



The Bell



2010

Haiti Health Kits Update

Thank you to everyone who donated goods and money for the Haiti Health Kits. Howland United Methodist was able to send 11 full kits and 8 partially filled kits (only missing one or two items). We also had some extras (a lot of washcloths!) to send along.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will be putting these kits to good use for ongoing events such as the Haiti and Chile earthquake recovery efforts. These kits are distributed to those who have been forced to leave their homes as a result of recent disasters.

Thanks again for your generosity.

Dawn Zwetzig



Family Promise Thanks

Thank you, church family, for your help with Family Promise in June. Despite the confusion over the number of people attending (we ended up with one family consisting of Mom, Dad, and five children), you were generous with your time, your money, your food donations, and your hosting meals with the preparation. The week went well. Any monetary donations left over will be put into escrow for Family Promise to be used the next time we host.

We appreciate your help!

Debbie Macino

Jan Rice



Dear Members of the Howland United Methodist Church,

I would like to draw your attention to a select group of young children and their leaders who have for several years helped us honor the veteran's grave sites at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Vienna. Led by **Michael Taylor, Bob Sincich, Susan Taylor, and Karen Holler—Cub Scout Pack 122, Dens 3,7,8 and 15—and Girl Scouts Troop 159,** helped us decorate over 1700 grave sites.

The members and officers of Vienna AMVETS Post 290 wish to extend a heartfelt thank you for your time and effort. It is a rewarding experience for young and old alike, and with the Scouts' helps it always gets done. Thank you all so much.

Ray Riley

Post Commander, AMVETS Post 290

Members In Service

Trustee-of-the-month for July

Chuck May

Altar Flowers for July

4

11

18 Sandy Dunlosky

25

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

Ushers for July

Tim Downs, Captain; WendyDowns, Chuck May, Charlie Rice, Rick Muresan, George Drew, Bob Summers, Robert Lott

Staff

Ronald C. Spore, pastor

Andy McCracken, lay leader

Patty Davis, secretary

Lori Seinar-Roknick, organist/accompanist

Robert Gray, director of music emeritus

Michele Gibson, director, Christian Preschool

Logan Sturgeon, custodian

Beth Ferrell, missionary

John L. Hopkins, resident bishop EOC

Dan Bryant, superintendent,

Mahoning Valley District

Lunch Bunch Summer Break

Lunch Bunch will be taking a summer break—meet up with us again in the fall on the third Friday of September at the Elm Road Perkin's Restaurant. No need to RSVP—just show up for food, fun, and fellowship!

HUM Members and Friends,

As of Sunday, June 20, I am on a renewal leave for several weeks this summer. I requested the leave as a means of restoration and renewal of body and spirit. While I will be out of the pulpit during this time, I will be available for emergencies and may be reached through the church office or at home.



I will also be preparing for an exciting new season for our church. I thank our bishop and district superintendent for granting this leave as I prepare to lead the church into a new year and beyond. I believe God is powerfully at work among us and leading us to a higher level of mission and ministry. Our Annual Conference theme this year was Hope and Healing for our churches. God is offering hope and healing for our HUM church as well. It is for us to accept!

Thank you all for your amazing support as we look forward to the future with new strength!

In Christ,

Pastor Ron

**HUMC Financial Status
Through May 31, 2010**

INCOME:

Church Receipts	\$ 89,325.23
Other Receipts	\$ 6,002.07
Total Church Receipts	\$ 95,327.30

EXPENSES:

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$ 61,049.72
Programs	\$ 3,127.81
*Trustees Accounts	\$ 18,639.77
**Apportionments/Stewardship	\$ 8,061.81
Administration	\$ 4,157.29
Total Expenses Paid	\$ 95,036.40

Subtotal **\$290.90**

Commitments not met	-\$ 8,916.00
Total Under-giving	-\$ 8,625.10

*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 May 31, 2010 EOC Apportionments have not been paid for March—May. All other commitments, including our District Apportionments, our missionary, and our Capital Improvements Escrow, are up to date.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for **Dorothy Stambaugh**, who passed away on May 23 in Idaho, will be held at HUM on Thursday, July 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Looking to Purchase

Lori Seniar-Roknick, our organist/accompanist, is looking to buy 4 to 6 used bar stools; these need to be high-backed. If you have these items for sale, please contact Lori.

Thank you to **Bill Andamasaris and Bob McClelland** for coming to the rescue when water entered the Sanctuary in late June during a storm; they stopped what they were doing that morning to come to the church to assess the problem, clean up the mess, and contact someone to make repairs.

We appreciate you!
The Trustees

Please pray for...

HUM Members: Bob Gray, Carl Isom, Gene Stefani, Bette Champ, Joanne Thomas, Jim Ponevac, Desirae Sanfrey, Joey Alberini, The Family of Dorothy Stambaugh (upon her death), The Family of Jack Wolcott (upon his death), Vesta Higley & Family (upon the death of her sister, Marjorie Ferguson), Bert Morales, Ray & Sue Millenbaugh & Family (on the death of Ray's mother, Elaine Millenbaugh), Harry Schoger, Jackie Mills & Family (on the death of her uncle, Gordon Kellogg)

Friends and Family: Todd Santti, Nick Macrinos, Susan Cunningham, Ellen Becker, Jan Kazonyi-Rokus, Marsha Wissinger, Luke Holko, Julie Carbone, Greg Flick, Cheryl Boyd, Aaron Kent, Marlene Morales, Kathy Edensfeld, Gianna Glaros, Bobbi Gibson, Becky Garrod, Jessica Garrod, Dean Blanton, Chester Rosenberger, Andy Stefurak, Kathy Moser, Dave Allen, Gary Young, John Medlin and Family, Kay Santti, Joyce Weaver, Vanita Hill, Pat & Richard Miller, Tom Wilson, Maj. John Schuliger, Gilbert Deeter, Jeanette Dasbach, Rob Corbin, Paula Morton, Ted Ray, The Family of Eva Mae Brown (upon her death), Michele Gibson & Family (on the death of her grandmother, Emma Bianco), The Family of Lola Eynon (upon her death), John Ashbridge, Patti & Scott Aurand & Family (on the death of Patti's father, Ronnie Fortenbaugh), Mike Fenstermaker, The Family of Austin Thome (upon his death)

High Seas Expedition— Vacation Bible School 2010

Our *High Seas Expedition* was awesome! The church was filled with music, laughter, suspense, fun, games, food – and filled with the Holy Spirit. Truly, it was an amazing week. I began this “expedition” feeling a little overwhelmed with the task, but as planning moved forward, I realized that with so much help, this week would be a joy. It was really a great week.

Thanks to:

Nancy Moore – what a fantastic music director! She had the sanctuary rockin’ every night and I know that we are all still singing the songs. (And doing the motions!) Thanks also, Nancy, for locating our set and getting all the parts and pieces to the church.

Karen France – the Bible Voyages were great! Chains, snakes, seaweed, soldiers, shipwrecks – Karen portrayed it all so realistically and sometimes all at once, and by herself! The Bible Voyage really anchors the lesson in the minds of our children and youth and we appreciate Karen’s extra efforts this year.

Bert Morales – you portrayed Peter so well on Monday night and we hope you are recovering from the fall that prevented you from being here through the week.

Kim Messina and Tina Craigo – crafts on the lawn outside were so much fun! Everybody loves their Bible Buddies and the Bible points that go along with them. In addition to their own crafts, the kids made blankets to warm children in Africa. Watching the groups pray over the blankets was an inspiration to all of us.

Andy McCracken and Mike Taylor – what can I say? Games were “over the top” this year! I’m not sure who had more fun – you two, or the kids! It was such a positive experience for our children and youth to see that real men DO participate in VBS!!

Jan Rice, Sandy Dunlosky, Carol Janosik, Jan Burr, Linda Adair, Jan Jones, and Jan Contestabile – snacks were great this year. This team of ladies served up not only snacks but a bit of the night’s lesson as well. Everybody loved Goodies from the Galley!

Carrie Barringer, Patricia Christy, Melissa White, Nancy Hoy, and Jeanne Smith – you all did a great job at the registration tables each night. The registration area gave parents a good first impression of our VBS and let them know that we were going to take good care of their children.

Lydia France, Anne Monroe, and Nancy Moore – the decorations were just perfect. Everybody’s ideas and hard work really paid off. Thanks to the **Baker-Andamasaris** family for the rowboat that graced our narthex all week. **Jim Green**, thank you so much for your time and help putting our ship together in the sanctuary. Our decorations helped make a good VBS a *great* VBS!

Vacation Bible School wouldn’t work without our crew leaders: **Carrie Barringer, Patricia Christy, Lisa Medved, Robin Powell, Jen Gassman, Shannon Lawson, Kandi Schultz, Melissa White, Nancy Hoy, Dawn Zwetzig, Kathy Shirley, Bill Andamasaris, Mary Raeburn, Jackie Mills, Glenda McCracken, Terra Guerrero, and Brittany Metras.**

Our youth were great crew leaders! Many thanks to: **Mariah Carbone, Phil Aggarwal, Alexis Ross, Heather Noble, Alyssa Geer, Courtney Dunlosky, Brian Messina, Tyler Messina, Brennan White, Taylor Craig, Maddie Rhoads, Cassie Murcko, Breanna Sanders, Alexis Medved, and Amira Al-Akash.**

The adults who came to me and said they would help “wherever” – thank you to **Liz DelBono, Susan Taylor, Deanna Andamasaris, Lydia France, and Mary Miller.** Over 200 registration forms were typed, mailed out, and names/addresses organized into a data base – thank you to **Jeanne Smith!** We’ve got a great start on next year’s mailing list.

Each night began with a skit - thank you, **Sailor Jess** - I hope you had as much fun as I did! And thank you to **Hannah Anderson**, my “poster girl.” Every night we enjoyed our “Spotlight Drama” and “Chadder Theatre” as well as the music. A HUGE thank you to **Scott Messina and Jonathan Carbone.** They told me it was easy and that “anybody could do it,” but I know that isn’t the case. These two young men added so much to our week. **Scott**, a special thank you for your help during the Sunday morning service. And those dancers! They really inspired our singing – thanks to **Hannah Anderson, Jessica Spore, Natalie Taylor, Breanna Holler, and Haylee Lawson.** You ladies did a fabulous job!

Many many thanks to my husband, **Pastor Ron**, for fully supporting our Vacation Bible School. The pastor’s support makes all the difference in the success of any church’s Vacation Bible School. Lots of folks pitched in and helped set up on June 6 and tear down on June 13. Set-up and clean-up was fast, easy, and fun and your help is much appreciated.

I hope everyone can see from reading this that Vacation Bible School doesn’t just “happen” – it takes a lot of work from a LOT of people. Anyone who helped this year will tell you, though, that they were truly blessed to spend this time with our young people. God touched each of our lives during this *High Seas Expedition*. Every single night, God wrapped his arms around each one of us. Every single night, I know that God smiled!

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

—Sue Spore



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Silent Auction Update

Just a reminder to all HUM members that the Silent Auction will be held on **November 14th**. We hope that you are thinking about what you can donate to the auction to make it a great success.

Items will be on display two weeks prior to November 14th, so all donations need to be in by October 27th.



America The Beautiful

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, "America the Beautiful."

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes "who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life." She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good "with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.