



The Bell

Heavenly Trash XXVII Garage Sale April 16 –17, 2010

As I write this the “HUM’s Got Talent” Garage Sale is two week away. We are dedicating the sale this year to our Garage Sale “Angels,” **Dick Gibbs and Dick Johnson**. I don’t know what we’ll do without them; they not only worked seven days a week, but they made the sale so much fun. This one’s for you, Dick and Dick! We love you and miss you so much!! When you sign up to help, please look at their pictures and send up your love.

We’ve been talking about having an HUM Talent Show in the fall and what better place to get your “props” than the Garage Sale! You’ll be seeing some of our “acts” in the next few weeks to give you some ideas.

The many ways you can help are still the same:

- Work **before, during, and after** the sale (and clean up, please!)
- Donate junk, paper bags, pop and snacks
- Donate money for pizza and donuts
- Save *Plaza Donuts* coupons
- Bake for the Bake Sale
- Volunteer your strong back
- Volunteer use of your truck
- Donate worker’s parking spaces

We hope you’ll sign up to help so our sale will be great for our two Garage Sale “Angels.”

Just Say Yes

Is your name on the sign-up sheet
Is your junk in you trunk?
Will you make us a yummy treat
Or buy doughnuts to dunk?
Will you give us your strong back
To do some hard work?
Will you set up a big rack
Or give coffee to perk?
Whatever it is you’re willing to do
Put your name on the sheet
And we’ll LOVE, LOVE, LOVE you!

We’ll still be picking up big stuff, so if you need something picked up, call **Mary** or the church office at **330-856-3463**.

Please remember that the **first day** you can bring your junk is after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 4th; and remember, the **sooner** you bring your junk, the easier you make it for us. The **last day** to bring it is Wednesday, April 14th. Also, **there will be no early shopping after Wednesday, April 14**. So please remember—**no bringing and no buying after Wednesday, April 14th**. We need Thursday, April 15 to get completely ready for the sale.

Thank you for your junk, your help, and your prayers.

God bless you!

Much Love, *Mary, Queen of Junk*



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Members In Service

Trustee-of-the-month for April

Sean Craigio

Altar Flowers for April

- 4 Easter Flowers
- 11 The France Family
- 18 The France Family
- 25

Call the church office if you would like to provide flowers on any open date this month. Cost is \$23.

Ushers for April

Earl Thomas, *captain*; Don & Jan Jones, Bob Bucklin, Fred Black, Andy & Glenda McCracken, Harry Taylor

Staff

Ronald C. Spore, *pastor*
Andy McCracken, *lay leader*
Patty Davis, *secretary*
Frank McCauley, *director of music*
Lori Seinar-Roknick, *organist/accompanist*
Robert Gray, *director of music emeritus*
Nancy Hoy, *director, Christian Preschool*
Logan Sturgeon, *custodian*
Beth Ferrell, *missionary*
John L. Hopkins, *resident bishop EOC*
Dan Bryant, *superintendent,*
Mahoning Valley District

Garage Sale Set-Up Saturday, April 3rd—9:00 a.m.

Please come and help get all of the tables and racks down from the attic and ready for the garage sale! It doesn’t take long if we have a lot of help.

Thank you!!! *Mary, Queen of Junk*

The Lunch Bunch date for April falls on Garage Sale day—so plan to join us for “lunch” at the Garage Sale!

Dear Friends,



It's true that every Sunday of the year we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. But at no time of the year is the story more powerfully told than on Easter Sunday. The story tells us that there's a constant battle going on in our world between the forces of life and death. The story tells us that we tend to take the easy road and follow leaders who lead us astray. It reminds us how easy it is to take a drug to ease the pain or dull the senses. It reminds us how powerful hatred is and how attractive it is to join the hateful crowd in their venomous tirades.

All during his three-year ministry, Jesus was confronted with hatred and denial and betrayal. The powers of the Roman Empire conspired against him. The religious legalists of his own faith challenged and resisted his teachings. The government and religious leaders joined forces to destroy him.

He never faltered. He didn't run. He didn't hide. He made his way to Jerusalem, toward the executioner's cross, knowing that to fulfill God's purposes for him and for us there was no other way. The Resurrection!

Johnny Ray Youngblood, pastor of Saint Paul's Community Baptist Church in Brooklyn, says: "Every time I see a man put down his bottle, there's a resurrection goin' on. Every time I see a man go back to school, there's a resurrection goin' on. Every time I see a man hug his son, there's a resurrection goin' on." Life conquers death!

I might say the same words. You might say the same words. Every time we see a homeless *Family Promise* family move into their new home, there's resurrection goin' on. Every time we see the tears of an ASP family shed in joy for a new roof over their head, there's a resurrection goin' on. Every time we see some one of us reach out in love to draw a despairing neighbor closer to our loving God, there's a resurrection goin' on.

Life conquers death!

Where do you see the resurrections goin' on in your life?

Watch for a resurrection on Easter morning that will open your eyes to the amazing resurrection opportunities all around you.

May God bless us as we faithfully serve him!

Pastor Ron

Come experience ...

Holy Thursday ~ April 1, 7 pm, fellowship hall.

Easter Sunday ~ April 4, 9:30 am :: **He is Risen!**

**Mahoning Valley District
Leadership Training Event**

Sunday, May 2, 2010

2:00—6:00 pm

Canfield United Methodist Church

27 S Broad Street

Canfield, OH 44406

This event for all church leaders will offer workshops on Wesleyan spiritual practices, technology in worship, hope for the future, youth ministry, and Staff-Parish Relations. Please pick up a registration form in the church office and register by April 26.

If you are involved in any of these areas of ministry, consider coming to this free conference event featuring leaders prominent in their respective fields.

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Our God has truly blessed me through a loving and caring family, my church family, and friends. Thank you so much for your prayers, your cards, phone calls and well wishes. I never cease to be amazed at God's healing power. You are included in His hands in that process. I'm doing well and have graduated to a cane most of the time.

Love and God's blessings to all,
Jan Rice

Book Bunch Thank You

Thanks to your support, the HUM Book Bunch made \$176 on our Basket Sale.

The proceeds were donated to the church. Look for more book baskets at the fall silent auction.

Dear HUM Youth,

Thank you for sharing the clothes with us at the Clothes Closet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We have so many people needing help.

Love and Blessings,
Lucille Bickel

Please pray for...

HUM Members: Bob Gray, Carl Isom, Gene Stefani, Bette Champ, Georgia Stefani, Joanne Thomas, Colin Hamilton, Jim Ponevac, Bob Hoy, Don Mills, Nancy Hildenbrand

Friends and Family: Todd Santti, Diana Barreto, Nick Macrinos, Fred Norton, Krista Ronai, Diana Anderson, Susan Cunningham, Donna Thorpe, David El Hatton, Ellen Becker, Alexander Thompson, Jan Kazonyi-Rokus, Marsha Wissinger, Luke Holko, Julie Carbone, Greg Flick, Robbie Corbin, Cheryl Boyd, Wyatt Girard, Aaron Kent, Jim Barber, Leslie May, Jackson Barretts, Darin Jones, Inez Musselman, Maria Sybelnek, George Pond, Joe Holland, Ann Penman, Ron McCracken, Maribeth Longberry, Ronald Lott, Dorothy Hritz, Jack Rudloff, Tom Lepola, Marlene Morales, Angela Cartechine, Brian Begg, Janice Lewis, Courtney Dunlosky, Kathy Edenfeld, Matt Davis, Gianna Glaros, Fanny Meaden, Betty Kulyk, Brian Steadman, Andrew and Justin Almand, Bobbi Gibson, Becky Garrod, Jessica Garrod, Gilbert Deeter, Dean Blanton, Lou Rafferty, The Gilliam Family, Chester Rosenberger, The Brister Family (upon the death of Peter Brister), Rachel Fowler, Tim Page, The Family of Anne Peigowski (upon her death), Dr. Ken & Michelle Jones (on the death of Michelle's mother)

Youth News



Our big event for the first quarter of the year was the 30 Hour Famine. Nineteen youth raised an amazing \$1,732 to go the hungry of Haiti. Some of the inhabitants of that island were reduced to eating dirt cookies before the earthquake and the destruction caused by that tremor has only made their need greater. Many

thanks go to all of you who supported our youth with your pledges.

The 30 Hour Famine was more than a fundraiser. During those thirty hours our youth participated in two worship services, a Bible study, and a service project in which they gathered food, clothing, and school supplies to be donated to the needy in our own community. There was also much fun and fellowship during this event. We went bowling, listened to loud country music; and some of us even danced a little. We spent some time at the YMCA where we had a yoga session, created an obstacle course, and kicked soccer balls around in a racquetball court. Cheryl Headland and Suzanne Ross headed up the adult leadership for this event, supported by many others who helped with transportation, programming and a feast that broke the fast. Thank you all very much for making this important experience possible.

The youth participants were Rachel Hardin, Laurel Monroe, Steven Messina, Scott Messina, Tyler Messina, Becca Smith, Cassie Michael, Nick Michael, Drew Taylor, Erin Norton, Brad Reuschling, Shannon McClain, Taylor Craigo, Audrey Lewis, Stephanie Macrinos, Samantha Santti, Spencer Santti, Mary Draime, and Adam Mazej.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Missing From Church Office

The extra long stapler used to staple booklets together is missing from the church office. If you have borrowed it, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you!

College Care Packages

We will be sending off our second care package to our church family members who are away at college. We will meet on **Thursday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the church kitchen** to assemble the packages.

If you have a child in college and would like them to receive a package, please join us. Please bring 12 of your child's favorite snack to share in all of the packages.

If anyone would like to donate goodies for our care packages, please leave them in the church kitchen marked "College Care Packages." We plan to send out about 12 packages.

Parents need to bring \$7 to cover shipping. If you have any questions, call Tammi Penman.

HUM Website



God bless and see you in cyberspace and church!

Deborah Lowman

High Seas Expedition Exploring the Mighty Love of God June 7-11, 2010 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Plans are well under way for this year's Vacation Bible School. Station leaders are in place and I have been thrilled with your enthusiasm! It's going to be a wonderful week!

I am now looking for volunteers to be crew leaders.

A crew leader is an adult or older youth (middle school or older) who will travel to each station with a small "crew" of elementary or preschool children to make sure they get to the proper station on time, assist those children who need a little extra help with a game or craft, and just "hang out" with your crew. *No preparation or teaching is required*, just a desire to help with Bible School and have some fun at the same time!

Want to be a crew leader? Have questions? See **Sue Spore**, call her or email at suespore@yahoo.com. This will be a great week for everyone who participates. Join us!

Acts of Kindness

It wasn't "random"; it was very well planned. The Relay for Life team did a great job with the Soup and Salad Lunch. Good food, good fellowship. Thanks for your labor of love and your effort for a cure!



After reading last month's Bell, I was gratified to see all the projects that our church members are working on. I am especially inspired by Mary Raeburn and Carol Janosik. They are working on the annual Garage Sale, as well as initiating new ideas, such as the monthly Lunch Bunch and the weekly Family Blessings. They also help out in the office when Patty needs it and are active members of the Christian Preschool board. They are constantly showing that one or two people CAN make a difference. Thank you, Mary and Carol. May we all be inspired to do the same.

In the Narthex, there are pencils and coupons – quarter sheets of paper that you can write on.

If you do something nice for someone during the week. If you see someone do something nice for someone else. If someone does something nice for you.

Write it down and put it in the box or the church office.

Planning an Event at HUM?

If you are planning an event at HUM anytime during the year, please contact the church office as soon as you know the details for your event so that it can be scheduled on the church calendar to avoid conflicts with other events. Even though an event may be held every year, you must still call the office to make sure it is put on the calendar.

Relay For Life Sunday at HUM

On Sunday, April 25th we will be celebrating "Relay For Life" Sunday. This is a time during worship when we honor those who have survived the battle with cancer and remember those who lost the battle. If you have a loved one that you would like to honor or remember on this day, please **call the church office by April 20th** with the name of your loved one (or yourself), and we will light a candle for that person.

If you are a survivor, plan to be in worship as we honor you and your victory. This has become a very special part of *Relay for Life* and we hope you will be a part of this service.

April 15, 2010



"Moving away from the dark tone of her more recent masterpieces, Joyce Carol Oates turns the tale of a family struggling to cope with its fall from grace into a deeply moving and unforgettable account of the vigor of hope and the power of love to prevail over suffering. It is the youngest son, Judd, now an adult, who attempts to piece together the fragments of the Mulvaney's former glory, seeking to uncover and understand the secret violation that occasioned the family's tragic downfall. Each of the Mulvaney's endures some form of exile – physical or spiritual – but in the end they find a way to bridge the chasms that have opened up among them, reuniting in the spirit of love and healing."

Please join us for an inspirational discussion by bestselling author, Joyce Carol Oates on Thursday, **April 15th**. Whether or not you've read the book, if you are interested in hearing it discussed, please join us.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Deborah Lowman by email at dllowman@earthlink.net.

Silent Auction - November 14, 2010

The Faith Seekers Sunday School Class is announcing that it, with a lot of help from everyone in the church family, is sponsoring a silent auction to be held on November 14, 2010. We are announcing the silent auction now so that you can be thinking about what you might like to contribute to help make it a success.

Remember, items can be handmade (like the wonderful snowmen that Gene Heitzenrater crafted). Perhaps you might like to donate a gift certificate to a local restaurant, a gift basket or a golf outing. Some of you could provide a service by fixing a meal for the highest bidder or do home repair work. The list is endless. At one of our past silent auctions one couple hosted a shopping trip to Pittsburgh that included lunch.

We are asking that donations arrive at the church by October 27th. The items will be on display and open for bids starting on October 31st through Sunday morning, November 14th. The auction itself will be held after church on the 14th of November. Lee Giesecke is willing to pick up any item that you might be donating and even provide storage until the auction is held.

You will be kept informed about the auction with follow up articles in the Bell and an occasional announcement on Sunday morning. We have had several silent auctions at HUM and they are a lot of fun - they bring the church together in fellowship and the money raised is used to further our HUM ministries.

HUMC Financial Status Through February 28, 2010

INCOME:	
Church Receipts	\$ 34,632.00
Other Receipts	2,622.00
Total Church Receipts	\$ 37,254.00
EXPENSES:	
Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$ 24,554.00
Programs	\$ 1,209.00
*Trustees Accounts	\$ 6,286.00
**Apportionments/Stewardship Administration	\$ 1,865.00
Total Expenses Paid	\$ 37,429.00
Subtotal	-\$175.00
Commitments not met	-\$4,155.22
Total Under-giving	-\$4,330.22

*Trustee Accounts include maintenance on the church and parsonage buildings and grounds, utilities, janitorial and lighting supplies, insurance, capital improvement, etc.

** Apportionments are our share of money paid to the East Ohio Conference and Mahoning Valley District. As of February 28, 2010 District & EOC Apportionments and our missionary have not been paid for February. Our Capital Improvement Escrow has not been funded for January or February.



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**Deadline for the
May 2010 newsletter:
Thursday, April 15, 2010**



**Appalachia Service Project
“Eyes on the Prize -
Racing to Serve”**

Our teams will be traveling to Perry County, Kentucky this year, June 20-26, and we are busy preparing ourselves for this life-changing event. We’re meeting once a month, learning more about how homes are selected to be part of the Appalachia Service Project and how we can be sensitive to the needs of the community we will serve. This trip is a real eye-opener for all of us, especially our youth. No one who participates is ever the same!

We are very proud to announce that our own **Melissa Headland** will be serving the Appalachia Service Project this summer as part of their staff, helping to direct team activities at one of the centers. Melissa has been an HUM team member for the past 5 years, and this year takes the next step of joining the larger ASP organization. Congratulations, Melissa! We know you will be a great asset to your center.

Please pray for Melissa, our church teams, and especially for the families and communities that we will serve this summer.

Scouting Expo X 2010

The Greater Western Reserve Boy Scout Council invites the public of Northeastern Ohio to attend the EXPO X to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This event will be held at the Geauga County Fairgrounds in Burton, Ohio on **Saturday, May 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The public is invited free to attend, however we ask that everyone bring 3 cans of food or \$2 donation to the local food banks.

The “fun stuff” of scouting will be displayed such as cooking, camping skills, 5K race, Geo-caching, pioneering projects, pioneer encampment, Civil War re-enactors, US Army Climbing wall, Geauga County K-9 demonstrations, sports arena, entertainment and Scouting Events such as Pinewood Derby wooden car racing, and Scout skill demonstrations. Re-enactment of the first Boy Scout camping experience will be shown along with demonstrating the educational benefits of Scouting, leadership skills learned and the community service instilled in a Scout by doing a good turn for someone else without expecting anything in return. Come join us in the fun and excitement of the Scouting Program.

Check out the Scouting Expo X website:

<http://www.gwrcexpo10.com/>