

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church—5/11/2011

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

2 Cor. 9:6

Mt. Auburn Workday

Saturday, May 14
9am-3pm



Food Drive

Groceries Due
Sunday, May 15



JAM JESUS AND ME!

CHILDRENS WORSHIP

Learn how you can
volunteer for **JAM!**



The Lyons' Habitat Home
Day 6



3100 W. Stones Crossing Rd.
Greenwood, IN 46143

Church Office Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm
Phone 535-8555 Fax 535-1210

Dr. J. Wesley Hertel—ext. 1305

Senior Pastor

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

My Dear Friends,

It was a very good day when I was introduced to Rev. Mannubhai Mecwan and his wife Roshen. Mannubhai was a Methodist pastor in India for over 20 years. He came to America to attend a Billy Graham School of Evangelism, and then was led by God to stay, when he saw how many of his people lived in America, but nobody was sharing the Gospel with them.



As the days have passed since first meeting the Mecwans, I have grown immensely in my love and appreciation for them and their heart for the Lord. They both possess a strong faith and believe fervently in the power of prayer. Mannubhai is fearless in sharing the Gospel with all he meets. He is unapologetically bold in his witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church has given to Mt. Auburn a grant to help underwrite Mannubhai's ministry among the Indian population in our area. Only God knows the dividends that will be realized for God's Kingdom one day. I am praying that God will bless the Mecwans with much fruit for their labors.

But, this is hard work, and sometimes it's discouraging and disappointing as well. It can't be accomplished with just money and gut determination. Psalm 127:1 tells us that, "**Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.**" The problem with the American Church is that we pretty much limit ourselves to what we believe we can accomplish on our own and leave God out of the equation. It's hardly a wonder we are as weak and ineffective as we sometimes believe that we are.

How can Mt. Auburn participate in the Mecwans' ministry? Well, Mannubhai has asked us to meet and to pray with him every Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. So far, only two or three have accepted this invitation. I have been praying with him for several weeks now. He prays every week for The United Methodist Church, for Bishop Coyner, for our District Superintendent Bert Kite, for Mt. Auburn, for me, and for little Wesley's healing. My life has been tremendously enriched, and I have witnessed God's power in fresh and new ways.

There is tremendous power in prayer. More things are wrought through prayer than the mind could ever comprehend. We live in perilous times. Never has there been a time when the world needed prayer more than today. The tragedy of the Church today is that we pray little, and then we wonder why we do not see more results.

If you long to see miracles in your life and the Church today – then come and pray every Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

— Jim Hertel



Girl Scout Collection—Can YOU Help?

I am working on my Silver Award for Girl Scouts. This is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can receive. I am collecting items for Jerry's Kids, The Muscular Dystrophy Association. The needed items are for when they attend the MDA camp. I would appreciate any help anyone could give me.

Items needed are: Pocket size kleenex, small notebooks, small bottles of hand sanitizer, small bottles of sunscreen, sunglasses, decorative stickers, water bottles with straws or a monetary donation.

These are needed items and the kids appreciate receiving them. Donations may be placed in a box inside the closet in the Fellowship Hall marked MDA. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Emily Weidman

The Martin/ Tucker Life Group is Walking for Dreams!

Walking for Dreams is a 5K Family and Pet Walk to help local Indianapolis non-profit organizations raise needed funds to enable them to do more of what they do so well—serve the youth and families of Indianapolis. Walkers of all ages join together to support their special organization by raising pledges and participating. The walk will be held this year on Sunday, May 22, at 2 pm on the Downtown Canal.

You can get involved one of two ways

1. Join the Martin/ Tucker Life Group as we walk in support of the **East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center**. You can register online at www.walkingfordreams.org or
2. Sponsor us as we walk in support of the **East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center**. For more information, contact Beth Coffey at 889-1412

Homes for Haiti

ONE MISSION SOCIETY

Is anyone interested in forming a team to build a home in Haiti through "Homes for Haiti," a program developed in light of the recent earthquake there? Men for Missions (MFM), a division of OMS, sponsors this program. If interested or if you want more information, please contact Erv Thovson (317-508-3920) or Jerry McRoberts (317-881-9606).

Let's Keep Helping Brightwood Community Center They Can Win a \$50,000 Grant!

"Drops of Good" is the Maxwell House Community Project involving 10 cities and community centers, in partnership with Rebuilding Together. Brightwood Community Center represents Indianapolis. The five cities with the most votes will receive \$50,000 grants, and 5 cities with lower votes will receive \$5,000 grants.

Here's the website where you can **vote** for Brightwood Community Center **EVERY DAY from as many e-mail addresses as you have:**

<http://www.kraftbrands.com/maxwellhousecoffee/drops-of-good/Pages/brightwood-community-center.aspx>

Daily voting lasts until June 17 and we are currently ranked at 7, trying hard to get back up to 5 or above. When we win \$50,000 as one of the top 5 cities of the 10, major renovation work will be done here. After we get the word out through our denomination, and through other connections, God will make it happen!

We're standing on Mark 11:24: "Whatsoever you ask for in prayer, believe you have received it, and you shall have it." **Please send the information as far and wide as you can – to your friends, family, groups you belong to, and your congregation – so the whole country is aware of this contest and can support this 43 year community center started in 1968!**

Thanks for your prayers and your help! — Pastor Debra Grady

P.S. Currently Brightwood Community Center is 3rd so vote early and vote often!

We've Got Your Ticket to FUN this Summer!

**Mt. Auburn's School-Age Summer Camp
REGISTER TODAY!**

• Summer Camp Dates: May 31-August 11

- Monday-Friday: 6am-6pm
- Children Kindergarten Through Age 12
- Weekly Bible Lessons
- Crafts, Games, Playground & Gym Time

Pricing (Grades Entering)

\$137 Kindergarten & 1st

\$127 2nd-6th

Sibling discounts; 2 & 3-day rates available

At No Additional Charge

- Field Trips to Local Attractions
- Snacks & Meals

Contact Beth Carter to Register at: 317-535-8555 or bethc@mtauburnumc.org

Weekly Report of General Giving:

Week Ending	Budgeted Ministries	Debt Reduction Funds	Capital & Sanctuary Funds	Other Funds	Total Received
5/1/11	\$19,211.60	\$3,059.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,661.00	\$25,131.60
5/8/11	\$15,975.15	\$3,760.00	\$1,113.00	\$917.14	\$21,765.29

Needed weekly for ministries \$21,719.

Highlighted Other Funds include: \$300 for Memorial Bricks

Weekly Report of Attendance

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	S.S. & Life Groups
5/1/11	485	314
5/8/11	556	289

Dr. Hertel Begins New Message Series on "Getting a Dream for Your Life" this Sunday

God has a plan and purpose for every life. Do you know God's plan and purpose for your life? Are you following it? Dr. Hertel begins a 4-week message series that will help you discover God's dream for your life.

May 15 "Embracing Your Life Purpose"

(Jonah 1:1010)

May 22 "How to Make Your Dream Come True"

(Ps 139:13-16)

May 29 "Shattered Dreams"

(Luke 15:13)

June 5 **Graduation Sunday**

"Your Dream and the Providence of God"

(Gen 45:4-8a)

Here's what's happening!



Johnson County Food Drive Sunday, May 1-15

Bring your grocery donations this week!
Donated groceries will be divided between the Lord's Locker and the InterChurch Food Pantry.

* Volunteers needed to deliver food on Monday, May 16th. Contact Joyce Orme at 535-9194 if you can help. Thank you!

Church Work Day Saturday, May 14, from 9-3pm.



Please bring your hand tools, pruners, and wheelbarrows, etc.
We will be mulching, pruning, and cleaning up around the outside church property. Thank you!



The church is invited to an Open House celebrating Helen Lukens' 100th Birthday! Saturday, May 14th from 1-4pm, Greenwood Village South Manor, 271 Village Lane. Cards but no gifts please.

Bookies to Meet—May 17

The Bookies will meet Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in room 25 to discuss "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck. In June, we will be reading "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. Future selections are: July - "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson; August - "Minding Frankie" by Maeve Binchy; and in September - ""Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in room 25 at the church. Books are selected by the members. You are welcome to join us.

Lunch Bunch & ROMEOS to Meet May 19

Join them for lunch on Thursday, May 19, at City BBQ (U.S. 31 & just north of Stop 11) at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up this Sunday at the Welcome Center if you plan to go.

Thank You Letters

A big thank you to Mt. Auburn Piecemakers! We are so thankful for the beautiful quilt and blessings you have bestowed on Adaline. We know she will treasure it for many years to come!
Blessings, Ted and Alecia Adams

Receive my love and greetings!

I hope you had a nice Sunday. I believe that yesterday was the Sunday when Jesus met Peter and the five apostles. He asked Peter a question whether he loved him and Jesus told him to keep his flock. He encouraged him. I believe we all needed the message of encouragement during this critical moment when much is going worldwide. May God continue to give us courage and be with us as we face the future. I want to thank you and your congregation for the support sent to me. I appreciate it so much. It has helped me resettle and be focused.
—Rev. Julius Mugabi

Lost & Found

The church has found the following items: 2 black umbrellas, 1 IUPUI umbrella, a bracelet, earrings, glove, playing cards and fur-lined black vest. To claim your items, see the Lost & Found basket in the O'Dell Family Life Center above the coat racks.

Sympathy Announcement

Please keep the family of Debbie Fellers in your prayers over the passing of her brother, Danny Covert. Services were held last week in Indianapolis.

Upcoming Newsletters

The next church newsletter is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1. Please send items for submission to the church office or to amys@mtaubumumc.org by the Monday of that week.

Quit or Stay Smoke Free

The Health Ministries Team is checking to see the interest level in a class to help you quit or learn how to stay smoke free. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center or email the Parish Nurse, Lisa Stiffler, at lisas@mtauburnumc.org. More information to come once we determine if there is interest. Thank you!

Mother's Day Breakfast Recap

The Mother's Day breakfast was a delightful event with over 90 attendees on Saturday, May 7. Our Habitat family was represented by Emily Lyons and her mom Lisa. She received many useful items for their new house as well as Target gift cards to fill additional needs.

Carrie Bell from Extreme Organizer spoke about the importance of your surroundings reflecting your internal state. A chaotic home can reflect a lack of peace in your life. She can be reached at www.extremeorganizerllc.com if you need her assistance in de-cluttering or setting up organizational systems.

Thank you to Pat Hertel, Marlene Withrow, Carol Onyett, Amy Shockley, and Jim Liles with their help on this event. Our delicious breakfast was prepared by Ben, Tony, John, and all the United Methodist Men. Thanks to all of them for their time commitment and stellar service!

Sharon Martin
President, UMW



Above: Emily Lyons (rt) and mother Lisa. Left: Carrie Bell entertains the ladies after breakfast.

New Studies begin...It's a Great Time to Join a Life Group!

The Dorothy Cooper Life Group is starting a new study called "Facing Your Giants" by Max Lucado. Please join us Sundays in Room 210 at 10:30 a.m.

Dougherty-Linton/ Pruitt Life Group just began a study of the book of Amos. Join us Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Room 205.

Dean/ Arbuckle Life Group just began the study "Too Busy Not to Pray" Join us Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 206.

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It's an ALL-STAR Baby Shower for Nancy & Tyler Van Dyke!

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Let's celebrate as they
prepare to welcome a
new "Team Member!"

All welcome
Saturday, June 4
2-4 p.m. Open House
Community Room

★ Nancy is registered
at Babies R Us

Mt. Auburn's Memorial Engraved Bricks

IN HONOR OF
MR. & MRS SMITH

We are again offering engraved bricks to be installed on the entrances of either side of the O'Dell Family Life Center. For a \$100 donation, you may have a brick engraved in "honor of," in "memory of" someone or with your name or family name on it **now through Sunday, May 29**. To obtain a brick, complete the form below and send it to Marsha Armenoff or put it in the offering plate on Sunday. Donations will be used for the Memorial Garden's construction and maintenance. The Memorial Garden is just west of our northwest parking area.

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

No. of Bricks: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Brick Inscription (use additional paper if needed): _____



It's time to sign up for special music for our summer worship. We would love to have many persons in the congregation share their talents in vocal and instrumental music this summer. Currently there are ten Sundays that have openings for special music. Check the bulletin board in the choir room hall and choose a Sunday you'd like to share music with us in worship.

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



Graduation Breakfast
Sunday, June 5, at 9a.m. Community Room

It's time to celebrate the accomplishments of our high school and college graduates with a breakfast for graduates and their families. Invitations are coming soon. Parents, if you have a graduate, please contact Marsha at 535-8555 ext. 1304 or marshaa@mtauburnumc.org —we would hate to leave anyone out! We also would love to have a photograph of each senior. Please place senior pictures in the blue box at the Welcome Center (with TV).



Volunteers are also need for the breakfast.

If you can bake, help prepare or serve breakfast, please contact Kathy Rice at 888-4379 or dkabrice@aol.com.



New Member Class—Come Join Us!
Sunday, May 15, at 4 p.m. in the Church Library

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, call 535-8555 or email marshaa@mtauburnumc.org.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Age of children needing care: _____

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



Children's Promotion Sunday—June 5th

Another school year has quickly gone by! As you know, when a student is finished with a particular grade in school, they are ready to quickly be promoted to the next level. As soon as a first grader steps off the bus on that last day of school, they are a second grader! It was in this spirit that the Sunday

School teachers and I decided awhile back to try promotion Sunday for classes at the beginning of the summer as opposed to the end. After all, we have always sorted the VBS classes according to the grade that the child is entering into in the upcoming school year.

We will be promoting children on Sunday, June 5, in all children's programs. On that Sunday, you may check your child into the grade level they will be in for the 2011-12 school year. The children who are not currently scheduled to attend school will stay in the same age group until their birthday. This would include the nursery and toddler set. Sunday School teacher dedication and third grade Bible presentation will still take place in September. If your third grader needs a Bible for the summer, please let me know.

I will be updating all information on children for my files and class lists. Please fill out an information form on your child(ren). You may pick these up from your Sunday school teachers, Cornerstone teachers, or my office. Please return them as soon as possible. New attendance sheets will be available as well, and I will try to update them quickly and accurately. Please inform me of any changes that may need to be made to lists as I do them. With a little patience and cooperation, we can have updated records and information for all of our students.

I look forward to a summer with you and your children. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. In Christ, *Nancy Van Dyke, Director of Children's Ministry*

Women of Faith 2011

August 19-20 • Conseco Fieldhouse

Tickets are Going Fast—Get yours TODAY!

75 tickets are in Sec. 6 and 25 tickets are in Sec. 211 (upper deck)

Cost \$94 (\$89 ticket + \$5 fundraising fee)

Complete a registration form on Sunday at the WOF table and put at least 1/3 down deposit to reserve your seat. Deposits are due June 3. Once the first 75 tickets are gone, only Section 211 tickets will be sold. Hotel rooms are available at Embassy Suites for \$189 + tax (4 person max) and you can order t-shirts. Contact Shannon Dougherty with questions or to register: shdoughe2003@yahoo.com or 441-6839.



Confirmation 2011

Confirmation refers to the decision a person makes to respond to God's grace with intentional commitment, publicly reaffirming his or her baptismal vows before the congregation. On Sundays, May 15th and June 12th, Mt Auburn will be receiving 15 young such *Confirmands* who would like to publicly confirm their faith in Jesus Christ before the congregation. Please pray for their continued growth in the faith and encourage them in their decision to live for Christ!

Parent's Night

The youth of Mt. Auburn would like to invite you to a Parent's Night on Sunday, June 12th at 5:00pm. **Graduation Sunday will be June 5th** and youth who will be entering the 7th grade, therefore have the opportunity to join the Mt. Auburn Youth Group!

If you are a parent of such a Youth and would like to learn more about the Youth Group, please come, enjoy the evening, and learn about how your son or daughter can get involved.

Dinner will be provided!
Sunday June 12th 5:00-6:00pm

Contact Travis to RSVP
travist@mtauburnumc.org

Youth Mission Trip to Queens NY

Information Meeting

Parent's Night will conclude with the summer Mission Trip information meeting. Although *all* Youth are invited, all youth going on the summer mission trip to Queens NY **must** attend this meeting and bring their parent's as well.

Dinner will be provided!
Sunday June 12th, 5:00-6:00pm

Contact Travis to RSVP
travist@mtauburnumc.org

INSIDE OUT & UPSIDE DOWN ON MAIN STREET

Mt. Auburn's Vacation Bible School
June 20-24; 9am-Noon

CRAFT PROJECT DONATIONS NEEDED

We are planning crafts & service projects for VBS. If you'd like to help with the needed items below, please bring donations to the marked box in Trinity Hall on the East end.

Needs:

- 300 empty juice box bags (please cut the straw hole a little bigger and rinse out with water if possible)
- 10-15 Rolls of 2" wide duct tape (wild colors, crazy prints accepted)
- Rolls of bright colored ribbon, 3/4-1" thick (any type/color ok)
- Packets of self-adhesive embellishments like sequins
- 300 empty Yoplait yogurt cups (6oz. rinsed out)
- Fleece remnants no smaller than 8" x 60" wide (any colors/design)

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Teachers, Assistants and helpers for Crafts, Music, Snacks and much more are needed. Sign up on Sundays in Trinity Hall or contact Nancy Van Dyke at: nancyva@mtauburnumc.org.

UPCOMING CLUB 56 DATES

Our 5th and 6th grade students will be meeting the following dates in the Youth Room during 10:30 a.m. worship on Sundays: May 22, June 12 and June 26. For more information, please contact Will Roleson at 888-0270 or wjroleson@yahoo.com

Children's Sunday School Attendance Assistant Needed

We are looking for an assistant to help Nancy with the attendance in Sunday school. The responsibilities would be to:

1. Update the Attendance/Registration books for each 9:00 class. There are 7 classes.
2. Count and record the attendance in the book in room 36.

If interested, please contact Marsha Armenoff at 535-8555, ext. 1304 or marshaa@mtauburnumc.org.



Exciting news! – JAM is coming!

“Jesus and Me” is the new worship service for children that Mt. Auburn is adding as a part of its Children’s Ministry program. This will be an interactive, varied, visual worship service designed specifically for children that will help them experience the joy of worship and grow in their relationship to God. This service is designed to get underway in July in the old worship space that is currently being remodeled for that purpose during the 10:30–11:30 time frame. **JAM** is for children ages Pre-K through 6th grade.

Even better news! – You can be a part of JAM!

Yes, you can help our children worship. The variety of talents and opportunities needed to bless children are listed below. Persons of all ages and a large variety of experience and talent background are needed. Would you like to change a child’s life for eternity? Then check out the opportunities below and sign-up. Our goal is to build a large data base of persons willing to use their talents and experience on an occasional basis resulting in a varied worship experience that will bless our children.

Children’s Worship Volunteers Needed for JAM

Check the opportunities you are willing to assist. Check as many as apply.
 To see a complete job description, visit www.mtauburnumc.org or visit the **JAM** table in Trinity Hall on Sundays.

Equipment Operator Team

- ___ Audio Equipment (test mikes/work sound board)
- ___ Visual/Video Equipment
- ___ PowerPoint Input Technicians

Proclamation Team

- ___ Object Lesson Presenters
- ___ *Once a month an object lesson will be the mode of proclamation. The theme of the object lesson will be developed by the Worship Development Team and they will have lesson script prepared for the presenter.*

___ Magic Lesson Presenters

Once a month magic (illusion) will be used as a vehicle for telling a scriptural story and applying it to the lives of children. Training will be available as necessary.

Music Team

- ___ Music Coordinator (choose music; line up musicians)
- ___ Instrumentalists (Keyboard, Guitar, Piano, Drums)
- ___ List _____
- ___ Vocalist (lead group singing)
- ___ Children’s Music Library Coordinator
- ___ Dancer (liturgical, modern, etc.)

Worship Team

- ___ Worship Development Team
- ___ Prayer Leaders (lead children in prayer; several styles)
- ___ Worship Leaders (on platform leading)
- ___ Liturgists (scripture readers)
- ___ Hospitality (welcome children to worship space.)

Drama Team

- ___ Director/Actor Recruiter
- ___ Actors (scripts developed for them; occasional monologues)
- ___ Script Writers (write scripts for Dramas and Object Lessons)
- ___ Costume Team Leader
- ___ Seamstresses (sew an occasional costume)
- ___ Prop/Set Team Leader
- ___ Carpenter (make occasional props/sets)
- ___ Artist (work on occasional sets)

Name _____ If youth, age _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Volunteers Recruitment Period
May 11-May 29
 Return your form A.S.A.P. to
 Nancy Van Dyke,
 Children’s Ministry Director or in
 the offering plate on Sundays.