



The Herald Of Hope

Offering H.O.P.E. to the community



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Congratulation To Our 2007 Grads

RACHEL REEVES

Rachel Reeves will graduate from Springfield High School in the "Top 11" of her class this spring. She will be employed by the Chapel this summer as a day-camp helper at Camp Straight Street and also at Reeves Cake Top Shop.

Rachel will attend Heidelberg University in the fall where her major will be Secondary Education. She will also play on the soccer team. Plans beyond college for Rachel are to serve with Peace Corps.

MEGHAN DARST

Meghan Darst is graduating from Norton High School on June 2, 2007. She plans to attend Ashland University in the Fall and major in education. We will be celebrating this happy occasion on June 16th from 4:00—7:00 in the Hope Church Fellowship Hall. We would like to invite our church family to come and join us in this celebration!!

JULIE MILLER

Julie Miller will be graduating from Kent State University College of Business. She has earned a Bachelor of Business Administration. Her Major is in Marketing and her Minor is in Finance. Julie has enrolled in Kent State's Medical Technology.

DEBBIE RHODES

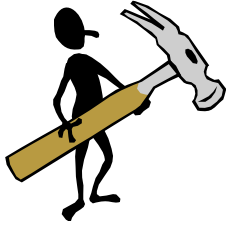
Debbie Rhodes will be graduating from Brown Mackie College in June with an Associate Degree in Accounting.

LARRY MCDONALD

Larry McDonald will be graduating from Coventry High School. Larry plans to try out for the Akron Aero's.

Congratulations to all of you. We will recognize you on Sunday, June 10th at our AM service.

(The above is as of May 15th. If you or a loved one is not listed please call Karen before June 5th so we can recognize you on the 10th.



TRUSTEE NEWS

Thanks to your Special Easter giving, the Trustees, under the leadership of Scott Campbell, were able to make the repairs to the rear wall of the sanctuary and the leaks in the overflow ceiling. This will permit repairs to ceilings and painting to begin as time and volunteer help permits. See Scott if you can give some time to one of the several projects that need attention. Let's keep the house of God in worthy condition.

ARE YOU GROWING IN THE LORD?

If not, you should be! Every Christian, regardless of age is called to grow continuously in the Lord. One great way to do this is to attend Bible Study each Sunday morning at 9:15 AM. There is a place for you! Parents don't forget to set the example for your children. Bring them with you to Bible Study and Worship.

We think Sunday School is so important—we do not take a vacation from study in the summer — so we will be looking for you this Sunday.

CEDAR POINT DAY



This is a Family Day for United Methodist & friends at Cedar Point. The day is sponsored by the East Ohio Conference youth council. Advance discount tickets are available on line at www.eocumc.com or at the area center (800) 831-3972. In addition to rides, etc., there will be special events including Holy Communion with Bishop Hopkins and a praise team.

YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (YAC)

East Ohio Conferences YAC is the largest such conference in the United Methodist Church. Youth & adult representatives from every church in the conference are invited to participate. This fun filled weekend has a serious side as the youth worship together and engage in legislative sessions. You may or may not be aware that our conference youth raise some \$20,000.00 every year for mission projects of their choice. The YAC sponsors a number of Christ-centered events each year. The largest gathering is youth jam held in Akron each fall. Youth jam is for **all** Youth in the conference churches and their friends. Over the years many youth have come to the Lord and many more have been encouraged to enter full-time Christian service.

HE BROUGHT US OUT MINISTRY IN



AKRON provides job skills and education to area jails. They are in need of the following items:

Men's - Suits, shoes, belts, shirts, ties, sports coats, etc. (general business attire)

Women's - Suits, dresses, skirts, belts shirts/tops, shoes, etc. (general business attire)

Spring clean your closets and share your find with someone who needs it. Place clean clothes in container in lobby or see Angie Veppert for drop off location.

CARE PACKAGE

Michael Rhodes has moved to North Carolina. Now that she has a house they are in need of everything from dishes, silverware, pots, pans & towels of all kinds. Donations would also be appreciated.

Thank you,
Debbie Rhodes

WOMEN'S ABF

The Women's ABF on Tuesday morning will continue in the fall. They will continue to study "A Systematic Study of I & II Corinthians".



The worship and mission committee have proposed that each time we have Holy Communion that a special offering be taken. This loose change offering would be placed in the Pastor's discretionary fund to help those in need throughout the year.

GFS

GORDON FOOD SERVICE MARKETPLACE

Below is a coupon that you can use at the Marketplace to buy cheaper food in bulk. When you use the coupon Hope Church receives a percentage of what you spend. Just cut the coupon out. Check it out—save money and help the church at the same time.

There is a correction on the address. The address is as follows: Canton, 4324 Whipple Avenue N.W. (330) 493-1114 & Tallmadge, 620 West Avenue (330) 634-9754

ALLUMINUM CANS, BALL FIELD



We have raised \$1,014.99 toward the ball field expenses through this project. Please remove tabs and place in the container in the lobby.

These go to Children's Hospital. We have collected over 30 pounds of tabs this month. (Thank you to Mike Wadsworth for taking them in as needed). Also, if you are able, please crush the cans.

Thank you for your support and thanks to Jim Tucker for recycling the cans.

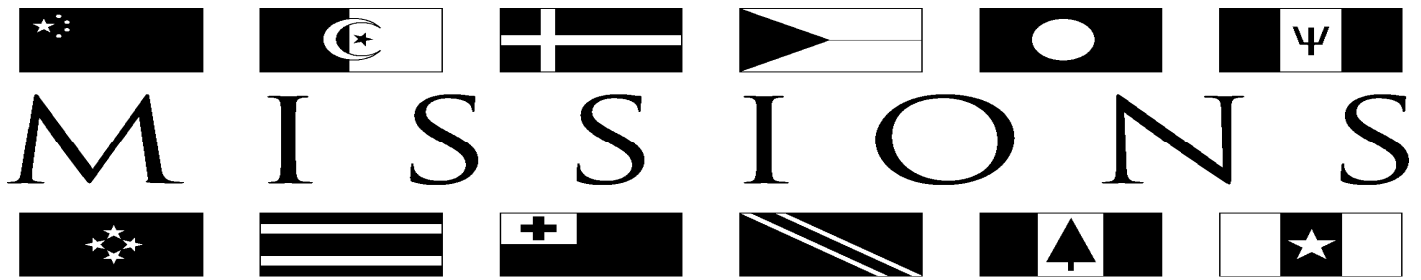


BRING A FRIEND TO BREAKFAST

What a great time to bring your FRAN to church with you. As you and your FRAN fellowship and worship together you will grow closer to Jesus and your FRAN may even invite Jesus into their lives. Remember our vision is to offer H.O.P.E. to the community, what better time for your guests to learn of our HOPE. Our next breakfast will be June 3rd at 9:00 AM. The breakfast will be hosted by the Bethany/Berean Class. (Tom Gant)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

*Only God can make a Dad.
He does it each and every time
He puts into the heart of a father
A special warmth and gentleness.
Only God can make a Dad
who shares his children's laughter,
dries their tears,
and always keeps on loving."
Author Unknown taken from the Joyful Noise-
letter, Vol. 22 No. 6 June-July 2007*



MISSION OF THE MONTH BILL & NANCY KIDWELL

Bill and Nancy Kidwell have been with OMS for over fifteen years.

Their first assignment was in Russia. Bill helped plant new churches, trained new pastors (Russians) and is bible study leader.

OMS has started a new outreach called "Every Community for Christ", in Europe, Asia and the Far East. This has required Bill and Nancy to receive new OMS training. In May they returned to Kiev.

JASON & CINDY SWAIN

Jason, Cindy & family are back here in the states due to visa problems. They will be itinerating until at least November, since they are expecting their second child. They are working on an assignment in India. We hope to have them with us sometime this summer. They will fill us in then.

BILLY SUE DUNN

Billy Sue Dunn is 5,000.00 behind in her support. If anyone would like to donate any money please mark Missions and put her name on the envelope. She is not our Mission of the Month until July but you can give early, but please do not short our other missionaries. Thank You

DAVID & RACHEL KERNEY

When David & Rachel Kerney began their ministry in Argentina, it was done from a rented room in a large neighborhood known as Los Perales. The Life Center was the only evangelical influence in all of Los Perales. However, God has been faithful, and now construction has begun for a gymnasium and a new church. The Holy Spirit has indeed touched the Kerney's ministry through the discipleship program and evangelistic trips into the Andes Mountains. Through these programs, many individuals have given their lives to Christ.

DAN & PEGGY ZIMMERMAN

We received an e-mail from the Zimmerman's regarding Peggy's bout with typhoid fever. She took the last of her antibiotics on May 18th and is noticeably more energetic. Continue to pray for them. They are still in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

2007 MOM UPDATE

		<u>Received</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>From our General Fund</u>
January	Dale Kincade	\$320.00	\$400.00	\$ 80.00
February	Way Out Prison Ministries	\$296.00	\$400.00	\$104.00
March	APS	\$267.00	\$400.00	\$133.00
April	Kohlers	\$326.00	\$400.00	\$ 74.00
May	Shine (to date 5/15)	\$203.00		

In addition we have supported our youth Shine project through the dessert auction with approximately \$1,025.00. This is over and above the MOM giving.

We have also given the following:

Human Relations Day, \$27.00; One Great Hour of Sharing, \$97.00; Native American Ministry, (to date) \$25.00; our special Easter offering, \$954.00; Penny jug (to date) \$282.99; and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, \$134.34.

We have also provided Preschool Scholarships in the amount of \$1,495.00.

Praise God he has allowed us to give about \$6,000.00 to mission so far this year. We are also current in our Canal District giving. We are running even with our operating budget, but we are behind in our shared ministry giving through Conference. Vital ministries such as new Church starts depend on this giving.

Please remember—especially in these summer months—that the Lord's work goes on through your Church 365 days a year.

Clearly the Lord has prospered us so far this year. Please continue to honor the Lord your God with the first fruits of your labor and on the first day of the week bring them into the house of the



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our next breakfast will be Saturday, June 9th at

8:00 AM. We will be planning a work day at the Church. Come learn the details and enjoy the fellowship. Please feel free to make this a father-son time.

VBS IS HERE

Vacation Bible School will be June 27th-30th. Wednesday through Friday will be 6:30-8:30 PM & Saturday will be a Family Fun Day from 1:00-5:00 PM. Please sign up to help us reach our community through VBS. If anyone has any questions, please contact Dawn Meehan, Jamie Lebold or Gwenn Bresslauer. The theme this year is "Living Water".

Interested In Joining Hope Church? Interested In Baptism?

If you are interested, please see Pastor Ken for more information.

SANCTUARY AIR CONDITIONER

As you all know the air conditioning has not worked the past two summers, and you might be wondering why it has not been fixed. Here is why and what we have faced:

- * The units are so old that they cannot be fixed.
- * Replacement costs ranging from approximately \$15,000.00 to years ago and now around \$20,000.00 - - - Both beyond our means.

That brings us up to the present:

- * The trustees have an opportunity to purchase and install two new 10,000-ton units at cost of around \$10,000.00 - - - a real bargain that will not likely be available later on.

What we are asking all of us to do:

- * Prayerfully consider if this is something we should take on...*and*
- * Are we willing to make the personal sacrifices necessary to fund this...*and*
- * Please keep in mind that our current offerings are just covering our bills with no cushion.
- * So anything we give toward this need should not be taken from our normal offerings.

Why should we do this now?

- * It is going to get hot soon and we are going to be very uncomfortable.
- * But more importantly we need to see this as part of our overall ministry.
- * That this is the Lord's house and we need to honor him by taking care of it.
- * *Honor the Lord with your substance and with the **first fruits** of all your produce.*
(Proverbs 3:9)

In Christ's Service,
Hope UMC Trustees

WE HAVE COLLECTED \$6,375 AS OF
SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

CAMPING MINISTRY

We have 11 children/youth going to camp this summer thanks to you. You have made it possible for these young people to experience the blessings of a Christian camping experience. You have raised \$500.00 for this mission project which is not listed on the mission page.

Thank You

CAMPERS

FATHER/SON—JULY 1-4

Terry & Tyler Nunn
Bill & Mitchell Delaney

CAMP WANAKEE—JULY 22-27

Chloe Myers

STOCKADE—JULY 1-7

Dylan Morris
Tad Shoemaker
Jeremy Heathman
Ross Reeves
Nathan Andrews
Cody Andrews
Donald Clark

CAMP WANAKEE—AUGUST 16-17

Jessica Gillard and her grandmother,
Ann Coutts



SHINE 2007

Shine week is July 8-14th. Pray for the team as they not only help our neighbors but share the love of Jesus. Jeremy & Angie Veppert

Thank you for the donations to Shine 2007. We have received plenty of cereal so far. When you are shopping, we still need ten 24 packs of 1/2 liter water bottles and the items listed below.

6—13X9 cakes on July 8th

10—13X9 cakes on July 12th to be used at carnival outreach event.

8 jars of peanut butter

12 boxes of cocoa packets (12 each)

8 jars of jelly

20 boxes of pop-tarts

800 flavor ice popsicles—unfrozen

We will be collecting the above items until June 17th. We will be cooking at Goss Memorial this year. Plan to come for dinner and stay for the worship service Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM with the evening service to follow at 7:00 PM.

Please begin to save your 1 gallon milk containers. Please wash them out with soapy water. We will make ice in them to keep the lunches cold.

Thank you for your help!!!

Contact Tom & Pam Gant or Glenn & Rita Veppert to volunteer to help.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's East Ohio Annual Conference will meet June 18-21 at Lakeside, Ohio. This is a very important conference in that 16 lay and 16 clergy and alternates will be elected to the Spring 2008 General Conference. We will also elect in addition to those elected to General Conference another 16 lay and 16 clergy to Jurisdictional Conference that meets in July of 2008. The General Conference is the only body that can speak for the church. The conference is composed of about 1,000 delegates plus alternates from all over the world. It is assumed that by 2012 more than one half of all United Methodist will reside outside the USA.

You can influence the General Conference through petitions in reference to any concern you have. These are due by March 2008. They have a simple format you can follow to prepare a petition. Petitions can also come from Administrative Board and other UM bodies, including annual conferences. **All** petitions must be considered! See Pastor Ken for details. Your voice **does** count! So pray for your Pastor, Merleen Campbell, our lay delegate, Martha Baillis and Roger Campbell, who are serving as Canal District Members-at-Large. Please pray also for the conference as a whole.

Suzette Oakes is at the Summit Villa Care Center in Tallmadge. Hospice thinks she has only a couple of month left. Pray that she doesn't suffer long. If anyone wants to send cards, please send to: Patricia E. Oaks, 3709 Royce Ct., Hillsborough, NJ 08844



SAM SALEM GRADUATES

Sam Salem will use our building on Wednesday, June 6th for graduation ceremonies. This will be the last class to graduate from the old building. The new building and community center is now under construction. By the time you read this children will have also had their track & field day on our field, since the new building is going up on the school's field.

PRESCHOOL

Thank you for saving Acme receipts this past year. The preschool received \$808.00 from the Acme Cash-back Program. Special thanks to Millie Miller for compiling the receipts in appropriate bundles and turning in the bundles.

Thank you for contributing to the Preschool Tuition Fund. A total of \$1,495.00 was contributed to that fund. Several families from our church appreciated the help that you provided. The preschool is an outreach ministry of Hope United Methodist Church.

The Preschool Staff

SUNDAY EVENING ABF's

Beginning June 3rd we will start a series of studies by Collin Smith, Unlocking Worship. This audio series will help you get more out of every worship opportunity. We will have time to discuss the specific lesson and offer praise and worship to our Lord. Plan to join us each week at 6:00 PM. Childcare will be available.



PASTOR'S PEN

As I was preparing to write this article, my eyes moved across my desk and fell upon a brochure advertising “Blossom Music Festival 2007”. My thoughts first went to the beauty of the summer and to the beautiful Blossom pavilion and grounds. Then as I read the concert schedule, I could hear the orchestra tuning their instruments, just before the conductor arrives on stage. I said to myself. Self! - Isn't that like the Church of Jesus Christ today. Since the day of Pentecost the believers in Jesus Christ have been on a mission. The mission is to gather men, women and children from all over the world to teach them how to use their lives (their God given selves) as instruments of God's love. Through the ages this orchestra (the body of Christ, the Church) has been learning the score—the Scriptures and how to follow the word of God. At times through the ages the Church has often sounded very good. Great leaders such as the apostles, Peter and Paul, the ancient church fathers, Martin Luther, John Knox, the Wesley's, Albright, Otterbein, Billy Graham and many others. These have called the Church to practice the “score”. That is to continue to seek holiness—Christ likeness in— every aspect of our lives. The Church through the ages has often struggled to stay in tune. The men mentioned as well as many pastors today, worked hard to guide the Church (you and me) in this concert preparation. As I look at the daily news and read God's word, we have much work to do if we are to be ready and in tune when the conductor, **Jesus Christ**, returns to the podium. The orchestra needs each person to be ready. Each of us is to know the score and have our lives in tune with the Lord. This requires constant work and continual readiness as we await the conductor. **ARE YOU READY?** Let us join together each Sunday for Bible Study and “concert” practice. The Lord awaits you!

Blessings to all,
Pastor Ken





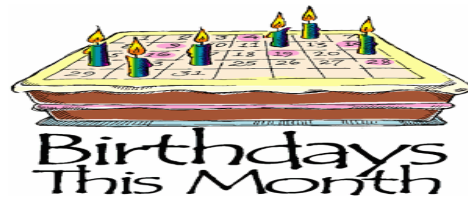
Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord's work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Karen Semelsberger or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office.

Donations since the last Herald of Hope are made by: Gaynella Hargreaves in memory of Lowell Hargreaves.



JUNE

- 04- Joe & Sue Kiba
- 05- Shaun & Dawn Meehan
- 07- Dick & Phyllis Boike
- 10- Eric & April Wood
- 14- Jerry & Judy Lake
- 17- Wayne & Janet Miller
- 20- Jim & Dorothy Tucker
- 24- Aaron & Marnie Mellinger
- 28- Chris & Melissa Scott
- 30- Jason & Cindy Akers



JUNE

- 2- Brandon (Lebold) Swope-Casper
- 3- Kelly Marie Wilson
Rachel Schmitt
- 4- Judith Kinder
- 6- Marcia Oeffner
- 8- Kayla Rae Kettler
- 10- Bonnie Baird
- 11- Rachel Renee Reeves
Todd Fincher
- 12- Elizabeth Miller
Isaac Joseph Jackson
- 14- Cassie Linger
- 15- Steve Miller
- 17- Kevin Richard Darst
- 18- Aletta Bailey
Ken Baillis
- 19- Debbie Rhodes
- 20- Madison Page Johnson
- 24- Michael Newell
- 25- Sherrie Christman
- 26- Bob Tanner
Brian Filiatreau
Madeline Michele Brown
- 27- Genevieve Seibert
- 28- Paul Leyh
- 29- Don Heffner
Charity Reeves
- 30- Tom Semelsberger

CONDOLENCES TO Delores Reeves & Family on the sudden death of her sister, Phoebe Morris & the death of her brother-in-law, Don Turanchick. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

