

Whoever calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved.

Acts 2:21



 **JESUS
THE GREATEST SUPERHERO!**



We Congratulated Dr. Hertel on 20 Years
with His Mt. Auburn Family on Sunday, June 27!




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★ **Regular Weekly Activities**

Sundays

8:20am Prayer in Chapel
9:00am Worship & S.S. for all ages
10:00am A Time for Fellowship
10:30am Worship, Adult S.S. & Children's Cornerstone
5:30pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth
7-9pm Men's Open Gym

Mondays

2pm Staff Mtg.-Library
7pm Boy Scouts #245 -Upstairs

Tuesdays

9:30am Women's Bible Study-C
10:30am Tai Chi Chair Aerobics
7:00pm DivorceCare—Youth Rm.

Wednesdays

6:30pm Parish Nurse—Rm 3
• Solomon's Porch

Thursdays

9:00am Staff Mtg.-Library
7:00pm Band Rehearsal-The Courts

★ These events take place **EVERY** week at the designated times unless otherwise noted on the monthly calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
KEY: S.S. —Sunday School; TC -Teen Center; FH -Fellowship Hall; S —Sanctuary; L —Library BS —Boy Scouts; CS —Cub Scouts; GS —Girl Scouts; Rm —Room; Chapel — C ; OFLC —O'Dell Family Life Center; CR —Community Room; TH —Trinity Hall; YR —Youth Room; K —Kitchen				1 ★ 6pm Daycare staff mtg-FH	2	3
4 ★ 5:30pm Jr/Sr High Youth 7-9pm Men's Open Gym	5 Church Office Closed	6 ★ 6am Fellowship Grp- 4 Seasons 6:30 Phase 2 -CR	7 ★ 10am-2:15pm Oasis Dancing-CR 8am-2pm UMW -K 7pm Mom/Daughter Study-C	8 ★ 7-9pm Shepherd Training-CR	9 8:30am Emmaus Reunion Stk n Shake 6:30pm 4:4 Forum Haynes/Gawarecki Rehearsal	10 9-11am Shepherd Training 7pm Haynes-Gawarecki wedding
11 ★ 10:45 Club 56 5:30pm Jr & Sr High Youth 7-9pm Men's Open Gym	12 ★ 8am-5pm OMS-CR 6pm Trustees—L 7pm Shalom Rm 25 7pm Esther Study-YR	13 ★ 9:30am Piecemakers-L 8am-5pm OMS-CR	14 ★ 10am-2:15pm Oasis Dancing-CR 7pm Mom/Daughter Study-C	15 ★	16	17
18 ★ 5:30pm Jr & Sr High Youth 7-9pm Men's Open Gym	19 ★ 7pm Boy Scouts—TC 7pm Esther Study-YR	20 ★ 6am Fellowship Grp- 4 Seasons 10am-Agape-C 7pm Bookies-Rm 25	21 ★ 10am-2:15pm Oasis Dancing-The Courts 7pm Mom/Daughter Study-C	22 ★	23 8:30am Emmaus Reunion Stk n Shake	24 10am-2pm Stewart Baby Shower-CR
M-F: 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. ABA for Autism-CR						
25 ★ 10:45 Club 56 3-5pm-Congr. Use-CR 5:30pm Jr & Sr High Youth 7-9pm Men's Open Gym	26 ★ 7pm Boy Scouts—TC 7pm Esther Study-YR	27 ★ 9:30am Piecemakers-L 9:45am Senior Moments—Scottish Rite Cathedral	28 ★ 10am-2:15pm Oasis Dancing-The Courts 7pm Mom/Daughter Study-C NEWSLETTER	29 ★	30 4:30-9pm Semmler's-CR & 6-9pm-The Courts	31
M-F: 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. ABA for Autism-CR						

July Birthdays

July 1	Aaron Nicholson Chris Rolfsen	July 14	Joni Coy Emily Pham Juliana Semmler	July 22	Bill Every Cherae Hale
July 2	Nora Ader Louise Beaman Heather Conrad Konita Dougherty Zachary Hoffman Kristen Northern Craig Placek Jim White	July 15	Jan Cheek Dave Holland Amy Peterson	July 23	Donn Stewart Nancy Wilson
July 3	Bethany Appleton Tyler Ray Gary Tyner Ve White	July 16	Cooper Hennessy Deanne Reynolds Elijah Stanley Kristi Sutton	July 24	Chuck Bissey Sara Cheek Dick Davis Mike Shockley
July 4	Corienne Gettum Cassidy Johnson Cindi Mull June Pfeifer	July 17	Caleb Fellers Jackson Griffin	July 25	Kelly Kruse Duane Sjoquist, II
July 5	Susan Southern Owen Stanley	July 18	Pat Archibald Sondra Scaggs	July 26	Jerry Heistand Eric McClurg
July 6	Sydni Griffin Sarah Martin Doug McPherson	July 19	Bill Brown, II Luke Eckert Illiana Kaiser Brittany Ray	July 27	Michelle Myers Paige Northern Beth Steeb
July 7	Gussie Innis Gary McPherson Greg Pamachena	July 20	Beth Stapleton Spencer Truelove Debbie Wise	July 28	Denise Cook Amanda Cooper Joe Guella Lois Walters
July 8	Kirsten Brichler Linda Swisher Rhonda Wallace	July 21	Max Williams Drew Martin	July 29	Erin Morgan Scott Musgrave Mark Rund
July 9	Cassie Gardner Jeffrey Klimes Emilee Northern Ben Pease Emily Sweet	July 22	Cathy Andersen Becky Appleton Julie Burns Shawn Drane	July 30	Duncan Myers Dean Ogan
July 10	Bruce Mitchell Austin Truelove Emily Weidman			July 31	Roger Green Bob Jacobson Alex Kopko Jeff Truelove
July 11	Sydney Abbott McKenzie Burns Bruce Speer				
July 12	Joan Alyea Jim Hertel Albert Hessman Cody Lindauer Sharon Ogan Roger Park Cathy Sargent Darrell Tucker				
July 13	Tom Dougherty Dallas Sutton				

July Anniversaries

July 1	Travis & Sarah Taylor
July 2	Tyler & Nancy Van Dyke
July 3	Rob Jacobson & Jamie Hawkins-Jacobson Rick & Vicki Simpson
July 5	Bill & Mary Walker
July 7	Teresa & Jeremy Gotthardt
July 8	Robert & Bonnie Parker
July 12	David & Melissa Tunis
July 14	Rick & Laurie Allison Jon & Peggy Sutton
July 16	David & Beth Carter
July 20	Ray & Patty Gainey
July 22	Tom & Tonya Overton
July 23	Joel & Lori Rifkind David & Barb Wethington
July 24	David & Marsha Armenoff Dave & Liz Klimes
July 26	Mike & Jan Cheek Mel & Shirley Weddle
July 31	Albert & Susan Hessman



My Dear Friends,
I've been having a conversation recently with many folk in the congregation in cyber-space. (Don't you think that's pretty impressive for an old guy?) I now believe that I can see a way for us to move forward and (most importantly) keep everyone in the boat.

The long awaited and desired renovation of the old kitchen and adjacent restrooms have begun. This area was even worse than we knew. The cast iron sewer pipe was completely rusted through; thereby sewage was simply going into the ground. We knew we had a problem with a sewer gas smell, and the line stopped up about every other week. But, until we could actually take up the floor, we had no way of knowing the extent of the problem.

Soon there will be a whole new roof system over the area previously known as the Teen Center. These are just normal improvements and upgrades that are needed by any facility after 40 or 50 years.

At the Church Conference back in March that approved these projects, we took out the items that related to the old sanctuary, because there was a lack of consensus on how this space would be used. However, much of the work proposed for the old sanctuary is to bring this part of the building up to today's standards.

- We have a moisture problem, because the "tunnel" under the floor, used to circulate the air, gets filled with water. After heavy rains, the walls literally drip with water.
- We need to replace the present HVAC system with a system that would be more energy efficient.
- The windows need replacing for energy efficiency.

I perceive that there is a wide consensus for doing the things to the building that need to be done. These are actually Trustee issues, as the Church Trustees have the responsibility to keep the building in a state of good repair. We will have the construction people on site for the next couple of months to do the job, and these items need to be done when we can do it with capital funds money. We don't have the resources available in the normal cycle of an annual church budget to do this.

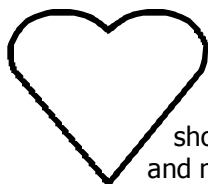
I'm proposing that we all encourage our Church Trustees to undertake the needed repairs and upgrades, and then we wait for the Phase II designing and planning committee to recommend to us the next steps.

Do you agree? Do I hear an "Amen!"
— Jim Hertel

Weekly Report of Attendance and General Giving:

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	Sunday School	Budgeted Ministries	Capital Funds II	Other Funds	Total Received
6/13/2010	438	204	\$15,817.38	\$2,834.00	\$3,577.47	\$22,228.85
6/20/2010	447	183	\$14,769.71	\$6,132.04	\$1,394.00	\$22,295.75
6/27/2010	462	-0-	\$15,929.00	\$4,021.18	\$4,219.00	\$24,169.18

Needed weekly for budgeted ministries in 2010 \$20,971. Other funds includes \$1,163 for Big House Love Offering, \$1,326 for Land Exchange, collection for Youth Mission Trip and Women of Faith of \$4,774, and \$30 for the Ron Gorski Memorial Fund for the Sanctuary.



A Hearty "Thank You" from the Bottom of our Hearts!

I'm not often taken by surprise, but you really shocked me last Sunday. Your gracious love gift to Pat and me for a trip to mark my 20 years as pastor of Mt. Auburn is one of the nicest things ever done for me in my entire ministry. I am so thankful God called me to be a pastor in His Church. I cherish every day that I am given. Serving Mt. Auburn has been the highpoint of my life. I love you all.

Later this summer, Pat and I are going to the Grand Canyon where Pat has never been. Since I love trains, we are going to follow the suggestion of Denny and Genise Lohr and take a train trip through the canyon. All I can add is to say, "Thank you for being the wonderful congregation that you are." — Jim Hertel



Summer Message Series on Home & Relationships

- July 4 "How to Divorce Proof Your Marriage"
 - July 11 "The Original Family Feud"
 - July 18 "The Blended Family"
 - July 25 "Living Single in a Marriage Culture"
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A Report from the Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, June 10—13

The second meeting of the Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church met June 10 – 13 in Muncie. Those attending from Mt. Auburn included Pastor Jim, Danita Forgey, Phil Howard, Dr. Leon and Ramona Nicholson and Rev. John Wortinger.

Bishop Robert Schnase, Bishop of the Missouri United Methodist Conference, was the featured speaker. Many of you may know of him as the author of the book for this year's Lenten study, "The Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation." Bishop Schnase talked about the five practices: radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity. He gave many good examples of congregations that have gone above and beyond and are an example of these five practices. He also talked about the pitfalls congregations suffer when they put effort into new approaches to their ministry but don't look at the outcomes to determine whether their efforts are effective.

The Five Practices of Fruitful Living applies the same five practices to our daily living. The five major themes in this part of Bishop Schnase's talk were: receiving God's love, loving God in return, growing in grace, loving and serving others and the grace of giving.

The Praise Team provided inspiring music throughout the sessions on Thursday and Friday. There were worship services throughout the conference also, celebrating the opening of the conference, a remembrance and celebration of resurrection and an outreach celebration service on Saturday that took place following community outreach projects in the Muncie area following the Saturday morning sessions. A celebration of ministry service was held on Sunday morning that recognized the people who had been ordained into the ministry.

Plenary sessions were held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday so conference lay delegates and clergy could vote on conference business. While the Indiana United Methodist Conference officially merged two years ago, there is still much business with merging foundation funds, reconciling pension plans, etc.

The conference is always an inspiring event. While there is always business to conduct, the worship, music and fellowship is outstanding. I want to thank Mt. Auburn for allowing me to be the lay delegate for the church the last 3 years.

Danita Forgey

Sympathy Notices

Please remember in prayer Mike Mannen and his family at the death of his mother Pauline Mannen on June 20. Services were held in Chesterton, Indiana.

Thank You Notes

Dear Mt. Auburn Family:

On behalf of the Starnes and Hetrick families we offer a belated but deeply heartfelt "thank you" for the prayers and expressions of support our family received at the time of our nephew Brett's unexpected death this spring. The lovely flower basket (featuring a beautiful hydrangea) that the church sent for his funeral was a great comfort.

Thank you, too, for your continued prayers for Brett's mother (Mark's sister) Dawn as she continues to battle cancer. We are grateful that God saw fit to spare her life when she was so critically ill that same week. She and her family face many challenges ahead; they appreciate your prayers. Personally, I am grateful for those of you whom God has given a special sensitivity for praying for her and who have asked for updates on her progress from time to time.

In Christ,
Karen & Mark Hetrick

Dear Mt. Auburn,

Thank you very much for the CD filled with Christian artists. It was very kind and thought of you. Graduation went well and it appeared that my parents and grandparents enjoyed the ceremony immensely. Sorry I could not be at the graduation breakfast since I was helping out my grandparents in St. Louis. Thanks again for your kindness, Sincerely, Ray Porter

Dear Friends in Ministry,

On behalf of Pine Creek Camp, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of funds to the camp. The blessing you poured out on us we pray will be used and multiplied to bless our campers and guests and let them feel God's love more richly.

With Gratitude, Karen Hand, Camp Mgr. (Pine Creek Camp)

NASC Dinner a Success—Thank You!

On Saturday, June 26, Mt. Auburn provided dinner and entertainment for 51 students for the National Student Council Convention being held at CGHS. These students were from Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and Oregon. They joined our 32 friends from South Carolina. It was a great evening! Thanks to the following who helped plan, prepare the meal, serve, grill, provide the entertainment, pray before the meal and clean up.

Thanks to: Marge Patton, Judy & Fred Shockley, Melissa Carson, Kim Peters, Nancy Van Dyke, John Skaggs, Shari & Ben Greenbaum, Jim Hertel, and Dave McNamee.

You all are a blessing to our church! —Amy Shockley



Church Worship Attendance Grew in 1st Half of 2010!

Mt. Auburn's average worship attendance grew from 473 to 495 per Sunday in the first 6 months of this year. We hope to end the year with an average worshipping attendance of 500 or better!

Our average Sunday School attendance did not show the same increase. Mt. Auburn's average for Sunday School slightly dropped from 208 per Sunday to an average of 201.

- Our hope is that now that the new adult classrooms upstairs are finished, we will resume growing our Sunday morning classes.
- It is significant to note, however, that we did not count in the Sunday School numbers the many Bible studies and small groups that meet throughout the week. The groups continue to increase. So, the Sunday School numbers are not indicative of the overall numbers in the congregation that are involved in some kind of small group Bible study.

Get involved and continue to grow your relationship with Christ!

Help Piecemakers win \$1,000!

Mt. Auburn's Quilters—The Piecemakers—have entered a quilt in the upcoming Quilt Show to be held at Greenwood Village South. Only 8 quilts from area churches are in the show.

Here's **YOUR** part! Any and all visitors to Greenwood Village South during the week of July 12 (9am-4pm) will be eligible to vote for their favorite quite. One vote per person for the week.

The quilt with the most votes wins \$1,000 for their church! Show your support and have a look around Greenwood Village South as well. The Mt. Auburn quilt will be labeled. Thank you!



School Supplies Needed for "Fast Track Back-to-School" Program

On Sundays, July 11th, 18th, be sure to check the display in Trinity Hall regarding the "Fast Track Back-to-School Program." This year, as in years past, Mt. Auburn will be collecting school supplies for over 400 children in the Center Grove School Corporation for grades 1-12. Take an apple off the display that indicates what school supplies are needed.

Purchase those supplies and bring them back **no later than Sunday, July 25th** and place them in the large green apple baskets. (It works much like our ornaments and tree at Christmas time!) We've been asked to only supply those items listed on the apples so that an over abundance of certain things is not obtained.



Please note, the deadline to bring the items back is Sunday, July 25th.

There will also be a sign-up sheet for individuals (adults only) who would like to volunteer two hours of their time on August 7th to help distribute items to the families. If you have questions, please contact Maureen Pamachena (home 535-8292, work 328-7700). Thank you!

FINALLY! The Property Exchange Happened!

It only took 11 months since the congregation gave approval, but we have finally acquired the Garnet Harbert property – almost 5 acres adjacent to our property on the west. In the transaction, we no longer own the two houses across the street. Dave McNamee has already begun to clean up the Harbert property, and soon the local fire department will use the house for training purposes and burn it to the ground. Our church campus now totals about 19 acres – all on the north side of Stones Crossing Road.

More Good News!

The new adult classrooms upstairs are finished, and the final inspection by the county has given us permission to use them – just in time for VBS! This project had many volunteers from throughout the congregation, but it would not have been accomplished without the leadership of Mike Bishop and Chris Wise. Thank you men!

Mt. Auburn's Continuing Mission in Africa



Ever since Dr. Hertel's first trip to Uganda in 2006 to train lay pastors for ministry, the Mt. Auburn congregation has continued to be heavily involved in mission to the United Methodist people there. In addition to building a new church for the Trinity UMC in Jinja, Mt. Auburn has financially sponsored several students in their ongoing training for ministry in the church.

Recently, Dr. Hertel received an email from one of those students:

*Dear Pastor,
Greetings to you in The Mighty Name above all. Studies are going on well and we are busy with assignments. We expect to have a recess by August. Thank you for supporting me. It has changed my life and ministry. . . Greetings to your family and the church from my family and us all as Mt. Olives United Methodist Church in Mukono for they know what you are doing for me to be in school. May God bless you. — Patrick Isabirye*

Patrick is a pastor in Mukono, and he is now enrolled in the Christian University of Mukono.

Mt. Auburn is also sponsoring Noah, who has just completed a 2-year college level course. He will be enrolling in a Bible School in Jinja later this year.

A young man by the name of Dick, who was one of the finest students and preachers in Dr. Hertel's class in 2008, is now finishing his high school education in Jinja. Dick is from the area of Gulu which has been torn apart by war. He is 21 or 22 years of age and reads everything he can get his hands on. Dick's education has been largely self-taught.

This fall David Wilson Ntogohny will begin his seminary education at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. David has a college degree from Kenya and is one of the best educated of the African pastors.

Did you realize that as a member of the Mt. Auburn congregation you were a part of building leadership for the next generation of the church in Africa? It's exciting, isn't it? Please keep them in your prayers.

Desk Still Available

A 30 x 60 cherry desk has been donated to the church. It is in good condition. If you are interested in having it, please contact Myrna Lorenz at 535-8555 ext. 1303 or myrnal@mtauburnumc.org.

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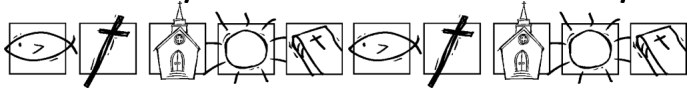
Mt. Auburn ladies who are planning to attend the Women of Faith weekend, Aug. 20-21, please be sure and get your complete payment of \$89 to Shannon Dougherty as soon as possible. Right now, we still have 5 tickets. Contact Shannon if you want a ticket or have questions (417-3441).



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry is now composed of two groups: the suppliers and the craft persons. I wish to thank both groups for their dedication. At this time we THANK the suppliers for their abundant supply and the CRAFT-PERSONS for their handiwork! I hope all of the congregation recognizes the dedication of both groups. We expect to continue as long as the congregation feels receptive to our ministry. At this time the Supply group can rest a while as the crafts-persons keep on working. We will let you know when our "stash" runs low. Thanks to all.
— Marty McCoun

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church Weekday Christian Children's Ministry



Enroll Now for Full-Day Kindergarten!

- Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Christian environment with daily prayer
- Small class size
- Weekly chapel, music & library, plus daily gym/playground time
- Monthly field trips
- Lunch and snacks included
- Before & after school care offered

* Teacher, Lisa Blackwell, has an elementary education degree from IU and has been teaching at Mt. Auburn for 13 years.



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Here's what's happening!

Bookies to Meet Tuesday, July 20

Due to the big, bad storm on Tuesday, June 15, the meeting was cancelled. On Tuesday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. in room 25, we will meet to discuss "The Help" since that book is too good to miss. In August we will read "Ford County" by John Grisham and in September, "Half Broke Horses" by Jeanette Walls.

We're Looking for a Few Willing People. . .

...People willing to host a "yard sale" and donate the proceeds for the house build in Greenwood next year for Habitat for Humanity. Neighbors may want to go together and "pool" their resources for a sale. We are looking to have 10-15 yard or garage sales across our community. The date will be September 24 and 25 – the last weekend of the month of September. Call the Church Office today if you are interested or want more information.



Chair Aerobic Update

Chair Aerobics will resume meeting this Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room. July 20 through August 31, the group will meet at that same time in Trinity Hall due to the Applied Behavior Center for Autism meeting in the Community Room during that time.

The Senior Moments Ministry



Can you help with Fletcher Place?

Fletcher Place has asked us to handle 2 lunch days for their children. This requires us to buy and fix healthy sack lunches for 36 kids on July 16 & July 28. If you are interested in purchasing some food items, please let me know.

— John Skaggs (535-8555 ext. 1308)

Scottish Rite Tour — July 27

Senior Moments has another outing planned! The Scottish Rite Cathedral is an amazing architectural vision. The tour is free and we will enjoy an organ concert. We will have lunch in the café, and prices are less than \$10. We will meet at Mt. Auburn at 9:45 a.m. and return around 2:00 p.m.



Now, You've Seen the Big House! It's God's House!

VBS week is always Mt. Auburn's best week of the year, but this year was really special. Christ United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, gave us a huge gift. They (32 of them) came paying their own way and stayed with us the whole week. What a blessing!

Christ UMC is where we first saw the Big House and dreamed of its potential for our children's ministry. A lot of people never knew what we were talking about when we said "Big House." Now, they do. Ask any kid that attended, and you will know that this was the most enthusiastic VBS ever! We are thrilled when our children get excited about Jesus and want to follow Him. Several made first time commitments to Jesus Christ this past week.

The Big House is an interactive worship that we believe would fit beautifully into our children's ministry program on Sunday morning. It uses drama and popular tunes whose words have been changed to a Christian message. If you are interested in this sort of thing and want to see more, go to:

www.onewaystreet.com/category/righteous_pop_music

In our dreaming for Mt. Auburn, we always visualized the Big House as a special service for children's worship to compliment our 2nd service and strengthen our children's ministry. We never planned to use it as a 3rd service for children and adults. The reasoning is simple – we believe to do that would undermine and not strengthen our contemporary service. So, while we borrowed the Big House concept from Christ UMC, we adapted the idea to fit our needs and hopes.

Although Christ UMC has used the Big House as a 3rd service for all ages, they no longer plan to do so. They have found that many adults who attended the Big House never got incorporated into the church. That was our fear from the start. We may, however, begin the Big House by having it occasionally in our 2nd service.

—Jim Hertel
—Nancy Van Dyke

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THE BIG HOUSE VISIT TO OUR HOUSE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS—THANK YOU!

Last week 32 of our friends from Christ UMC in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, were here to lend a hand and share their children's ministry program, The Big House, with us. We were able to present "Jesus- The Greatest Superhero!" for Vacation Bible School to about 220 children each day. The week was something that is hard to describe; it had to be experienced. It was a huge blessing, and we could feel God with us all week!

Vacation Bible School is no small feat to pull off. It takes much prayer, organization, and planning to make it a success. Many people do work that never gets recognized or credited. Mt. Auburn had at least 75 volunteers that worked tirelessly to make this VBS a success. Those volunteers worked to make sure that teaching, nursery child care, crafts, decorating, games and snacks were a hit for our children. Many made it possible to have food, showers, parties, and entertainment for our South Carolina group. Some were never seen or recognized. I want you **ALL** to know that you are appreciated more than you know!

Thank you and God Bless,
Nancy Van Dyke, Director of Children's Ministry

DONATIONS FOR THE JACKSON CENTER

The Jackson Center in Mooresville, Indiana, is a center for Conductive Education. The Center's purpose is to give independence in daily living skills to children with Cerebral Palsy and other motor disorders caused by damage or disease to the central nervous system. Our youth group and the McNamee family here at Mt. Auburn have formed a relationship with the center and Jackson himself. We were thrilled to collect items that they can utilize at the Center for our VBS mission project.

Our VBS children and families brought in **190 packages of toilet paper, 140 hand sanitizers/soaps, 165 boxes of Kleenex and 175 containers of baby wipes**. What a blessing it will be when the items are put to use daily at the Center!

We even got a special treat on Thursday when Jackson stopped by with his grandmother, Melanie Depoy. It was so nice for everyone to meet them! I know that they are happy to have your generous contributions.

Thank you again,
Nancy Van Dyke, Director of Children's Ministry