

# CONGREGATION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES CHILDREN'S SANCTUARY PROJECT!



The goal of Children's Ministry's new large group worship format is to provide an environment where kids can learn to:

- Praise God
- Pray
- Proclaim God's Word
- Live Out Our Faith

The plans for a renovated sanctuary will give them a great place to do this in a kid-friendly way. Watch for ways you can help in the planning process soon!

  
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My Dear Friends,

Mt. Auburn had a good day Sunday. There were many visitors for Civic Youth Sunday to celebrate the ministries of scouting (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts), and 4-H. Despite the weather, we enjoyed a fantastic attendance! It was a very good day!



Thanks to all of you who stayed after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service for the Church Conference to decide the old sanctuary renovation for children's ministries. You may remember that almost a year ago this project was tabled because of unease within the congregation concerning this project. It was good that we slowed down and took the time in the past eleven months to get it right. This time it passed unanimously. I want to thank the Phase IIb committee that worked so hard this past year, and especially for the leadership of Sherri Tucker and John Wortinger. They did a super job, and in the end made it easy for us to take this step forward.

It has been my good fortune to be the senior pastor at Mt. Auburn for many years now, and looking back – even when we were financially distressed in those early years – I always thought we were a rich church. What was lacking in our checking account was more than compensated for in the children who graced this place. I have firmly believed that children have been God's special gift to Mt. Auburn.


If that is so – and I believe it is – then it follows that we should strive to do our children's ministries in the very best way possible. My prayer and dream has always been that Mt. Auburn would be a special place for children, but as I have evolved through the years into the grandfather of seventeen – soon to be eighteen – it has become even more of a passion. I want our congregation to do children's ministries better than anyone else.

When we look into the face of a child, we can see the awesome responsibility God has entrusted into our care. We want Mt. Auburn to be a place where these little ones learn at an early age that God loves them and that He has a wonderful plan for their lives. That is every generation's gift to the next one. We want these boys and girls to become men and women who have a heart for God to do His will.

Jesus tells us that to whom much is given, much is required. We are rich. We have been blessed by God's wonderful gift of children. We have an enormous responsibility. Join me in praying that Mt. Auburn will be equal – with God's help – to the task set before us.

I believe we took a huge step forward last Sunday. Yes, it was another wonderful day at Mt. Auburn. I can't wait to see you this Sunday!


—Jim Hertel



## Capital Funds II Update

*(as of 1/30/2011)*

**Help Us Hit Our Targets!**



<b>Capital Funds II</b>	
Responses	226
Dollars Pledged	\$1,133,089.16
Contribution Dollars Received	\$1,012,196.31
Other Sources Received	\$ 460,840.24
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$1,473,036.55</b>

### News from Trinity UMC



98 year old man who received one of our pigs!

We recently heard from Rev. Julius Mugabi. He sent us these pictures!

Mt. Auburn sent our church family in Uganda \$700 for animal food since food prices had tripled. And we sent \$1,155 that was given to buy more animals. We are now also paying a monthly salary to Rev. Julius as the pastor. He receives nothing from Trinity. All of this is part of Mt. Auburn's effort to continue developing our relationship with Trinity UMC.



Another healthy pig Mt. Auburn helped purchase.

Dear Mt. Auburn Parents:

Our children will be starting to learn a little more about the Bible! We have chosen a few Bible verses and grouped them into age appropriate levels. These can be memorized on their own time. Nancy Van Dyke and I will be available for your child to recite the memory verse in between the two services, 10:00 to 10:30. We will also keep a log of verses completed. A special reward will be given to acknowledge their work.

We hope that this will not feel like a burden. We are hoping it will be something that you and your child will be excited to do together. It is so easy to rely on overhead projections and power point verses, but as a parent myself I find it important to help teach my children the verses that strengthen our faith.

We will be passing these verses out in the Sunday school, Cornerstone, and Club 56 classes this Sunday. You will also find them listed below. Good luck and we hope to see you soon!

Thank you,  
Holly Marlin, Children's Ministry Volunteer

### Memory Verses

#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

John 3:16  
Romans 3:23  
Psalm 122:1  
Romans 8:28  
Colossians 3:20

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Lords Prayer  
Ten Commandments  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2:8-9  
John 6:69

#### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Psalm 100  
Books of the Bible  
Apostles' Creed  
John 15:5  
Romans 5:8  
*(and some additional challenge verses)*



### Weekly Report of Attendance and General Giving:

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	S.S. & Life Groups	Budgeted Ministries	Capital & Debt Reduction Funds	Other Funds	Total Receipted
1/30/2011	448	302	\$22,654.25	\$4,291.00	\$627.14	\$27,572.39
2/6/2011	512	272+	\$22,285.87	\$4,160.00	\$2,479.00	\$28,924.87

Needed weekly for ministries \$21,719. Other Funds include: \$60.00 for Sierre Leon. Sanc. Funds received \$50.00 in memory of Mary Holman.

### Church Conference Results in a "Yes"!

This past Sunday, February 6, directly following the second service, Mt. Auburn held an all church conference. The purpose of this was to vote on building plans for the former sanctuary. These ideas were developed over several months by the Phase IIb committee and have been presented to various groups, committees, and the congregation itself. The time had come to ask for a congregational vote of approval.

We are happy to announce that the vote was a unanimous YES!! This means that construction can begin soon, and we will be complete this summer. Praise God!

The planning for children's ministry programming can now take off with a large group format for our second hour of worship. If you are interested in being a part of this in any way—music, audio, visual, drama, etc.—please contact me. I will be putting together a group for this purpose.

Thank you again to ALL who helped with this Phase IIb project. Also, thank you to ALL those who stayed to approve this vote. I can't wait to energize children and families for the kingdom of God!

Thank you and God Bless,  
Nancy Van Dyke, Director of Children's Ministry  
535-8555 ext. 1319

### Are You Interested in an Income Property?

Dr. and Mrs. Leon Nicholzen recently gave to Mt. Auburn a property on Main Street in Greenwood. Upon its sale, the money is to be divided—50% for a new sanctuary; 25% for debt reduction; and 25% for children's ministries.

This house is divided into 3 rentals and is in very good condition. Mt. Auburn will sell this property, but before it is listed with a realtor, the Church Trustees would like to make it available to anyone in the congregation, who may desire to have an income property and who enjoys property management. The advantage to buying before it is listed is that you would save the realty fees.

If you are interested and would like more information, call Jerry Heistand at 535-8555 ext 1351.



For Sale: Rental Income Property  
Location: 3580360 W. Main Street, Greenwood

1 1/2 story house with 3 apartments  
Unit 1—1,096 square ft—5 rooms: 2 bedrooms & 1.5 baths  
Unit 2—812 square ft—5 rooms: 2 bedrooms & 1 bath  
Unit 3—735 square ft—4 rooms: 2 bedrooms & 1 bath

All appliances included: 3 refrigerators; 3 ranges/ovens; 3 dishwashers; 2 washers & dryers. City Utilities.

Current monthly rents = \$1,700  
Unit 1—\$700  
Unit 2—\$500  
Unit 3—\$500

The property will be sold in "as in" condition.  
All units are currently rented.

Asking Price \$100,000



### SPRING MISSION BREAKFAST— MARCH 12, 8:30 a.m.

The Spring Mission Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, at 8:30 a.m. We will be meeting in the Community Room for breakfast.

Our speaker for this session is Pam Leffler from Christian Help, Inc. Christian Help is an interdenominational community organization serving the homeless or near homeless in Johnson

County. As usual, anyone attending the breakfast is encouraged to help support this community mission through some form of donation. Pam has indicated the most urgent needs at this time are for (1) financial donations to help with rent assistance and emergency situations OR (2) hygiene products such as toilet paper, soaps, or shampoos.

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 how Christian Help is serving our community. You might want to listen for volunteer opportunities also.



Tickets (\$3 per person) will be sold between services on Sunday, February 27, and on Sunday, March 6.

### ATTENTION: UMW MEMBERS

Here are the breakfast food assignments for March 12:

Agape Circle – Fruit and drinks  
Friendship Circle – Bread and pastries  
Shalom Circle – Casseroles



### Thank you!

A special thank you to the women who put on the "Wonder Full World" Women's Retreat on Feb. 20 and 21: Shannon Dougherty, Beth Coffey, Lori Rifkind, Kim Peters, Diana Eckert and Konita Dougherty. And all the women thank the men who served tasty appetizers on Friday evening and to Dana Chamness for serving us lunch—YUM!

### Lost

A jean jacket was left behind at a mission project, possibly Fletcher Place. Please contact Marsha Armenoff if you're missing a jacket.

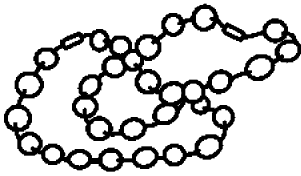
### Sympathy

Please remember the families of Madeline and Andy Acher and Amy and Keith Barrett in your prayers over the passing of Madeline's sister Maxine Willard and Amy's aunt. Services were held in Edinburg, Indiana.

## Rev. David Ntogohnya Returns Safely from Africa to Begin Second Semester

After spending seven weeks in Uganda with his wife and 2 young children and checking on his churches in the Gulu area of the country – David arrived back in the states last Friday (February 4). He was shocked by the snow and cold weather. I assured him that despite appearances winter was almost over, and spring was just around the corner. I didn't try to explain to him that it was a groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, who predicted all this!

David began his second semester at Asbury Seminary this week.  
—Jim Hertel



### New Ugandan Jewelry Received!

When our seminary student, David Ntogohnya, returned from his semester break with his family in Uganda, he brought with him a new supply of necklaces and

bracelets made by the women's group at Trinity United Methodist Church. There are lots of new colors and some different patterns. I have restocked the display in our own Trinity Hall with some for your shopping needs.

If anyone hears of a craft fair or school fair where I could get a booth to sell these, please let me know. I'm also considering doing jewelry parties in homes if anyone is interested. The women and their families of Trinity UMC in Jinja are so grateful for the help in keeping their little business going and providing much needed fund for their families.  
—Pat Hertel



Child-Care Help Needed

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!

We desperately need volunteers in our Toddler room during the 9 a.m. service. If you can help, please contact Nancy Van Dyke, Children's Ministry Director at 535-8555 ext. 1319.

## Upcoming SERMONS

Dr. Hertel concludes the winter message series on "How to Build a Happy Life" this month. The final three messages are:

Feb. 13 – "100% Pure?" Matthew 5:8

Feb. 20 – "Let's Build Bridges" Matthew 5:9

Feb. 27 – "Being Happy Anyway" Matthew 5:10

If you miss a sermon, you can find it on our website under RESOURCES.

### Lenten Devotion Writers Needed

It is time for Mt. Auburn to put together daily devotions for the Lenten season. We make these available to the congregation via emails and in print. Would you like to write a short devotion this year?

Our devotions this Lenten season will focus on the **Attributes of God**. Here's how the devotion process will work. You would be given an ATTRIBUTE OF GOD with corresponding scriptures. You will write a short devotion based up your reflection, study and personal experiences. All devotions must be completed and submitted by **Feb. 28**. Thus, you'll have roughly 2 weeks to write your devotion.

**Please respond ASAP and indicate if you want to write a devotion.** You can leave a phone message at 535-8555 (ext. 1318) or send an email to: [amys@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:amys@mtauburnumc.org). Thank you!

### Save the Date!

Mt. Auburn's Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm on Wednesday, March 9. Pastor Ben will be preaching a sermon entitled: "Lavish Love" from Luke 7:36-50.

## Confirmation Class



Calling Any Jr. or Sr. High Students!  
Join us for: Confirmation Class 2011

Each Thursday evening from 6-7:30 p.m.  
March 3-April 28

Confirmation is the time in a student's life when he or she has the opportunity to explore what it means to become a full member of the church family.

Traditionally, done during their 7th grade year, Confirmation is open to any student in Junior or Senior High who wants to learn the meaning and responsibility of an individual's profession of faith in the Methodist Church. Confirmation class is a 7-week series of Thursday evening workshops during which students explore topics such as worship, prayer, and our commission to the world.

This class will be led by Pastor Ben Greenbaum and Youth Director Travis Taylor. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact Travis Taylor if interested at: [travist@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:travist@mtauburnumc.org) or 535-8555 ext. 1352. *The class will not meet Thursday, March 31.*

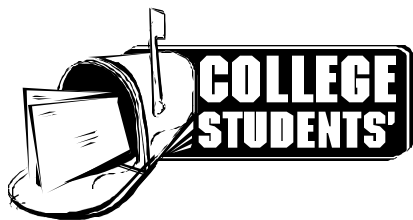
## College Care Packages 2011

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 27. 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.)
- Pocket-size Kleenex
- Highlighters, pens,
- Hot cocoa envelopes
- Any additional items are appreciated (**quantity must be 18**)

A sign-up sheet will be available beginning Feb. 6 in Trinity Hall. Donations may be put in the box provided near the Welcome Center. All donations must be received no later than Friday, Feb. 25. 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@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:marshaa@mtauburnumc.org). — The Membership Care Team



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## Food Drive

for the  
Interchurch Food Pantry  
of Johnson County  
Jan. 16-Feb. 27

Mt. Auburn is asked to donate **Spaghetti 'Os**.  
Drop off your donations on the east end of Trinity Hall.

★ **NOTE NEW TIME!**  
**Food Drive Celebration & Concert of Prayer**  
3pm Sunday, Feb. 27  
at Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin.



## Habitat for Humanity's Annual Soup Bowl Fundraiser

Sunday, February 27th, 4pm - 7pm  
Scott Hall at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds

Tickets are limited. Pre-purchase your tickets at the Habitat office, Heartland Community Bank, Mutual Savings Bank, and Old National Bank.

\*The timing of our Food Drive Celebration & Concert of Prayer was changed so that you may support both events if you want!

# Blood DRIVE THANKS

A huge thank you to those who helped with the Blood Drive held on Jan. 30, especially Tony Gawarecki. Mt. Auburn donated 24 units of blood which doesn't include several that were deferred for various reasons. Thanks for your generosity. Your donations will save lives!

## Here's what's happening!

### Bookies to Meet—Feb. 15

The Bookies will meet on Tuesday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss "The Blind Side" by Michael Lewis. The future selections are: March, "Wicked Appetite" by Janet Evanovich; April, "Morning Show Murders" by Al Roker; May, "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck; and in June, "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. The meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in room 25 at the church. Join us for one or for all of the discussions.



### Out-to-Lunch Bunch to Meet—Feb. 17

In December, "The Out-to-Lunch Bunch" went to Lucero's. Six inches of SNOW!

In January, "The Out-to-Lunch Bunch" met at FlapJacks and Flapped our jaws. It SNOWED four or five inches!

January's BUNCH wisely decided to meet at Arni's for February because it is close. It will be the ICING on the cake after Valentine's day. After ice and snow, a HOT lunch with HOT company will be a relief. We will Meet you at Arni's on February 17th—that is the third Thursday at 11:30.

### Have You Considered an Emmaus Walk?

There are upcoming Emmaus Walks for both men and women. If you'd like to attend, the following people would be interested in sponsoring you: Jim Hertel, Ben Greenbaum, Gretchen and Jeff Beaman, John Burns, and Dalton Musgrave. Here are the dates:

Men's Walk: March 10-13

Women's Walk: March 17-20

### Pray With Rev. Manubhai Mecwan Every Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Pastor Mecwan comes to Mt. Auburn every Saturday evening for prayer in the Chapel. You are invited to come and pray or to send in your requests.

### Upcoming Newsletter

The next church newsletter is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2. If you have something to submit, please send it to the church office or to [amys@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:amys@mtauburnumc.org) by the Monday of that week. Thank you.

## Mission Opportunities



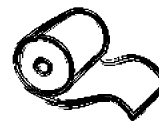
### Collection for "Mission Guatemala"

Tom Heaton, a Hoosier United Methodist missionary to Guatemala, is asking for donations for a clinic in San Andres Semetabaj, Guatemala. His hope is that all Indiana United Methodist churches, especially those around the Indianapolis area, will help. Some of the medicines that are readily available in the U.S. are hard to get in Guatemala or are expensive. Here is a list of items accepted for donation NOW through February. A collection area will be available on the east end of Trinity Hall.

### Mission Guatemala is collecting:

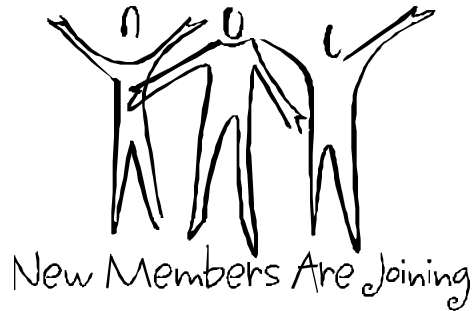
- Acetaminophen,
- Child acetaminophen
- Acetaminophen drops
- Adult multi-vitamins, child multi-vitamins
- Ibuprofen
- Loratadine (Generic allergy medicine)
- Calcium Carbonate (generic Tums)
- Bismuth Subsalicylate tablets (generic Pepto Bismol)
- Pregnancy tests
- Snack-size zip lock bags (for packaging medicines)
- Generic eye drops for dry eyes
- Gently used dish towels
- Phenylephrine (generic decongestant)
- Hydrocortisone cream,
- Triple antibiotic cream

\*All dates on medicines need to be current and not expired. Also attach a dollar to each item to help defray the cost of shipping. For more information and updates about Mission Guatemala, visit [www.missionguatemala.com](http://www.missionguatemala.com).



### Toilet Tissue Collection for The Lord's Locker

Mt. Auburn made a commitment to the Lord's Locker in Trafalgar to donate 240 rolls of toilet paper per month. While the number sounds like a lot, it's only 60 4-packs. Please place your donations on or around the tree stand. When we have 240 rolls they will be taken to the Lord's Locker. Remember, 240 rolls per month is our charge!



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Mt. Auburn is excited to welcome into our church family, the following new members. Please do your best to get to know them!

**Christina, Sarah, and Kaitlin Bucker**

Christina is a paralegal for Simon Property Group. Sarah is in the 7th grade at CGMS Central while Kaitlin is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade there. They transfer their membership from Smith Valley UMC. They reside at: 2802 Cadogan Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143.

**Wanda Duvall**

Wanda is a retired school social worker, who worked with youth. She has 3 children and has made many friends at Mt. Auburn through the Women's Bible Studies. Wanda transfers her membership from St. Luke's UMC. She resides at: 5909 Crystal Water Dr., Indpls, IN 46237.

**Audrey Miller**

Audrey is a retired teacher. She enjoys travel, reading, and playing bridge. She transfers her membership from First UMC in Ravenwood, West Virginia. She resides at: 1451 Butternut Lane, Greenwood, IN 46143.

**Diana McDonald**

Diana is a hostess at O'Charley's. She is the mother of Mt. Auburn member Shawn Wade. She joins on confession of faith and resides at: 4324 Windview Circle, Greenwood, IN 46142.

**Dave and Janet Mobley**

Dave is a Program Specialist with the State of Indiana. Janet is an accountant with the State of Indiana. Both transfer their membership from Rosedale Hills UMC. They reside at: 6575 Enclave Blvd., Greenwood, IN 46143.

**Larry, LaTheda, and Damien Noonan**

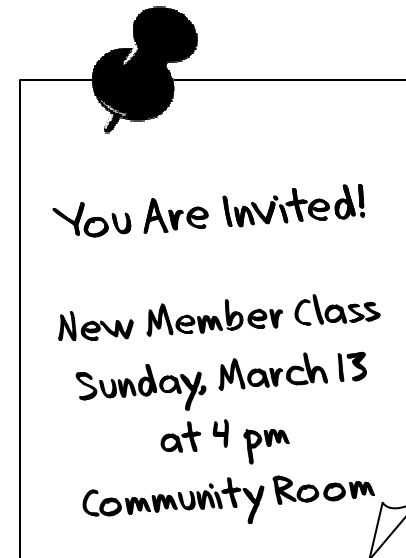
Larry is an IT supervisor at the Department of Defense. He also serves in the US Army Reserves. LaTheda is a social worker, who has served at the InterChurch Food Pantry and will begin serving at Christian Help. They are the parents of 4<sup>th</sup> grader Damien and Chad, who is married with 2 children. They transfer their membership from Whiteland UMC and reside at: 6330N 200E, Whiteland, IN 46184-9450.

**Daryl and Janice Siedelmann**

Daryl is an engineer for Faurecia in Columbus. He has served as a lay minister previously. Janice is a retired medical records administrator. They moved to Greenwood to be near their son and his family. Daryl and Janice transfer their membership from Chapel Hill UMC in Henderson, KY. They reside at: 1108 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood, IN 46143.

**Gloria Smith**

Gloria is retired from Walmart, where she was a department manager. She is a friend of the Noonan's and transfers her membership from Whiteland UMC. Gloria resides at: 170 West St., Whiteland, IN 46183.



A light meal will be served at the New Member Class followed by an introduction to many staff and programs of the church. Child care is provided. Please RSVP to the church by calling Marsha at 535-8555 ext 1304 or [marshaa@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:marshaa@mtauburnumc.org). We hope you'll join us!