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RALLY DAY IS COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11!!!!

Yep, that's right! We have a colossal year planned! We'll be discovering all kinds of wonderful things -- through Disciple, through our Sunday School classes and short-term classes, in our fellowship groups -- everywhere, discovering how to best serve God and each other.

And boy, oh, boy -- we're pulling out all the stops to get the year off in high style!!

We'll praise the Lord, begin our Sunday School and celebrate Christ Jesus in our lives with lots of excitement!

Here's the schedule --



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| 8:30 | Rally Day Worship -- Sunday School Teachers consecrated |
| 9:30 | Coffee and Donuts served in Wesley Hall (the gym) |
| 9:40 | Sunday School begins (meet in the sanctuary) |
| 10:00 | Infuse (Youth Ministries) Breakfast in Angel's Wing |
| 11:00 | ENCOUNTER Worship |
| 11:20 | SPARK! Our special worship time for children |
| 12:30 | Our Wonderful Chicken and Corn Roast in the park adjacent to church (We need helpers to prepare & grill for this. If you can help, sign up on Sunday's Church Life Servant Sheet or call the church office. We're especially looking for guys who like to grill!!!!) Bring a dish to share. Everything else will be provided. |

Come on in from your summertime adventures and return to the Lord Rally Day!!

LOOK INSIDE FOR DETAILS ABOUT OUR SERVE FEST SEPTEMBER 18 !

GOD’S “COME AS YOU ARE” PARTY

When I was a teenager in Jr. High School, there was a popular group of kids who loved to throw parties. If you were invited to one of their parties, it was really a big deal and somehow made you feel a part of the “in” crowd. In those days, peer pressure was intense and to be included in this group seemed huge! But then, of course, you had to worry about what to wear, how early/late to arrive, what to bring as a snack, what would you talk about, and with whom would you talk with and then gossip about those who did not get invited. WHEW! Sometimes my mom and dad would not let me go, because of all the above! One party I DID go to was called a “come as you party” and it sounded soooo fun!

When you got the telephone call as the invitation, you had to come exactly as you looked like when you answered the phone. Of course the plan was to catch you with rollers in your hair, unfashionable clothes, and generally looking horrible. (mostly this was for the girls). Can you imagine my embarrassment when I went to the party “just as I was” and everyone laughing at me, because none of the others followed the rules and I looked out of place – to say the least!!!

ARE YOU READY FOR GOD? Does God really accept us just as we are? Will we feel out of place? Tony Campolo says, “if the Kingdom of Heaven is a party, then it’s definitely a come-as-you-are party!” Most of us have no idea when our time of life will be over but we can be assured that on that day God calls us home, He won’t care what we are wearing or how much money we have in the bank, or what we were fixing for dinner, or what party we were invited to before this one – God will ONLY care that we know Jesus Christ by heart, and that LOVE is the primary gift we give and receive. Now is the time to prepare!

This year is the 10th anniversary of 9-11 and our nation will remember and share the memories of this historic event. Imagine all those people who never expected to meet their maker that day! I’m sure there were many things that were left undone in their lives, yet God was ready for them. We may never have everything accomplished we hope to do on this side of heaven, or impact the world as some of our heroes have done, but God invites us to His “come as you are party” just the same and is waiting for us to say “YES” to the invitation right now!

Pastor Meredith

**JEFFERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GOES
INTO OUR COMMUNITY TO SERVE OTHERS
A Serve Fest Sunday, September 18**

**Roll up your sleeves and come participate
In a day of serving our community!!**

That's right, we're going to boldly go out into the world and **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in our community. Here's how the day will shape up –

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Serve Fest opportunities will begin

10:00 a.m. ENCOUNTER service/Sunday School for children

**10:30 a.m. ENCOUNTER concludes – by this time EVERYONE
will be participating in the SERVE FEST!!**

**EVERYONE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO
PARTICIPATE IN SERVE FEST!!**

There are many, many ways that people of ALL ages and abilities and interests will be able to participate in Serve Fest! You can choose from ramp construction, other outdoor jobs, make lunch and then visiting shutins to share it with them, going to a nursing home with the Children's Sunday School, doing yard work for the elderly, painting, or praying for each household in our church family PLUT LOTS MORE!!!

Just stop by the church anytime next week – we will have each and every job posted on a sign up sheet in the office hallway and in the front entryway. Come September 18, dressed and ready to do your serving task

GOD IS GOING TO BLESS THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY OF SERVICE IN HIS NAME!!!!



NEW ONE SESSION DISCUSSION GROUP!

LUGGAGE

Monday Sept. 26th from 6:30-8:00 pm –Just 1 session only!

Maybe a friend turned their back on you. Maybe someone you love betrayed you. We all have wounds and we end up carrying them around for weeks, months, and even years. It often hard to forgive, so the sometimes only way to feel better is to somehow get back at the people that hurt us. *But God has another plan!*

Maybe forgiving isn't something you do for someone else to let them off the hook. Maybe forgiveness is about you. God didn't create you to carry wounds around. God created you to be free. In this 1 session group find out the importance of forgiveness in our Christian walk and how to look to Jesus as our example.

No book, no preparation, and no cost!!

Childcare will be available if you let us know on the Church Life Servant Sheet!

Come and bring a friend!

Using our new rating system, this class is noted as
201 Personal Development as well as a 301 (spiritual development) group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS
RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 11 – COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!

On Sunday, September 11 at 9:40 we will begin another stupendous year with the Lord in our Sunday School. Everyone will gather in the sanctuary, where we'll meet our new teachers.

We have a fantastic team of dedicated volunteers who are ready, willing and able to joyfully share the Good News with young and old. Here's a brief synopsis of our classes:

Pre-Kindergarten **Jeff Corbett, Karen Hakala**

Parables and stories of Jesus

Kindergarten **Heather Graham, and a helper – maybe you??!!**

Old Testament stories from the Creation through Moses, David, Daniel, Noah, Jonah.

First Grade **Nancy Sidley, Kathy Nizen, Virginia March**

The Ten Commandments, Beatitudes and how Christians are to treat one another.

Second Grade **Mary Spencer**

Jesus' parables, God's promises to Abraham, Noah, Moses and us, and the 23rd Psalm

Third Grade **John Rodgers**

Receive Bibles and learn how to use them. Books of the Bible, the Disciples, Beatitudes.

Fourth Grade **John King**

The life of Jesus, John and Charles Wesley

Fifth Grade **Mark Litwiler**

Old Testament, stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph & Moses. Psalm 1, Micah 6:8 and the Ten Commandments.

Sixth Grade **Marian King**

How Christians are to treat each other, the Ten Commandments, Golden Rule, Beatitudes. Part 2 of John Wesley and the Methodist Church.

Seventh Grade **Pastor Meredith, Chuck Phelps**

We'll begin our Confirmation journey, with goal of joining the church next Pentecost.

Eighth Grade **Greg House**

Who Jesus was ("I Am" passages), Old Testament prophecies, parables, how to have a deeper Spiritual life. The Trinity, who is Jesus and all His names, living a Christ-like life, the power of Jesus.

Senior Highs **Jon & Brittney Roden**

Jon & Brit will begin a series on Romans. They're excited to be meeting more teens Sunday mornings.

**We have only ONE Sunday School Staff Opening -
A Co-Teacher for Kindergarten with Heather Graham.**

**If you'd like to help lead our little ones in their first steps with Jesus, please call Joy Ebersole at
563-5241!!!**

COME ENJOY OUR ALL CHURCH SUMMER CELEBRATION

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

At the home of Don Sotka and Laurie Rider, 1550 Lake Crest Dr., Roaming Shores

GATHER AT 5 P.M. - relaxing on the porch or whatever!!

*POTLUCK PICNIC AT 6 P.M. - bring a dish to pass & lawn chair if you'd like. Table service
and drinks will be provided*

*VESPERS AT 7 P.M. - we'll gather on the dock and worship God with our praise band and a
simple message from Pastor Meredith.*

*DO YOU NEED A RIDE??? Call the church office this week, and we'll be sure you can get
there!!! Directions are provided at the front & back of the sanctuary.*

**JOIN OUR BRAND NEW YOUNG ADULT
GROUP "YAG"**

Come Mondays from 6:30-8PM **RIGHT HERE AT JEFFERSON UMC – IN THE DISCIPLE ROOM.** Quincy Wheeler and Jon Roden will be leading a discussion group for young adults from 18-35.

We've been looking at a challenging study by Adam Hamilton, "Confronting the Controversies." We're looking at seven hot-topic issues in the church and society from a Biblical perspective, and using this opportunity to focus on how our differences of opinion can be reconciled in the life we share in Jesus. Jon and Quincy's beliefs often differ, so all viewpoints will be welcome. We encourage you to join this brand-new small group! (No prep needed, and you can come whenever you are able)

**Would You Like To Be A
Coffee & Donuts Host**

We serve coffee and donuts, tea, English muffins and bagels each morning after the 8:30 worship service. We have a team of hospitable people who take turns doing this, but some have had to take a break, and we could use some new helpers. If you think you'd like to learn more, please sign up on Sunday's Church Life Servant Sheet, and Pat Cramer will give you a call.

LET'S COVER THOSE FEET AND SEATS!!!

Seats & feet—we all like to have them covered, don't we? Well, some of the people who come to Spiderweb need coverings & there just aren't many there to be had. So, in Aug., we'll be collecting new (we don't want other people's underwear, do we??) underwear & socks for school children. If you feel inclined to include some for adults, that would be great, too! There will be a labeled collection container in the Sanctuary during the month. Please be generous—none of us would want to see naked seats or feet in school this year!

Missions Committee

MANNA FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Manna Pantry, the food pantry in our community for those in need is asking for: mac and cheese, cans of pasta, Kleenex, dish soap, and diapers. Don't forget the food pantry is open the first Wednesday of each month from 5-7 p.m. -- as well as on Mondays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Also, there will be a free produce distribution August 25, September 22, and October 27. Please bring your own bags or boxes; this helps us a great deal.

**COME TO A PEACE VIGIL
Sunday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.**

Gather at the Village Gazebo and join others to pray for peace locally, nationally and around the world. Prayers will be shared, and candles will be lit. For more info, please call Jack & Mary Howe, 576-4812.

**Radical Hospitality Team to Sponsor
Hospitality Center**

In another effort to help newcomers to our church feel welcome and comfortable, we've been working to set up a Hospitality Center. Volunteers are needed to man the Center before and after worship services. Current newsletters, flyers about upcoming events, maps of where classrooms and restrooms are located and other information will be available there. "Probably the most important component, though, will be a welcoming, friendly person to help them with their questions. We really want to go all out to let newcomers now that we care about them," quips Pastor Meredith. "I'm hoping to develop a great team of people who will do just that!!" Look in the Church Life Servant Sheet to sign up.

**Please help out with our Youth Breakfast
on Sunday Sept 11
We need the following: Milk, Juice,
Muffins, cereal, fruit. Please sign up on
the Church Life Servant Sheet if you would
like to donate something.**

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who prepare and donate to our funeral dinners. So far, we have prepared and served three dinners for the year 2011. thus far, I only needed to call on ten people for help. if your name is on this list, you will be called when needed. I hope all of you will continue to donate. If, for any reason, you are unable to continue with this ministry, please call Millie Zasadzinski at 812-1597. we currently have 47 names. Also, if you'd like to help by providing food, please call Millie.

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS
Sunday, September 25**

Tower Center Center, Cleveland Ohio

If you'd like to support our local team who will be participating in this walkathon, please call either Sandy Corbett (576-9406) or Carole Wright (576-5973). Checks can be made out to the Alzheimer's Association.

ARE YOU AN ADULT? WE HAVE GREAT SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES!!

In addition to our wonderful Sunday School classes for little one through Senior Highs, we have a fabulous array of adult classes of various sizes and shapes – there's one that's just right for you! Adults usually gather in their classes a little before 10 a.m. New people are ALWAYS welcome in any of these classes. Check them out below –

The Parlor Class -- Led by Neil Coleman. This class for men and women meets in the Parlor each week. They'll be using an really innovative curriculum called "What In The World" that looks at what's been in the news headlines in the past week and then applies them to our lives as Christ followers. Neil says, "We always try to find how our studies can be applied to our everyday lives – and we really enjoy laughing together and hearing each other's viewpoints."

The Men's Class – Led by Ron Cramer LUDI (Latin word for training school for gladiators & warriors) LUDI, the men's class, will continue their study of the book "Man in the Mirror" by Patrick Morley Books are just \$5. If you'd like to join us, stop in for coffee and donut time in Wesley Hall in our gym, and then we'll go to our classroom. Our Men's Ministry vision is Men Helping Men to be a part of God's light to the world.

Siblings in Christ Class -- Led by Penny Redmon and Sandy Corbett We are continuing with the "Fruits of the Spirit". We finished doing Love & Joy and will be starting on "Peace" in Sept. Books are \$5.00 each and there are 6 lessons in each book. We will be meeting in Angels Wing again. This class is open to both men and women.

The Women's Class – Women of all ages are welcome in the class, which meets in the Disciples' Room off Wesley Hall. We'll be looking at a wonderful Max Lucado book "Just Like Jesus". Come to our first class on Rally Day, September 11, at 10 a.m., where we'll catch up on our summer adventures, get to know each other a bit, and get an idea of how the class will take shape. You'll be able to order your book, as well. Our first regular class will then be Sunday, September 25. (Remember, on September 18, we'll be going out to serve in our community for Serve Fest – there will be no regular Sunday School.) Come to coffee & donuts time in Wesley Hall (the gym) and then we'll go to class.

In addition to the Sunday morning studies that are offered for adults – here is a weeknight opportunity to grow closer to God!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING A DISCIPLE COURSE?

Disciple is an in-depth 34-week Bible study. We'll be meeting once a week from September through May, with a week off here and there for the holidays. This year we're offering **Disciple – Into the Word – Into the World**. The class will begin meeting Tuesday, September 6 from 7-9:30 p.m.

You must have taken the basic Disciple class before taking other Disciple classes, so this is your chance to get into the Disciple mode

You'll be able to sign up on Sunday's Church Life Servant Sheet. Cost for the class materials is \$37, which can be paid in installments. Also, scholarships are available.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

New members will be received into our church family on Rally Day, September 11. There will be an orientation for all those who want to join our church on Wednesday, September 7 at 7 p.m. If you are interested, please call the church office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OFFERED

Once again Pastor Meredith will be offering the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 25. If you are interested in being baptized or would like to have your child baptized, please call the church office. Pastor Meredith will meet with you beforehand.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE **IS OFFERING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

The Nominating Committee is meeting and contacting people to fill positions on various committees and boards for the coming year. These are great opportunities to be part of the ministries here and to have a firsthand effect in how we live out our Christian call. If you're interested in serving in any of these ways, please sign up on today's Church Life Volunteer Sheet.

At Large Members on Administrative Council

– The Administrative Council is, in effect, our governing body. They generally meet on the second Monday of even numbered months at 7 p.m. Reports from all the various Boards and Committees are presented, policies are established and when needed, recommendations to take important matters before the congregation are made.

Missions Committee – Members of this committee usually meet four times a year to support presently operating missions in our church and sometimes begin new mission opportunities.

Memorial Committee – Members of the Memorial Committee meet quarterly at 9:15 a.m. They work with the Trustees to administer the Memorial Fund. They assist with the purchase of items for the church from our various Memorial Funds.

LET'S PUT TOGETHER BIRTHING KITS!!

These kits are used around the world to ensure that women have access to the very basics of a safe birth. When you read the list, and realize how much we here in America have access to in terms of medical care, we hope you'll bring in the requested supplies to help someone who is really in need!!

You can leave your donations in a bin outside the church office marked "Birthing Kits." THANKS!!!

The Missions Committee

- **1 small bar of soap (1-2 oz. size)**
- **1 pair latex, surgical or thin rubber gloves (not required to be sterile)**
- **1 single edge razor blade (must be covered in paper or cardboard to keep it from causing injury)**
- **2 receiving blankets (30"x30" or 32"x32" size – no thermal or fleece)**
- **1 plastic ziplock bag – 1 gallon size**

All items must be new. Do not wash any of them, as they will be considered used.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for Bible camp (VBS). I had so much fun! I loved playing outside and the shake it up songs!
Ben Phillips

Dear Christian Café,
Just a note of thanks for the wonderful dinners you bring. We appreciate all of you so much. God bless,
Marilyn Mick

To my Church family,
Thank you for your kindness and sympathy during my time of want. I am comforted by your thoughts and prayers and cards. I will miss my brothers, but know they are in Christ's loving arms. Sincerely,
Sophia Shelko and family

To my church family,
I want to thank you for your cards, prayers, visits while I was in the hospital had having therapy for my knee. I am getting along real good and continuing therapy. Thank you, too for the cards and prayers for the passing of Larry's mother. Thanks again,
Nola & Larry Vlock

Dear Meredith, Quincy, Jon, Bruce Chapman & Trustees,
Thank you all so much as well as the rest of the JUMC family for the use of your church van for our mission trip. We took 21 people to Kentucky and built 4 ramps and replaced a roof on a house, along with teams from several other churches. The week was a great success.

Thanks again for your part in the work of that week. The van made it much easier for us to get there and back. Love and blessings,
Bruce Becker &
the Mayfield Church work camp team

Dear Church Family,
VBS was a success!! We learned about God's "Secret recipes" for our lives. We enjoyed Storytime, Discovery Science activities, Recreation, Music, Craft, Snack and a time to think and reflect on missions in our world. Thank you to all who prayed and donated money/items, to parents for allowing your children to send the week with us, and especially to all the staff who generously volunteered their time to teach and especially to ALL the staff who generously volunteered their time to teach and guide these wonderful little "chefs."
SHAKE IT UP!!!! Jon & Brittney Roden, Co Directors

Dear Vacation Bible School Children,
Thank you so very much for your recent donation of 225 pounds of food to the Manna Food Pantry. What an awesome job you all did in collecting that food! Your contribution will make it possible for us to provide food for many area families who are in need. Sincerely,
Susan Green, Manna Project

SHARING THE MINISTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2011

8:30 Service

11:00 Service

Acolyte

September 4	Marissa Christ	Jessica Bumgarner
11	Karlee Stainfield	Blake Burns
18	Henna Neely	Brady Burns
25	Henry Piper	Breonna Wiley

Techs

September 4	Rob Ebersole & Will Ulrich	Neil Coleman & Rob Ebersole
11	Tom Avsec & Dan Claypool	George & Bekki Smith
18	Tim Nugent & Cody Ulrich	Neil Coleman & Rob Ebersole
25	Tom Avsec & Cody Daly	Rob Ebersole & Kevin Burke

Nursery (11:00)

September 4	Annette Sheldon	Ron Ensell & Patti Neill
11	Tammy Misinec	Pat Cramer
18	Jeff Corbett	Beth Jeppesen
25	Lisa Brail	Jodi Bishop & Annie Bryan

Liturgist (8:30)

September 4	John King	Sept. 2	Julie Crossley
11	Nancy Williams	9	Cindy Zimny
18	Lee DeyErmand	16	Mary Howe
25	Marty Cephas	23	Susan Herpy
		30	Vicki Wright

Coffee & Donuts

Friday Afternoon Helper

Greeters

September 4	Betty Johns	Vicki Wright
11	Bruce & Lou Ann Chapman	Kelly Burns
18	Pam Zack	Allie O'Neill
25	Dale & Carol Christ	Judi Huggins

Ushers

September 5	(8:30) Tim Nugent, Tim Vogel	(11:00) Brian & Kelly Burns
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Communion Stewards

Cindy Zimny & Sue Belden	Rich & Ruth Rea
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Here's a list of folks with birthdays in September:
(If you'd like your birthday listed, just call the church office.)

Sept.	1	Caron Crow
	2	Alice Harju Sandra Diemer
	3	Kelly Jerome Emily Locy
	4	Dorothy Currier Melissa Norton
	5	Roger Gaskell Robin Sly
	6	Sandy Amsdell
	7	Benjamin Gage Jackie Pakkala John Ringer
	8	Joy Ebersole
	9	Dave Holik
	10	Brice Comp Joe Miller Jeff Agnew II
	11	Stephanie Nieset Alexander Krieg Callie Busch
	12	Lisa Brail Caleb Nugent
	13	Samantha Offenber Alexis O'Neill
	14	Jeremy Brooks
	15	June Marlow Bill Lake Michelle Krieg
	16	Karlee Stainfield Kim Nelson
	18	Ken Thomas
	19	Chuck Phelps Sara Misinec
	22	Will Holik
	23	Ken Zigmund
	24	Shannon Litwiler
	26	Mary Cowen Wayne Glover
	29	Derek Phelps Matthew Cramer Tom Housel Carolyn Jerome
	30	Jeff Leary Richard Brook

THIS MONTHS EVENTS

Sundays	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sundays	9:40 a.m.	Sunday School	Various locations
Sundays	10:00 a.m.	Adult Classes	Various locations
Sundays	11:00 a.m.	Encounter Worship	Sanctuary
Sundays	11:20 a.m.	SPARK! for children	Angel's Wing
Mondays	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Group	Disciples' Room
Wednesdays	1-3 p.m.	Mary-Martha Circle	Disciples' Room
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Teen Choirs begin	Angel's Wing
Saturdays	7:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Group	Mugs Restaurant
Sept. 6 & 20	4-6:00 p.m.	Christian Café	Wesley Hall
Sept. 7	7:00 p.m.	New Member Orient.	Angel's Wing
Sept. 8	7:00 p.m.	Cancer Support Group	Parlor
Sept. 1, 15, 29	7:00 p.m.	Praise Band Practice	Sanctuary
Sept. 13	noon	Table Talk	Angel's Wing
Sept. 14	6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Circle	home of Norma Barton
Sept. 15	7:00 p.m.	Memory Loss Support Group	Parlor
Sept. 18	ALL DAY	SERVE FEST	LOTS OF PLACES!!!
Sept. 21	3:40 p.m.	Adventure Club Begins	Jefferson Elementary
Sept. 22	6:30 p.m.	Crazy Love Class begins	Angel's Wing
Sept. 22	7:30 p.m.	Next Step Bereavement Group	Parlor
Sept. 24	9:30 - 3	Multi Market Mission Event	Wesley Hall
Sept. 25	2:00 p.m.	Worship at Austinburg Nrsng. Home	
Sept. 26	6:30 p.m.	One Session Class- Luggage	Angel's Wing

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mon., Sept. 5	7:00 p.m.	Radical Hospitality	Angel's Wing
Mon., Sept. 12	6:15 p.m.	Finance Comm.	church office
Mon., Sept. 12	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Council	Angel's Wing
Mon., Sept. 19	7:00 p.m.	Trustees	Parlor
Tues., Sept. 20	5:30 p.m.	Membership Care	Parlor



MUSIC MINISTRY THRIVING AT JUMC!

We've always had a fantastic music ministry here at Jefferson United Methodist Church, and this year will be even better. Praises will be lifted to God by our littlest ones right through our seniors. Just take a look -- even better -- **join one or more choirs and let God show His beautiful love to you through His music!**

Kinderchoir -- Led by **Nita Mountjoy**, our Pre-Schoolers & Kindergarteners meet during Sunday School to practice. They'll be singing at both 8:30 worship & 11:00 Encounter services Occasionally, with their first time November 27.

Children's Bell Choir -- Under the direction of **Nita Mountjoy**, this choir will practice just before worship on the Sundays they'll be playing. Their first time to play will at our Encounter 11:00 a.m. service on October 16. This choir is for children ages 4 and up.

Children's Choir -- With **Pastor Meredith** leading them, they'll be practicing during SPARK!, our special worship time for children which begins at 11:20 a.m. each Sunday. The first time they'll be singing will be September 18.

Joy Ringers -- Led by **Kathy Housel**, they'll be practicing Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.. This is for all teens in Grades 7-12. Check out the youth page and the article below for more details!!!

Inspiration -- Led by **Pastor Quincy**, they'll be practicing Wednesday evenings, too, from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.. Again, look on the youth page in this newsletter issue for more details. This is for teens in Grades 7-12.

Chancel Choir -- Led by **Ruth Rea** they practice **Wednesday** evenings at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.. They'll be singing mostly at the 8:30 service, and generally once a month at the 11:00 Encounter service.

Harmony Ringers -- This group of adults gets together a few times a year to learn a handbell piece for worship. **Paula Stevenson** is their director. They'll play at the 11:00 a.m. service November 6. Come to Kathy Housel's orientation workshop – see below!!!

The Way Home -- This is a group who enjoys that country bluegrass sound. They sing four times a year. They'll be ready to sing & play at the 8:30 a.m. service September 25

Christmas Eve Choir -- Jodi Bishop has stepped forward to direct a choir of teens through adults in selections from Handel's Messiah for our 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Look for more details about practice times, etc. this fall.

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY HANDBELLS???

COME TO A WONDERFUL ORIENTATION WORKSHOP SERIES!!!!

Kathy Housel invites everyone interested in learning about how to play handbells to this series that will get you on board to handbell playing success!!

The workshops will be held Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28 from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. It's open to EVERYONE, but especially 7th graders who have any interest in the bells as instruments and just want to give it a try. There's no commitment to join any of the choirs – just come try it out!!

The Prayer Closet

*“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up,
Just as in fact you are doing.” From Paul I Thessalonians 5:11*

Those in our church family:

Nathan Coleman	Rose Werenko	Jack Corbett
Helen Metzler	Jack Corbett	Shyanne Crow
Randy Writz	Tim Mizer	Neil Coleman
David Shadle	Della Smith	Ken Thomas
Helen Metzler	Tim Mizer	Brad Agnew
Paula Starzynski	Mary Sober	

Friends and family:

Keith Kiefer (lifted by Beth Ann Bukky)
Sara & James (lifted by Beth Ann Bukky)
Wanda Schommer (Melissa Johnson's mom)
Michelle Staten (lifted by Jeanne & Donna Moore)
Mark Estock
Sandy Fletcher (lifted by Jack & Mary Howe)
Jerry Verdi (lifted by Rose Shadle)
Bob Shelko, Paul Shelko's uncle
Washington St. UMC in Tiffin who recently closed their doors to merge w/Ebenezer UMC to become Faith UMC the 1st of Aug. (Nathan Howe serves these congregations)
John A. Miller (Joe Miller's brother)
Arlene Vlock (lifted by Larry & Nola Vlock)
Michelle Station (lifted by Donna Moore)
Courtney Callen (lifted by Allen Wala)
People who are unemployed
Vicki Stevenson (lifted by Betty Jacques)
Rick Bridinger, Claire (Martin's) husband (lifted by Sherry Martin)
Barb & Jim Minich (lifted by Gerry Jerome)
Ken Shadle, David Shadle's brother
Robin, Rich & Ruth Rea's neighbor
Dorothy Moody, Mike Johnson's grandma
Michael Hall (lifted by Anna May)
Josh Donathan (being shipped out to Afghanistan soon)
Glenn Jackson, I
Dorothy Moody Graham (lifted by Mike Johnson)
Sandy Wilson (lifted by Rosalie Shadle)
Jeanette Baker (lifted by Sandy Corbett)
Audrey Olin (lifted by Carole Wright)
Carolyn Greene
Bill Dunick & Kathy Nagle, Bob Lachey's cousins
Mariah Kaziska (lifted by Debbie Burlingame)
Mark Estock (lifted by Jim & Sandy Medic)
Dorothy Moody, Mike & Crystal Johnson's grandmother
Ruth Woodard (lifted by Carole Wright)
Carolyn Greene (lifted by Carole Wright)
Audrey Olin (lifted by Carole Wright)
Ken Shadle, Dale & David Shadle's brother (lifted by Ardith & Carol DeBow)
Ruth DeBow, Ardith & Carol DeBow's sister-in-law
Sandy Shadle Wilson, Dale & Donnann Shadle's daughter (lifted by Ardith & Carol DeBow)
Ansel Pierce (lifted by Tom & Carole Wright)
Ruth Mary service (lifted by the Jerome siblings)
Dee Darrigo, Marilyn Woodworth's sister
Ann Dahman (lifted by David & Rose Shadle)

Those who are celebrating special times:

Annie (Hamilton) and Curt Bryan who were married yesterday
Praise for the great time our softball team had this year
Glenn & Jennell Jackson, III who were married last week
A successful, wonderful VBS
Dan & Eileen (McNie) Wagner, who were married recently
Mark & Theresa (Schubert) Mihalic, who were married here recently
Sean Crowell, who is being stationed in Germany.

Those who are in mourning:

Peggy & Gene Creech, following the death of their brother (lifted by Norma Barton)
The family of Ken Howe following his death (Jack Howe's uncle)
The family Bill Baker following his death (lifted by Pastor Meredith)
The family of Ted Wrona following his death (Sophia Shelko's brother)
Fatal car accident in Jasper, NY involving Amish folks (lifted by Joy Serrine)
The family of Arlene Vlock, following her death (Larry Vlock's mom)
The family of Mary Calaway, following her death (Terry Smith's aunt)
The family of Tammy Norris (lifted by Deanna & David Blough)
The family of Mary Calaway following her death (Terry Smith's aunt)
The family of Jim & Mary Pelton, following Jim's death (lifted by Don & Jane Mead)
Robin Thaxton and family following the death of her dad, Robert Hill (lifted by John & Nancy Patterson)
The family of Rev. Ed Diehl following his death (pastor of Pierpont Presbyterian Church)

REMEMBER OUR SHUTINS

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Ruby Hruska-Williams, Dona Phelps, Vera Brenneman, Mildred Pettit, Cliff Taft, Hilda Springer, Edie Conway, Frances Prochko and Lola Metzler reside at Jefferson Healthcare Center, 222 E. Beech St., Jefferson, OH 44047 Ph: 576-0060.

Robert Janson and Dorothy Krieg reside at the Ashtabula County Nursing Home. Kingsville, OH 44048. Ph: 1-224-2161.

Eleanor Ferguson resides at Country Club Estates, 925 E. 26th Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Evelyn Kenyon resides at Austinburg Nursing & Rehab Center 2026 State Route 45 N., Austinburg, OH 44010 Ph: 275-3019

Thelma Hoffman resides at Saybrook Landing 2300 Center Rd., #401, Ashtabula, OH 44004

**IT'S TIME TO THINK
ABOUT CONFIRMATION!!**

Hey, Can you believe it?!!! **The Confirmation journey with Pastor Meredith and Chuck Phelps on Sunday, September 18 at 9:40, during Sunday School.** Between September and Confirmation in May, they'll be growing in their knowledge of God's call in their lives through class time, field trips and retreat trips. This kind of deep growing requires a deep commitment from Pastor Meredith, Chuck Phelps, from the Confirmands AND from moms and dads. With all working together, the experience can be a cornerstone in the Confirmand's faith. And as a whole church family we can support them with our prayers. What a beautiful year lies ahead for them! Anyone in Seventh Grade or above is eligible for Confirmation Class.

COME TO OUR MULTI MARKET for MISSIONS

JUST ONE MORE DAY –

Saturday September 24, 2011- 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**TABLES ARE \$20 EACH. SELL YOUR CRAFTS –
SELL YOUR FLEAS/GARAGE SALE ITEMS --
ARE YOU A VENDOR? SET UP A TABLE FOR
YOUR BUSINESS!!!**

**All proceeds from these events will be used to support a group from our church who will be traveling to Uganda in January/February 2012 to work with Active Blessing in helping abandoned children. To learn more about this ministry go to www.activeblessing.com
LOOK FOR THE ORANGE REGISTRATION FORMS on our Hospitality Tables.**

***Sew a Pillowcase Dress for
a young girl in Africa!***

Stop by Pat Cramer's office window and see a sample of the lovely dresses we're making up for girls in Uganda (for Emily Locy's organization) and Liberia (for Matthew Cramer's organization). There are lots of ways you can help!! Patterns are available in the church office. You could donate cotton fabric, trims like ric rack or satin ribbon, or sew some dresses . There is already a bin of fabrics available for you to take to make dresses – it's outside the church office, in the Lobby. They're fun and simple to make!!!

**PLEASE GIVE US YOUR
COLLEGE & CAREERS CHILD'S ADDRESS**

We like to stay in touch with all of our post-high school young people. Please complete the little form on this Sunday's Church Life Servant Sheet so we have their address. We'll send them the monthly newsletter, our daily devotional "The Upper Room.", and a goodie box in February. You could also call the church office with the information. We'd like their e-mail address, as well as their mailing address. Thanks!

ADVENTURE CLUB GETS READY TO ROLL!!

We're happy to announce that we're once again offering our Wednesday afterschool Bible Club, which takes place at the Jefferson Elementary School Cafeteria. Our first day will be September 21. **We have many of our staff leaders returning, but would appreciate two more adults to help out. If you'd like to learn more, sign up on Sunday's Church Life Servant Sheet.**

The Adventure Club runs through the school year from 3:45 to 5:00. Children in K-Third Grade will be participating in "God's Kids Grow" curriculum, and the Fourth – Sixth Grades will be using age-gearred "Real8" curriculum. Look for registration fliers at the hospitality tables at church soon.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO HAS RECENTLY MOVED HERE? INVITE THEM WORSHIP WITH US!!! We have a beautiful church family here at JUMC, and we're here to offer the love of Jesus to them!! If you need help, just call the church office, and someone from our Radical Hospitality team would be glad to talk to them, too!!!

WE HAVE A NEW SUPPORT GROUP!!!

Come to their first meeting

Thursday, September 8 at 7 p.m.

CANCER SUPPORT is open to anyone whose life has been affected by the painful circumstances of cancer. Meetings are a time of encouragement, fellowship, and prayer. The **Cancer Support Group** desires to reach out to our church family and community by creating a confidential environment that merges biblical, emotional, social and practical support.

Meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month. Join us for our first meeting, Thursday, September 8, at 7 pm in the church parlor/library.

**COME TO THE H2O FUNDRAISER –
A CABBAGE ROLL DINNER & BAKE SALE!!!**

**At the Jefferson Church of the Nazarene Friday, September 9 4-6:30 p.m.
Adults: \$7 Children: \$4 Under Age 4: Free!**

GET YOUR TICKETS THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE OR AT THE DOOR!!!

**All proceeds will be used by the H2O Team
to buy supplies for their work camp Sept. 15-17.**

NEWS FROM UGANDA – ACTIVE BLESSINGS

Below are portions of a recent newsletter from Jane Snyder, founder of Melchizedek's Treasure, the Christian aid mission that Emily Locy is now working for. Please read and pray for them and those they serve.

HOME NEWS

Our lovely Aquasco (USA) home is now known as "headquarters." Its tiny bedroom office, which once accommodated me for 18 hours round the clock, now holds two people and four phones, a whiteboard totally full every day with the "TO DO" list, and the FAMOUS EMILY LOCY, our first full time staff. She answers the Africa calls, does my email, solves all problems and tweets about my husband, Bob, whom everyone is so interested. He is sure to be a reality star of every genre before she is finished with him. Emily herself needs to have some dental work done, so anyone wishing to bless her lovely mouth with a dental donation, will be much appreciated. She also needs some REGULAR monthly missionary support. After the trip she is planning a three-month college speaking tour to mobilize the service organizations on campuses to our cause. We hope to bring one of the ABU boys with us for FIRST HAND TALES. His ticket will cost \$2000. please book Emily for Sept – Nov. in any places YOU want to mobilize help for us. Emily.locy@gmail.com

PRAYER SITE

Rev. Kathleen Walker started a FaceBook Prayer Page for us called Fire Revival Prayer. We have ever-changing prayer requests there, from A Blessing Uganda, A Blessing India, for revival to break out in East Africa, and for Jane's requests. Melchizedek's Treasure is again fulfilling its destiny as worship-intercession mobilization in the earth. Please visit the site and click "like." You will find the prayer requests in "notes." If you want to be part of what God is doing in the earth enter into prayer. Prayer is the entrance and the lifeline of God's Kingdom. It does not cost money – just as the gospel is also free. HIS KINGDOM OPERATES OUTSIDE OF MONEY. Yet money is needed to facilitate our care of the destitute. It is Compassion Ministries.

KIDS SAY: HELP

Here are some immediate kid needs: Please respond to anything you can help with:

1. Junior needs a wheelchair -- \$200
2. All ABU school kids need second term fees. \$40/month feeds, clothes, houses, even medical care, AND SCHOOL FEES for one teenager. Become a regular supporter.
3. Gulo project needs new plates, gerrycans, mosquito nets blankets – just everything for daily life. A \$100 donation would cover everything. The Gulu Technical students also need tuition fees.
4. Gulu ABU Football Team needs uniforms and shoes and most of all BALLS. Those cost \$17 each.
5. RESCUE needs are for \$750 to move our 20 new Congo LRA rebel returnees from Kampala to Kitgum for their transformation process. We need \$200 for huts for our new South Sudan transformation center.
6. Soroti Project needs mattresses @ \$20 each and nets \$5. Many primary children need new school uniforms @ \$12 and black shoes # \$12. Some have no other clothing than the uniform.
7. Kitgum needs are mostly school fees. Our ABU office is in Kitgum and needs a computer and printer and some new furniture.
8. Kampala Project – Our Kampala project is in the process of becoming self-sufficient. Alfred's 44 orphans are supported by his several businesses on land he has just purchased. He has the beads business, a hair salon, a video rental store and has asked for \$2000 to put up a building for a gym he has been collecting equipment for. Alfred is a good investment as he turns everything into a way to make money – even my camera he made me leave with him, is now used for passport photos. Hey . . . I need a camera.
9. Finally STREET KIDS. These kids need consistent money for their medical needs every month which are life and death issues. Some of our Street Kid Pastors have borrowed money to save kids' lives, and are now being hunted until I can get money to pay these debts. One small child from Kumi died today from malaria because I did not have any money to save his life. After evangelizing a city of street kids, teenage Pastors can be sponsored in a new city for \$50 per month. we have many waiting to go. There are so many ways you can help them. Be an Active Blessing!

MYSELF

I have need of \$950 for my flight to and from India and some spirit-led financial support coming in in July and August while I am on the ground. I love all of you and will keep you updated on things as they happen.

Online donations at: <http://activeblessing.com/donate>

Checks can be made out to: Melchizedek's Treasure, 16600 Saint Mary's Church Road, Aquasco, MD 20608
301-602-5126 Melchizedekstreasure@yahoo.com

FROM PASTOR QUINCY

Philippians 1:20-21, "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

So, we have been traveling through the first chapter of Philippians together over the past few months of newsletter articles, and we are currently looking at Paul's words to the Philippian church regarding his position being in prison, waiting for either execution, release or continued imprisonment. In these verses today, Paul gives us his outlook on life.

Whatever the outcome is, Paul believes it will not result in shame, but instead in the "exaltation" of Christ in his body, whether that exaltation occurs in life on this earth or in life after death. It's interesting that the Greek word for "exaltation" does not mean honoring, praising or glorifying, so much as it means expanding, making larger, increasing. So, Paul says here that he is on the edge of his seat, leaning out and looking forward to WHATEVER is coming next, because he KNOWS that the ultimate result will be Jesus getting BIGGER and MORE OBVIOUS in His life.

In looking at my life, I have discovered that it is impossible maintain a status quo. At all moments, I am changing - at a basic biological level, my body is constantly adapting to the effects of time, circumstances and other external and internal influences. On a mental and spiritual level, SOMETHING is always receiving my attention and effort and getting bigger and more prominent in my person. What Paul presents to me is that what is getting bigger, moment-by-moment, for him is the Person and Life of Jesus. More and more, every day, Paul is looking increasingly like His Savior, Jesus Christ. So much so that death would be nothing more than a bonus, a chance to be the image of Jesus at a super-heightened level.

What is it that is expanding in my life? A temperament, an interest, a personality trait, a habit... ME? I want the answer to that question to be Jesus... to see everyday His Heart and Mind overwhelming and transforming who I am into who I am created to be.

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H2O – A Brand New Adventure!!!!

Helping Others Healing Ourselves

Thursday, Friday, Saturday September 15-17, 2011

The H2O adult mission team is ready to roll out all over our county, for a 3-day work camp experience based at the Boy Scout camp, Beaumont, in Rock Creek. We have a great team of people from all over the county, and we now have a good number of jobs requested from people in need. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THEM!!! Contact Lee DeyErmand (813-1321) for more information!!!**

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE!!

Our new education/administrative wing is moving along beautifully!! Every week there are big changes, with the brickwork and roof complete, windows in, rough electrical being done and HVAC ready to go in. Everyone is looking forward to October, when the building should be complete!!!

THE FIRST WEEK

Mike Woodruff, a campus ministry veteran, says that "the first 168 hours after a student sets foot on campus represents the most strategic time for them to get plugged into a fellowship." We tend to agree. **The first week is critical.** It often determines the road that college students head down during their entire collegiate experience.

In our work with athletes at the University of Pittsburgh, we often have the opportunity to connect with students prior to when they step foot on campus. This is a huge advantage and an important time for us to reach students.

Recently, Kelly had the chance to connect with Chyna and Loliya, two incoming students on the women's basketball team. Both talked about the **transition from high school to college** and how they want to get involved right away, to develop a spiritual foundation for the road ahead.

Loliya, part of the Nigerian Under 19 National team said, **"I want them to see the Christ in me. I want my character to display that of Christ. I want to be a firm example of a child of God. Through my actions I will uplift my teammates as well as the atmosphere around me."**

This work on the front end really pays off. As we invest in students on the front end, they begin to recognize that there are more choices out there than partying, drinking and hooking up. They begin to catch a vision for the Kingdom of God and seek to live out their Christian faith in every area of life.

Thank you for your investment in the first 168 hours, in this transformative work in the lives of college athletes at the University of Pittsburgh.

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Chris & Kelly Cooke are in mission to young men and women athletes at the University of Pittsburgh. If you'd like to learn more, contact them at kellyscook@gmail.com