



Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise. Give
thanks to him, bless his name.

Psalm 100:4



Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010

- 9:30 a.m. — One Great service
- 11:00 a.m. — Sunday School for All
- 12:15 a.m. — Dinner in "The Courts"

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My Dear Friends,

Our Consecration Sunday for the O'Dell Family Life Center (February 14) is upon us. I've been asked, "Why are we having this in the winter?" The answer is easy: "That's when we could get the Bishop to come!"



It's always an honor to have the Bishop to visit your local congregation. With around 1,200 local UM congregations in the state of Indiana, the Bishop can't get to all of them. So, this is a rare privilege. Also, the occasion is historic. In almost 184 years of history, there are few achievements greater than the building of this new facility we are going to consecrate.

I'm reminding you of these things, because I don't want you to miss this day, or for us to miss making this day all it should be. Invite your friends. Bring those you love. Let's fill *The Courts* to overflowing!

The schedule for this day will change. There will be –

- **One Great Service of Worship at 9:30 a.m.**
- **Sunday School classes for all at 11:00 a.m.**
- **The Consecration Dinner in *The Courts* at 12:15 p.m.**

It's the dinner at 12:15 that many of you don't seem to get or seem inclined to skip out on. I hope you won't. In addition to a wonderful meal that we can share together in *The Courts*, this will be the place where we can recognize and thank our guests, and receive greetings from them. It wouldn't be good to do this in an empty house.

I know that here at Mt. Auburn we are notoriously slow in signing up for anything. Maybe that is the case here. But, I don't want to take anything for granted—**I want all of you to be present for this dinner!** As a congregational family, this will be our time to celebrate together.

Tickets for the dinner are \$8 for an adult, \$4 for children under 12, and no more than \$25 for a family. If this is a hardship, let me know, and I'll get you in for free! I promise! I don't want anyone to miss this.

Do you remember the Inauguration of the President a year ago? Prayers were given. Songs were sung. President Obama was sworn in by the Chief Justice, and the new President spoke to the nation. Then, everyone retreated inside the Capital for dinner.

That's a little like our day will be. Just don't miss the dinner!
Your friend,
Jim Hertel

Sunday's SERMON

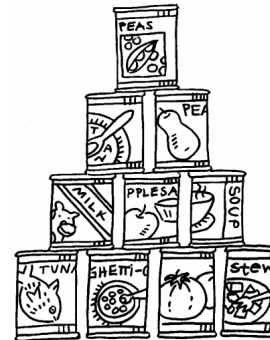
Pastor Ben Greenbaum's Message for
Sunday, Feb. 7



"Stinky Feet"
John 13:1-17

Sponsored by Johnson County United Methodist Churches

Food Drive for the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County January 17 - February 21



What We're Collecting:
Cans of Beef Stew

*Please place cans on the
east end of Trinity Hall

**Food Drive Celebration and Concert of Prayer
Sunday, February 21
Mt Auburn United Methodist Church
Collection of church food donations • 3:00-5:00 pm
Prayer and music from Johnson County UMCs • 5:00 pm**

Open Courts!

Bored after school?
Need help with homework?
Is Sponge-Bob just losing his after-school appeal?

Well maybe it's time to start something new?

Mt. Auburn will open THE COURTS to you and your friends on FRIDAYS!

Consider this your invitation to come hang out, play basketball, volleyball, foosball, ping-pong, listen to music, eat pizza or whatever!

- Who is invited?** Any 7th-12th grade student
When? Most Friday's after school (check calendar on website)
What time? 3:00pm -6:00pm
Will there be food? Yes! You may purchase pizza, candy, and popcorn
What do I need ? A signed waiver (available at: www.mtauburnumc.org under Ministries/Youth)

Need More Information?
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JUST  YOUTH!

Weekly Report of Attendance and General Giving:

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	Sunday School	Budgeted Ministries	Capital Funds II	Other Funds	Total Received
1/24/2010	497	210	\$15,114.50	\$2,902.00	\$1,072.00	\$19,088.50
1/31/2010	460	215	\$20,440.46	\$5,755.64	\$701.20	\$26,897.30

Needed weekly for budgeted ministries in 2010 \$20,971.
Included in other: \$610.00 collected for UMCOR for Haiti Relief Funds.

Sunday, February 14 Consecration of the O'Dell Family Life Center

9:30 a.m. One Great Service of Worship
Special Guests Bishop Coyner & The Horns of Praise

11:00 a.m. Sunday School for All

12:15 p.m. Dinner in the Courts

Invite friends and former members! We expect to have many of our former pastors and associate pastors at the dinner. Dinner reservations are required. The meal will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 with a max of \$25 for families. Proceeds from the dinner will go to purchase equipment for the gym.

Menu

Marinated Chicken Breast, Red-Skinned Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans, Salad & Rolls, Dessert

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

No. of Adult Meals @ \$8 each _____
No. of Children's Meals @ \$4 each _____ Total \$ _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, FEB. 7.

Please make checks out to Mt. Auburn and include your reservation slip in the offering plate on Sunday or send to church office. Designate on notes or envelope, Feb. 14 dinner.

Administrative Board Actions for January 25

Much was achieved in the first Administrative Board meeting of 2010.

First, The Board approved the operating budget for 2010.

An operating budget of \$1,090,500 was approved. This is very much a budget approved on faith. Following the fall stewardship campaign, it is projected that giving will be at or near \$1,003,403. This is approximately 92% of the operating budget, leaving an 8% gap.

A budget gap at this time of year is not unusual. All but one budget in recent memory was approved containing a budget shortfall when compared to expected offerings. The Ad. Board and the Finance Committee closely monitor this situation throughout the year. With careful spending, expected growth, and the continued generosity from the congregation—it is expected that God will meet all of our needs in 2010.

Second, The Board received a proposal for study.

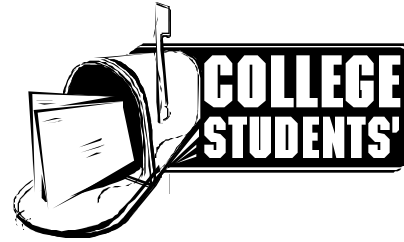
Mike Bishop, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, proposed that when the final property swap with Tharp Development takes place – 2 houses across the street for the Garnett Harbert property – that the church relinquish total control of both houses immediately. The original plan called for the church to maintain the 3133 Stones Crossing house to rent for 3 years. The rental income was to be placed in a trust fund in case the church needed to buy a parsonage in the future. The new thinking is that we can fund that trust fund quicker by allocating some of the money left over from the 2009 general budget, and that continuing to rent property that no longer belongs to the church leaves the church with too much risk.

The Administrative Board has a rule to study each new proposal for at least 1 month before taking action. Therefore, if you have any question or opinion on this subject, please talk with a member of the Administrative Board.

Third, consensus formed for the way forward.

2009 was an exciting year for Mt. Auburn with the opening of the O'Dell Family Life Center. 2010 promises to be another exciting year as old areas are refurbished for new ministries. Here's the consensus for the way we will proceed:

1. There will be no action taken without the approval of a Church Conference (congregational meeting).
2. The first projects to come before the congregation, very soon, are – the total refurbishing of the old kitchen for the Daycare and the two rest-rooms next to the old kitchen, and the redeveloping of the old sanctuary for children's worship and ministry.
3. We'll communicate, communicate, communicate each step of the way.



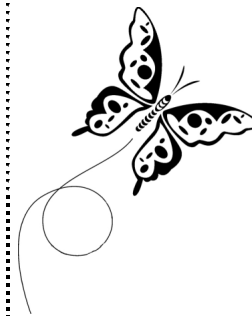
College Care Packages 2010

It's time once again to send care packages to our college students to let them know we are thinking about them. We will be preparing packages to mail on Sunday, Feb 21, at 10:30 in the workroom. There are several ways you can help. We are in need of:

- Homemade cookies (2 doz. per ZipLock bag. For shipping, it is best to wrap 2 cookies together sandwich style in plastic wrap inside bag.)
- individual packages of salty snacks (pretzel, corn chips, etc.)
- Pocket-size Kleenex
- Highlighters, pens,
- Hot cocoa envelopes
- Any additional items are appreciated (**quantity must be 15**)

A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center in Trinity Hall. Donations may be put in the box provided near the Welcome Center. All donations must be received no later than Sunday, Feb. 21. If you would like to help prepare the boxes for mailing, contact Kathy Rice at 888.4379.

Parents—Make sure we have your college student's name and address by contacting Marsha Armenoff (535-8555, ext. 1304) or marshaa@mtaubumumc.org. — The Membership Care Team



Are you ready and eager to publicly confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and become a member of the church? Sign up today! A light meal will be served followed by an introduction to many staff and programs of the church. Child care is provided. Please RSVP to the church with the card below or call Marsha at 535-8555, ext. 1304.

New Member Orientation—Sunday, March 14, 4 p.m. in the Community Room

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Age of children needing care: _____

**Return in offering plate or contact the church office (535-8555)*

Flower Calendar

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please sign-up for a Sunday on the Flower Calendar in the Narthex. The cost is \$10. You may also contact Marsha Armenoff to reserve a Sunday at 535-8555 ext. 1304 or via email at: marshaa@mtauburnumc.org.



Spring Mission Breakfast March 13, 8:30 a.m.

The Spring Mission Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, at 8:30 a.m. We will be meeting in the Community Room for our first mission breakfast of 2010.

Our speaker for this session is from OMS (One Mission Society). This is the same mission that was called OMS International prior to 2010. OMS has been serving in various parts of the world for over 100 years. Their ministries take them from Africa to Asia to Europe/Eurasia to Latin America/Caribbean. They are located in two places in Haiti and are very actively ministering in that area now.

The breakfast is open to everyone, but the food will be provided by the UMW circles. Please get your tickets ahead of time, come and enjoy the food, and learn more about the OMS ministries. Tickets will be sold between services on Sunday, Feb. 28, and on Sunday, March 7.

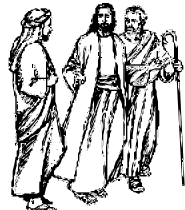
Take Time to Grow in Faith

Upcoming Walks to Emmaus in 2010

Men's Walk April 8-11

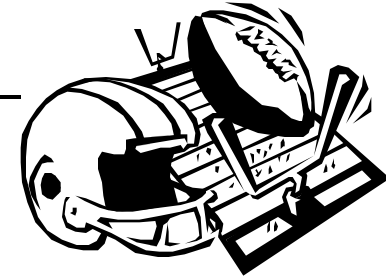
Women's Walk April 15-18

If you are interested in attending or working these Walks, please contact John Burns 885-9244 or visit indyemmaus.org.



On the Road to Emmaus

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS VS NEW ORLEANS SAINTS!



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Mt. Auburn is hosting a party to watch the Big Game—Indianapolis Colts vs New Orleans Saints! Come to the church on **Sunday, Feb. 7, at 5:30pm** or anytime thereafter. Please enter the O'Dell Family Life Center **ONLY** through door 4 on the west side (the south front door, entrance #1, will be locked).

Bring your favorite game day snack to share. Kids can play in the gym so bring your volleyballs, basketballs and Nerf footballs! Two 50" TVs will be set up in Trinity Hall to watch the game. Invite your family and friends!

Capital Funds II Update

2-Year Anniversary
(as of 1/31/2010)

Help Us Hit
Our Targets!



MT. AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Capital Funds II

Responses	226
Dollars Pledged	\$1,130,444.16
Contribution Dollars Received	\$ 690,121.76
Other Sources Received	\$ 322,250.54
Total Received	\$ 1,012,372.30

100!

We're Looking for 100 People Who Want to Confess Their Faith in Christ and Join the Church on Easter!

Sometimes God gives me dreams that seem so big they are ridiculous. In the middle of the night, I couldn't sleep the other day. And, I began to dream a dream for Easter Sunday. In that dream, I imagined that we had 100 people who confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and became a member of the congregation.

I told you it was BIG! But, can you imagine what a great witness for Christ that would be? I do believe that God gives us these big dreams for a reason. He wants to do BIG things for us!

So, as crazy as it may sound, I believe that God wants to give us 100 people, who are ready to publicly confess their faith in Jesus Christ, and become a member of Mt. Auburn United Methodist. Here's what we are looking for:

- Hopefully, the majority of this 100 will be first-time confessions of faith – people who are not members of any church presently. Why? Well, we want to grow God's Kingdom, but we are not in the business of raiding other sheepfolds.
- However, several of these people will be those who are transferring their membership from other congregations, and that is all right. Let us know.
- Several of this 100 could be people who have been members of Mt. Auburn in the past; have become inactive; but now want to reaffirm and renew their membership vows. We can only rejoice in such desires.

If you are feeling God tug on your heartstrings, and you want to be among the 100 who confess their faith in Jesus Christ and become a member of His Church on Easter, then plan to attend our New Member Orientation Class on Sunday, March 14 @ 4 p.m. in the Community Room. Sign-up or call Marsha at the Church Office today (535-8555). —Jim Hertel

100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

1910-2010

We Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting and 52 at Mt. Auburn on Sunday, Feb. 7, at the 9 a.m. service. If you were involved in scouting, please make plans to attend!

Here's what's happening!

Prayer Shawl Meeting—Feb. 11

There will be a Prayer Shawl meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7p.m. at Marty McCoun's home, 2767 Rylee Ct. Marty's number is 300-0800. All are welcome, and they have yarn to share from the Lord's Locker as well as other donations.

Shalom Circle—For February 8 Meeting

Please bring with you a photograph of yourself with someone you love or have loved. It can be a spouse, a parent, a child, a grandchild, a cousin, or a friend. Well, you get the idea---someone special. Just bring the photo with you to our February 8 meeting. Thanks! —Marlene

Reading Group to Meet Feb. 16

The Reading Group will meet in room 25 on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 7p.m. We will be discussing "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch. The March selection is "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck, and in April the discussion will be on "The Charm School" by Nelson De-Mille. The selection for May is "A Confederacy of Dunces" by John Kennedy Toole. We are considering a new name for this group. Please come prepared to make suggestions. All readers welcome.

News from the Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, March 4, at 11:30 at Yats Restaurant on US 31 in Greenwood. It is located about a block south of County Line Road. The Romeos will be dining close-back at Olive Garden.

Looking forward to April: April 15--celebrate that taxes are done; and we have finished eating our way through the alphabet, missing only the letters V and X! It took us 2 years to get here, but the fun and fellowship have been immeasurable.

We have an exciting joint outing planned for the Lunch Bunch and Romeos. First, we will go to the Popcorn Factory in Edinburgh and then have lunch at Zaharako's in Columbus. We will meet at 9:30 at church to car-pool to Edinburgh and then go to Columbus for lunch. Zaharako's is an old fashioned ice cream parlor and also sells sandwiches.

We will do lunch in May (to be determined in April at Zaharako's). Then we will take a break for the summer and resume Lunch Bunch (and Romeo's) in September.

Birth Announcements

We welcome into the world, Reese Brichler, born December 28 to proud parents Lori and Dave. Congratulations!

We also welcome Isabelle Leighann Cade born January 19 and Lucy Lynn Malcom born January 29. These are Darrell and Sherri Tucker's 5th and 6th grandchild!

Sympathy Notices

Please keep the family of Jon and Peg Sutton in your prayers at the passing of Jon's dad, Paul Sutton. The funeral was held on Feb. 2.

Thank You Notes

My mother was a special lady who will be sadly missed by our family and friends. Thank you Mt. Auburn for the beautiful flower arrangement that you sent for her services. To those of you who came to Plainfield to see me and those who sent beautiful cards, and also those who simply gave me warm hugs and words of condolence when we passed in the hall, I say a huge thank you to all of you. What a wonderful family you are. You are so appreciated.

—Barb Wethington and the Haak family



Thanks to all who participated in our blood drive on January 31. It was a huge success! We had 41 people try to donate, with 37 of those being successful. The Indiana Blood Center was very happy when they left and are already asking to schedule another blood drive.

Ping-Pong Table, Pool Table, and Couches Available

In an effort to transform our Teen Center into an Adult Ministries area, the church has several items available. If you are interested in any of the couches previously in the youth room upstairs, please contact Mynra Lorenz at 535-8555 ext. 1303. If you're interested in the ping-pong or pool tables, contact Jerry Heistand at 535-8555, ext. 1351. The persons taking the items will be responsible for transportation.

Get the latest Mt. Auburn news on our website ...

www.mtauburnumc.org

2010 Lenten Season

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

We know that the purpose of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. And we want God to use Mt. Auburn to be a congregation that produces fruit. This Lent, we are going to focus on five practices of fruitful congregations. They are: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. People are looking for a church shaped and sustained by these practices and by carrying them out, we can fulfill our mission to make disciples for Christ.

Pastor Jim's will preach a Lenten sermon series based on these practices (see next page for details) and as a congregation we will gather in home groups to read and discuss the book "Cultivating Fruitfulness" by Robert Schnase.

Plan on worshipping with us during Lent and joining one of our many Lenten home groups. You can begin to sign up for Lenten Home Groups this Sunday as well as buy your copy of the book for \$5 at the Welcome Center in Trinity Hall.

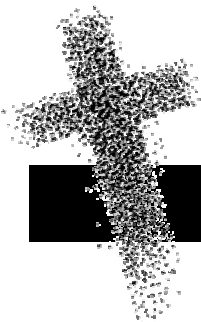


Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, Feb. 17

7pm in The Courts

"We All Fall Down" —Romans 3:10-11



The 2010 Lenten Season

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Lenten Home Groups



Sixteen Lenten Home Groups have formed and will meet four times between Sunday, Feb. 21 and Friday, March 27. The studies will coincide with Dr. Hertel's sermon series on the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." To sign up for a group, contact Myrna Lorenz at: 535-8555, ext. 1303, mymal@mtaubumumc.org or sign-up on the board in Fellowship Hall.

1. Sunday, 5:30pm — John & Julie Burns
2. Sunday, 6:30pm — Dave & Heather McNamee
3. Sunday, 6:30pm — Sharon & John Martin
4. Monday, 1:00pm — Gene & Carolyn Freeman
5. Monday, 6:30pm — Cindi & Mark Mull
6. Monday, 7:30pm — Brian & Susan Southern
7. Tuesday, 1:00pm — Moe Dean
8. Tuesday, 6:30pm — Ramona & Leon Nichol森
9. Wednesday, 9:00am — Bob & Sharon Wilson
10. Thursday, 10:00am — Jim & Betty Yates
11. Thursday, 3:30pm — Corienne Gettum
12. Thursday, 6:30pm — Shari & Ben Greenbaum
13. Thursday, 6:30pm — Erv & Mary Thovson
14. Thursday, 7:00pm — Jim & Pat Hertel
15. Friday, 1:00pm — Jen & Nate Stewart
16. Friday, 7:00pm — Roland & Myrna Lorenz

Daily Devotionals



This year our daily devotionals are based on the Acts of the Apostles. Day by day we will read through the book of Acts and share a quiet time with the Lord led by a devotion written by fellow members of our congregation.

Beginning Feb. 17, Lenten Daily Devotions will be available at www.mtauburnumc.org and via email. If Mt. Auburn currently has your email address, you will receive an email that asks whether or not you would like to begin receiving the Lenten Daily Devotions via email. The devotionals will also be available in print at the Welcome Center on Feb. 14.

Lenten Sermon Series

By Dr. J. Wesley Hertel

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| Feb. 17 | Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm
"We All Fall Down" Romans 3:10-11 |
| Feb 21 | The Practice of Radical Hospitality
"Open Wide the Doors!" Matthew 25:35, 40 |
| Feb 28 | The Practice of Passionate Worship
"Loving God Supremely" Psalm 84 |
| March 7 | The Practice of Intentional Faith Development
"Growing Deeper; Growing Stronger" John 15:8 |
| March 14 | The Practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service
"Giving It Up for Others" Luke 9:24 |
| March 21 | The Practice of Extravagant Generosity
"God's Stimulus Program" II Corinthians 9:11 |



UMM's Lenten Prayer Breakfasts

Throughout Lent, men from area Methodist churches are gathering for breakfast, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment. This year's theme is "Rethink Church" from Matthew 25:34-40. Here are the dates and times.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Feb 20	Kick-off University of Indianapolis Speaker: Rev. David V.W. Owen	7:00 a.m.
Feb 27	Greenwood	7:30 a.m.
Mar 6	Honey Creek	7:30 a.m.
Mar 13	Grace - Franklin	7:30 a.m.
Mar 20	Smith Valley	7:30 a.m.
Mar 27	Mt. Auburn	7:30 a.m.

The cost is \$7 per person. Reservations and moneys are due to the District Office by Wednesday, Feb. 10. See Pastor Ben or Tony Gawarecki for more information. Men, we hope you can join us!