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Happy Mother's Day



Women of Faith Conference Testimonies
Will be shared at the 10:45 service, May 9

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Ushers:

8:45 AM10:45 AMGary EtterJerry HagerArlene UldrichFrank Taylor

Charlene Brown

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Greetings and Happy Mother's Day! A poem written by an unknown author defines what is a "Real Mother:"

Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox.

Real Mothers often have sticky floors, filthy ovens and happy kids. Real Mothers know that dried play dough doesn't come out of shag carpets.

Real Mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up. Real Mothers sometimes ask "why me?" and get their answer when a little voice says, "because I love you best".

Real Mothers know that a child's growth is not measure by height or years or grade; it is marked by the progression of Mama to Mommy to Mom.

King Solomon had to discern who was a real mother when two women came to him for a decision when both claimed to be the mother of the living child lying before him. He heard their stories, pondered, and said. "Cut the child in half and give half the child to each one." The first mother said to the King, "Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don't kill him!" But the other mother said, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!" Then Solomon said, "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother," 1 Kings 3:16-27.

I'm not sure if Solomon knew who the real biological mother was to this living child, but he knew that the one willing to give up her motherhood for the life of the child would live up to what a "Real Mother" would be like.

Let us be thankful for our mothers who were willing to give up titles, prestige, and other roles for the care of us children. Let us be thankful for those who had to give up a portion of their role as "mother" to work outside the home for the well being of her family.

Let us pray for those who were put into the role of "mother" when they were not ready to accept such responsibility; for those who wish to be mothers, but are unable to do so; for those who take on the role of mother to children not their own.

May God bless all of you and give you the wisdom, and the strength, and the patience, and the courage in the care of the children laid upon you. May God endow us, the church, with compassion to respond toward mothers who need a helping hand. Sincerely your pastor and friend, Greg King

Dynamic Speaker: <u>Pam Stenzel will be talking to PARENTS ONLY</u> at the , "Sex has a Price Tag" talk at the Vineyard in Beavercreek., Friday, May 14, @ 7 PM. Call 937-276-9248 about tickets. Rev. King uses her DVD to begin dialogue between teens and parents in the confirmation class about this important subject matter.

Everyone Counts— Statistics Attendance—May 2, 2010

8;45 — 20 10:45 — 104 Sunday school — 28

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,858) Income rec'd +/- Amt.

Jan. '10 - \$22,844 + 6,986

Feb. '10 - \$12,189 -3,669

Mar. '10 - \$13,117 - \$2,741

Happy Birthday

Frank Taylor—May 11 Marion Farren—May 13 Barbara Varine—May 13 Bob McCray—May 14 Elaine Donovan—May 15

In Our Prayers

Greg Moldovan

Doris Alexander Robert Andino Cheryl Barnett Glenda Boddie Harriett Edwards Joshua Elliott Fran Ericson Jim Farra Donna Foskuhl Gene Gibson Linda George Dawn Gilmore Jamie Geswein **Beverly Guffey** Judy Hirshman Vern Hine Bernadette Harawa Carol Hildebrecht Loren Houck Marilvn Jones **Dustin Knowlton** Mary Lehman Nancy Lyttle Barb Lyttle Mantia family Paul Marcum, Jr Bob McCray Lauren McClure Marcella Miller

Karolina O'Donnell Nancy Pratt Cindy Ramono Harriet Shawhan Iris Traylor Danny Tomaz Gloria Van Camp Flo Warner Evelyn Wheeler Vera Westfall

Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
Mildred Heath – Walnut Creek
Opal Hunter – The Sanctuary
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
Will Jaeger – Grafton Oaks
Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Charles Warren – Vlg. Of Westerville
Wilma Yost - Kingston of Miamisburg

Military

Ian Beall – Iraq Michael Beall – Iraq Scott Certain – USA Andrew Hayden – Iraq Tyler Mantia – USA Michael Mantia – USA Ryan Stites – USA Kevin Stites - USA



Prayer Changes things

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UCC Summer Camps

Registration now in progress

The Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ owns and operates two campsites, Pilgrim Hills, located near Brinkhaven, Ohio and Templed Hills, located in Bellville, Ohio. Each campsite is situated on beautiful grounds with many trails and special nature sites. Each offers a variety of comfortable lodging and facilities, fully equipped dining halls and swimming pools. A campsite manager and health care giver are always on site during the church camps season.

We invite you to register for a camping experience today. There are camps designed for third graders through high school youth. Camps with sports themes, choir themes, nature exploration, movie themed, loving the pool, instrumental camp, CSI camp, having a ball camp and more are offered.

Camp brochures are available in the church office with all the specifics: dates, prices, ages. Come & pick one up if interested in learning about our UCC summer camp programs.

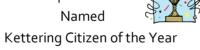


- Christian Education

A Few Mugs Still For Sale

The Membership Committee ceramic mugs with the church logo on them continue to be sold following the morning worship services. A portion of these mugs will be used in our visitor gift bags on Sunday mornings. The rest of the mugs are for sale to the congregation. Proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the periodic mailings of church advertisement pamphlets to the community. The cost is \$5.00 each. A table will be set up in the Gathering Place immediately following the 10:45 service. Thanks in advance for your help in our efforts to attract more people to our church.

Jacqueline Fisher Named



Awarded by the Kettering Kiwanis Club

Please join us at the Presidential Banquet Center, 4538 Presidential Way, Kettering, on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:00 pm for a dinner and the award program. Reservations are required, and must be returned by May 24th. The cost is \$17.00 per person. Send your RSVP and payment to:

Larry Warner

Kiwanis Club of Kettering-Centerville 5085 Artesia Dr. Kettering, Oh 45440

Testimonies will be shared this Sunday by some of the women who attended the "Women of Faith" Conference in Columbus, Ohio

WINGS conference attendees are preparing to share stories about their experiences at the Women of Faith Conference. It was an inspiring and energizing event. Come early to the 10:45 service, so you won't miss their testimonies.

"All Daughters' Luncheon" Saturday, May 8th 2010

Mother's Day! will be this coming Sunday, and WINGS will be hosting the All Daughter's Luncheon at Nedelko's on Saturday, May 8th in honor of this celebration. Our theme will be "When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Lemonade!" using Philippians 4:11 "I am not saying this because I am in any need, for I have learned to be content in whatever situation I am in."

There is still time for some last minute sign-ups. Call Nikki Taylor, 426-5562, as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. The event will be held at Nedelko's in Beavercreek, on Saturday, May 8th at 11:30 AM.

Remember to wear yellow if you can! If you have any questions, please contact me or any of the WINGS officers.

In Christ, Nikki Taylor

Offering



Of Letters

Bread for the World's 2010 Offering of Letters will be held May 16th at our church. This year's Offering of Letters urges Congress to protect and strengthen key tax credits that help low -wage workers bride the gap between what they earn and what it costs to support a family. The most important of these credits is the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), the only provision in the US tax code targeted to low-income people. In 2009, the EITC lifted 6.6 million people (including 3.3 million children) above the federal poverty line.

About half of all US households with children are eligible for the EITC at some point! The EITC helps low-income families work their way out of poverty and helps prevent families that have fallen into poverty from being trapped there. A study by tax experts Tim Dowd of the Joint Committee on Taxation and John Horowitz of Ball State University found that more than 60 percent of the families who file for the EITC do so for only 1-2 years at a time.

EITC tax refunds are typically spent soon after they are received- on goods and services that employ other people and help keep local economies active. On average, every dollar in EITC refunds produces \$1.26 in economic activity.

Since families participate in EITC intermittently, they contribute far more in taxes than they receive in EITC refunds. The study by Dowd and Horowitz found that over an 18 year

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period, the combined group of people who filed for the ETIC at least once generated \$473 billion in tax revenue!

In conclusion, Congress should protect and strengthen the EITC because it helps low-income workers build a stable financial future and because it helps the US economy in both the short and long-term.

Join us May 16th in the Hilty Room where we will be writing letters to our congressmen to protect and strengthen the EITC.

The ultimate goal? Fewer families-fewer childrenwill go to bed hungry each night.

Connie Sink, Social Action Committee

Many Sundays Still Available for Flower or Bulletin Donations

See the sign-up charts on the bulletin board across from the church office, if interested in donating flowers or bulletins for our worship services.

The cost of Altar flowers is \$20 and the bulletin cost is \$14. There are still many Sundays open. If donating flowers, you may take one or both bouquets home with you after the services, or offer them for shut-in visits or to bring cheer on a hospital visit by the Pastor.

.—Worship Comm.



We will travel to "EGYPT—Joseph's journey from prison to palace" in this Holy Land Adventure. Our children and families will explore ancient Egypt before the Israelites even became a nation. We will learn about the extraordinary way God used Joseph to save a nation and reunite a family.

Our EGYPT –VBS will be held June 28— July 2. Like last year, the Egypt experience will be held outside, weather permitting, in the mornings on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, and Wed. is a special family night VBS from 5:30 Pm to 8:00 PM.

Registration begins this week. Registration forms will be in the May 9th bulletin and available from the church office. The cost is \$6/ child or a maximum of \$12/ family.

Join us as we learn how God gives us hope, special abilities, wisdom, forgiveness and a family.

If any adult or high school youth are interested in volunteering to be a part of our exciting VBS, contact Patti King, 776-8299

"Thank You"

It is with pleasure that the Social Action Committee was able to forward \$594 to the Blankets Plus program. It is with your support that Church World Service can continue its mission of providing short and long term support to needy people around the globe as well as here in the U. S. Thank you for our generosity. - Social Action Committee

"It Looks Like New—again"

Thank you to the Membership Committee for their work in updating the Membership bulletin board. It definitely looks refreshed! Good work Joyce Kelley. See the great photos of our new members, plus recent church events.

Youth — Upcoming May activities

May 6— Crusaders—4 PM
May 7—5th Quarter—8 PM
May 8— CAR WASH—10 AM/2PM



May 13—Girls of Grace—6:30 PM May 16— YouCon—6 PM

Take me out to



the ball game!

The Dayton Dragons game is Sun. June 6th at 2pm. Tickets are \$11 and include a coupon from Dairy Queen for ice cream after the game. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office or call Jamie Medlin @252-4657 with any questions. We only have 50 tickets so make sure to sign up early!!

We're Gathering Graduation Info.



It is Graduation time, and the church would like to recognize these achievements. We need to know who will be graduating from, 3rd grade, high school and college this year. We will need the information by May 25th. Send in your information to the

Wanted—Used 3-Ring binders

If you have any 3-ring binders still in good shape, but your not using, I am collecting them. I am covering them with fabric for the school bus project. Please put them in the church office with my name on them Thank you—Cheryl Barnett