

May 2010

THE CIRCUIT RIDER



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, Ohio

Confirmation Class 2010



We're welcoming into our community of faith the newest group of Confirmation students on Sunday, May 9, at the 9:45 a.m. worship service. This group has been meeting every Sunday morning since early September and has participated in two weekend retreats at Camp Otterbein. We're grateful for their small group leaders – Chuck Bishop, Terri Lehman, Wanda Shaeffer, and Randy Williams – and for the Confirmation leader – Sandra Yerian. Also we thank the mentors of each student – people from our congregation who have prayed for the students daily, visited with them, read scripture with them, and who continue to be concerned and interested in the faith growth and well being of these great kids.



**Join Us May 16 for a Special
Worship Service.
You're in for a treat (literally)!**

Children and Family Ministries is proud to offer a special worship service showcasing our very own "Sunday Shop" – an upbeat multimedia experience using music, actors and puppets to present the Bible lesson. The Kids for Christ choir will perform at both the 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. services.

Gift of Giving

FUMC member Denise Cook Probasco is starting the Fairfield County Gift of Giving which will help people living with HIV in Central Ohio by providing bus passes and enabling them to attend healing weekends. Please contact the church for further information on the Gift of Giving fund.

Denise attended the annual World AIDS Day conference held prior to World AIDS Day, December 1, 2009. She was surprised and honored to receive the "Spirit of Healing Award" from the Ohio Aids Coalition. She continually thanks the congregation at FUMC for faith, prayers and strength to continue her advocacy work.

Help Needed for Fellowship Hour!!!!

We need people to help with Fellowship Hour on May 30, July 4, July 18 and July 25. If you are interested and/or have questions about what you would have to do please call Peg Parker at 653-3333- or 654-2100. Thanks so much!!!!

Help Support Creative Ministries Missions!

Puppets plan a road trip

Virtuous Reality is planning a Summer Mission Tour to Sanibel Island to perform for the Sanibel Community Church VBS this June. They will perform their way to and from Florida every day for 15 days with one day to visit Walt Disney World and one day of constant travel. Team members participated in the Disney "Give a day, get a day" program by working at the Canal Winchester Food Pantry to obtain passes to the park. The love offerings they receive from performances pay for gas and food along the way but with gas prices on the rise again, there is need for additional money to assure that all aspects of the trip are covered financially.

You can help support this ministry by attending their Blacklight Show at Crossroads on May 23. Show times are at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and tickets are only \$3. All proceeds help to finance their mission trip. Thanks for your support!



Births

Nickolus Parker Goodyear

Born March 11, 2010

Son of Paul & Misty Goodyear

Danison Gage Shumaker

Born March 31, 2010

Son of Will & Heather Shumaker

Grandson of Marvetta Miller

Hadley Grace Allen

Born April 14, 2010

Daughter of Rob & Jill Allen

Baptism

on April 7, 2010

Jonas Luis Anda

Son of Luis & April Anda

Deaths

We express our sincere sympathy to the families of those who have lost loved ones:

Bill Cook

Magic is in the Air!

"Believe", the new magic ministry, performed at the Crossroads Easter Egg Hunt to an enthusiastic audience. Their presentation included rabbits, ducks, eggs, colorful flowers, candy, and the message of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection all presented through the art of illusion.

"Believe" is a ministry open to anyone age 15 or older. (Younger persons considered by audition). You do not have to have experience, only a desire to amaze audiences. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at Crossroads. Contact John Coen for details. (653-3320 ext 103)

Other Creative Ministries that you can join:

The Good News Clown Crew
Video Ministry

Contact John Coen for information on any Creative Outreach Ministry.



May 8, 8:30 – Noon at Crossroads

Join us for a great morning of community outreach! Projects include: helping Crestview resident with bingo; visitation to nursing homes; delivering cookies and fruit; painting fire hydrants; planting at our community garden; cleaning parks, construction work, volunteering for Habitat, and knitting and crocheting for charity. Craft projects will also be available for elementary children. The children's crafts will be taken to nursing homes in upcoming months. Second Saturday projects are continually being updated and added. For questions, contact Jeff Campbell, Coordinator, or Pam George, Director of Program Ministries.

Second Saturday's educational seminar will be led by Loretta Phalen, wife of Sheriff Dave Phalen. Loretta will present a power point presentation on the role of Grace Haven Place in the community. She will also have information for any person who is interested in becoming a volunteer.

Second Saturday is an excellent way for us to become informed about community issues and to be involved as Christ's hands and feet in the world. Second Saturday is open to both members and non-members of the church. Just show up and serve, it's family friendly...it's that simple!

Learning Communities

What is a learning community?

A learning community is a group of people who share common values and beliefs, who interact with one another and lend a hand supporting one another in their learning.

Loving God, is a four-week study that will be held on four Sundays in June. (Attending the *Knowing God* series is not a prerequisite.) Each session is held at 11:00 a.m. in Room 26.

- "Loving God with Your Heart" – Sunday, June 6
- "Loving God with Your Soul" – Sunday, June 13
- "Loving God with Your Mind" – Sunday, June 20
- "Loving God with Your Strength" – Sunday, June 27

By looking at the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, the Loving God series will help you understand what it means to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself. Leader is Pam George. Deadline is Sunday, May 23.



**Registration form for Knowing God
Deadline: Sunday, May 23**

Name _____
E-mail _____
Address _____
Phone _____

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Ministry with Youth through
First United Methodist Church

First Sunday for May 2

On the first Sunday of each month we gather youth together for a fun time at Crossroads called *Crossfire* (a.k.a. *First Sunday*). On May 2 we'll gather again to meet and laugh and ... hit the road.

We're getting in vans and heading to a cool waterfall where youth can wade, splash, hike, and enjoy a message. We'll meet at Crossroads at 6 p.m. and return by 8 p.m.

We hope you'll come join us.

Older and Younger Youth Summer Mission Trips changed

This summer the youth are following God's call to reach out in concern and service to others by journeying away and helping people in need. The Younger Youth Mission Trip (ages 12-14) is now scheduled for a new date: July 19-23. We're still going to The Pittsburgh Project, which has always been a great location for this group. Youth must register by June 15 to be assured of going.

The location of the Older Youth Mission Trip (ages 14-18) has changed from its original destination due to cost and violence in Mexico. The new location is Midland, Michigan (hey, those Michiganians need to know God loves them, too!) and the week is July 17-25. This is a work camp put on by Group Workcamps and will be full of great fun and God experiences. To be assured of attending this trip, please register by June 15.

We hope you'll attend one of these camps. Registration forms can be found in the church parlor. Cost for the Younger Youth Trip is \$300 and the Older Youth Trip costs \$500. Youth can raise all the funds through the Flamingo Fundraiser, the Lancaster Greenhouse Coupons, and working at the Rummage Sale May 1.

LANCASTER GREENHOUSE & NURSERY, INC.

PRESENTS...

First United Methodist Church Day!

Saturday, May 8th (9 a.m. – 7 p.m.) &

Wednesday, May 12th (9 a.m.-7 p.m.)

Present this coupon at time of purchase and **15%** of your sale will go directly to **First United Methodist Youth! (to help fund the 2010 Summer Missions)**

(Enjoy shopping from our extensive line of: annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, geraniums, hanging baskets, containers plantings, seeds, trees, shrubs, mulches & soils)

-Items not included are gift certificates & landscaping services-

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Lancaster, OH 43130 (740) 653-2760

(Located across from Lancaster High School)

Sign up for great savings today!

E-Mail Address: _____

You will then receive coupons and store promotion information via email!

www.lancastergreenhouse.com

(You may designate a youth to receive the funds)

name of youth: _____

Lancaster Greenhouse to help youth in mission trip

When you go to buy your flowers for spring planting this year you can help the youth at the same time by buying the plants at the Lancaster Greenhouse on May 8 and May 12 and taking the coupon to the left. Our youth are serving the needy in Pittsburgh and in Midland, Michigan this summer, and if you use this coupon then 15% of your purchase price will be donated to the projects.

Many youth cannot afford the cost of such a trip, and your help and the donation of the greenhouse helps our youth experience this wonderful service opportunity. Thank you, and thanks Lancaster Greenhouse & Nursery, Inc.!

Still seeing pink a little while longer

You've probably seen the flocks of pink flamingos resting on various lawns throughout the Lancaster area (and sometimes beyond) in the past month. That's the result of some sneaky, stealthy youth who are raising funds for their summer mission trips.

You can send a "flock" of five flamingos to the home of your choice. For just \$5 (and \$1 more per bird if more are ordered) the "flock" will stay at your chosen address for one day, moving on to the next house as the orders are taken.

Households can also purchase "flamingo insurance" for \$10, assuring them not to get "flocked" during the fund raiser.

The flamingos will continue resting on area lawns until May 15. Help out our youth and the people they will be helping by ordering your flock today. Call the church office at 653-3330.



July 12 - 16

6 - 8:30 PM

**Vacation
Bible
School**



VBS 2010

Register participants online at lancasterfumc.org

Take advantage of the early bird discount

Registration & payment must be received by July 1st

Registration \$8

Registration & t-shirt &16

Registration after July 1st \$10

T-shirt orders not available after July 1st

Volunteer Information:

- 1) Register online @ lancasterfumc.org**
- 2) Adult must have completed a Volunteer Application authorizing a background check – social security number is needed (form available at the church or can be printed from our website)**



See the VBS "wish list" on pages 9 & 10 to see what you can donate!