

# BEACON NEWSLETTER

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JUNE 2009

## OPENING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*We have a tremendous challenge before us to lead our members on a journey of discovering who they are in Christ. We must embark on a quest to uncover the unique, unprecedented and never-recurring potentialities of each member---those with quiet gifts as well as those with obvious talents*

– Marlene Wilson, *How to Mobilize Church Volunteers*

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One of the common complaints one hears in churches is, "where are the *others*?" Where are all those people on our rolls who never show up or volunteer for anything or have been so burned out or burned up that they no longer participate? What happened to the new members we took in last year?

Yup. It is a common refrain. My observations over the years are several:

1. Most people don't sign up to volunteer because they have no idea what the job entails and often churches don't have job descriptions for the position they are filling. People feel inadequate/unprepared.
2. Tradition often squelches new approaches and new ideas. This, young people especially, find discouraging, if not completely off-putting.
3. A lot of times no one has helped potential leaders in the church discover their gifts. Nominating Committees look for "warm bodies", irrespective of the unique gifts that each member brings to the community of faith.
4. Time and Talent sheets have helped reject people's gifts for serving. I wish I could tell you about all the churches I've served where these sheets are filled out and then filed away under "forget it". The message is, "Nice to have you on board but we think what you offer is insignificant."
5. The jobs to be filled receive more attention than the people filling them. The corollary statement is, people often find it hard to describe what they are good at, what they are tired of doing, what they want to learn, where they are being led to grow, when they need time off.

(All mentioned in Wilson's book, cited above.)

Does any of this ring true at EACC? Well, "do we have a deal for *you!*"

On the last three Tuesdays in June, June 16, 23 and 30, beginning at 6:00 PM with a light supper in the Parlor, we plan to work together to "open your spiritual gifts". There are many ways to serve in the church. What we hope to provide for you is the opportunity to know WHY we serve, the theology: as in "My food is to do the will and accomplish the work of the one who sent me." John 4:34

Using a very simple tool we will discover WHAT your strongest gifts are. Are your gifts one or several? Are they administration, faith, giving, leadership, etc.? How are these gifts affirmed by the Body of Christ? How can the special abilities God has given you be used most effectively for the good of the entire church? Are these gifts used out of love and service to one another?

HOW do we bring our dreams and visions of gift-based ministry to reality? How can we help everyone, from children to the homebound, discover opportunities to explore their gifts and call in ways that fit their unique situation? For example, if a youth has musical talent, do we invite the young person to participate in worship? Do we encourage the elderly, usually great pray-ers, to send cards, be part of our [loosely organized] intercessory ministry?

DO come and be part of *Opening Your Spiritual Gifts*. We just may open some new doors here at EACC and discover in the process that we have more help than we ever needed. Wouldn't that be the miraculous work of God among us?

Hoping to see everyone there!

Your friend and Interim Pastor, Terri



### Sunday Schedule

8:45 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study**

10:00 a.m.

**Celebrative Worship  
Service &  
Church School**

Following worship  
**Fellowship and  
Refreshments**

Bus transportation  
available to/from church

## **JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 7 TRINITY SUNDAY; FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

Scripture Readings:

*Isa 6: 1-8*

*Ps 29*

*Rom 8: 12-17*

*John 3: 1-17*

Worship Theme: Mysterious Encounter

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 14 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

Scripture Readings:

*1 Sam 15: 34-16: 13; Ps 20 or*

*Ezek 17: 22-24; Ps 92: 1-4, 12-15*

*2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17 or 2 Cor 5: 6-17*

*Mark 4: 26-34*

Worship Theme: Flourishing

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 21 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

Scripture Readings:

*1 Sam 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49;*

*Ps 9: 9-20 or*

*Job 38: 1-11; Ps 107: 1-3, 23-32*

*2 Cor 6: 1-13*

*Mark 4: 35-41*

Worship Theme: In the Boat Together

Father's Day/First Day of Summer

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 28 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

Scripture Readings:

*2 Sam 1:1, 17-27; Ps 130 or*

*Wis of Sol 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24; Ps 30*

*2 Cor 8: 7-15*

*Mark 5: 21-43*

Worship Theme: Healing Powers

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

There are several openings during June, July, and August for members to give flowers on Sunday. If you have flowers in your yard, why not share them with your church friends by brightening the sanctuary on Sunday morning? Or, if there is a special occasion you would like to commemorate, you can order a floral arrangement by phoning our church secretary, Diana Reid, on the Monday or Tuesday prior to the Sunday the flowers are to be given. She will place the order with Bill Wofford and record the acknowledgement you would like in the Sunday bulletin. The cost for such an arrangement is \$45.00, and the amount is payable on the date the flowers are given. Following the service, the person(s) giving the flowers determines to whom the flowers are to be given. — Mary Jane Cariens

## **TWO CELEBRATIONS ON JUNE 7**

After morning worship on June 7, in the parlor, the Chancel Choir will be honoring one of their own, Jean Hogan, who will be retiring from that choir after serving as a member of the alto section for the past 29 years.

Then immediately afterward we are all invited downstairs to the dining room for lunch. The men honored the women of the church with a brunch in May. Now it's the women's turn to prepare and serve a meal of appreciation for the men. The meal is being sponsored by all the ministries, and will be prepared and served by a committee hand-picked by Mary Guen.

## **ALL-CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 14**

Get ready! The EACC All-Church Picnic will be on June 14, after morning worship, at Forest Hills Park. The church will supply the hotdogs, hamburgers, buns and drinks; members are asked to bring side dishes, desserts and lawn chairs for your comfort. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor. Please plan to join us for rest, relaxation, and a rousing good time!

To get to the park, follow Mayfield Road to Monticello. Take a left onto Monticello, and another left onto Lee Road. The pavilion where we will be gathering will be on your left.



## **OPENING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

We will be meeting on three consecutive Tuesday evenings, the 16th, 23rd and 30th, to learn together about our individual gifts of ministry and leadership in the church. A light supper will be served at 6:00PM, followed by the program from 6:30-7:30. This will be an opportunity for all of us to gain a new understanding of what God is calling us to be and to do.

## **STORIES OF FAITH**

Save Sunday, June 28, during coffee hour, for a continuation of our storytelling series facilitated by Leon Bibb. More details to follow.

## **MEN'S COUNCIL**

The Men's Council continues to go about doing good deeds. On May 7th they cooked and served a gourmet meal to the women (and their guests) of the church. On May 30th they helped set up the tents and tables needed on the Cozad-Bates lawn for Joan Southgate's joyful end-of-her-250-mile-walk celebration. Then on June 20 they will once more serve as hosts and sponsors of the Saturday Fun annual Captains game outing. Thanks so much, guys!



## **SATURDAY FUN**

Saturday Fun will end its season with a trip to the zoo on June 6 and a Lake County Captains baseball game on June 20. There will be a \$5 charge for the zoo, but the baseball game is being sponsored as in past years by the Men's Council, so the tickets plus food and beverages will be free! Please contact Cheryl Wacasey at 216-513-8006 or Cecelia Pritchett at 216-990-5575 if you want to attend either of these events.

Saturday Fun will not meet in July and August, but we'll start up again in September, with a whole new year of enrichment activities for kids aged 6-16.

## **HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICES**

Healing and Prayer Services will continue every Wednesday from 12-12:30 through June and into the foreseeable future. Please plan to attend any or all of these worship opportunities and pray for the Spirit of God to move upon our church and community.

## **FIFTH MONDAY MEAL**

We anticipate serving as many as 100 meals at Calvary Presbyterian Church at 79th and Euclid on Monday, June 29. Cloggie Crowder will coordinate the menu-planning, the recruitment of volunteers, and the shopping, and LaDoris Dantzler will do the cooking, as usual. Because of her job schedule, however, Cloggie will not be able to be there for the actual serving of the meal. She is looking for someone who is willing to supervise on site that evening, from 3-6PM. Please see her at church or phone her at 216-231-4402 if you are that someone.

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the very successful ice cream social on May 17. The proceeds went for camp scholarships for the EACC kids who are going to church camp this summer. Donations are still welcome, of course! Make your checks payable to the church and mark "camp scholarships" on the memo line. – Cloggie Crowder



## **EASTER BALLOONS UPDATE**

Four balloons carried our Easter greeting to fertile ground and four cards were returned. Prevailing winds from the northwest sent our balloons south and east to East Canton (1 balloon), Carrollton (2 balloons) and Smithfield (1 balloon). All locations are in Ohio.



## **WE KNOW YOU ARE OUT THERE**

The Publicity Committee is seeking a few folks with an interest in getting the word out to the community about our wonderful church! We need both people with ideas/marketing skills and those who are willing to do things like taking brochures to the hotels near the church.

**We need your help!** Please see or call Ann Drysdale (co-chair Church in the World) 216-481-4778

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **Message from Marcy**



In the May-June issue of The Upper Room, James M. Playford wrote about his father's lifelong passion for growing vegetables. His military career meant moving every three or four years, but he planted a garden every spring regardless of whether he could expect to harvest it. He'd say, "I'm planting tomatoes for someone else to pick." (Thanks to Marguerite Bibb for bringing this to my attention.)

In Christian Education, we will be growing a garden this summer as part of our in-depth, hands-on study of Genesis 1:26-31, in which we learn that God created human beings and gave them the responsibility to rule over the earth. We've started discussing what it means to be a good ruler. The crux of the matter is reflected in the mural of a vine and its branches that Bob Henderson is helping us to paint. As Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, we need to stay connected to God if we are to rule well.

Our garden will contain a mixture of vegetables and flowers. We've planted peanuts and luffa gourd seeds indoors and several have already sprouted. We'll have a shady garden, two gardens in the sun, and numerous containers formed from worn out tires. By putting these tires to use, we get free, high-quality containers and also keep the tires out of landfills. We'll raise plants that attract butterflies and birds, plants that provide materials for crafts next winter, and of course plants that provide food. We hope to donate a significant amount of food for the August Fifth Monday Meal. Naturally, we'll plant tomatoes and, yes, considering how complicated our lives are, the people who plant may not be the same ones who harvest.

If you have experience gardening (or would like to get some), come join us—for one Sunday or many Sundays. We'll need other skills, too, for Sundays when rain or ozone levels keep us indoors. I hope to find several volunteers who can crochet. If you're good at improvising to make things out of whatever's available, we can use you. If you don't think any of your skills would be useful in Christian Ed, but you love young people, come talk to me. You have the most important qualification. (This will be true for the new curriculum beginning in the fall too. I'll give you more details later, but we'll be getting to know some of the interesting and important people God used to advance God's plan.)

I encourage all of you to ask God whether you have a call to help in the Christian Education program. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." (Luke 10:2) We have energetic, rapidly developing young people, but few laborers to help guide them into a relationship with God. The Apostle Paul said, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." (1 Cor 3:6) The planting and watering isn't difficult, and watching the growth is a tremendous reward.

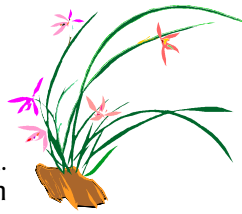
– Marcy Molman, Director of Christian Education



**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

The Stewardship Ministry continues to work mainly on building repair and beautification.

- We have hired a contractor, R.A. Ferguson, to repair the sandstone on the East 96th side of the building, under the pastor's study window; and to tuck point around the East 96th Street entrance and the two Euclid Avenue entrances.
- The Garden Committee has been beautifying the church grounds; a landscaper was hired to do spring clean-up.
- We hired a substitute custodian to provide building security on Sunday mornings from 8AM-1PM from May to October.
- A mural for the second floor bathroom wall will soon be completed; this is a project of the Christian Education



**“In Their Path 2009!”**

Restore Cleveland Hope



Hooray! We did it!!! In March, when the

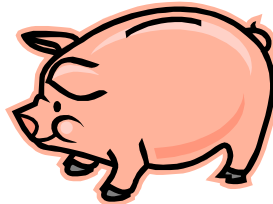
fund drive began to raise \$1000 to pay for Joan's first mile of her 250-mile walk, Church In the World knew that we wanted everyone in our church family to be able to participate, no matter how small the contribution might be. Pooling our resources, great things will happen. And it did – with our nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars and checks, EACC reached its goal of \$1000 to support the first mile of Joan's "In Their Path" walk. In fact, the contributions, as of May 24th are \$1,003.87!

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach this pledge: Betty Baker, Catherinlu Russell, Johnni Mitchell, Precious Bogard, Claude Brewer, Flossie Whitson, Jeanette Potts, Ann Drysdale, Cheryl Wacsey, the Stevenson family, Leon Bibb, Marguerite Bibb, Montana Wacasey, Veronica Fullerton, Noreen Roderick, Chris Sanders, Telisha LaFloria-Kambira, Ruth Garwood, Carolyn Smith, Eleanore Dees, Kathie Buckner, Conner and Condelius Bogard, Sandy Thomas, Alma Mozley, Je'say Barge, Christine Fant, Jewell and Amber Green, Lavera Hampton, Adrienne Brockway, Amanda Bogard, Mary Guen, Derrick Calles, James Franklin, Martha Edwards, Linda Brewer, Amber Bogard, Velma and F. A. Phillips, Ashley Bogard, Ruthann Hampton, Phyllis Graham, Mary Jane Cariens, Fannie Cockfield, Charlene Higginbotham, Dean and Judy Sieck, Nancy Nigosian, John Peterson, Mary and Paul Sherry, Calvin and Helen Humphrey, and many others who made anonymous contributions!

Many EACC members also participated in the celebration on May 30, walked with Joan the last 3.5 miles of her 250-mile walk down East 105th and through University Circle, and celebrated with her and many other Restore Cleveland Hope supporters on the lawn of the Cozad-Bates House. Much gratitude to everyone!

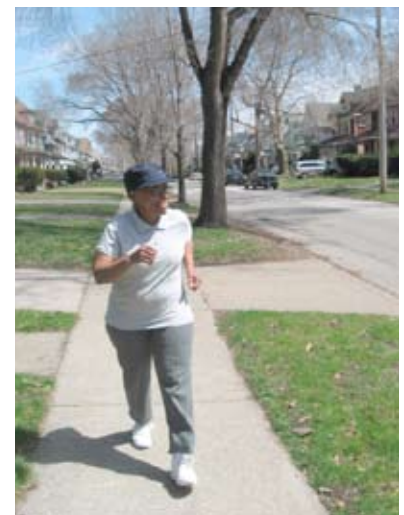
and Faith Formation Ministry.

– Kathie Buckner and Ruby Brooks, Co-Chairs



January through February OUTREACH SUMMARY	
OCWM	4,375
Interact	875
Hunger Offerings	1,033
Great Hour of Sharing	330
Strengthening the Church	5
Other Special Offerings	1,862
Christmas Offering	0
Neighbors in Need	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,479</b>

APRIL 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY - Expenses Compared to Budget			
		January - April 2009	
Annual Budget		Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
<b>INCOME</b>			
123,918	CONTRIBUTIONS	43,021	42,700
225,324	ENDOWMENT INCOME USED	88,428	88,474
15,600	OTHER INCOME	1,005	4,033
364,842	Total RECEIPTS	132,454	135,207
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>			
210,518	Total PERSONNEL	79,128	75,822
74,210	Total BUILDING MAINTENANCE	44,879	29,501
10,200	Total OFFICE	3,509	4,000
17,564	Total OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	2,906	7,170
312,492	Total ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	130,421	116,493
<b>PROGRAM &amp; MINISTRIES EXPENSES</b>			
12,050	Total CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY	1,870	3,133
7,800	Total FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRY	1,084	1,933
26,650	Total CHURCH IN THE WORLD MINISTRY	5,950	6,833
5,850	Total WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY	985	1,783
52,350	Total PROGRAM & MINISTRIES EXPENSES	9,889	13,683
364,842	<b>Total EXPENSE</b>	<b>140,310</b>	<b>130,177</b>
0	<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(7,857)</b>	<b>5,031</b>



## **GAY PRIDE PARADE**

**Save the date!** The Pride Parade in Cleveland is June 20! Be part of the EACC group marching to show support and solidarity for the LGBT community. Contact Dean Sieck for more details.  
– Adrienne Brockway

## **WE ARE RETREATING**

For the first time in three years we are going on our Fall All-Church Retreat!

We will again be going to Pilgrim Hills; the dates are September 25, 26 and 27.

If you are interested in working on the planning committee for the Retreat, please see or call Ann Drysdale

216-481-4778

## **FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Members of the Pastoral Search Committee met on May 26, 2009 to continue their work in developing the church's profile. In reviewing the surveys on Leadership Expectations of the Called Pastor, the twelve most frequently cited expectations are as follows: (1) Is an effective preacher/speaker (2) Makes pastoral calls on people in hospitals and nursing homes and those confined to their homes, (3) Is accepting of people with divergent views, (4) Deals effectively with conflict, (5) Is a person of faith, (6) Works regularly at bringing new members into the church, (7) Helps people work together in solving problems, (8) Helps people understand and act upon issues of social justice, (9) Is effective in planning and leading worship, (10) Is effective in working with children, (11) Encourages people to relate their faith to their daily lives, and (12) Is a compassionate and caring person.

These expectations and the results of the All-Church and Group Surveys will begin the process of developing a profile of Euclid Avenue Congregational Church.

This search committee is a dynamic and hardworking group of stewards. We will continue to report our progress in each issue of the Beacon. We ask for your continued prayers as we do this very important work.

The Search Committee Members: *Adrienne Brockway, Mary Jane Cariens, John Merritt, Charles Williams, Noreen Roderick, Nikolas Southgate, Calvin Humphrey, Dean Sieck and Eleanore Dees*

## **WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE**

You are receiving this info hot off the press about something that concerns you... YOU!

I am part of the committee who is responsible for planning and carrying out this wonderful event and thought about you. This day is one like none other.....AND to give you some inside scoop - we will be having a very popular marching band from a suburb of Cleveland perform for us ! (At least come and get ya Bankhead Bounce on!)

It really is a good day with material giveaways that far exceed what you pay for tickets. Parking is free and most of all - the gain in heightening your awareness of your physical health is the biggest gift any of us could give to ourselves. So Save the date - Saturday August 15th, 2009. Bring your Mom, Sisters, Aunties, Cousins, Daughters, Play Family (You know how we do!) and any other woman in your life. We all really need to be there from the youngest to the eldest.

I am really counting on you for support in this event. This is why you are being given hmmmmm 3 MONTHS advance notice.

Don't sleep - the tickets for this event sell out very quickly so please don't delay. They've been on sale since May 9th.

It's gonna be a blessed day!

– Rachele N. Milner, MSSA, Via Kristine Jackson

## **A LETTER FROM THE CLEVELAND FOODBANK**

Dear Mr. Peterson,

We were delighted to receive the generous gift of \$2,200 from the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church...A difficult economy has triggered an increased need for food and made our hunger relief efforts even more challenging. In the first five months of our new fiscal year, we distributed 24% more food than we did during the same time in the previous year. This is an increase of over 2 million pounds of food! Your gift will mean so much to families who are struggling to make ends meet...

Thank you for your support of our mission to alleviate hunger in Northeast Ohio. We are very fortunate to have your partnership in this work.

Sincerely,

Anne Campbell Goodman, Executive Director

## **The Gardens of Euclid Avenue Church**

At the July 2008 meeting of Council of Ministries, a resolution was passed establishing the Paul E. Jerabek Rose Garden. It was hoped that as soon as the Euclid Corridor Project was completed we could break ground for the garden. This resolution was met with a great deal of enthusiasm and hope.

During the interim, members of the garden committee and the family have come to the sad realization that a garden honoring our beloved Paul Jerabek should be well maintained and tended to by knowledgeable and dedicated persons.

A rose garden containing Paul's roses would be a living tribute to Paul Jerabek and the work he's done cultivating, hybridizing, writing and singing about roses. The dream of such a garden on the grounds of the church Paul and the Jerabek family have attended for over six decades is not dead. As the grounds are improved and the skill of our young gardeners improves, we will revisit this project.

We secured the services of Cistrunk Landscaping, Inc. to do a spring cleanup of the gardens. It is a good start for the season. Have you noticed the flowering pots at the eastern and western entrances to the church? There are plans to upgrade the plantings on the East 96th street entrance. More information is forthcoming on this project.

The Garden Committee





## PERSONA POEMS

Three of EACC's senior high school students wrote the following poems about themselves (and gave us permission to put them in the Beacon) in one of their church school classes:

Ashley

Emotional, crazy, social, funny  
 Who loves pink, her family, and to try new things  
 Who is afraid of crawling things, guns, and death  
 Who wants to see Barcelona, Paris and world peace  
 Resident of her own world  
 Bogard

Lavera

Loveable, kind, joyful, beautiful  
 Who loves food, singing and talking  
 Who is afraid of spiders, mean people and life  
 Who wants to see beauty, her future and success  
 Resident of Cleveland  
 Hampton

Chris

Genius, mature, athletic, manly  
 Who loves Mommy, brothers, and Sarah  
 Who is afraid of nothing, nothing, and death  
 Who wants to see God, his children, and Rome  
 Resident of Cleveland  
 Sanders

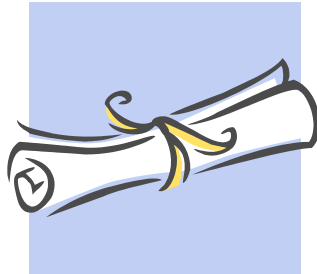
## \* \* \* JOYS \* \* \*

**Carolyn Smith** appeared on the cover of the *Plain Dealer Friday Magazine* on May 15. She was in a photo of folks gathering for a Hessler Street Fair Reunion. Carolyn, her late husband Andy, and her children Tim and Cindy lived on Hessler Street many years ago and were among those who organized and promoted that fair that has now become a Cleveland tradition.

**Jean Hogan's** last Sunday singing in the alto section of the Chancel Choir will be June 7. In appreciation of her 29 years of service, she is being honored at a reception in the parlor after morning worship. Jean teaches music at Phyllis Wheatley Neighborhood Center and has a long career as singer and musician. The choir and congregation will miss her warmth and her smile, as well as her voice.

**NOW FOR THE GRADUATES:**

**Christina Cajigas**, another alto in the Chancel Choir, graduated from Case Western Reserve University on May 17 with a Bachelor's Degree. She is continuing at Case in a Master's Degree program in biology.



**Thaddaeus Elliott (17)**, grandson of **Ruby Brooks** and son of **Andrea (Elliott) Burt**, will be graduating on June 2, 2009 from Coral Reef Senior High School, a magnet school in Miami, FL. He will graduate from the Visual and Performing Arts Academy where he played the flute and piccolo in the Wind Ensembles, Symphony Orchestra, and the Barracuda Marching Band. He will be leaving the warmth of the Sunshine State to study journalism at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University this coming fall on a full scholarship. His family is very proud of him and wishes him the best on his future endeavors.

**Aaron Grady**, son of **Barbara Goad** and grandson of **Floecie Goad**, is graduating from Brookhaven High School in Columbus, where he played football. His college plans include Akron University.

**Michael Hives**, who sings tenor in the Chancel Choir and studies voice with Carolyn Smith, is graduating from Cleveland Heights High School. He will attend college in the fall; he is deciding between Ashland and Akron.

**Beth Molmen**, daughter of our Christian Education Director **Marcy Molmen**, graduated from the University of Virginia on May 17.

**Michael Sanders**, son of **Noreen Roderick**, is graduating from Northmont High School in Dayton. After he graduates he will be moving back to Cleveland to seek further education and employment.

Please let the Beacon know about any other members and friends who graduated in May or June, so we can include their names in the next Beacon!

## \* \* \* KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS \* \* \*

- ◆ Family of John (Jack) Baker (brother of Anna Tucker)
- ◆ Leon Bibb & Family (as they mourn the death of his aunt, Lillie Hunter)
- ◆ Margaret Brewer
- ◆ Bruce and Suellen
- ◆ Samella Carroll
- ◆ Gyasi Cooper (Christian Sanders)
- ◆ Anthony Harris (grandson of Christine Fant)
- ◆ Julia Haynes
- ◆ Calvin & Helen Humphrey
- ◆ Hallie K. Jones
- ◆ Phyllis Martien
- ◆ Dominic Martin
- ◆ Wills Morgan
- ◆ Emmet Saunders
- ◆ Jeff Soukup
- ◆ Barbara Smith Weems
- ◆ Beverly Williams (sister-in-law of Kathie Buckner)
- ◆ Pastor Terri Young and family

Please remember these persons in your prayers and notify Eleanore Dees, (216) 295-0872, or the Church Office to identify the names and/or needs of others who would appreciate being remembered in our prayers.

**Quilts of Love**

The Women's Association finished up their work for this season. They completed 30 assorted lap quilts since the first of the year to share with folks in nursing homes. These works of love were designed and assembled during their weekly Tuesday meetings, amidst laughter, sharing and lively discussion. The parlor will be a lot quieter on Tuesdays until their next meeting in the fall.

**ERNIE CLARK'S HOURS**

Monday – 4 - 9 PM  
 Tuesday – 4 - 8 PM  
 Wednesday – 4 - 9 PM  
 Thursday and Friday – off  
 Saturday – 8 AM -12 noon  
 Sunday – 7 AM - 1 PM,  
 November 1- April 30





# JUNE 2009

(BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES NOTED HEREIN)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM - C.A.	<b>2</b> 4:30 PM - Kenpo Martial Arts  <b>Tena Stewart</b>	<b>3</b> 12 noon - Prayer & Healing Service 6:00 - Gospel Choir 7:00 PM - A.A 7:00 C.O.M.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 AM - Saturday Fun   <b>Cyndi Henderson</b>
<b>7</b> 8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship Transitional Steering Team <b>Men Appreciation Brunch</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM - C.A.	<b>9</b> 12 Noon - Staff 4:30 PM - Kenpo Martial Arts 7:00 PM - Pastoral Search Committee  <b>Melissa Henderson Bural &amp; Kathie Buckner</b>	<b>10</b> 12 noon - Prayer & Healing Service 6:00 - Gospel Choir 7:00 PM - A.A 7:00 C.O.M.	<b>11</b>   <b>Gladys Wells</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>     <b>Benette Potts Miller</b>
<b>14</b> 8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship <b>ALL CHURCH PICNIC at Forrest Hills Park</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM - C.A.	<b>16</b> 4:30 PM - Kenpo Martial Arts 6PM - Opening Your Spiritual Gifts	<b>17</b> 12 noon - Prayer & Healing Service 7:00 PM - A.A	<b>18</b>   <b>Marquais Stewart</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10AM - Saturday Fun Gay Pride Parade  <b>July-August Beacon Deadline: JUNE 20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship CE & FF ministry F&CL ministry W & A ministry  <b>Charlene Higginbotham</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM - C.A.	<b>23</b> 12 Noon - Staff 4:30 PM - Kenpo Martial Arts 6PM - Opening Your Spiritual Gifts	<b>24</b> 12 noon - Prayer & Healing Service 7:00 PM - A.A	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10AM - Saturday Fun 10:00 - Men's Council  <b>Judy Sieck</b>
<b>28</b> 8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship C in TW ministry Stories of Faith  <b>Markita Stewart David &amp; Linda Buckle</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM - C.A. 3PM - Fifth Monday Meal	<b>30</b> 4:30 PM - Kenpo Martial Arts 6PM - Opening Your Spiritual Gifts  <b>Lavera Hampton</b>	<b>Monthly Ministry/Team/Council Meetings</b> 1st Sunday - Transitional Steering Team 1st Wednesday - Council of Ministries 2nd Sunday - Fellowship..., Worship... 3rd Sunday - Christian Education... 4th Saturday - Men's Council 4th Sunday - Church in the World 5th Sunday - Ushers			

❖ Chicago Theological Seminary has named the Rev. John H. Thomas as Senior Advisor to the President and Visiting Professor in Church Ministries. Thomas' appointment will take effect Jan. 1, 2010. He concludes his term as General Minister and President of the UCC on Sept. 30, 2009.

In this newly created position, Thomas will play a strategic role in promoting and enhancing the national and global profile of CTS. Thomas will also cultivate relationships with key constituents and congregations; support strategic fund raising efforts; foster student and faculty recruitment; provide leadership development opportunities for students, alumni/ae, and national religious leaders; and teach courses.

"Chicago Theological Seminary offers students the opportunity to learn from outstanding scholars and accomplished religious practitioners," said Don Clark, chair of the seminary's Board of Trustees. "The addition of John Thomas reaffirms CTS' commitment to outstanding theological education and developing future generations of religious leadership."

❖ Over 150 youth have registered for the Youth @ General Synod event to be held June 24-30 in conjunction with the UCC's General Synod in Grand Rapids, Mich. The program for high school students (grades 9 – 12) combines General Synod events with three days of service projects, evening programs, social opportunities and after hours activities.

"It's a great chance for youth to learn about and participate in the wider church and to grow in faith, service and friendship with their peers in the UCC," says the Rev. Kelly Burd, the UCC's interim minister for youth and young adults. "Since financial and transportation considerations force many youth groups to choose between a mission/service trip and wider church gathering each summer, we are offering a General Synod program that includes mission/service experience." Service projects scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Monday will include direct service work such as tutoring and serving food along with ministry support activities like stocking food pantries, painting and cleaning.

❖ In a letter to Congress dated May 15, nine faith leaders representing a diverse range of religious traditions signed on in support H.R. 1147 and S. 592, the bipartisan Local Community Radio Act of 2009. The goal of the bill – sponsored by Reps. Mike Doyle (D – Pa.) and Lee Terry (R – Neb.) and introduced by Sens. Maria Cantwell (D – Wash.) and John McCain (R – Ariz.) – is to help increase the number of low-power FM radio stations in the United States.

The Rev. J. Bennett Guess, executive director of the Office of Communication, Inc. said, "Low-power FM stations provide communities with an excellent forum through which to discuss local issues." LPFM stations have an excellent track record for providing essential emergency services during times of crisis. Since their inception in 2000, approximately 800 LPFM stations have been authorized nationwide. But the Federal Communications Commission requires Congressional action to fully implement the program.

❖ As the House took up a hate crimes bill that would add "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to a list of federally protected classes, Andrea Lafferty of the Traditional Values Coalition stood outside the Capitol and warned of dire

consequences for clergy. "They know the purpose of this bill is to silence pastors, to silence youth pastors, to silence people of faith," said Lafferty.

Barrett Duke, vice president for public policy at the Southern Baptist commission, said he is concerned that the legislation could lead to prosecution of clergy whose words against homosexuality get tied to a crime committed by someone who listened to them.

In a daily memo circulated on Capitol Hill, House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn stressed that the bill is aimed at criminal behavior, not religious speech. "The bill will NOT limit religious expression," he wrote. "Some churches have stated that with passage of this bill, ministers may be arrested for speech and words said in the pulpits. This is false. This bill is about violent crime. It is not about and does not prohibit thought, speech or expression protected by the First Amendment." More liberal religious groups, including the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the United Church of Christ and the Transgender Religious Leaders Network, support the bill, while other religious leaders have blasted critics for saying pulpit free speech rights are at risk.

"More than 100,000 hate crimes have been reported since 1991," said the Rev. Michael Schuenemeyer, the UCC's executive for health and wholeness advocacy. "Sixteen percent of hate crimes reported in 2007 were against persons because of their real or perceived sexual orientation. Society and all people benefit from individual and collective efforts aimed at eliminating violence and hate crimes."

Despite growing conservative outcry, the House passed the legislation along party lines by a vote of 249-175 on Wednesday (April 29). On Tuesday, the Senate introduced companion legislation. President Obama has signaled his support for the legislation. He urged quick action on "this important civil rights issue by passing this legislation to protect all of our citizens from violent acts of intolerance."

The UCC's Schuenemeyer suggests there is room for mutual agreement on the issue of hate crimes. "Across the religious spectrum, if on nothing else, we ought to at least be in solidarity in our stance against violence and hate crimes," he said.

❖ As work on health care legislation heats up in congress, a coalition of faith leaders is planning an interfaith service of witness and prayer to take place on June 24th on Freedom Plaza in Washington D.C. Sponsored by some 42 faith groups which include various Christian denominations and Catholics, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, and Islamists to name a few, they plan to send a message to congress that it should keep in mind the principles of inclusivity, accessibility, affordability, and accountability (exact words not settled on) as it deliberates. To be part of this expression, plans are underway to organize buses for Washington, there may be an "echo event" here in Cleveland, one can send supportive post cards or make phone calls. Keep looking for more information as to how to participate. This may be a historic moment to influence health care reform.

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