

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church—9/29/2010



Called to Serve

Mt. Auburn UMC

October 9-16, 2010



Calling All Volunteers!

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18


Mt. Auburn
United Methodist Church
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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-Rm 211
10:30am Tai Chi Chair Aerobics-CR
7:00pm DivorceCare—Youth Rm.

Wednesdays

9:30am Women's Bible Study-Rm 211
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Health Counseling—Rm 3
• Solomon's Porch
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7-8:30pm Men's Study—Rm 211

Thursdays

9:00am Staff Mtg.-Library
9:30am Moms N More-Rm 206,207,211
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; The Courts—Cts				1 2pm Life Group at Gettum's 6-8pm Grider's - Cts,TH 6:30pm Life Group-CR	2 9am Life Group at Lapp's
3 ★ No Youth	4 ★ 7pm Staff Parish-L 7pm Women's Bible Study-C	5 ★ 6am Fellowship Grp- 4 Seasons 5:30pm GS #1044-CR 6pm Jeff Fill BB-Courts 6:30pm CS	6 ★ 10am-2:15pm Jerry's Dance Class-CR 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm 210 & 205 6:30pm Bible Study-L	7 ★ 6pm Daycare mtg-FH 6:30pm GS-Upstairs	8 8:30am Emmaus Re-union Stk & Shake 135 2pm Life Group at Gettum's 6:30pm 4:4 Forum	9
10 ★ 10:45 Club 56-YR	11 ★ 6pm Trustees-L 7pm Shalom—Rm 25 7pm Women's Bible Study-C	12 ★ 9:30am-Piecemakers-L 5:30pm GS 1044-CR 6pm Jeff Fill BB-Courts 6pm Ashwood HOA-S 6:30pm CS 7pm Finance-L	13 ★ 10am-2:15pm Jerry's Dance Class-CR 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm 210 & 205 6:30pm Bible Study-L 6:30pm 4H-Rm 211	14 ★ 6:00pm GS-Rm 12 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm 210 7pm Dad's Autism—L	15 1-4pm Pix-L 2pm Life Group at Gettum's 6:30pm Life Group-Rm 210	16 9am Life Group at Lapp's
Week in Mission—Oct. 9-16						
17 ★ Noon—Club 56 Camp Allendale 4pm New Member Class-CR	18 ★ 7pm Daycare Com-CR 7pm Women's Bible Study-C	19 ★ 6am Fellowship Grp- 4 Seasons 10am Agape-C 6pm CS-S 6pm Jeff Fill BB-Courts 7pm Bookies-Rm 25	20 ★ 10am-2:15pm Jerry's Dance Class-CR 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm 210 & 205 6:30pm Bible Study-L	21 ★ 8:30-4:30pm Auditors-L 11:30am Lunch Bunch No Moms N More	22 8:30am Emmaus Re-union Stk & Shake 135 8:30-4pm Auditors-L 2pm Life Group at Gettum's	23
24 ★ 10:45 Club 56 Noon—Gleaners-CR 4-6pm Crt of Honor	25 ★ 7pm Ad Board—L 7pm Women's Bible Study-C	26 ★ 9:30am-Piecemakers-L 5:30pm GS 1044-CR 6pm Jeff Fill BB-Courts 6:30pm Cubs-Rm 211	27 ★ 10am-2:15pm Jerry's Dance Class-CR 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm 210 & 205 6:30pm Bible Study-L Daycare Spaghetti Dinner!	28 ★ 6:00pm GS-Rm 12 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm 210	29 2pm Life Group at Gettum's 6:30pm Life Group-Rm 210	30
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October Birthdays

Oct 1	Ivan Heidenreich Abbi Patton Millie Stinson	Oct 10	Fred Shockley	
Oct 2	Molly Allison Michael Bozarth Kevin Grider Raegan Lawson Linda Webber	Oct 11	Ray Irvin Keygan Montgomery Dan Rice Sabrina Schiller	
Oct 3	Jay Heckler Matthew McPherson Amanda Musgrave	Oct 12	Dava Walsh Chris Wise	
Oct 4	Hope Brumbaugh Sarah McCoskey Janice O'Brien	Oct 13	Linda Moore Eric Phillips Greg Rosebrough Denise Speer	
Oct 5	Sarah Brown Kylie Deese Heather Heckler	Oct 14	Nicole Irvin Michael Mannen Bev Marshall Larry Miller Stacy Nichols Brian Wheeler	
Oct 6	Bonnie Parker	Oct 15	Eleanor Falls Jay Hanner	
Oct 7	Susan Hessman Pam Ogden	Oct 16	Joyce Applegate Darleene Galyean	
Oct 9	Jamie Hawkins- Jacobson Phyllis Reeves Sharon Wilson John Wortinger	Oct 17	Martha Hertel Patty Heselbarth Chris Osborn Dianne Riley	
		Oct 18	John Burns Jessica Lawson Mary Pack Joe Parker Liana Windhorst	
		Oct 19	Dale Harris (FL) James Hertel	
		Oct 20	Justin Gawarecki Nancy Weimer	
		Oct 21	Wilma LaMastus Anita McCarrel Carol Onyett Lloyd Scaggs Justin Sullender Roseann Kelly-Falls	
		Oct 23	Vicki Allen Carole Bland Taylor Elkins Rob Forgey Taylor Hammill Lindsey Kossick Cory Sargent James Weimer	

October Anniversaries

Oct 1	Barney & Betty Crouse		
Oct 4	Al & Linda Carney Patrick & Janice O'Brien		
Oct 5	Carl & Vicki Allen Tom & Konita Dougherty		
Oct 6	Jason & Kristine Morris Jeremy & Amber Rose		
Oct 7	Greg & Denise Rosebrough		
Oct 8	Scott & Beth Coffey		
Oct 9	Hal & Kathy Taylor		
Oct 10	Joe & Tina Surface Paul & Lora Thompson		
Oct 12	Clay & Shawn Wade		
Oct 14	Jeff & Kelly Kruse		
Oct 15	Rudy & Deb Hampton		
Oct 19	Brett & Dionna Harrell		
Oct 20	Don & Anne Atzinger		
Oct 24	Chuck & Kathy Bissey Brian & Mary Pack		
Oct 25	Michael & Kay Mannen		
Oct 29	Bob & Marilyn Griesemer Brent & Susan Hubbard		
Oct 30	John & Alice Burdsall		
		Oct 24	Peter Lorenz Brian Ruff Katie Trowbridge
		Oct 25	Bill Heselbarth Lori Rifkind
		Oct 26	Kiki Willsey
		Oct 27	Linda Nordholt Tom Parten Erv Thovson Ryan Wiseman
		Oct 28	Ben Greenbaum Nolan Hernandez Alexander Pearson April Tucker
		Oct 29	Dot Laraway Logan Montgomery
		Oct 30	Emma Hoffman
		Oct 31	Morgan Sweet



My Dear Friends,

It would be very difficult to categorize all the feelings that I experienced last weekend. First, I felt very proud to see and hear David preach on Sunday. Then, I was exhausted following two days of a garage sale. Finally, it was so relaxing and satisfying to be at the Fall Family Festival at German Park Sunday afternoon.

Mt. Auburn shared this festival with our neighboring United Methodist churches in Johnson County, which made it even better than in previous years. This festival was the kick-off for our project to build a house in Greenwood for Habitat for Humanity next year. This is a \$50,000 project that we are sharing with our neighboring UM congregations. Our portion of this project is a little over \$16,000.

Honestly, I don't know how this could have been a better event at German Park. "John Wesley" came and he was in rare form, and we had a visit from our Bishop. It isn't often that a Bishop takes second place, but Bishop Mike did Sunday to the Reverend John Wesley. We even got to meet the family for whom we will build the house. If all this weren't motivation enough, nothing else could be.

The garage sales last weekend were a start to our goal of raising our portion for this house. We had 3 sales and raised a total of \$1,089.92. (Believe me, that's a lot of quarters!) At the celebration Sunday, we all reported our progress. Whiteland had 4 garage sales and had made over \$1,400. Greenwood held a "Holy Cow" dinner and gave the profit of \$2,500 toward this house. Honey Creek was making money catering the food at the park while we spoke, and they had about \$1,400. Smith Valley is tithing their building fund. On and on it went. It was exciting. That's the way Methodists do things. We believe we can do more together than we can do alone. That's why we choose to be connected.

When it was over, I had that feeling of being real tired, but it was a good tired. It had been a very good weekend, and we had accomplished a lot. We'll go about our business of coming up with the remaining share of the money, and sometime next year, we'll have the joy of building this house and seeing this wonderful family move in. I think this is continuing the ministry of Jesus when He said, **"I was a stranger and you invited me in"** (Matt. 25:35).

I love being a United Methodist, and I love being a part of Mt. Auburn. Both are a blessing in my life. Most of all, I love being a simple Christian seeking to do the will of our Heavenly Father. It is a privilege to worship with you every Sunday. I can't wait for our next opportunity to be together! — Jim Hertel



Weekly Report of Attendance and General Giving:

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	Life Groups	Budgeted Ministries	Capital Funds II	Other Funds	Total Received
8/29/2010	510	200	\$16,359.39	\$3,118.00	\$2,421.07	\$21,898.46
9/4/2010	440	171	\$21,897.93	\$3,260.50	\$2,612.65	\$27,771.08
9/12/2010	587	233	\$19,357.63	\$4,068.00	\$971.00	\$24,396.63
9/19/2010	487	252	\$14,390.00	\$6,236.04	\$991.00	\$21,617.04
9/26/2010	488	238	\$16,614.75	\$2,628.00	\$2,190.92	\$21,433.67

Needed weekly for budgeted ministries in 2010 \$20,971. Other Funds include: \$2,139.07 for World Mission, \$2,865.00 Don Jone's Memorial Funds for Sanctuary, \$130.00 Ron Gorski Memorial for Sanctuary, and \$1,136.92 Habitat Ramage Sales.

Are you having any of these thoughts about Life Groups?



- Gosh, I've missed a few weeks from church, and now I think it's too late to join a Life Group.
- There is a lot of emphasis on joining a Life Group. Why is it so important?
- Joining a Life Group sounds good, but I just don't know if I can make that big of a commitment...
- I don't really know anybody. I'm a little nervous to jump into a group with people I don't know.

It really is ok, if you're having thoughts like these or similar ones. Joining a Life Group *is* a commitment. But, it's a commitment that as Christians we are called to make. In John 10:10, we learn that Christ came so we may "have life and have it abundantly." In the fellowship of a Life Group, God will work to transform us into that abundant life he promises. It's NEVER too late to join a Life Group. Let us repeat. It's **NEVER, EVER** too late to join a Life Group. The groups are friendly and open to all. If you are feeling a little pressure to join, it's probably the Holy Spirit working on you. Give in to that nudging. Take a look at the Life Group booklet that was mailed to everyone or visit our website and click on the Life Group icon (www.mtauburnumc.org) for a complete listing of groups. There are groups that meet during both services on Sunday, Sunday evenings, and throughout the week. There is probably a time that will be convenient for you.

So, if you're having any of those thoughts, think again. Think about joining a Life Group this coming Sunday. You will be greeted warmly by your brothers and sisters in Christ! For more information, contact Myrna Lorenz (myrnal@mtauburnumc.org)

Thank You Notes...

Thanks to the few but mighty that helped clean out the summer foliage and then planted fall flowers around the church. Dave McNamee

Our Mount Auburn Family:

Thank you for all of your concerns, prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during Don's battle with cancer. The flowers were very much appreciated. The dinner after the funeral was overwhelming. A large thank you goes to everyone who brought in food. Thanks again for the love!

Norma Jones, Stephanie, James and Emily Weidman, Scott, Jen, Nicolas and Holli Jones and Barbara Letts.

Here is a poem Don's cousin Michael Hughes submitted:

Donald Wayne Jones

We lost a good man last Wednesday (9-1-10)

The great architect called for Don to come his way

The level, plum and square was Don's chosen course

This can be seen in his grandchildren's hand-crafted rocking horse

He was a Brother, Husband and Dad, but best of all

He cherished being his grandchildren's grandpa

When we were kids we built a lot of model airplanes

And played with layouts of Lionel electric trains

Don was my cousin and friend from the very start

For he will always hold a special place in my heart

Dear Mt. Auburn family,

Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, emails, visits and especially prayers for healing and strength. All of your thoughts and prayers have provided me with a great deal of encouragement. I especially appreciate the beautiful prayer shawl. I think of you often and follow any news I can find about Mt. Auburn, the Food Pantry and all your good works. I miss seeing you on Sundays and at Tai Chi. Thanks for your friendship and fellowship over the past 37 years! They have been a great blessing. Millie Teipen (and her entire family)

A sincere and heartfelt thank-you to everyone for your concerns and on-going prayers regarding Erv's illness and subsequent surgery. Whether you stopped by to offer words of comfort or pray with us or for us, sent a card or note, or called, we are truly grateful.

We are so thankful and blessed to be a part of such a loving church family and thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

A special note of thanks to Jim & Ben for all their kind words of comfort and healing. We are so very blessed to have you both! Looking forward to seeing you all soon. In Christ's name, Erv & Mary Thovson

Thank You Notes....

Mt. Auburn Family,

Thank you so much for the visits, cards, thoughts, and prayers during my recent illness and recuperation. I appreciate your heartfelt concern for my family and me during this past month. I am truly blessed to be part of such a caring congregation that exemplifies God's love and compassion.
— Scott Coffey

Mt. Auburn Family:

Thank you for your prayers and support in the past few weeks. The flowers from the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Bookies, and 4:4 Bible Study were appreciated. Thanks to the many who came to the funeral home in Logansport. The Gideon Bibles from the Church and Joy Class would have made dad proud. The many cards have made the first few steps of the grief journey comforting. The Mt. Auburn family is awesome. We thank you all!
—Mark & Becky Appleton

Mary Holman and Melissa Truelove would like to thank their Mt. Auburn family for their support and encouragement over the past several months. We especially appreciate the visits from Dr. Hertel and Pastor Ben. We would also like to thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl that was received on Mary's birthday. We truly appreciate the prayers, cards, and support we have received as Mary continues to battle cancer. We feel so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Dear Mt. Auburn Family:

Thank you so much and in so many ways for helping to welcome our new baby into this wonderful church family. From many individuals who have reached out and provided prayers, words of encouragement, congratulations and meals, we cannot thank you enough! I will never underestimate the value of food in times of transition or need again! We are so grateful God led us to Mt. Auburn last year, you have become family to us and we love you! Now, we look so forward to sharing Miles with all of you. In Christ's Love, Nate & Jen Stewart

Dear Rev. Hertel: Thank you so much for the continuing support from Mt. Auburn for Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County. Your prayers, gifts of food, and construction volunteers helped us build the home at 615 Sunset Blvd., in Greenwood. We look forward to partnering with you in mission next year on the Methodist-sponsored home build. Rhett Cecil, Exec. Dir. HFH of JC

A Big Thank you to our H.S. and middle school youth. What a blessing to Ed and I! They did a fantastic job working in our yard during the 30 Hour Famine. You know, we at Mt. Auburn are the blessed ones to have such fine young people among us working for God! Thank you and God Bless, Ed & Andrea Fears

Club 56 Fall Retreat!



Club 56 is going to Camp Allendale on Sunday, Oct. 17th. Join us for fun, games, hiking, canoeing, a hayride and fellowship! We will be departing from Mt. Auburn at noon and returning around 5pm. Food and drinks will be provided, but bring your favorite snack to share! Also please bring a canned good or two to donate to the food pantry. Friends are welcome!

Please RSVP by October 14th to Jennifer Ader at 535-0635 or jennader@msn.com and say you'll come.



The Lunch Bunch and Romeos are dining together this year. We will meet on the third Thursday of the month. October 21, we will have lunch at Lincoln Square Pancake House. It is located at 8041 Madison Avenue (Stop 11 and Madison in the strip mall where Cloth World used to be!) If you have trouble finding it, call on our cell, 502-5628.

Lincoln Square Pancake House has breakfast items, as well as sandwiches, wraps, and salads. We will have a sign-up out the Sunday before we go, October 17. —Gene & Carolyn Freeman



MT. AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Capital Funds II Update

(as of 9/26/2010)

Help Us Hit Our Targets!



Capital Funds II

Responses	226
Dollars Pledged	\$1,130,894.16
Contribution Dollars Received	\$ 855,560.18
Other Sources Received	\$ 443,270.05
Total Received	\$1,298,830.23



Making a Difference

This past December, Mt. Auburn encouraged people to purchase items for our friends in Uganda that would help them start micro-businesses. We recently received some pictures of several pigs that were purchased for this purpose. The African people are also being trained to raise the pigs and other small animals. Your generosity is definitely making a difference!

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

The dates are: Men Oct. 14-17, Women Oct. 21-24



Thanks to everyone who donated blood at our Blood Drive on Sept. 12. Mt. Auburn donated 21 units of blood and an additional 8 attempted to give. The Indiana Blood Center's daily need is 550 units. Because of Mt. Auburn, they are a little bit closer to meeting that goal!

Life Group to Participate in Memory Walk

The Life Group led by Tom Overton, Brent Corey and Pastor Ben, is planning to participate in the upcoming Memory Walk on Oct. 17. A member of their group suffers from Alzheimer's so this is near and dear to their hearts. If you are interested in joining "Team Mt. Auburn: Serving God One Step at a Time," please contact Tom at overtonfamily@att.net or 859-7539.

Save the Date!

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**4th Annual
Spaghetti Dinner**
Wednesday, Oct. 27



All monies raised will go for daycare needs.

Upcoming SERMONS

Looking Forward to Worship in October

October 3 is **World Communion Sunday**. Mt. Auburn joins with Christians around the world to celebrate Holy Communion and to lift high the banner of Christ. Dr. Hertel's message for this occasion is titled "*The Claims of Christ in a Pluralistic Society*" taken from the gospel of John chapter 4.

On October 10, Dr. Hertel will begin a series of 3 messages taken from Old Testament passages:

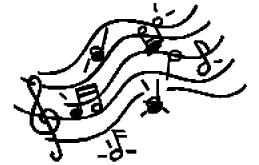
- Oct. 10 "A Tale of Two Kings" (**I Samuel 27-30**)
- Oct. 17 "Surviving Depression" (**I Kings 19:1-16**)
- Oct. 24 "Why Christians Suffer" (**Job 1:16-22; 2:3-10**)

These Old Testament stories of events long ago are still relevant for our lives today. Come and see how God's Word from long ago speaks to our world today.

On Sunday, October 31, Pastor Ben will be preaching.

Thanks for the Music – Part 2:

We are grateful to the following musicians who have provided special music for worship during the second half of the summer: Shannon Dougherty, Konita Dougherty, Stephanie Dougherty-Linton, Jeff Beaman, Dennis Lohr and Duncan Myers. It is inspiring to have the variety of musicians and music that our summer special music provides. We appreciate you, and we pray God will continue to bless your voices and hands for further music ministry.



Sing We (Soon) of Christmas

The Chancel Choir will soon begin rehearsing the music for our Christmas cantata. We would be delighted to have other singers in the congregation join us in preparing and presenting this special time of musical worship which will take place Sunday morning, December 19. Please let me know right away if you would like to sing with us, so I can order additional music.

In Christ's Tempo,
Karen Hetrick, *Director of Music Ministries*



Winter Coats Needed

The Lord's Locker is again collecting winter coats of all sizes, *infant through adult*, for their annual coat giveaway on October 13. As you clean out your closets this fall, please bring any gently-used winter coats you may be planning to replace and put them in the Lord's Locker blue bin in the closet off the old Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for helping others less fortunate to keep warm this winter!

AED Announcement

An adult AED has now been placed in the O'Dell Family Life Center just outside The Courts, entrance D. A pediatric AED has been placed in the office of our Children's Ministry Director, Nancy Van Dyke. AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) are kept at Mt. Auburn as a preventative measure for persons in cardiac distress. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Stiffler.

Do You Have Questions about the Proposed Referendum for the Center Grove Community School Corporation?

If so, come and learn more Thursday, Oct. 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Agenda items covered in the presentation will include:

- State Budget and Revenue
- CG's General Fund Revenue Issues
- Where Will Referendum Dollars Go?
- Tax Rate Impact
- Question and Answers



The Bookies

The Bookies of Mt. Auburn have selected the following books to read and discuss: "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan on October 19th, "When the Wind Blows" by James Patterson on November 16th, and "The Heart Mender" by Andy Andrews on

December 21st. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7p.m. in room 25 at the church. You are invited to join us to discuss any or all of these books.

PLEASE NOTE: Chair aerobics will *not* meet on Tuesdays when there is an Agape Circle meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month). They will meet every week but that Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room.

Building Projects Nearing the End

It all began with the first Capital Funds Campaign way back in 2004 to raise money for the O'Dell Family Life Center. We said then that we would give our money but not see any actual building. We did, however, do a lot of projects – new roof, gut-tering, painting, upstairs classrooms, and elevator – on the original building. We also paid off the old mortgage.

Then it was Capital Funds II in 2008 and the actual start of new construction in 2009. We moved into the O'Dell Family Life Center at the end of that year, and 2010 has been a year of projects to remodel and update the original building. The list of things done is almost too many to remember.

- New HVAC systems replacing old furnaces and systems that no longer worked.
- All community bathrooms gutted and refurbished.
- Daycare kitchen remodeled and equipped.
- Replacement of windows in the Children's Sanctuary.
- New cabinets and storage outside daycare kitchen.
- Replace sanitary sewer system outside daycare kitchen.
- New lighting and electrical work in daycare kitchen and Children's Sanctuary.
- New roof, more new classrooms upstairs, new flooring and ceiling tiles in the Upper Room area.
- New roadway sign for Mt. Auburn.
- New main entrance for Mt. Auburn and an access road for Center Grove Presbyterian Church.
- New outside lighting.
- New outside storage areas for the church and the Boy Scouts.

This is not a complete list of all the things done, but you can see that it has been an impressive body of work that has been accomplished over the last six years. And, all these projects were finished under the amount approved by the congregation. It is safe to say that our new facility is a delight to use, but our original building is probably in the best shape since the rebuilding after the tornado in 1986. We're almost finished now. We are just waiting for the Phase II Planning Committee to tell us how they want the Children's Sanctuary to be finished.

All of this has cost a lot of money. Here's a quick summary of the finances. We've spent a total of approximately \$4.5 million for everything including paying off the original mortgage. We've borrowed \$2.1 million. We still have some of the borrowed money left, and we expect to receive about \$300,000 more in the final months of Capital Funds II before it ends January 31, 2011.

This means we have paid in cash for over 50% of everything that has been done so far, and there is the hope and a growing vision among the church leadership to pay off the remaining amount owed in the next 5 years.

30 Hour Famine Mission Accomplished? Not Yet...

Imagine living in Pakistan. Not only is there ongoing war in the country, but also within the past two months torrential rains have caused massive flooding which has attributed to the deaths of nearly 2,000 people and devastated the lives of 17,000,000. Or consider Haiti, where earlier this year a 7.0 earthquake killed an estimated 230,000 people and left more than 1,000,000 homeless. The list goes on, and on, and on...

Christians relieve suffering; that's a BIG part of who we are, not only in the United States, but around the globe as well. These are the places where we (who participate in the 30 Hour Famine) not only meet the basic needs of those whose lives have been wrecked by a fallen world, but send HOPE in the name of Jesus Christ!

It gives me great honor to announce that Mt. Auburn's youth have surpassed their goal and raised \$8,258 to relieve suffering and fight hunger in the most impoverished parts of our planet. I am also greatly pleased to announce that I recently received news that the matching grants for 2010 has recently jumped to 10 X's! These are the largest matching grants World Vision has ever seen! That means that our \$8,258 has now been multiplied to \$82,580! PRAISE GOD!!! I am so proud of each and every one of you that made this year's Famine a priority in your life. You've just fed 330 children for an entire year!

But now what? Do we just sit back and wait? Do we wait until August 2011 rolls around to start caring again? No... Now comes the hard part. Now we remember. Now we pray for God to show us what to do next. Now we continue advocating by raising awareness and offering Christians the opportunity to become a blessing. As we go through our days we need to continue to take inventory and take note of all the blessings the good Lord has provided us with and find new ways to share these many blessings.

I would like to thank all of the chaperones who gave abundantly of their time and talents to assist the youth during the Famine and on their work projects:

Jeff & Gretchen Beaman, John & Sharon Martin, Shannon Dougherty, Steve Todd, Anne Atzinger, Ruth Musgrave, Diana Eckert, Matt Robinette, Heather McNamee, Sean Gainey, Mark Silvertooth, and George Roach. I would also like to thank Andy Hester for collecting and donating a plethora of oversized boxes for our Cardboard Village, all those who made food for our Break-Fast meal, (it was delicious) and those who contributed to our car-wash (I hope we did a good job).

I would also like to give a BIG honorable mention to Austin Truelove who personally raised over \$600 and to Shelby McNamee who personally raised over \$700! You two are inspirations not only to your peers, but to your parents and the rest of us here at Mt. Auburn.

We've done well, but the battle still rages and the need is still great. Feed the People!

Travis Taylor, *Youth Director*



Sympathy Notices

Several in our church family are experiencing great loss.

We remember John Burns and family at the passing of his father, Tom. The funeral was held on Wednesday, Sept. 29, in Plainfield.

Please keep Dianne and Mike Mallory in your prayers. Mike lost his brother Paul Joseph Mallory. He passed away in Nevada

Carolyn Cummings passed away on September 4. She was a visitor of Mt. Auburn, and Sue Steelman's friend.

Long-time member, Glenna Johnson, passed away on Sept. 10. She was 91-years-old.

Please remember the Skaggs' family as Aileen Stout passed away on 9/20/10. This is John Skaggs' aunt and Betty's sister.

We also remember Paula Myers and family at the death of her 95-year-old grandmother, Marietta McKee. She passed away on Aug. 15.

Birth Celebration!

We rejoice at the birth of Christian Dallas Rose on 8/27/10. Proud parents are Jeremy and Amber, and Gabriella is the big sister.

Congratulations to Nate and Jen Stewart at the birth of Miles Paul Stewart on 8/31/10!

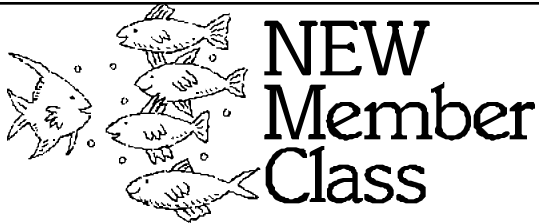
Paintings to Return

When the women's restroom facilities in Fellowship Hall were remodeled, 2 paintings were removed. If you donated them, would you like them back? One is a bathroom sink scene. The other is green with doves. Call Marsha if you would like them back 535-8555 ext. 1304.

DOES THE CHURCH HAVE YOUR EMAIL?



The church often sends out news via email. If you are not receiving this and want to, please send your email address to the church at: amys@mtauburnumc.org. We won't abuse your email, but from time to time, we will send reminders of upcoming events and important activities in the life of the church.



NEW Member Class

Sunday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. in the Community Room

Sign up today for our new member class. 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.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Age of children needing care: _____

NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT MT. AUBURN

Men's Bible Study

Men, please join us for a 32-week Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Oct. 6. This Disciple study will focus on the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Sign up in Trinity Hall or email Pastor Ben at: beng@mtauburnumc.org.

30-Week Bible Study Open to Everyone

"Knowing God with Heart and Mind"—This Christian Believer is a topical study that combines study of scripture and Christian belief. Scripture is examined to understand topics such as grace, the mystery of Christ being fully human and fully divine, the Trinity, the resurrection, and eternity, to name a few.

All are welcome to join this 30-week Bible study led by Rev. John Wortinger from 6:30-8:30pm on Wednesday evenings. The study will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 6. If you want to register, please email Rev. Wortinger at gospelmagic@comcast.net or sign up in Trinity Hall.

Administrative Board Gives Preliminary Approval to 2011 General Budget

The Administrative Board has preliminarily approved the 2011 general operating budget for the congregation. It totals \$1,131,000 which is a 3.7% increase over 2010. This budget provides for a 4% increase for all the church staff, and increases the second-mile mission budget to \$40,000, up from \$31,375. The amount needed each week is \$21,750.

Annual Church Conference Set for November 21

District Superintendent Bert Kite has set our annual Church Conference for Sunday evening, November 21, at 6:30 p.m. It is a joy and a privilege for Mt. Auburn to host this event for all the United Methodist churches of Johnson County (Franklin Grace, Honey Creek, Greenwood, Smith Valley, Whiteland, Jollity, and Trafalgar).

The Annual Church Conference is the yearly business meeting of the congregation that the District Superintendent conducts which elects officers and sets pastoral compensation for 2011.

An Exciting Life Group is Open for some Special People

Rev. Manubhni Mecwan is a Methodist pastor from India living in Indiana. God has given him a vision to evangelize the people of Indian descent living in our community. He and Dr. Hertel are forming a *Life Group* to meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. with a vision to reach this target population for Christ. Rev. Mecwan and Dr. Hertel would like to have at least 5 or 6 people to join them in this exciting venture. If you are interested, come this Saturday, Oct. 2, at 5:30 p.m. to the Pastor's office.



Save 1 of These Dates!

Two congregational meetings are planned -- 1 for Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 5:30 p.m., and another for Sunday, Nov. 7, after church at 12:30 p.m. Plan now to attend one of these important meetings. All food and table service will be provided. Just come!

We'll celebrate what God is doing at Mt. Auburn and share the vision and plans for next year. These congregational meetings are essential to prepare for **Celebration Sunday, November 14**. This is the day we lay on the altar our commitments of time, talent, and treasure for 2011. Don't miss this! Please!

**Have YOU
signed up yet?**



Called to Serve

Mt. Auburn UMC

October 9-16, 2010

We have been so blessed at Mt. Auburn! It's time for all of us, regardless of age or ability to bless others with our mission service. Sunday, Oct. 3 will be the last day to sign-up in Trinity Hall for Mt. Auburn's week in mission, Oct. 9-16. Over **200 more** volunteers are still needed. Whether you are 8 or 88, there is a mission opportunity for you! Volunteer with your Life Group, your family or your friends. You don't have to do it alone. Share it with someone else. The opportunities are listed below.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER (Community Room, Mt. Auburn)

This is a fun, assembly project for ages 8-88. We'll have a room filled with raw materials to assemble dry meal packets. The goal of KAH is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. We need 128 more volunteers.

Mon 10/11, Wed 10/13, Thurs 10/14 6:30-8:30 pm.

Tues 10/12 10 am - Noon

SERVING THE HOMELESS (Downtown)

Serving breakfast and sharing the Word with the homeless in downtown Indianapolis. We need 7 more volunteers. **Sat. 10/9, 6 am-11 am**

CONSTRUCTION AT LORD'S LOCKER (Lord's Locker, Trafalgar)

Framing, roofing, staining and masonry work are all needed to maintain the Lord's Locker building. We need 13 more people. **Sat. 10/9, 9 am-?**

PAINTING AT THE PANTRY (InterChurch Food Pantry, Franklin)

The InterChurch Food Pantry needs our help to paint four rooms in their facility. We need 4 people. **Sat. 10/16 9 am-?**

FILLING THE NEED AT FLETCHER (Fountain Square Area)

The whole week, Fletcher Place needs our help with sorting clothing, filling food pantry orders and general help around the building.

We need 29 more. **Mon 10/11, Wed 10/13 & Fri 10/15 9 am-Noon**

Tues 10/12, Thurs 10/14 Noon-3 pm

SERVING A SOLDIER IN NEED (Center Grove)

This family needs our help! Two tours of duty and illness have derailed this family's home repairs. Help them finish drainage work in their backyard. We need 5 more people to seed, straw & fertilize grass. **Sat. 10/9 9 am-?**

LOVING OUR WIDOWS (Greenwood)

We're called to serve widows in our community. This will involve doing whatever they need us to do whether it be housework or landscape help. We need 15 more people. **Sat. 10/9 9am-?**

PUTTING OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD (Mt. Auburn)

We are here for those who have not yet visited Mt. Auburn, so we need volunteers to help with painting, cleaning and various projects around the church. We need 12 more people. **Sat. 10/16 9am-?**

PRESERVING OUR HISTORY (Mt. Auburn)

You know how your pictures can pile up, so imagine how many pictures need to be organized for the church. This is a challenging job that will be greatly appreciated by future generations. We need 8 people.

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Questions? Contact...

Jerry McRoberts, Missions Committee (881-9606)

Sharon Martin, United Methodist Women (888-6243)