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BRIGHT HORIZONS

A Newsletter Ministry of Urban Mission

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A Message From Rev. Ashley

"Never underestimate the power of a good story." While in seminary, a beloved professor of mine shared this nugget of wisdom with me. Over the years, I have found this to be ever so true.

Regardless of the subject matter, stories have the ability to captivate one's attention and oftentimes, inspire one to do something.

For example, as a small child I remember sitting at the feet of a missionary, listening to stories about the children she cared for in a small village in Uganda in Africa. These stories held my attention long after her presentation was over. In fact, these stories inspired me to enter into the ministry, and go as far as spending time in Uganda as an adult.

Stories are powerful at the Urban Mission too. Whenever I get the opportunity to preach or teach, I always include stories of God at work at the Mission. Not only do I find this keeps an audience interested, but it also proves that God is still relevant, still active, and still available, especially during the difficult times.

In addition, it serves as a real life presentation of the Gospel message - a testimony of faith to all who hear.

For many people, sharing the Gospel message can be difficult, intimidating, or downright scary. But a story of how one's life has been changed by God is much easier to share. These stories come from the heart; they are the most sincere and meaningful, and they also help others connect the dots to God in their own life.

What story do you have to share? What life lesson, experience, or meaningful moment might just inspire someone else to action?

We all have a story or at least a story in the making.

You are welcome to join our story at the Urban Mission. God is always writing a new chapter and we'd love to have you in it!

God bless you,

Rev. Ashley

Mission Statement

The Urban Mission is a concrete witness of Jesus by serving the needs of the poor and disadvantaged.

Goals

- Provide ministries and services for people in need that are beyond the usual capabilities and mission of local congregations.
- Supplies groceries and meals for all who do not have sufficient or adequate food;
- Provides temporary shelter and safe haven in a structured home-like environment for homeless families;
- Provides leadership and program development in and for the African American community;
- Improves the housing of low-income households;
- Makes health care services and information more accessible for the poor;
- Provides services, programs or ministries to address other specific physical, spiritual, social or emotional needs of the poor and disadvantaged;
- Recruits and enables congregations, judicatories, organizations, groups, businesses, and individuals for voluntary community service.

Goodbye to Unity Kitchen Director



Well done thy good and faithful servant!

After 13 years, Pastor Toni Hubbard, Unity Kitchen Director is hanging up her apron. As of July 27, she will no longer be preparing meals in the Unity Kitchen.

Over the years, Rev. Hubbard prepared and served over 100,000 hot lunch meals to the hungry. What started out as a temporary position to help until we found someone turned into a long-term loving commitment. Rev. Toni fell in love with the people and they responded with love and respect.

Of course Rev. Toni will not be sitting around the house with nothing to do! Some of her plans are to begin a Bible study held here in the Warehouse every Wednesday and continue to be the Mission Rejoice pastor each Saturday.

Rev. Toni is a mother of two daughters, a grandmother and great grandmother. She plans to enjoy time with her grandchildren and spend lots of time in her back yard and garden.

If you'd like to send a note of thanks, share a special memory or say goodbye, please feel free to send it to Pastor Toni Hubbard, C/O Urban Mission, 301 North 5th Street, Steubenville, OH. God bless you Rev. Toni on a job well done!

School Supplies Needed

We are gearing up for our Annual Back to School Supplies giveaway. Our Back to School drive aims to provide a 'starter' set of new school supplies to students. Armed with these supplies, our students would surely be more motivated to do well in their studies.

We need your help! We are in need of school supplies for children in grades K-12 for our Annual Back to School Supplies giveaway set for **Monday, August 20, 2012 from 1:00—5:00 p.m.** Some of the items needed are:

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| Crayons | Colored Pencils | Pocket Folders |
| Notebooks | Loose-leaf Paper | Pencils |
| Rulers | Erasers | Pencil Boxes |
| Scissors | Pens | Glue/Glue Sticks |
| | Composition Notebooks | |

Donations can be brought to our Main Office at 301 North 5th Street, Steubenville by Wednesday, August 15, 2012.

You may also mail a monetary donation in the envelope provided. Please mark "Back to School" on the envelope or the check. *(Please note: School supplies must be new.)*

Scholarship Award Winners Announced



The Urban Mission Scholarship Committee recently met to review applications for the Robert E. Hutton Memorial Scholarship. We received many wonderful applications from hardworking students. Four of them were chosen to receive scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to assist them with furthering their education. The awardees were:

Michael Mastromichalis: A 2012 graduate of Weir High School, Weirton, WV with a 4.06 GPA. He plans to attend The Ohio State University and pursue a major in Aerospace Engineering.



Pictured L-to-R: Lisa Thomas, Rachel Richards and Rev. Ashley Steele. Not Pictured: Michael Mastromichalis and McCall Sims.

Rachel Richard: A 2012 graduate of Brooke High School, Wellsburg, WV with a 3.61 GPA. She plans to attend West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV and pursue a major in engineering and potentially petroleum engineering.

McCall Sims: A 2012 graduate of Indian Creek High School, Wintersville, OH with a 3.82 GPA. She plans to attend Kent State University in Kent, OH and pursue a major in the public health field and eventually attend medical school.

Lisa Thomas: An adult returning student is currently attending Eastern Gateway Community College with a 3.92 GPA. Lisa plans to continue her education at Eastern Gateway to receive her LPN then her RN license and eventually transfer to work for the Veterans Administration.

Congratulations to these very deserving students. We look forward to hearing great things about them in the future!

Free Vision Assistance Available



The Urban Mission is partnering with Prevent Blindness Ohio to provide free eye exams and eyeglasses to the uninsured/homeless children and adults.

In our last newsletter we incorrectly stated that the program was only available to Ohioans. The program is available to those outside of Ohio, however, all participants must be screened by a specified eye doctor in the Steubenville area.

Potential participants must meet income and other eligibility requirements. If you are interested in signing up for this program, please contact Sara Green at 740-282-8010.

Parish Nurse News: Immunization Awareness

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Let's take a few minutes and talk about this very important disease prevention strategy.



The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends immunization against 17 vaccine preventable diseases. These vaccines are recommended for persons of all ages from infants to the elderly. The Advisory Council on Immunization Practices issues guidelines for immunizations. These guidelines include the timing, spacing and recommended mode of administration of the vaccines. Immunizations can be administered by mouth, through the nose and by injection. Immunizations start in infancy and continue throughout one's lifetime. Some immunizations are boosters of the immunizations that we received as infants and some are new immunizations. Let's look at some of those immunizations.

We are familiar with the immunizations required for infants and young children which include vaccines for such illnesses as measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, diphtheria, polio, and Hepatitis B. There are recommended immunizations for children aged 7 to 18 year, including immunizations required to attend school. Some of these immunizations are boosters or a continuation of a series. Immunizations that are started during this time include human papillomavirus and meningococcal vaccines. Immunizations recommended for adults 19 years to 65+ include boosters to previous immunizations plus the pneumonia and shingles vaccines. Immunizations such as the influenza vaccine are recommended for all ages. The schedules for these immunizations can be found at the CDC website www.cdc.gov.

If you have questions about immunizations after visiting the CDC website, check with your primary care provider or the parish nurse. Many of these immunizations are available at the health department or from your primary care provider. Some of these immunizations may be covered by your health insurance including Medicare. During the month of August, take some time to review the recommendations for immunizations and make sure that you and your family are up to date on your immunizations.

~Michalene A. King, PhD, RN, CNE

Welcome JOSHUA Mission Team

August 12-17, 2012

NY Youth Group, Croton Falls, NY

Thanksgiving Challenge

The Thanksgiving Challenge item for this month is Cranberry Sauce, 1,200 cans. Questions about the challenge or want to participate? Call Linda at 740-282-2911.

Area Back to School Supply Giveaways

Need assistance with Back to School Supplies for your children? Several area agencies are available to help. For more information and eligibility requirements, contact each agency/school directly.

YMCA:

Friday, August 10, 2012

5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

(limited to 100-must pre-register)



Mingo Social Services:

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

(must pre-register)

Indian Creek Schools:

Sunday, August 19, 2012

1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Steubenville City Schools Back to School Rally:

Thursday, August 16, 2012

6:00 PM

(Harding Stadium)

Urban Mission:

Monday, August 20, 2012

12:00 Noon—5:00 PM

Community Diabetes Education Program

The Urban Mission has received a grant from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health to implement a Diabetes Education Program. The state recognizes that our region has a serious problem with Diabetes (sugar) and the need for more education and training in this area.



In Phase I of the program the state will provide training and certify area residents to be Community Diabetes Educators.

Phase II of the program will consist of the Community Educators conducting classes. The classes are open to anyone living in Ohio and are Diabetic or Pre-Diabetic. Our goal is to teach people how to control their diabetes. Classes will be held throughout the community.

For more information, to obtain a class schedule or to register, please phone the Urban Mission at 740-282-8010. This training and the classes are free and open to the public.

~Sharon Kirtdoll, Community Developer

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What's Happening in August 2012?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Mission Rejoice 6pm
5	6 Parish Nurse 11am	7 Hunger Committee Mtg. 10am	8 Program/Eval. Mtg. 1:30pm	9	10	11 Mission Rejoice 6pm
12	13 Parish Nurse 11am	14 Packing for Food Distribution 9am	15 Food Distribution 9-12; 1-3	16 Food Distribution 9-12; 1-3 City-Back 2 School Rally 6pm	17 Food Distribution 9-12; 1-3	18 Mission Rejoice 6pm
19	20 Parish Nurse 11am UM Back to School Rally 12-5 p.m.	21 CSFP Senior Distribution 1pm	22	23 UM Board Mtg 4:30pm	24	25 Mission Rejoice 6pm
26	27 Parish Nurse 11am	28	29	30 NL Folding 9am	31 Offices Closed	