

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church—12/11/2013



Celebrate Christmas at Mt. Auburn

Breakfast with St. Nick—Saturday, Dec. 14

Seatings at 9 a.m. & 10 a.m. Call for reservations.

***"One Clear Star"*—Saturday, Dec. 14**

A play presented by youth at 5:30 p.m.

***"On This Shining Night"*—Sunday, Dec. 15**

A Christmas Cantata presented by Music Ministries: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Join Faces Around the Manger in JAM—Sundays in Advent

Children's Worship Celebration Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services—Tuesday, Dec. 24

7 p.m. Family Service; 11 p.m. Candlelight Service
"God's Prince of Peace" by Dr. J. Wesley Hertel



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

Dr. J. Wesley Hertel—ext. 1305

Senior Pastor

Rev. Ben Greenbaum—ext. 1309

Assoc. Pastor

Mr. Bill Dittinger—ext. 1308

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Mrs. Karen Herrick—ext. 1311

Dir. of Music Min.

Mrs. Myrna Lorenz—ext. 1303

Dir. of Adult Min.

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Mrs. Carrie Ray—ext. 1315

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Regular Weekly Activities

Sundays

8:10am Prayer in Chapel
 9:00am Worship, S.S. & Life Groups
 10:30am Worship, Life Groups, & JAM
 7-9pm Men's Open Gym

Mondays

9:30-11:30am Moms n More -Rm 210
 6:00-7:30pm Marlin Group-1/2 Crts
 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts -Upper Rooms
 7:30-9pm Shockley - 1/2 Crts

Tuesdays

9:30-11:30am Ladies Bible Study --Rm 205
 6-7:30pm Ruff - Crts
 7pm Prayer with Rev. Mecwan-Chapel

Wednesdays

9:30-11:30am Ladies Bible Study--Rm 211
 10:00-2:15pm Jerry's Dance Class-CR
 6:00pm Health Counseling,
 6:00pm Handbells
 6:00-7:30pm Shockley - 1/2 Crts.
 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study--Rm 205
 6:30-8pm Youth LG-YR, Rm 206, 207
 7:00pm JAM Rehearsal-CCC,
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursdays

9:30am Staff Mtg.—Rm 204
 1:30-3:30pm Writers Workshop--Rm 210
 6:30-8:00pm Wilson/Thovson LG--In home
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study—Rm 208
 7:00pm Band Rehearsal-The Courts

Saturday

4:25pm Youth Band Practice - CCC
 5:30-7pm SNL Worship - CCC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KEY: S.S.—Sunday School; UR—Upper Rooms; FH—Fellowship Hall; L—Library BS—Boy Scouts; CS—Cub Scouts; GS—Girl Scouts; Chapel —C; OFLC—O'Dell Family Life Center; CR—Community Rm; TH—Trinity Hall; YR—Youth Rm; K—Kitchen; Cts—The Courts; UR—Upper Rms; CCC—Chambers Celebration Center			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6 7:00 Ad Board -Rm 204	7 6:00 GS #1044 -CR 6:00 GS #2703-Rm 26 7:00 CS-UR	8	9 1:30-3:30 Writer's Workshop begins -Rm. 210 6:00 GS #1172—CR 6:00 GS Ser. Unit- Rm 25	10	11 9:30 Leadership Set Up Mtg
12	13 9:30 Prayer Shawl-TH	14 9:30 Piecemakers-Rm 204 7:00-Cub Scouts-UR	15 7:00 4H-CR	16 1-2:30 Home School Grp-Courts 6:00-GS #879-café	17	18 BS Pancake Breakfast 9:30-1-Gideons-CR/Kit
19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21 6:00 GSc #1044-CR 6:00 GS #2703-Rm 26 7:00-CS-FH 7:00 Bookies—Rm 25	22	23 6:00 GS #1172-CR	24	25 12-3-Cong. Use-CR/Kit
26	27	28 9:30 Piecemakers-Rm 204 7:00 CS-Rm 205	29	30 6:00-GS #879-café	31	

January Birthdays

Jan. 1	Bob Hammill Julie Hammill Paul Schnulle	Jan. 19	Andy Hester Owen Hertel Shirley Weddle
Jan. 3	Geoffrey Bryant Dawn Dobbins Pamela Pereira	Jan. 20	Richard Dougherty Nicolas Jones
Jan. 4	Sherry Lake Portia Lindley Joe Pearson Matt Rosebrough	Jan. 21	Alex Hutton Thelma Zaring
Jan. 5	Scott Patton	Jan. 23	Mike Bishop Deb Hampton Alan Linton Alex VanOsdol
Jan. 6	Chris Alexa Julie Donnell	Jan. 24	Daniel Core Adam McClurg Winnie McPherson
Jan. 7	James Chapella Ray Porter Julie Ruff Doris Schroeder Kevin Walsh	Jan. 25	Keenan Hubbard Kirk Lovell Audrey Miller Paula Tanier
Jan. 8	Matt Price Kathy Taylor	Jan. 26	Joy Atzinger Dorothy Cooper Carson Heckler Holly Newell
Jan. 9	Jackson Clements Kenneth Coy Jacqueline Simpson	Jan. 27	Rita Brown Megan Fuhr Heather Ogden Alicia Sunga Kyle White
Jan. 10	Jeffrey Bozarth Robert Holbrook Melissa Riser Elijah Roleson Barb Wethington Kenneth White	Jan. 28	Brett Beaman Dean Henderson Barb Howard Melissa Lindblom Patrick Southern
Jan. 11	Laurie Allison Tristan Dougherty Susan Lapp Mike Lewis Matthew Wilham	Jan. 29	Jeff Higgins Dale Kaiser Barb Martin Sadie Morris Grace Shockley Gary Stewart
Jan. 12	Andrew Bonser	Jan. 30	Duane Jaeger
Jan. 13	George Galyean Nicole Mazzarella Carol Ross	Jan. 31	Matt Dean Vic Hassler Marge Patton Allison Skaggs Shelly Weddle
Jan. 14	Tiffany Brumbaugh		
Jan. 15	Chris Brewer Lauren Lewis Patty Wiseman		
Jan. 16	Cory Innis Brenda Rittenhouse		
Jan. 18	Sarah Coffey Maleah Hester Madeline Smock Chrissy Wurster		

January Anniversaries

Jan. 3	Brian & Julie Ruff
Jan. 8	Mark & Donna Silvertooth
Jan. 9	Mike & Diana Eckert Tom & Beth Stapleton
Jan. 10	Randy & Karen Stapleton
Jan. 15	Jeff & Shelly Weddle
Jan. 18	Bruce & Jeri Mitchell Walt & Jackie Umbarger
Jan. 25	Kirk & Anna Lovell
Jan. 27	Phil & Barb Howard Dallas & Mary Ann Sutton



My Dear Friends,

We are moving rapidly through Advent. The church is beautifully decorated. Two Advent candles have been lit. Snow is on the ground and Christmas music fills the air. Final touches are being put on special programs for this glorious season.

- The youth will be presenting a Christmas play “*One Clear Star*” this Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in The Chambers. You don’t want to miss this!
- The Christmas Cantata will be presented in both worship services this Sunday. Invite a friend to come with you this week. You would be doing them a huge favor.

I’m preparing to preach on Sunday, December 22, and for the Christmas Eve services on December 24. Ben will preach here at Mt. Auburn on December 29, as I will be preaching in Trafalgar. It is a busy, but blessed and joyous time of year.

No matter how many times I hear the story of our Savior’s birth, I never get over how surprising God is. No one would ever imagine that God would do what He did—He came to us and entered our world as a tiny and helpless baby! God surely has a lot of courage!

If you knew God was coming, how many of us would have looked for Him to come in this way? In Philippians, the Apostle Paul says this about Christ:

“Who. . .did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” (Phil 2:6-7)

He wasn’t born in a palace, nor even a capitol city. Instead, he chose an animal shelter in the village town of Bethlehem. Born of a young virgin peasant girl, He is the Immanuel – God with us. You just can’t make this up.

As surprising as this is, we need to ask: What does this tell us about God? Well, it tells us that we can never anticipate what God will do. Our small minds just cannot think His thoughts. But, after centuries of history where humankind feared God and imagined Him powerful, but stern and aloof – because of Jesus we know that God is tender, loving, and close at hand. What a difference that makes for our world!

And, God didn’t get mad and write us off even after we did the worst we could to Him. Jesus took the cross we nailed Him to, and there paid for our sin. And now –

“God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

God gave his Son to save us. Have you accepted the gift of eternal life that He offers you? Bow before Him and worship this Christmas.

—Jim Hertel

From the
Pastor’s
Heart

Weekly Report of General Giving:

Week Ending	Budgeted Ministries	Debt Reduction Funds	Capital & Sanctuary Funds	Other Funds	Total Received
11/24/13	\$23,733	\$3,092	-0-	\$1,110	\$27,935
12/1/13	\$19,838	\$6,411	-0-	\$384	\$26,633
12/8/13	\$36,633	\$6,158	\$20	\$125	\$42,936

Weekly Budgeted 2013 Congregational Giving (does not include Debt Reduction) \$22,942.00: Highlighted Other Funds include: Benevolent, Local Missions and Compassion Ministries \$344; Indian Ministry \$500; Minister's Education Fund \$180; Memorials \$100; Help Fund \$105; UMCOR Contributions for the Philippines \$370; Love Offering \$20.

Weekly Report of Attendance

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	S.S. & Life Groups	Participation In Mission
11/24/13	567	304	36
12/1/13	544	252	39
12/8/13	503	263	45

ADVENT WORSHIP CONTINUES

- December 15** **3rd Sunday of Advent—JOY**
"On This Shining Night"
 A Christmas Cantata presented by Music Ministries
 At both 9:00 & 10:30
- December 22** **4th Sunday of Advent—PEACE**
"God's Sign of Peace" Isaiah 7:10-16
 Dr. Hertel, Preaching
- December 24** **Christmas Eve**
"God's Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:2-7
 Dr. Hertel, Preaching
 7pm Family Service
 11pm Candlelight Service
- December 29** **"He Never Stops Knocking"** Revelation 3:14-22
 Pastor Ben Greenbaum

SYMPATHY NOTICES

We remember Nancy Burcham at the passing of her step mother Bertie Garman on November 23. Services occurred on November 29.

THANK YOU'S

The Johnson County Banquet Committee deeply appreciates the support Mt. Auburn gives to the Thanksgiving Banquet every year. Thank you to the Jacobson Team fixing 30 #10 cans of green beans - they were wonderful. Thank you to the congregants who donated desserts - you made many people smile. Thank you also to the many members who donate their time on Thanksgiving Day in order to give back to our community. This year we served 420 deliveries, 250 persons in Scott Hall and 100 at Wheeler Mission. Each of these persons, along with our committee, is very blessed by Mt. Auburn's love for others. —LaTheda Noonan, President, Johnson Co. Banquet Committee

My family and I wish to thank all at Mt. Auburn for your love, support, prayers, and cards during this past five months as we lost our son and then my mother. Your support during these long hard months has been invaluable. Thank you all. —Larry L. and Karen Miller

Mt. Auburn filled 215 boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. Thanks for your incredible generosity!



Thanks to everyone who helped me move. I'm grateful for everyone's help and am blessed to have brothers and sisters in Christ. —Janet Guest

Thanks to everyone at Mt. Auburn who prayed, visited, phoned, expressed concern, sent a prayer shawl and quilt, along with flowers and cards during my long recovery from a hip implant revision surgery. With great appreciation, Carolyn Decker

I want to thank the Mt. Auburn Church family for all the prayers, cards and concern during my recuperation. Also to Pastor Hertel for his visit prior to surgery. They were all greatly appreciated, and the many prayers were answered. —Nancy Weimer

Dear Mt Auburn family, Thank you so much for the wonderful send off. As I read through the letters and cards, I really appreciate our ministry and all the wonderful memories. Our worship together will always hold a very special time in my life. Thanks for everything. God Bless, —John Skaggs

Thank you for all the Christmas cards for our service men and women. This year we sent 211 to the Salvation Army. Thanks! Shockley/Parker Life Group

THANK YOUS

Thank you! Donations totaled 192 bags of groceries which were divided up between Christian Help, Interchurch Food Pantry, Lord's Locker, and the Salvation Army. The congregation was very generous.

Thanks, Jerry McRoberts, Missions Team Co-Chair

Big thanks to the hard work of Tim McGuire, Anne Atzinger, and Carl Atzinger for the help trimming back all our 43 roses bushes in the cold on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Thanks also to all the gardening team this year for keeping everything green and blooming and weeded. —Carolyn Patterson

Thanks for all the prayers and wonderful cards from so many of my family at Mt. Auburn. You are the best! Special thanks for food at our home to Dianne Mallory, Barbara Letts, Norma Jones, Karen Hetrick, Gary & Betty Williams, Moe Dean, and Gayle Robey. The dinner that was provided for everyone after Jeff's services was awesome and I know many contributed and helped in the kitchen too. My appreciation for each of you. Finally, Jim, Karen, Duane, and Melissa did so much to make the celebration of Jeff's life very special. — Carolyn Patterson & family

THANK YOU, MT. AUBURN!

On behalf of the Lord's Locker, I want to thank *everyone* who donated food for the recent food drive. The amount was tremendous, and the volunteers were amazed at the generosity of our congregation. This food will go to feed the needy in our community and will help make their holidays a little brighter. God bless you all! — Rosemary Wilham, Food Pantry Coordinator

Mt. Auburn Family: Thank you for the flowers for Rosemary's funeral. Thanks also to Dr. Hertel for conducting her burial services. We would also like to express our appreciation for the many prayers, cards, and visits. Rosemary was always happy knowing she had a loving church family with her on her long journey home. — The Richard Sanders Family

THANKS TO THE BOY SCOUTS!

The Boy Scouts attended worship on December 1 and then brought down all of the church's Christmas decorations from storage. Thank you so much for your hard work. We couldn't have gotten the church decorated with out you!

A special thank you to the Atzinger family who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It looks beautiful!

Tickets Still Available

Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Saturday, Dec. 14

Two Seatings: 9 & 10 a.m.

Join us for breakfast: French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee cake, beverages

Children's activities: crafts, games, a visit & photo with St. Nicholas!

Cost: \$5.00 (adults); \$4.00 (children 3-11 yrs);
Free 2 & under

Tickets: Must be purchased in advance and are still available. Call the church now (535-8555) or stop by the church office (6a-6p).

Volunteers still needed *(Circle volunteer time)* 9:00 or 10:00

- I will help serve breakfast in the serving line or "wait" on families.
- I will help cook breakfast.
- I will run a craft.
- I will run a game.
- I will donate a coffee cake.
- I will be a runner/greeter.
- I will help clean up after the breakfast.
- I will help set up on Friday.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please contact Nancy Van Dyke: nancyv@mtauburnmc.org or 535-8555 ext. 1319 if you can help ASAP.

One Clear Star



Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:30pm

A play presented by youth. A love offering will be taken for Tuxedo Park's Community Initiative.

"On This Shining Night"

Sunday, Dec. 15 at both 9:00 & 10:30 worship

A Christmas Cantata presented by Music Ministries



Join us in JAM this Christmas as we learn about the birth of Jesus!

Dec. 15 "One Clear Star" youth play

Dec. 22 "Faces Around the Manger"

Dec. 29 "The Visit of the Wise Men"

Jan. 5 "The First King—Saul and the Problem of Obedience"

JAM is a worship celebration for children ages 4 thru 6th grade
Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Chambers Celebration Center.

Holiday Help Fund

If you wish to recognize a loved one in the Christmas Eve bulletins as a dedication or memorial, we ask that you make a \$5 donation to the church's Help Fund. The Help Fund is used for needy families in the area. **Please submit this form no later than 12/15** and make all checks payable to Mt. Auburn.



Name: _____

Phone No: _____

In memory of/in honor of (circle): _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

TECHNOLOGY TUESDAYS

Beginning in early November, Duane Jeager will make himself available for the technical needs of congregation members. If you need a little technical help (computer problems, software questions, reprogramming a garage door or even changing a light bulb!), Duane is willing to assist you in between the hours of 9am-3pm on Tuesdays. You may contact him at: duanej@mtauburnumc.org or 535-8555 ext. 1353.

Mt. Auburn Formalizes Facility Policy

Over the past several months, the church staff has been working to formalize and update the Facility Use Policy. God has blessed Mt. Auburn with a beautiful facility and grounds and the church is very generous in letting others use it.

The new Facility Use Policy has been approved by the Ad Board. There are a few notable changes. First, groups/organizations that use Mt. Auburn's facility should reflect the church's mission and core values. Secondly, groups with no affiliation to Mt. Auburn will no longer be able to use the facility without a congregational sponsor. Thirdly, personal use will require a \$50 security deposit to hold the date. Additional fees may apply if the times being reserved are outside of normal custodial hours. And finally, groups using the facility during the evening are asked to enter the building through Door 4 (west side) and sign-in providing information related to the group, room number or location of the building being used, the group leader and church sponsor. The new policy goes into effect on January 1, 2014.

We ask that you take the time to read the new Facility Use Policy. It is available online, along with the forms needed to request space. If you'd like to reserve space, you may do so through Melissa Truelove, Membership & Volunteer Coordinator, at 535-8555 ext. 1304 or melissat@mtauburnumc.org.

Thank you for continuing to take great care of this great facility!
—Jerry Heistand, Facility Manager

Read Complete New Facility Use Policy at:
www.mtauburnumc.org/about/facility

Here's what's happening!

The Bookies will be meeting at the home of Marlene Withrow on December 17 at 6:30 p.m. Marlene will furnish a meat tray. Please bring a dessert or side dish. We will be having our annual book exchange and you may bring a book to contribute. The book of the month is "The Christmas Train" by David Baldacci. In January, we will be discussing "Room" by Emily Donoghue and in February "The Book Thief" by Marcus Zusak. The Bookies traditionally meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in room 25 at the church. If you would like to read the book of the month and join in the discussion, please join us.

NEXT NEWSLETTER—The next newsletter is scheduled for **Wednesday, Jan. 8**. All items to be included in the newsletter should be sent to Amy Shockley (amys@mtauburnumc.org) by Friday, Jan. 3. Thank you!



MT. AUBURN BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, Dec. 22 8:30AM-Noon

Sign up in Trinity Hall on Sunday or online at:
https://www.donorpoint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/72389

Walk-ins Welcome! Bring a photo ID with first & last name. Give Blood. Save a Life.



Winter Writer's Workshop—Get started on that New Year's resolution to write a personal memoir or family history. Get that story or poem you have in your head down on paper. A Winter Writing Workshop will be led by Tom Dougherty as a part of Senior Moments activities. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 9, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in room 210. Participants of any age group will be encouraged to develop writing projects and move their projects toward publication. The workshop is open to all literary forms (essay, memoir, article, short story, poetry, novel) and all levels of writing experience. Tom Dougherty (MA English) has led writing groups and taught writing courses in Indiana, Texas, Montana, and California. Sign up Sundays in Trinity Hall or contact Tom at 847-7695. Bring a friend. Spread the word!



Be an Angel... Pick an Ornament!

Select one or more "ornaments" and purchase the gifts indicated on the tag for the 60 children of the families that Mt. Auburn adopts. The shape and color of the paper ornaments indicate the family and child represented. Five gift tags (1 toy/special gift and 4 clothing items) will be made for each of the children.

1. Please select one or more ornaments;
2. Purchase only the gift specified on the tag;
3. Wrap the gift;
4. **Tie** the paper ornament to the gift (please do not tape the ornament tags to the packages);
5. **Return these to the church by 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22.**

Please remember to only purchase the gift as designated on the tag. Since there are multiple children in most of the families we have adopted, we want to be sure that each child receives the same number of packages.

HELP NEEDED TO DELIVER CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We have a total of 22 families this year that we will need to deliver Christmas gifts too. Please contact Maureen if you would be able to deliver to a family sometime between 12/22 (late afternoon) and 12/24. All that would be needed is for you to work out a time with the family that fits your schedule, pick up the gifts from church and deliver to the family.

Please contact Maureen at work (317-308-4491), cell (317-468-8455) or email her at Maureen@peigenesis.com if you can help!



Four Corners Mission Opportunity

After the tags are off the Angel Tree, our Christmas tree looks really lonely. Help decorate it by bringing mittens, gloves, hats, or scarves for our friends in the Four Corners area of the U.S. Many of the native Americans live in the high desert area where it gets very cold. It has been our tradition to send these winter items to Shiprock, Arizona, where they are distributed to those in need. Items due Dec. 29.

And the Angel said unto them,

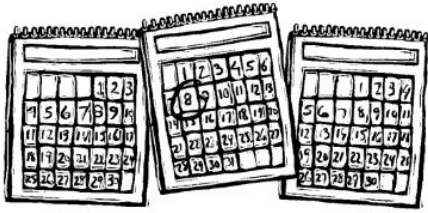
FEAR NOT; FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU

good tidings of great joy...

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY

in the city of David a Savior,

WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD. LUKE 2:10-11



2014 Church Leadership Meeting Saturday, Jan. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

The entire leadership for the congregation (*this includes all members of the Administrative Board, Finance Committee, Staff Parish Committee, Board of Trustees, Council on Ministries, Daycare Committee and Ministry Team Leaders and the 5 Prescription Teams*) will meet together on Saturday, January 11, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

We will worship, pray, receive reports, dream, plan, and organize for the coming year. Our focus this year will be finalizing the vision for Mt. Auburn and working on the 5 prescriptions given to us by the consultation team in August.

Lunch will be served and all leadership personnel (or anyone who loves Mt. Auburn and aspires to leadership) should plan to attend. Adjournment will be in the early afternoon.

Dr. Hertel Begins 2014 with a New Year's Message Series on **"HOW TO OVERCOME"**

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| January 5 | "The Performance Trap" | II Corinthians 5:21 |
| January 12 | "The Need for Approval" | Colossians 1:21-22 |
| January 19 | "Failure" | Philippians 3:13-14 |
| January 26 | "The Sense of Shame" | Ephesians 4:22-24 |



Help us grow our presence on Facebook.

Please share our news with your friends on Facebook. Look for us on Facebook as Mt Auburn United Methodist Church.

Have We Heard from You?

About 80% of our congregation has turned in a stewardship commitment form for 2014, and we are about 80% funded so far. To finish, we need to hear from every member of the congregation. Have we heard from you? Please respond today!



Offering Envelopes Coming Soon

Offering envelopes for 2014 are expected to arrive in time for distribution on Sunday, Dec. 22. Stay tuned for details on pick-up.

Year-End Giving Instructions

About 10% of our annual offerings are received during the month of December. If you want to make a gift to the church and receive credit for tax purposes this year, then be sure to have your offering into the church office no later than 12 noon, Tuesday, December 31. If you need help, please call Denise Speer in the Business Office at 535-8555. Thank you for your support of our ministries.

Important Reminder About IRA Charitable Rollover Rules

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you still have time until the end of 2013 to make direct transfers of IRA assets to Mt. Auburn. These charitable rollovers are federal tax free. This provides a way to make an immediate impact with your gifts, such as the Capital Fund, or can be deposited into the Endowment Fund for long term impact. Also, the IRA charitable rollover counts toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution. It is unknown whether congress will extend this for 2014. If interested, contact Denise Speer, Business Administrator.

Update on Youth Coupons

Coupons for the youth are **NO** longer needed. Thank you for collecting them.

Youth Ministries Questionnaire

The Youth Team put together as part of the Fruitful Congregation Journey has created a Youth Ministries Questionnaire. Please take a minute to provide your input. The survey is available in Trinity Hall at the Welcome Center. Completed surveys can be place in the black box in Trinity Hall (east end). The survey is also available on Mt. Auburn's website under the News section or Youth Ministries.

We Welcome to the Following New Members!

Wayne Koons: Wayne is a retired pharmacist. He has lived in the community for 46 years and comes to Mt. Auburn through friend and neighbor Bill Oden. He's also neighbor to Sam and Laura Stone. He enjoys horses and resides at: 3285 Windham Dr. Greenwood, 46143.

Sam Stone: Sam is retired from American United Life Insurance in the computer division. He and his wife Laura are also neighbors of Bill Oden and they reside at: 3263 Windham Dr. Greenwood, 46143

Brad, Susan, Adam, and Kathryn Powell: Brad is an engineer at Carrier UTC. Susan is an assistant teacher at Crabapple Creek. They have lived in the community for over 20 years. Adam is a Junior at CGHS and plays football. Kathryn attends CGMS (North) and plays the viola. They reside at: 5214 Berkshire North Blvd., Greenwood, 46142.

Marilyn Rudolph: Marilyn is a CPA at the State of IN Board of Accounts. She has 13 grandchildren and enjoys visiting them. She also enjoys landscaping, sewing, scrapbooking, reading and bicycling. She resides at: 408 Governors Lane, Greenwood, 46143.

Matt Price: Matt works for Meredith Construction and has a 6 year old daughter Jaily. Matt began coming to Mt. Auburn a year ago when he reached out to Mt. Auburn for help during hard times, and Mt. Auburn reached back, particularly Roland and Myrna Lorenz. Matt was baptized when he joined and resides at: 1413 Kennington St. Indianapolis, 46225.

Linda Schwaner: Linda is a retired Executive Secretary from The Skillman Corp. She is married to John. They have 5 kids, 14 grandkids, and 6 great grandkids. She is Matt Price's grandma. Linda was baptized when she joined and resides at: 970 Keyhole Cove, Greenwood, 46142.

Bill and Kay Dittlinger: Bill was former worship leader at Whiteland UMC, joined Mt. Auburn as Mt. Auburn's new worship leader. Kay is a Software Consultant at Greenlight BTS. Bill and Kay were married a year ago. Bill has a 23-year-old daughter and Kay has a 20-year-old daughter. They enjoy sports, healthy living, and music and reside at: 232 Lake Point Lane S, Greenwood, 46142.

Sean Beckstrom: Sean works in construction independently through contractors. He moved to Greenwood a year ago to find work and establish a church family. Has a 17 yr old daughter Nicole. He transfers his membership from Whiteland UMC.

Chris and Lisa Calo: Chris and Lisa live in Franklin with their almost 2-year-old daughter Sophie. Chris is a nurse floor manager at University Heights. Lisa is a teacher at Break-O-Day Elementary. They reside at: 2263 Bridlewood Dr. Franklin, IN 46131.

TRAFALGAR UMC UPDATE

Every Sunday morning I'm asked, "How are things going at Trafalgar?" I wanted to take a moment and answer that question.

Trafalgar has received an incredible amount of love and support from Mt. Auburn UMC; here are a few highlights:

1. Mt. Auburn backed Trafalgar's loan. The loan, which we will receive from the Indiana United Methodist Loan Foundation, will allow Trafalgar to pay off some outstanding debts. The loan will also allow Trafalgar to purchase two and a half acres of adjoining land. Our immediate plan for the land includes beginning a soccer league or lacrosse league for young children in spring of 2015.
2. A husband and wife team from Mt. Auburn prayerfully decided to come to Trafalgar to help begin Life Groups, and other small group ministry.
3. The congregation in Trafalgar has also appreciated the visits from many of Mt. Auburn's Life Groups.

Here are some items I would appreciate everyone lifting in prayer:

1. We need to begin a children's/ youth program. We need God to raise up help to begin this vital ministry. May be God is calling you to come and serve.
2. We will have a Christmas Eve service, something Trafalgar UMC hasn't done in years. I would appreciate prayers for the worship service; specifically, pray for people to receive Christ as Savior.
3. Pray for patience, perseverance, and persistence. Renewal doesn't come quickly, it usually takes several years. Pray that in everything we might be patient on the God's timing, that we might persevere, not wavering in our desire to fulfill God's will, and that we would be persistent in our faithfulness to God's Word, reliant on Him to bring change through the power of the gospel.

If anyone has any further questions about the ministry taking place down in Trafalgar, or if you feel God calling you to assist in the ministry, don't hesitate to give me a call (317-535-8555 ext. 1309) or e-mail me at: beng@mtauburnumc.org.

— Ben



An Update from Trinity UMC in Uganda

Christian love and greetings from your brothers and sisters in the Lord who worship the living God at Trinity United Methodist Church at Wanyange in Jinja. I am sorry for not reporting sooner. First, I have been busy with many church activities and ministry. Second, I wanted to send you some pictures of the activities we do.

The birds you see are a new breed in our country from India. It is a cross with our local birds. They can be used for food and laying eggs. They grow faster than our local birds. They were less than two weeks old when I took this picture. At the moment they are bigger than that approximately more than one kilogram in 8 weeks. They grow up to 4.5 kilograms in five to six months. They are resistant to diseases and work well in our country. At the end of this month they will be ready to eat at 3 months old. But since this is a parent stock, we are not going to sell them off. Since we just bought eggs and took them to a hatchery in our community, we are going to do the same and get birds for individuals who have the capacity to raise them. We have already started teaching and mobilizing our people to get ready.

The people you see are making bricks. We are trying to help ourselves though it is still hard for all members to get involved. Pray with us that God will open our eyes towards becoming self-reliant. It will take time and patience but I believe God will enable us to achieve our goal. In the picture you will see David and Patrick.

The tomatoes you see are from a demonstration garden. We have been able to get funds from this garden that have been feeding our birds for a month and we have also eaten some. We have also given to neighbors who are not members of our church. Our members work in this garden voluntarily. Pray with us. We need things like a sprayer pump that will rotate. It cost \$150 to purchase. We also need seedlings of about \$250 to give our farmers. Getting these things would motivate our farmers. The congregation of Trinity is saying we need to grow and do things on our own. But, with our little income we can't do it all. WE ARE A BIT LIMITED. When we started it was not easy, but I am glad that people are picking the vision.

Again, I take this opportunity to thank the Almighty God who has brought us this far. I want also to thank you for your continuous prayers and financial support. May God bless you mightily. We wish you A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Rev. Julius Mugabe, Pastor Trinity United Methodist Church, Wanyange Jinja, Uganda



A message from David Ntoghnya...

Dear Brethren,

It is with joy and appreciation that Peninah and I are writing this brief message of appreciation for welcoming and blessing us with a generous gift last Sunday. We are indeed short of words to say how grateful we are, for all the support and contribution that you have sacrificially made to invest in our lives and ministry for the building of the Kingdom of God in Uganda and the development of leadership in the East Africa Annual Conference in general.

We have been blessed being part of the Mt. Auburn family in the last three years of Seminary. I just cannot forget the love, care, fellowship and hospitality that you have accorded me all the times I have been with you. Our prayer is that the Lord will expand your borders, increase your joy and blessings (Luke 6:38).

As we go back to Africa to serve, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

*Yours in Christ's love and service,
—David and Peninah Ntoghnya*

