

Newsletter for January 2010

BEREAVEMENTS

The church extends prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the Steve & Gloria Cummins & Sue Cummins & families on the death of, Steve's father, Robert F. Cummins. Bob died on Friday, January 8th, 2010.

UMCOR MARKS ITS 70th BIRTHDAY IN 2010

The anniversary is a milestone in a history of hope that has provided relief and other assistance to millions of people around the world. UMCOR will continue in the future to do God's compassionate work through the generosity of United Methodists and their friends.

NEW YEAR, NEW NAME

As we change the calendar to the New Year, Williamsburg United Methodist youth ministry is undergoing some changes too . . . a name change!! For many years now, the youth ministry here at WUMC has been known as Crossroads. Effective January 10th, Crossroads Student Ministries will be known as SoulFire Student Ministries. The name comes from Jeremiah 20:9, which reads:

But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.

It is this verse which SoulFire Student Ministries will focus on and attempt to live out. Our soul should be so in tune with God that even in the darkest hour our heart cries out to the Father. Would you please pray that the souls of our youth will ignite for the Lord in 2010! J.D. Young, Youth Director

AID TO HAITI

United Methodist Communications is working to provide timely and relevant information about how The United Methodist Church is responding to the tragic earthquake in Haiti and how United Methodists can support these efforts. United Methodists have had a long-standing relationship with Haiti through the Methodist Church of Haiti.

The United Methodist News Service posted an initial story (<https://email.umcom.org/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=1wL4KnN1LtH%26b=2433457%26ct=7800627>) soon following the tragedy and will have ongoing coverage about United Methodist mission teams that are in Haiti, response efforts by the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and what local churches are doing to provide aid. Stay

tuned to <http://www.umc.org/>

(<https://email.umcom.org/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.umc.org/>) for more information. Support for relief efforts can be made to Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance # 418325

(<https://email.umcom.org/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://secure.gbgmumc.org/donations/umcor/donate.cfm?code=418325%26id=3018760>).

100% of gifts to UMCOR through the Advance support the designated project.

EMERGENCY MISSION

Our needs at present are personal care items and jello.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CHURCH

office@williamsburgumc.com

Christ's Kitchen Table

Williamsburg Community

Our Mission:

To Provide a Place where people gather

Share Warmth, Friendship

And Nourishment

Matthew 25:35

We invite you
to come join us on the last Saturday of the month
from 11:00 AM - 1:00PM
for a come as you are.

FREE SIT-DOWN HOT LUNCH

Where:

Williamsburg United Methodist Church
3rd and Gay St.
Williamsburg, Ohio 45176

Who:

Everyone welcome

Any questions please call
724-6305

- ü Handicap access from rear parking
- ü Volunteers welcome

SIGN - UP SHEET IN LOBBY TO HELP WITH CHRIST'S KITCHEN TABLE:

1) Menu Planning, Shopping and Cooking:

Brenda Jones 732-6529 email: bhjones76@yahoo.com

Nancy Pontz 723-7138 email: nancypontz@hotmail.com

2) Set up and Clean up:

Bill & Dorothy Lewis 509-6895 email: dorothylewis@fuse.net

3) Serving Meals:

Brenda Jones 732-6529 email: bhjones76@yahoo.com

4) Greeters and Friendly Chatters:

Rita Abrams 724-2720 email: rgraves7@juno.com

2009 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In memory of our parents Margaret & Don Lawrence, love, Jayne Lawrence, Donna & Mike Scott, Diana & Don Frodge, Donnie & Pam Lawrence, Kathy & Don Lindsey, Laura & Tom Jones & Families.

In honor of Dad, Lloyd Frodge, in memory of Mom, Annabel Frodge, and in memory of Mary Frodge, love, Don & Diana Frodge

In memory of Mike Harbottle, love, Donna & Mike Scott

In memory of Jerome Scott, given by his wife and family

In memory of Richard, Randy & Rusty Forney, given by Sarah Forney

In loving memory of Katherine Hutchinson, given by Hutch Hutchinson

In memory of Kate Hutchinson, given by Betty Lu & Allen Heimbold

In memory of Kate Hutchinson, given by Johnny & Audrey Heimbold

In memory of Dr. Daniel Storer and Jesse Storer, given by Mabel Storer

In honor of Jill Oetzel, given by Mabel Storer

In honor of Ruth White, given by Mabel Storer

In honor of Elma Bainum & her family, given by Mabel Storer

In honor of Govel & Juanita Thornberry, given by Mabel Storer

In loving memory of Dick Bainum, given by Elma Bainum & sons

In loving memory of Gary Bainum, given by Mom (Elma Bainum)

In loving memory of Jack Hall, given by his family

In loving memory of Harley, Jessie & Dan Kidd, given by their family

In loving memory of Betty Wright, given by Dorothy Hall

In honor of Mabel Weaver

In honor of Tessie Workman

Happy Anniversary to Phil & Mary Boyd, love Bob & Bonnie Ring & Brenda Boyd

In loving memory of Katherine Hutchinson, given by Bill Heimbold

In memory of Don Reveal, given by Barb Smith & family

In memory of Tim and Timmy Cornelius, given by Joanne Cornelius

In memory of Dan Storer, given by Tim & Diane, Doug & Erin, and Diane Storer

In honor of Eleanor & in memory of Dick Piffer, given by Diane Storer & family

In memory of Dixie McGraw, given by Diane Storer & family

In memory of Victor & Stella Balzhiser, given by Marylyn, Greg, Bonnie & Cooper, Dennis & Anne Marie Carson

In loving memory of our loved ones, given by Munch, Missi, Walker & TJ Brown

In honor of Ron & Betty Goldston, given by Munch, Missi, Walker & TJ Brown

In honor of Kyle, Tonya, Kara, Karli, & Karson Overstake, given by Munch, Missi, Walker & TJ Brown

In honor of Greg, Bonnie & Cooper Carson, given by Munch, Missi, Walker & TJ Brown.

In honor of Michelle Fender, given by Missi Brown

In honor of Munch, Missi, Walker & TJ Brown, given by Ron & Betty Goldston

In memory of Leonard & Leona Kemerley, given by Duane & Deb Kemerley

In memory of Levi Rice, love, Betty Rice

In honor of Betty Rice, given by The Boothby's, Doyle's, Benjamin's, & Butler's

THANK YOU from Deb and Duane Kemerley

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of those who remembered us with cards, gifts, and tokens of thoughtfulness during this holiday season.

Ø I would like to thank the United Methodist Women and the SPRC or the United Methodist Church of Williamsburg for the Christmas gifts. They were very much appreciated. Ruth White

Ø The very warmest of thanks to all of you for the Christmas gifts. I only hope you know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Love and Prayers, Cindy Gregory

Ø Robin Carter and I want to thank everyone who generously donated the Christmas gifts for kids program. We served 38 children from 17 families. Also I want to express my gratitude to all who gave of their time, talent and treasure to the Emergency mission. Times are difficult, and many people who thought they would never have to ask for help have taken advantage of the support the mission offers. Thanks to all of you the mission has been able to fulfill their needs. God bless all of you! Nancy Pontz

Thanks to all friends and family who shared cards with the church family on our CHRISTMAS CARD bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Bob & Jackie Reynolds

JoAnn & Bill Shiveley
Lloyd, Pam, Juli, & Courtney Hauck

Gary & Gwen Smith
Bill & Dorothy Lewis

Roy & Rita Abrams
Duane & Deb Kemerley

Phyllis Scott
Gary, Jean & Rebekah Jordan

Allen & Betty Lu Heimbold
Nancy Pontz

Steve & Gloria Cummins
Jim & Helen Lefferson

Amanda & Tony Morris
Floyd & Janis Reynolds

George Thoroughman
Helen Bastin

Govel & Juanita Thornberry
Jim & Kenita Weaver

Betty Rice
Bishop Bruce R. Ough

George (Red) & Nancy Simpson
Don & Diana Frodge

Brenda, Byron & Derrick Jody
Phil, Beth, Kenny, Joey & Tommy Barth

Donna & Allen Boothby
Tom & Pat Fisher

Dean & Cindy Gregory
Guy & Candy Bainum & Family

Mary & Phil Boyd
Tim & Wanda Ferree

Mabel Weaver
Prayer Quilt Ministry 2009

Rosemary Malott
Sandy Newsom

Liveo Scovanner
Paul, Kris, Kati & Karis Jurgens

Sarah Forney
Don & Pat Scott

Joanne Cornelius
Tim, Missy & Xander Meisman

Mike & Pat Louiso
Bob & Betty Parr

Doug, Deb, Emma & Eli Chalker
Elma Bainum

Carolee & Jack Grehan
Bob & Bonnie Ring

House of Restoration
Ruth White

The Mursinna Family, Jerry & Donna, Elexis Barber, Yasmine & Pat Burnett
First United Methodist Church of Middletown, Ohio

ADDRESSES ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IF YOU HAVE ANY
INFORMATION PLEASE GIVE THE ADDRESS TO CINDY GREGORY, ELMA
BAINUM OR EMAIL TO office@williamsburgumc.com:

Mark & Tonya Billingham

Connie Girtman

Dale & Kathy Kadle

Debi Laihle

Andy Maham

Nancy Maham

Don Neeley

Dean & Debbie Skidmore

Charlene Murrell

Ashley Osborne

Stephanie Carter

Angie Bainum

SOULFIRE STUDENT MINISTRIES

And He set me on fire, and I am burning alive,

With His breath in my lungs I am coming undone,

And I cannot hold it in and remain composed,

Love has taken over me and so I propose the letting myself go,

I am letting myself go...

As we conclude the chapter of Crossroads Student Ministries and begin a new one with SoulFire, it is this song by David Crowder Band that has become the sound track to the ministry. "You Are My Joy" encapsulates the very way in which we as Christians should live our lives. Our relationship with God should not be one that is hidden only to be revealed on Sunday mornings, but rather it is something that should burst out of our very core and shed light to those we interact with daily.

This is the challenge that I have presented to our youth, however it is one that I desire to bring before the entire church. As we read in Jeremiah 20:9, even when Jeremiah desired for nothing more than to walk away from his faith and speak of it no more, the spirit broke out of his bones like a fire, refusing to be silent. I pray that we as a church will be unable to contain the spirit which is alive inside of us all.

I firmly believe that it will be this fire which the outside world will notice and desire to be a part of it. In a world of uncertainties, may this warm fire of Christian love draw the lost, hurt and hungry to Him. For if we indeed live out the lyrics above and let go... let go of our ego, our pride, our selfishness, we will resemble the true Church which Christ desires us to be, a reflection of Him. Will you please join me and SoulFire ministries as we boldly set aside the things of this world, and begin to fully fix our eyes upon Jesus? This is not something which will come easy; however, we as a church and community will be better because of it!

J.D. Young

Youth Director - SoulFire Student Ministries

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for a spiritual awakening among the youth in the community.

Please pray for the youth within WUMC, that they will set aside the things of this world and fall more and more in love with Christ.

Please pray for the upcoming Winter Retreat - Feb. 26th - 28th

Please pray for how it is God might have you be involved in SoulFire Ministries.

Please pray for me (JD) for wisdom and discernment in how to best serve our youth.

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