicated to Good News.

As Christians, we can react with anger and disgust to a media that is biased against us. Or, we can continue to act as Christ calls us to. We serve, we love, we give and we build. We are witnesses. We are the forgiven. We are the redeemed. We are the grateful people of God. Let's continue our focus upon Christ. Let's serve and love without any recognition or reward from our world. After all, we are in the world, but not of this world. We have a future and inheritance beyond the imagination of anyone or anything in this world. Thank God for that inheritance . . . Thank God for you!

-Love, Pastor Bruce

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**Math Excellence Workshop
Wednesday, June 14, 2006**

Harding Middle School

Open to all Elementary school students.

Call 740-282-8010 for more information or to register your child for a fun filled day of learning!

Shoe Giveaway a Success!

On May 10-12, 2006, the annual shoe giveaway was held at the Warehouse. In just three short days, over 3,000 pairs of good new and used shoes, purses and accessories were distributed.

Special thanks to all of the churches, groups and individuals who donated shoes. We also thank Patti West who coordinated the event and the many volunteers who sorted and organized the shoes for the giveaway. Thank you for helping make this event a successful one.

**-Sharon Kirtdoll
Community Developer**

Community Summer Program

The Community "Children of Promise" Summer Program will be held Monday through Friday from June 19 - July 14, 2006. The program will coincide with Steubenville City Schools Math & Reading Program. There will be four weeks of fun and learning including Science, Arts & Crafts, Drama, Music and more.

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.



Summer Program Registration is Open!

Register at Urban Mission
301 North 5th Street, Steubenville.

Registrations taken on:
Friday, June 2, 9 and June 16.
9 AM - 12 PM

The program is open to youth in grades 1st-8th. Please bring the child's medical and insurance information and a copy of their most recent card. Sign your child up for a fun and constructive summer.

14th Annual Street Carnival

Saturday, August 12, 2006
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



A day of fun, free food, games, prizes and more! If you or your group would like to help with the carnival, please call Anthony or Seaslie Grimes at 740-282-8010.

Thanksgiving Challenge

I have had several people ask when will the Thanksgiving Challenge be coming out in the newsletter. Well here it is!!

June: Chicken noodle soup (2400 cans)

July: Cranberry Sauce (1200 cans)

August: Sweet potatoes (18-20 oz. cans/1200 cans)

September: Vanilla frosting (1200 cans)

October: Yellow cake mix (1200 boxes)

If everyone puts their hearts into this project as they did the Jelly Bean Challenge, we will be blessed with reaching our goal for each of the items! Make this a fun time and get everyone involved.

If you would like to take part in the challenge or have any questions, please call me at 740-282-2911.

-Linda Smith, Program Director

Ham Loaf Dinner Successful!

This years annual K-KIDS Ham Loaf dinner was held on May 5, 2006 at Wintersville United Methodist Church and was a wonderful event. The dinner is the only fundraiser for the Summer Program.

This dinner takes lots of planning and teamwork. I would like to thank the congregation of the Wintersville UMC, Nancy Hukill, Paula Bush, Dolly Madison Bakers, McConnell's Market, Mor-For-Less, Tinnie Reed, Sharon Coen, Mary Lee Behrens, Nancy Morris, everyone who baked pies, the Program Committee and my fellow staff members. All of you helped to make this dinner be a success and I thank you. God bless every one of you!

-Linda L. Smith, Program Director

Urban Mission Awards Scholarships



Pictured left to right: Courtney Smith, Theresa Cerrato, Joseph Hicks, Lance Parrish, Marjorie Grafton and Rev. Bruce Hitchcock, Exec. Director

On Thursday, May 4, 2006, Urban Mission awarded the annual **Robert E. Hutton Memorial** scholarships to five area students to further their education.

The winners were **Courtney Smith**, who will attend The Ohio State University studying Elementary Education; **Theresa Cerrato**, currently attending Franciscan University, studying English Literature and Catechetics; **Joseph Hicks** who will attend Greenville College studying Contemporary Christian Music; **Lance Parrish** who will attend the University of Akron, studying Pre-Physical Therapy and **Marjorie Grafton** who will attend The Ohio State University studying Psychology. Congratulations to these wonderful students! May God bless your future endeavors.

Swing Sets needed for Hutton House



Hutton House is in need of new playground equipment for the children of the Homeless Shelter. Three new swing sets are needed for the Seventh Street and Market Street Shelters. If you would like to donate swing sets or funds to help purchase them, please give Debra a call at 282-8903. Any help you can provide for our children would be greatly appreciated.

Mission Rejoice Hosts Needed

We still have several weeks open for churches to host a Mission Rejoice service. Would your church or group consider being a host church for one of our Saturday night services? The open dates are as follows:

June: 3 and 24 **July: 8, 15, 22 and 29**
August: 5, 19 and 26 **September: 9, 16 and 23**
October: 7, 14 and 21 **November: 4, 11 and 18**
December: 2 and 9

If your church or group would like to host one or more of the Mission Rejoice Services, please give Rev. Toni Hubbard a call, **Monday through Wednesday between 9 AM and 1:30 PM**. We look forward to working together to minister the love of Christ to our friends and neighbors.

Ministries Council Update

Due to lack of response in reforming the Ministries Council, there will be NO meetings held during the summer months. There will be prayerful discussion as to what will happen in the future. I am open to any ideas anyone may have. Please call me at 740-282-2911 with such information. Continue to watch the newsletter for information.

-Linda Smith, Program Director

Parish Nurse News: Ticks and Tickborne Diseases

Now that it is summer and everyone is outside, we need to think about protecting ourselves from ticks and tickborne diseases. Ticks carry Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. A bite from an infected tick can transmit a disease to a human. Let's look at some ways to protect ourselves from ticks and tickborne diseases.

You should avoid areas in which ticks live. Ticks prefer moist, shaded environments, especially areas with leaf litter and low-lying vegetation in wooded, brushy areas or areas with overgrown grass. If you must enter one of these areas, then you need to use personal protection measures.

Personal protection measures include wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and long pants. It is easier to spot a tick on light-colored clothing. Tuck your pants into your socks or boot tops to help keep ticks from reaching your skin. Ticks are usually located close to the ground, so wearing high rubber boots may provide additional protection. You can also decrease the risk of tick attachment by applying an insect repellent containing DEET to clothing and exposed skin. According to the CDC, DEET can be used safely on children and adults as long as you follow the guidelines established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Make sure that you check yourself and others often for ticks and brush them off outdoors before they become attached.

Special Thanks to the OVDUMC

Hats off to the OVDUMC Churches! In April of this year, an appeal was sent out to the churches of the Ohio Valley District to collect food items for Urban Mission. The OVD churches responded overwhelmingly to the task!



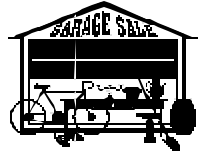
The totals are in and the churches (along with area schools and businesses) helped us collect over **88,000 food items** for the "End Hunger in the Valley" Challenge. This donation will allow us to provide much needed food products to those in need within our community. Thank you Ohio Valley District for responding to the call. Hats off to you all!?!

Urban Mission Garage Sale!

June 1, 2 and 3, 2006

**Urban Mission Warehouse Ministry Center
311 North 6th Street, Steubenville**

**Furniture, household items and
other miscellaneous goods.
All priced to sell!**



What should you do if you find a tick attached to a person or a pet? Embedded ticks should be removed using fine-tipped tweezers. DO NOT use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish, or other products on the tick before removal. Grasp the tick firmly and as closely to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin. Do not squeeze the tick or try to kill it—flush it down the toilet. The tick's mouthparts may remain in the skin, but do not be alarmed. The bacteria that cause Lyme disease are contained in the tick's midgut. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic and watch the area. If redness or an unusual rash appears at the area or you develop signs of infection such as a fever, seek medical treatment and tell the health professional that you received a tick bite. You may be tested and treated with antibiotics if necessary.

Ticks can also be found in yards and playgrounds, so always check your children and pets when they have been outside. Remove ticks immediately when found. Treat your pets with medications to prevent them from being infected with ticks. There are many products available, either through your veterinarian or over the counter to protect your pets from ticks.

Summer is a great time to be outdoors. Take a few precautions to keep yourself, your family, and your pets free from ticks and tickborne diseases.

-Michalene A. King, RN, MSED, MSN

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Upcoming Events in June 2006

1, 2 & 3	Garage Sale at the Warehouse Ministry Center	9-12; 1-3
5, 12, 19 & 26	Parish Nurse	11:00 AM
6	No Hunger Committee Meeting	No Meeting
7	Program/Evaluation Committee Meeting	2:00 PM
10	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
13	Packing for Food Distribution Finance Committee Meeting Lupus Support Group Meeting (MLK Center)	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM
14	Personnel Committee Meeting	3:00 PM
15	God's Pantry Food Distribution	9-12; 1-3
17	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
22	Board of Directors Meeting	4:30 PM
24	Mission Rejoice	6:00 PM
26	Lupus Support Group Meeting (Trinity East)	11:00 AM
27	CSFP Senior Food Program	1:00 PM
	<i>Bible Study with Rev. Toni: Friday's at 6:00 PM</i>	

Joshua Work Teams

6/11-16: Rockport UMC & Mansfield Main
Host Church: Agape Apostolic Church

6/18-23: Trumbull Area Lutheran & M.E.S.H.
Host Church: First Presbyterian

6/25-30: Calvary Baptist Church
Host Church: First Westminster

Mission Rejoice Picnic



Mark your calendars now for the annual Mission Rejoice Picnic. There will be food, fellowship, games and fun!

**Saturday, July 29, 2006
2-6 PM**

Location: Jefferson State Lake Park