

Men's Getaway Weekend

I would like to invite each of you to mark your calendars and plan on attending the men's weekend scheduled for Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th. This weekend will be a wild and extremely meaningful adventure for all who attend. We will be using an interactive video series "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge for the core study material. John is the founder of Ransom Heart Ministries which is focused on helping men recover their masculinity God has designed.

John explains the study this way: "Every man was once a boy. And every little boy has dreams, big dreams of being the hero, of beating the bad guys, of doing daring feats and rescuing the damsel in distress. Every little girl has dreams, too: of being rescued by her prince and swept up into a great adventure, knowing that she is the beauty.

But what happens to those dreams when we grow up? Walk into most churches, have a look around, and ask yourself: What is a Christian man? Without listening to what is said, look at what you find there. Most Christian men are...bored."

This weekend is designed for men to recover their masculine heart, defined in the image of a passionate God. So men—it's time to get off the couch and join the adventure that God has designed for you.

When: September 25th and 26th

Where: Camp Otterbein, Logan, Ohio

Starting Time: Gather at 7:30 am—First session starts at 8 am. Finishing Time: Approximately 1:30 pm on the 26th.

Registration is NOW OPEN, so please call or email the church office to reserve your space. If you have questions, give me a call or email. My cell# is 614-270-0600. I hope to see all of you there—we will have a great adventure together.

Peace,
Mark Peterson

College Care Ministries...



Back to School Time!

With so many new faces in the church I wanted to take this time to introduce you to a unique and special ministry at Harlem Road Church. The College Care Ministry is one way the church family stays connected to our college students by sending them messages and care packages over the course of the academic year as a way to remind them that even though they may be away at school, their church family still prays and cares for them.

So our first step is collecting information of Who are the HRC College Students... undergraduate and graduate students.

Parents / Grandparents and Students::

If you have a college student, or know of a college student, please complete the **College Student information form** that is available on the church website,

<http://www.harlemroadchurch.org/Home.shtml> this form provides us with the mailing addresses and special information about the student such as their birthday. Paper forms are also available in the church office.

We need to know the names and addresses by October 1.

If you have any questions or would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Peggy McMains, 740-965-3957, or McMains5@yahoo.com.

Blessings, Peggy



FUN FALL ACTIVITY

Sue Wilcox is an awesome basket weaver. She is willing to teach a class where we will weave a 9" X 9" basket with a handle. The cost of materials are about \$14.00, and it takes about 4 or 5 hours to complete the basket. This class will be on a Saturday, September 25th. Please call Bobbi Pollock at 740-965-4503 or 614-496-7405 or Sue Wilcox at 740-965-9666 for more information and/or to sign up for the class.

MESSENGER YOUTH GROUP (Grades 6—12)

Calling ALL Parents

The Youth Leadership will holding a parent meeting on Sunday, September 12, immediately following the 11 am worship service. We would like to discuss ways this ministry can best be used to meet the needs of our students during this upcoming year of programming. Please plan to attend and RSVP Todd Vice at toddvice@yahoo.com.

SOUDER SCHOOLS SUPPLIES2010

Thanks to your generosity the following item were given to Souders Elementary:

Backpacks	10
Ball Point Pens	81
Binders	4
Bottles of Glue	27
Colored Pencils	468
Crayons	888
Dry Erase Markers	16
Erasers	12
Folders	95
Glue Sticks	88
Hi-Liters	18
Index Cards	400
Lunch Bags	2
Markers	220
Notebook Paper (sheets)	800
Pencils	427
Pencil Boxes	27
Pencil Top Erasers	75
Pencil Sharpeners	2
Rulers	11
Scissors	29
Spiral Notebooks	17
Water Colors (boxes)	3

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PARTNERING WITH GOD: Past, Present, and Future

Dear Harlem Road Church Family & Friends,

The name has changed several times, but do you realize that Harlem Road United Methodist Church goes back over 200 years? Our church has an unbroken history of providing ministries of love and outreach to our church family, the surrounding community, and in fact the whole world.

Think of the commitment, the prayers, and all the hard work of those who have gone before us. Their faithfulness established the church's existence for us to enjoy today. Now we stand in faith as we face new challenges and exciting opportunities. **And we will face all of our tomorrows with the same unwavering resolve as those who have gone before us.**

Harlem Road U.M. Church is God's church, and He expects us to mature and grow in our faith and in our numbers. And growing we are! I witness daily the ever growing faith of many individuals in our church family and I am in awe of our corporate faith. Many folks and families have chosen to partner with God through H.R.C. and have joined our church family in the past 10 years. In March of 2007 we dedicated our new 11,000 square foot addition of worship and multi-use space, new restrooms, new kitchen, new class space, and a beautiful, large lobby.

The next step is our third three - year capital campaign. We have been putting all the plans in place and training up many volunteers. At the beginning of our new campaign I am asking you to prayerfully consider three simple, but eternally important questions: **What is God's will for my life? , What is God's will for my church? and What is my response to getting involved to help?** Your short term help is needed. If God is nudging your heart to get involved in this mission, please talk to Larry Pasqua or myself, and we'll help you find the perfect role.

I am praying that God will bless you with an extra abundance so that you will share His blessing with the church as we seek to make this campaign a great success. By the first week in November we all will have all made our faith pledges and I pray you will do that with an extravagant faith that demonstrates your trust in God's ability to provide all your needs. My deepest prayer is that every single person and family at Harlem Road Church will participate in helping and in giving to the campaign. I believe that we are only limited by our own human thinking. If we are faithful and giving extravagantly I believe God will bless us incredibly and make provision for our pledges. But I want to assure you of this. Pressure to give is not a tactic we will use. No one will be pressured to give a dime. I fully believe that faithful and mature Believers will be motivated to give as they seek what God would have them do, and as they respond in faithfulness. I believe that because I know maturing in faith is God's will for His people. Giving, for Christians, is simply an act of maturity in response to God's grace in our lives.

So in the next couple of weeks you will be hearing more about our upcoming campaign and receiving printed information. I trust and pray that you will join with me to make this next step of faithfulness a great success, an honor to God, and a demonstration of your sacrificial love for His church.

In His Service, and Yours,

Pastor Bud

Hi

I'm excited to announce that many have said yes to serving as we begin the early stages of our Campaign. Various Teams Leaders are in the process of recruiting and if you have not been asked as of yet you may be contacted in the near future and /or have an opportunity to sign up for a team that interests you. You will hear more about this exciting adventure in the next few weeks.

Our church is purposefully partnering with God in the work of redemption. He is blessing your life and mine with an eternal purpose that will not go unrewarded as we respond to His vision for our church.

Larry Pasqua,
Campaign Manager



Stewardship, by definition, is the responsibility to manage all the resources of life for the glory of God, acknowledging God as provider. The biblical concept of stewardship, beginning with Adam and Eve, is that God is owner and provider of all that any of us possess. God expects that we use His provision in a way that pleases and honors Him.

During the month of October, all Sunday School classes (regardless of age) and Community Connection groups will be studying the concept of stewardship, beginning with a focus on God's tremendous provision. To whom much is given, much is expected (Luke 12:48) and God's first provision of "much" can be seen in Genesis 1:26-28, when God lets man rule over fish, birds, livestock....in fact, over all the earth. Four lessons during the month of October will be devoted to the tremendous outpouring of God's abundance into our lives and the subsequent question we must ask ourselves: How can I use what You have given me to honor YOU, Lord?

The following letter was sent from Bishop Ough

Dear Members and Friends of Harlem Road United Methodist Church;

Grace and peace to you from God, our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am pleased to share with you that the West Ohio Conference continues to see improvement in several areas of fruitfulness that characterize Acts 2 Congregations. Most encouraging is the 2% increase between 2008 and 2009 in the number of congregations that demonstrated growth in at least five areas of Acts 2 fruitfulness. At the end of 2009, we had 299 congregations, or 27% of our total congregations, that generated five of the six areas of Acts 2 fruitfulness.

The Harlem Road United Methodist Church is one of only 204 of our 1,110 West Ohio congregations that grew in five (5) of the following areas of fruitfulness; (1) growing worship, (2) new persons professing faith, (3) persons being baptized, (4) persons engaged in faith-forming small groups, (5) contributing 100% of their conference apportionments and (6) growing membership. I encourage you to share this significant achievement of Kingdom work with the entire congregation.

Acts 2 Congregations are fully engaged in transforming lives, their communities and the world. Acts 2 Congregations are reaching and baptizing new believers, growing worship, forming disciples and engaging in vital mission. Acts 2 Congregations are bearing the same fruit we see in the early church. Acts 2 Congregations are open and responsive to the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 Congregations are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I write to congratulate you on your faithful response to the Spirit's leading. Becoming an Acts 2 Congregation requires much prayer, obedience to Christ's leading and intentional planning. I also urge you to continue to grow in your fruitfulness and to step up to growth in all six areas by the conclusion of 2010. I believe Harlem Road United Methodist Church is ready and able to reach this level of fruitfulness. Take to heart Jesus' words, "I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil." (John 15:16)

May God continue to bless your work and witness on behalf of Christ and for the sake of the world.

In Christ's extravagant love,

Bruce R. Ough

Dear Friends,

The Board of Big Walnut Friends Who Share wants you to know how much we appreciate your loyal support. Your collection and delivery of food items during the month of July helped us keep our shelves filled.

We have had 40 new clients since the beginning of the year and are now serving more than 320 families each month from our Big Walnut community. It is the help of our community churches which enables us to fulfill our mission statement — "improving the living conditions for families and individuals here in the Big Walnut community."

In service to others, Carolyn Howard, Secretary of Big Walnut Friends Who Share

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for supporting my recent trip to Charleston, West Virginia to participate in the worship team for this year's Aldersgate National Conference on Spirit-Filled Living. It was an incredible, challenging adventure and I sincerely appreciate your support as I continue my journey as a worship leader. I hope you enjoy the worship music here at Harlem Road Church and that it helps you to lift your heart up to God in adoration, thanksgiving, and service. Thank you for loving me. I certainly love all of you.

Thanks,
Jen Leskovac

Christmas Already?

Messages from Children's Ministry

Pam Leskovac, Director

A REPORT ON "SUMMER NIGHTS LIVE!"



Yep! It's almost time to begin rehearsals for this year's Children's Christmas Musical! Can you believe it? **Kids ages 4 through 5th grade** - mark your calendars – rehearsals will be held **Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30pm – September 26th through Sunday, December 5th**. If the Christmas musical is new to you - let me tell you a little about it. Each year we invite all kids (ages 4 through 5th grade) to work on and perform a major Christmas production for our church family. We perform the musical twice – once on a Saturday evening and once on a Sunday morning. Rehearsals are held for 10-11 weeks – every Sunday afternoon beginning in late September through the performance in December. It's a big commitment of time – but the end result is always awesome! The children soak in the Christmas story for 3 months – learning the true meaning of Christmas. We hold try-outs for speaking parts and solos. Not every child trying out will get the part they want, but we do our very best to let each child shine. Parents, your help will be needed during this time, to walk your child through a disappointment if they don't get what they expected. We have some amazing costumes and we work to make an awesome backdrop and set for the musical. The actual musical for this year hasn't been chosen yet. So – kids & parents – watch for updates in the bulletin & a postcard in your mailbox!

Parents - Mark your calendars with these dates!

Rehearsals: Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 pm
Beginning September 26th

Dress Rehearsal/Cast Party: Saturday morning December 11th at 10 am–noon

Performances: Saturday, December 11th at 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 12th at 10:30 am (combined service that day)

Leadership Team for this year's musical:

General Production Manager: Pam Leskovac and *Helper needed

Singing: Pam Leskovac & Jen Shively

Choreography: Mary Keller

Acting: Judi Ayers

Costumes: *Helper needed (Suellen Peterson will walk the new person through the details)

Set: * Helper needed

If you'd like to help with this year's musical-please contact Pam Leskovac at 740-965-4543 or email Pam at pam@harlemroadchurch.org

The kids and I send a huge "THANKS" for all the donations given towards this year's SNL. The nativity sets were a huge hit! The craft team really had to scramble for 3 nights – but each child went home with a finished 9-piece set – complete with all the memories from the week. They know without a doubt that the real star of Christmas is Jesus! Throughout the week, we were able to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity – we donated many jars of peanut butter and jelly to Big Walnut Friends Who Share – and we raised enough money to send a goat from Heifer Project International to one family in another country. Our 3 gifts (just like the wisemen) will affect the world. Thanks to all who volunteered that week – to all who gave supplies, nativity sets, food and money to support such a great effort. God bless each one of you!

THANK YOU to our Children's Ministry Volunteers!

Thank you to our children's ministry volunteers who made the 2009 – 2010 year at HRC so awesome! If you taught Sunday school, volunteered in the nursery, worked at Friday Night Live or Summer Nights Live – or volunteered for the Fun Days - God bless you! Your time, commitment and love for Christ and our children is the backbone of children's ministry. We appreciate you!

Pastor Bud & Pam Leskovac and your HRC Family

"FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!" – Connecting kids to Christ— Children ages 4 through 5th grade

September 17th from 6:30-8:30pm

FNL is held on the 3rd Friday night of the month – so mark your calendars now!

Dinner is provided as a part of the evening.

Join us for a fun filled night of

Stories, games, crafts and more!

September 17th – the Fall Kick-off event.

Contact pam@harlemroadchurch.org for more info!

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them..."

Matt 19:14

Jesus has given a mandate to bring His children into His presence. At Harlem Road Church, we're working on doing just that. Children need their own personal experiences with Christ to cement a relationship with Him that will carry them into their future. We want to provide ways for those experiences to take place. In 2010-2011, we will be working with curriculum from Group Publishing and Kids In Ministry, International – working to bring our children into a deeper understanding of their faith in Christ. Here's how Sunday mornings will unfold for the upcoming program year:

8:30am – 9:30am – Room 107 – Children will begin in the Family Life Center with their families – and then be dismissed during the offering to Room 107. Parents, please pick up your child immediately following the 8:30 service. If you're staying for Sunday school, please notify the teacher and those children staying will head to the Promiseland Rooms.

Our 8:30 Teachers:

1st Sunday – Libby Clark

2nd Sunday – Laura Cunningham

3rd Sunday – Jim Sommerfeld

4th Sunday – Pam Leskovac

5th Sunday – Ann Gall

9:45am – 10:30am – Promiseland Rooms – Since we have our lesson times during the main worship services, the children will begin the Sunday school time with games, crafts & fun-time. Our 9:45 leaders is: Lisa Lawrance. Her team of helpers is: Jenny Hecker, Karen Patterson, Cassie Clark and Natalie Schaublin. Parents, please pick your children up promptly at 10:30am in the Promiseland rooms. (During descent weather, we will be outside on the playground.)

11:00am – 12:00pm – Family Life Center – Chapel – Classrooms. Children will begin in the Family Life Center with their families – and then be dismissed during the offering to the Chapel. We will all gather in the Chapel for our Sunday school opening and then dismiss to age-appropriate classrooms. Parents, please pick up your child in their individual classrooms immediately following the 11am service.

Toddlers: Promiseland Room North

Toddler Teachers:

1st Sunday – Janet Falk & Cheryl McCoy

2nd Sunday – Ron & Lisa Danne

3rd Sunday – Heather & Kindal Barnes

4th Sunday – Mike & Mishelle Soule

5th Sunday – Brian & Shannon Howman

PreK/K: Promiseland Room South

PreK/K Teachers:

1st Sunday – Jon & Lisa White

2nd Sunday – Jon & Lisa White

3rd Sunday – Brian & Elaine Davis

4th Sunday – Jen Edwards & Tara Leskovac

5th Sunday – Heather Barnes

Grades 1-2: Room 107

1st Sunday – Gretchen Bernhardt

2nd Sunday – Gretchen Bernhardt

3rd Sunday – Gretchen Bernhardt

4th Sunday – Lisa Danne

5th Sunday – Jen Edwards

Grades 3-5: Chapel

1st Sunday – Pam Leskovac

2nd Sunday – Pam Leskovac/Jen Shively

3rd Sunday – Tahna Pasqua

4th Sunday – Pam Leskovac

5th Sunday – Pam Leskovac

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care for children will continue throughout Sunday morning. Parents, please sign your child into the attendance book – make sure your diaper bag is marked with your child’s name. Please pick your child up immediately after the worship service.

8:30am – 9:30am: Children age newborn to 3 years old.

Nursery Volunteer:

1st Sunday – Debbie Clark

2nd Sunday – Cindy Klingensmith

3rd Sunday – Rosie Falk

4th Sunday – Janet Hergatt / Tiffany Miller

5th Sunday – Kathleen Schnipke

9:45am – 10:30am: Children age newborn to 3 years old. Dee Holcomb will be the main person in the nursery during the Sunday school time.

11:00am – noon: Children age newborn to 2 years old.

Nursery Volunteers:

1st Sunday – Tina McKinley & Kelsey White

2nd Sunday – Susan & Breanna Soule

3rd Sunday – Natalie & Matt Martin

4th Sunday – Mary Beth & Haley Cowans

5th Sunday – Amy Ritts & Betty Earl

YOUTH

CALLING ALL YOUTH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

This year, we’re gearing our youth Sunday school classes to tackle some of the tough questions youth have about Christianity. You won’t want to miss this exciting class! If you’re in grades 6-12, please plan to join us in Pam’s office from 9:45 to 10:30am each Sunday morning.

Youth Teachers:

1st Sunday – Mike Schaublin

2nd Sunday – Amy Ritts

3rd Sunday – Brad Keller

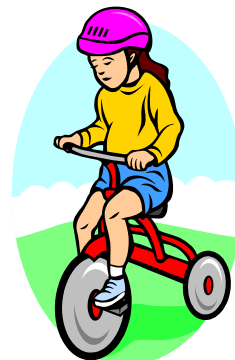
4th Sunday – Heather Weir

5th Sunday – Gene Homan

Children’s Bike-a-thon (ages 1 through 12th grade)

Tentative Date is October 3, 2010

- Bike Decorating Contest
- Picnic Lunch (free-will donations accepted)



If you would like to sponsor a child, sponsor sheets will be available soon. Watch the celebration folder for more information.

Mission Opportunities

It's called "Apostles Build" because that's who Harlem Road UMC members are...and are doing. We have been God's apostles...working with Habitat for Humanity... helping a family who needs a home. HRC became involved with this effort in late winter 2010. We first met with Delaware County HFH personnel, members of several area churches and the Habitat Partner Family, Franklin and Bernice Moore. We learned of needs and ways to meet those needs. HRC Men's Ministry, Mary/Martha Women's Ministry generously donated funds. Summer Night's Live children collected money in HFH house banks, donuts were sold and pies will be sold at Harlem Bicentennial Celebration...all to provide our pledged donation of \$4,000.

Groundbreaking took place on April 24. In June, our group spent a day distributing dirt around the foundation, adding decorative shingles over the front porch area, building a ramp accessible from the side door and priming about 2/3's of the interior walls. All of this was performed under the direction of skillful and dedicated HFH employees. On July 24th, the Moore's with granddaughter Mya joyfully realized their dream when their home was dedicated. What a privilege for our church family to be a part of this project...working together to serve our Lord and glorify His Name.



Now...Habitat is starting another home for Kim Schultz and her two daughters Everest, age 1, and Kaydien, age 3. See their picture below. Habitat broke ground on their home at 40 Neil St., Delaware, OH on August 20th. If you'd like to volunteer to work on this home, please sign up on the Volunteer Hub of Habitat's web site. Here's the link: <http://habitatdelawareco.volunteerhub.com/> Check that site frequently as it is updated regularly. NOTE: Volunteers should attend an orientation session (if you haven't already done so...) before signing up to volunteer. These sessions are also posted on the site (more to be added soon).



Scouts 4 Soldiers

Help Us Help Our Troops
(New or Gently Used) for Care Packages



For Our Soldiers

Instant cold compresses
Sun Screen
Chap Stick
Gold bond foot powder
Non-aerosol bug repellent, Avon Skin So Soft
Beef jerky or beef sticks
Canned or Vacuum packed tuna, chicken, or salmon
Crackers
Powdered Propel & Gator Aide
Vitamins
Small squirt guns, foam water balls
NERF footballs & basketballs
Decks of cards
Duct Tape

For Children in Middle East

(To Build Relationships That Keep Them Safe and Keep Our Soldiers safe)

Balls
Stuffed Animals (new or gently used)
Happy Meal toys
Dolls
Small cars and trucks (Not military)
Coloring books, crayons, colored pencils
Brushes & Combs
Playdough & Plastic Playdough cutters
Jump ropes

***Please, no more paper towel tubes—thank you !

Hello Judy!

I heard that we were blessed with a wonderful group from Harlem Road United Methodist Church over the weekend—and one wounded warrior! Sorry about your injury, but what a trooper to come out and join the others.

Steve informed me that your group did a fantastic job, painting and other jobs on the house ...and that everyone was quite tired when you were finished, under the supervision of Lew and Jamie.

I hope it was a team-building experience for your group, and that you felt you were doing the Lord's work by helping to build this house...because that's what you did and are doing.

Thank, Judy, to you and the other volunteers from Harlem Road UMC for being an integral part of the Apostles Build II project. Having the hands on experience make you even closer to the project. We truly appreciate your commitment to serving the lord by literally "building" His kingdom ere on earth.

Please pass on our gratitude to the others at your church—and hope you heal quickly.

Blessings,
Valerie

Watch What you Throw Away!!! Many of the items we all toss in the trash are really treasures! The HRUMC Mission Team is collecting **Box Tops for Education** to help Souders School and **aluminum pop tabs** to help the Ronald McDonald house. These items can be dropped off on the table at the end of the main hallway. Bags of **aluminum cans** are being collected in the dumpster area at the end of the parking lot. Herb Wilson dutifully takes these to the recycling center and magically turns them into cash

Side by Side Ministry, A Collaboration of Faith - this is the name for the work we're doing with and for Westerville Estates and the Big Walnut School District. Jesus asks us to reach out to work with and for our neighbors, so that's what Harlem Road is doing! So far this group includes Harlem Road UMC, Church of the Saviour UMC, New Albany UMC, Galena UMC, and the Sunbury Community Library. Our focus areas are listed here. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AND SEE HOW YOU CAN PLUG IN. Contact Judy Sharpe-Kosmatka for more information and/or to volunteer, or check the website: www.sidebysidebw.wordpress.com/

Wide Open - This is our Tuesday Evening Meal-n-Worship Service which we began on April 20th. These gatherings are only an hour long (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.) where we collect in the Clubhouse at the Westerville Estates Mobile Home Park, 11050 Fancher Rd., starting with a short period of music and worship followed by a free meal. In just the few weeks since we've started, we've met over thirty different kids of all ages and a few adults, and have had lively singing and Q/A sessions. Please come and show the residents what God's love really feels like. MEN are especially needed since many of the kids involved have absent fathers.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes

"Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" by Dr. David Jeremiah. Come join us as we learn. We meet on Sunday morning from 9:45AM - 10:30AM. **This class meets in Classroom #107** Mark Peterson, facilitator.

In September, we will begin a study of the book of **Jeremiah**. Jeremiah became a prophet in 627 BC For 40 years he was a spokesman for God. The message he spoke then is still viable for all of us today. Please join us for a lively discussion each week. We gather in the church secretary's office and Judy Sharpe-Kosmatka is the facilitator.

The class that meets in the fellowship hall have started a study of **Corinthians**. This is a chapter by chapter, verse by verse study. Our class does not set a time-line to begin a Bible study or a time-line to end the study. There are times when we spend half of our class time on one or two questions, but we don't move on until we feel we have researched the question thoroughly. We have a wonderful time of fellowship and prayer. (And yes, we are known for our great desserts). We welcome all new members Glen & Donna Evans facilitate this group.

Shaun and Iva O'Ryan's Sunday school class will be studying the book of **1 John** in September. As we prepare for our capital campaign, we will be studying Spiritual Maturity and the grace of giving in October. November will be a study of 2nd and 3rd John, and we are taking the month of December off since so many of our members travel and have family commitments around the holidays. We will start 2011 with a study of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Concerns

Dialysis Treatment:

Joyce Hurst
Donna Seeley

Rehab Therapy

John Ayers
Kris Ketterdorf

Special Requests

Timothy Smock
Pauline Peterson
Ted & Pattie Mong
Harriet & Jerry Lustenberg
Melva Beckley
Mary Poling
Suellen Peterson
Tom & Pat Ayers
Bob Newlun
Dick Hanley
Michelle Burns
Anne Dennis
Grayson Motil
Phil Latta

James (Lisa Danne's Dad)
Si O'Quinn
Carrie Klingensmith
Dee Klamfoth
Baileigh Westbrook
Rick Perrin
Bob & Becky Murphy
Sarah & Kevin Wilson
Hurst Day
Tom Proctor
Jim & Carol Dove,
Sheri Shumate
Georgia Apostolous
Haydon (friend of Ryan Homan)

Mothers-to-Be

Erin Leskovic/Reed
Sarah Hertel Glassburn
Pilar Esquivel
Kelley Pallone
Joy Williams Peterson
Ashling Babbitt

Recovering from Surgery

Chuck Cowans

Cancer Treatment

John Thomae
Elaine Baker
Adrienne Stebbins
Sharon Prinn-Conley
Mary Ann Calvert
Margaret Huber
Flora Burney
Dawnetta Donovan
Dwayne Moore
Bob Wilson
Kelly Hutchison
Aphrodite Falk
Lisa Baluk
Jean Leaf
Steve Sachett
Connie McCartney
Mervyn Kershner
Dick & Vicki Cremeans
Sonny Sedares
Michael Boham
Darrelene Lewis

Loved Ones Serving In the Military

Lt. Jeremy Ragan
Kevin Peterson
Nathan Brumbaugh
Wesley Gall
Jacob & Joshua Reissig
Nathan Vitartis
John Paul Smock
Chris McCoy
Peter Jacobus
Scott Crowell
Stuart David
Joe Pasqua
Jeremy Trask
Frank Wharton
Eric DeCarlo
Ross Daly

Families of Lee Piper, Faith Pruden, Becky Kinkead, Liz Wurm, and Mary Frances Shipley

On July 23rd, thirteen women got in the church van and drove to Our Lady of the Pines Fremont, OH, where they promised to stay silent for 24 hours and let the Lord be the "noise". Here are some of their comments on the experience.

God calls us to be still and know him. How can we do this in a non-quiet atmosphere? That is what I loved about this weekend. I think we were all able to clear our heads and at least try to hear what God's plans are for us.....Judi Ayers

The Women's Silent Retreat was a breath of fresh air, both for the body and the soul. It was a time to search, a time to stretch, a time to open and a time to heal. It was a gift that can be opened each day. The spirit and essence of the retreat follows you when you come home. The experience can be life giving in so many ways.....Vinny Herwig (cousin of Tahna Pasqua)

The silent retreat was awesome. It was a great opportunity to become more familiar with the women who participated and I discovered just how wonderful they all are. Just as Judy Smoot predicted, the feelings and emotions have carried into the week as I continue to reflect on how close I felt to God in that place. I am sooooo glad I went.....Sue Wilcox
God was able to reach me in ways that would never be possible in my usual routine at home. I am so very thankful to God, our church, our three Judy's (Ayers, S-K, Smoot) for providing such a wonderful opportunity in such a beautiful, peaceful place.....Nancy Babbitt
This quiet retreat was a time for myself; a time to think, reflect, have conversation with God. There were no have to's or should's; we were given a guideline to follow only as a suggestion which I really appreciated. A beautiful place to allow yourself just to "be yourself"....Tahna Pasqua

The 24 hours we spent at the Pines was very rewarding. It gave us a really, really quiet time to worship with the Lord. You can't believe how much easier it is to hear God's voice when you leave all the clutter and noise behind you.

Just to take long walks on the grounds and to see all the beauty that God provides for us at no charge....God provides everything for us. We just have to open our eyes and heart and receive.

I guess one thing about the retreat was that we had really tasty meals. At first it was hard to eat meals without talking, but after a while it was nice that you didn't have to make small talk. You could just listen to your own heart and talk with the Lord.

I guess I cheated a little bit and talked with Andrea while we did crafts at 1:00 am in the morning. I never thought I would want to go on a silent retreat but I enjoyed it. I think the next time they schedule a silent retreat, we should make it for 2 days. 24 hours was too short of a time. Just remember though, Andrea and I cheated a little.....Jenny Fravel

I felt God was so close and I was shown His presence many times. Even though we women didn't talk most of the retreat, I still felt a closeness to everyone and especially to God....Rosie Falk

Being away from all the "usual" places and the usual noises allowed me to open my eyes, ears and heart to new input...and since I was reading the Bible and praying, that new input was from God. He really had a lot to say! I am so blessed to have been given a deliberate opportunity and shown deliberate methods to hear Him.....JSK

Community Connection Groups

MEN'S COMMUNITY CONNECTION GROUPS

Ironworks: First Saturday of month, 8:45 am. Breakfast, fellowship and study. **Because the September 4th is part of the Labor Day Holiday Weekend, our next gathering will be on Saturday, September 11,** This group meets in the Family Life Center. Mark Peterson is the facilitator.

Men's Bible Study Group: We meet the first and third Tuesday nights of each month in Pastor Bud's Office at 7:00pm for fellowship & study. We are studying the book of Ephesians. There's great life application here for men...And you are ALL welcome! Jim Bernhardt is the facilitator of this men's group.

The **WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP** meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights of each month. On the first Wednesday of every month, we are offering a **Healing Service** to people in our church family and people in our community. Please come if you would like someone to pray for you, if you need some quiet time with God, or if you want to be anointed. The third Wednesday of each month will continue to be a time of prayer for anyone who wishes to come. We often pray for our leadership, for prayer requests from our church family, and for anything God lays on our hearts.

As Pastor Bud reminds us this month, in Philippians 4:6-7 we're told, *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CONNECTION GROUPS

Tuesday Group: Our small group will be studying the book of Daniel, where we hope to grow our knowledge of God and understand Him better as One who is sovereign. We will look at the integrity of Daniel as well as his prophetic vision for the end times. While we are studying God's Word through the book of Daniel, it is important for each one reading this newsletter to understand that you are welcome to join us and experience God's love as we grow in faith together. The more we understand the character of God, through studies such as the book of Daniel, the deeper our roots of faith become. If you are not currently engaged in a small group to further your understanding of God, please consider joining us on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm at the home of Ellen Jacobs, 148 Nicole Drive, Westerville. The Holy Spirit has been faithful to show up and guide us each and every week. You are encouraged to experience it for yourself. We would love to include you in our study.

Wednesday Group: This group will not meet until October. Please watch the celebration folder and October newsletter for more details. Diana Robertson is the facilitator and lives at 344 Mary Avenue in Westerville. **Thursday Evening Group:**

Thursday Group: For September, we will be meeting on Thursday, September 9th and Thursday, September 23rd from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at Barb Walberry's home. The Enemy is strong. The battle is real. Prepare for victory. In **When the Enemy Strikes**, author Dr. Charles Stanley explores the often-overlooked reality of spiritual warfare—the tactics used by Satan to taunt, confuse, slander and harm. Your adversary wants to crush your will, delay your promise, destroy your relationships and lead you into sin. Dr. Stanley reveals how you should respond. This is a world of conflict between good and evil, of powers beyond the merely human. The battle is unavoidable, but take heart! God has given you the strength to stand. Come learn how to be victorious in the battle that is real, all around us, and unavoidable.

Questions? Please contact Dee Holcomb at 614-561-1579 or Lisa White at 614-395-0962. Barb Walberry lives at 6061 Mayfair Drive in

COMBINED COMMUNITY CONNECTION GROUPS

Tuesday Evening Group: We will be gathering at the home of Larry & Tahna Pasqua on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of September. On September 7, we'll gather for fellowship and on the 21st, we start our stewardship study. If you have any questions, please contact Judi Ayers or Larry Pasqua. Larry and Tahna live at 420 Liberty Lane, Westerville. Married couples and singles are all invited!

Couples Group: If you have any questions or would like to make suggestions regarding small groups for the fall, please contact Dan and Jen Shively at (614) 901-9844 or ddsirs@msn.com.