

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church—3/26/2014

Join us for Holy Week Activities.
Invite your neighbors. Bring a friend.
Share Jesus!



EASTER EGG HUNT & CHRISTIAN CARNIVAL

Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m.
Ages 2yrs-4th grade—Free!

JOIN US FOR EASTER WORSHIP!

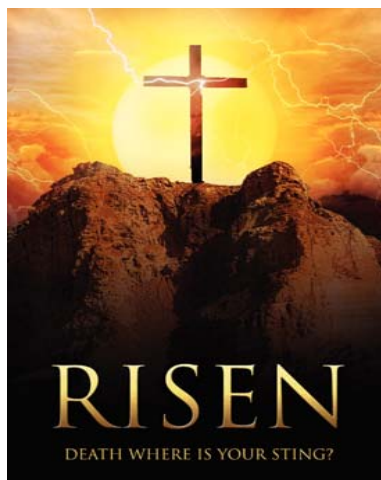
Sunday, April 20 at 9 or 10:30 am

Good Friday Worship

April 18 at 7 pm

Maundy Thursday Communion

April 17 at 7pm



JAM

“Jesus and Me” — a worship
celebration for children ages
4yrs-5th grade Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Watch the Bible come alive!



Church Office Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm
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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
5-6:30pm Jr. High Youth
6-7:30pm Sr High Youth

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

9:30-11:30am Ladies Bible Study--Rm 211
10:00-2:15pm Jerry's Dance Class-CR
6:00pm Handbells
6:30-8pm Youth LG-YR, Rm 206, 209
7:00pm Ladies Bible Study--Rm 205
7:00pm Men's Bible Study (*every other Wednesday beginning 1/29*)-Rm 211
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:30-9pm Hammill - The Courts
8:00pm JAM Rehearsal-CCC

Thursdays

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm Cub Scouts	2	3 7pm-Boy Scouts Rm. 209, 210	4	5
6	7 7pm-Staff Parish-Rm.32 7pm Volunteer Training-CR	8 9:30am- Piecemakers- Rm. 204 6pm-GS#1044-CR 6pm GS#2703-Rm. 26 7pm-CS-UR 7:30pm-Daycare-Rm. 22	9 6pm-Girl Scouts#492-CR 7pm-Men's Bible Study- Rm. 211	10 6pm-Girl Scouts Service Unit-CR/Rm. 12 7pm-Endowment-Rm. 25	11 6:30pm-4:4 Forum	12 9-12pm Shepherd Training- CR/Kit 1pm-Memorial Service-TH
13	14 9:30am Prayer Shawl-TH 6pm-Trustees-Chambers 6:30-9pm-Shalom Circle- Rm. CR	15 7pm-Bookies-Rm 25 7pm CS-FH	16 7pm Choir-Courts 7pm-4-H-CR	17 7pm-Maundy Thursday Service-Chambers	18 7pm-Good Friday Service -Courts	19 11am-Easter Egg Hunt
20 Easter	21 7pm-Finance-Rm. 25	22 9:30am Piecemakers- Rm. 204 6pm-GS#1044-CR 7pm-Cub Scouts-Rm. 205	23 6:30-Boy Scouts- CR 7pm-Men's Bible Study-Rm 211	24 6pm-Girl Scouts#879- café	25	26
27	28 7pm-Ad Board-Rm. 204	29	30 12-9-Doug Anderson-Rm. 204	<p>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</p>		

April Birthdays

April 1	Ray Clements	April 22	Shari Greenbaum
April 2	Jack Abbott Kendra Clements		Madison Hammill Mary Thovson
April 3	Matthew Burns	April 23	Lucas Biehl
April 4	Shelby McNamee Tina Surface		Anne Polk
April 5	Adaline Adams Robert George Lisa Jaeger Rebecca Porter Kim Rhoades	April 24	Sam Lovell Marc Sunga
April 6	Charlotte Greenbaum Adrienne Morgan	April 25	Steve Dean Maxine Phillips Ross Thompson
April 7	Olivia Ruff	April 26	Sarah Pack Mary Beth Rippy Jessica Sweet Rosemary Wilham
April 8	Casey Fellers Donna Nix Jeremy Rose Mina Thompson Andy Womack Kelley Zaring	April 27	Lesa Allison Rita Collins
April 10	Connie Ford Brandon McNeely Abigail Wilham Jim Yates	April 28	Peter Clay Andrea Fears Debbie McGuire Noah Roleson Allison Wiseman
April 11	Don Moore Sheri Wheeler	April 30	Helen Byers Janet Mobley Don Mull
April 12	Brandon Beaman Sean Peters Mary Whidden		
April 13	Jacob Eckert		
April 14	Jesse Clay		
April 16	Reilly Beaman Lester Beaver Donnie Conrad Jim Liles		
April 18	Steve Boyce Jr Jennifer Sweet		
April 19	Lauren Jaeger		
April 20	Dana Plummer Jeff Wright		
April 21	Debbie Fellers Andrea Tanier Sarah Taylor		

April Anniversaries!

April 2	Bill & Lisa Stiffler
April 3	Tim & Debbie McGuire
April 4	Tom & Doris Waters
April 10	Kenneth & Alberta Coy
April 11	Dick & Linda Gilkison
April 13	Dale & Illiana Kaiser
April 14	Gene & Carolyn Freeman
April 17	Brad & Susan Powell
April 19	Rob & Danita Forgey
April 20	Jim & Pat Hertel
April 23	Tim & Jennifer Ader Bob & Julie Hammill
April 24	Marvin & Louise Beaman
April 25	Richard & Rosemary Wilham
April 28	Donn Stewart & Denise Cook Chris & Debbie Wise

My Dear Friends,

After a harsh winter, we have begun once again to see a lot of visitors coming to Mt. Auburn. This is always a joy, and I do appreciate the members of our Connection Team who are so diligent in seeking out our guests and making them feel welcome. I think they do a superb job.



I, too, try to make sure to reach out to those who are new to Mt. Auburn. Last Sunday, I had an unforgettable experience. I reached out to a couple that I thought were first time attendees. The husband was, but the wife said she had come the week before, and she was so excited about Mt. Auburn that she brought her husband. She said, (and these are her words!), "They have the 'Little House on the Prairie' preacher."

I must admit that I had never seen that show. Pastoral ministry is sort of a second-shift kind of job. There are a lot of evening meetings, so there are a lot of TV shows that I never saw. But I was pleased to resemble a preacher on TV! And, in my mind, I imagined he probably looked like Richard Gere from "An Officer and a Gentleman."



It was my brother-in-law who punctured my balloon. Jimmy said, "Oh, no, he was an old man with white hair and a beard." I thought surely he was mistaken, so I looked up this character for myself. This is what it has come to. Sigh!

Now, to a more important matter. Last Sunday, Donna Nix came to me almost in tears. She said, "I feel so badly that the church is in such bad shape financially." I said, "Donna, the church is not in bad shape today. I am sorry if I gave you that impression. But, we could be in bad shape if we don't do something about it now. We don't want that to happen. We are trying to be proactive and get out in front of a potential problem. That's why we are receiving this special offering at Easter."

If I was too dire and pessimistic, I apologize. I was just trying to be forthright and honest. Actually, we have had very good first quarter offerings. Mt. Auburn is a very generous congregation that knows how to give. God always blesses us. He always has. He is faithful. He will be in the future.

I just want us to be prepared should the last half of the year be like it was last year. If that is the new norm, then we could be in trouble then. Your special Easter offering will protect against that.

Pastor Ben will be preaching this Sunday as I go to Trafalgar to preach. I'll be back with you to preach and celebrate Holy Communion on April 6, and then on to India. Please pray for me. —Jim

Weekly Report of General Giving:

Week Ending	Budgeted Ministries	Debt Reduction Funds	Capital & Sanctuary Funds	Other Funds	Total Received
3/2/14	\$23,587	\$1,361	-0-	\$541	\$25,489
3/9/14	\$27,551	\$4,244	\$50	\$80	\$31,925
3/16/14	\$16,687	\$10,234	-0-	\$18,045	\$44,966

\$23,656 needed weekly for 2014 Budgeted Ministries. Highlighted Other Funds include: Needy Family Fund \$100; Minister's Education Fund \$140; Membership Care \$333; Flowers \$40; Tech Tuesday \$30; Endowment \$18,000; Easter Egg Hunt \$15; Other \$8

Weekly Report of Attendance

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	S.S. & Life Groups
3/2/14	280	165
3/9/14	475	225
3/16/14	519	270

Dr. Hertel Leaving for India April 9

Pray for our Senior Pastor as he prepares to go to India for a preaching mission in India during Holy Week. He will be preaching in the mornings at the Centenary Methodist Church in Vadodara, and in the evenings for an open air crusade outside. While in India, he and Rev. Mecwan will also visit new congregations planted by Hindus who have converted to Christianity. Dr. Hertel will return April 24 to preach on Sunday, April 27.



Thank You Newsletter Volunteers!

Each time a newsletter is produced, a group of very special people help assemble the paper newsletters and get them ready to mail. Mt. Auburn would like to thank Dick and Linda Gilkison, Joe Guella, Bob and Carolyn Jacobson, and Stephanie Tompkins. Over the years, many others have helped and your church family is grateful!

THANK YOU

Mt. Auburn Family, thank you for the flowers, cards, kind words and prayers during our mother's illness and passing. Until receiving the prayer shawl, I never understood its significance. Special thanks to Rosemary and Dianne for coordinating the funeral dinner and special blessings to all who provided the food. —Kathy & Jerry Heistand & Jane Pierson

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.
—The Family of William Jones (Norma's brother-in-law)

Thank you to everyone who has prayed, sent cards and brought food to my family when I was unable. This has been a long journey and it isn't over yet but I know God has supplied wonderful people to walk with me as the healing continues. Thank you especially to the Jacobson/Siedelmann Life Group for just being there to uplift me. I thank God for my Mt. Auburn family and the strength they give to me each time a friend smiles and embraces me.
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Thank you to the members of Mt. Auburn for the donations of magazines and coffee for the Veterans Hospital. It is very much appreciated. I request that magazines be no older than two months—a requirement from the VA. Receipts are sent to you which can be used for tax deductions, therefore I need to know who has given the donation.

I have beautiful hardbound books (1" thick) for Korean veterans. It is an illustrated, historical book and includes the rebuilding of Korea. Please let me know if you would like one.

Barbara Letts,
Deputy Representative for American War Mothers

SYMPATHY NOTICES

We remember John Coy and family at the passing of his father, William Coy on March 7.

We also remember the family of Edith Heselbarth. Edith passed away on March 13.

CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION...



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DAMAR Prom Night (May 8) Needs Help with Men's Clothing

DAMAR is in need of **GENTLY USED men's suits, jackets and pants, and shirts and ties**. The young men also like to wear these dress clothes to job interviews.

If you want to make a donation, please bring your items to Room 25 (next to choir room) at Mt. Auburn on Sundays through April, by 11:30 a.m. This is where my Life Group meets at 10:30 each week. DAMAR has plenty of women's clothing, but can use jewelry. Please put any jewelry in a plastic bag and also bring to Room 25 as above. Thanks for your help.
—Marlene Withrow (881-7194 or witsend3@att.net)

Prom Dresses Needed

Perry Meridian High School is collecting used prom dresses for Cinderella's Closet to give to poorer girls who cannot afford to buy a new dress for prom. Dresses may be dropped off at Mt. Auburn in the old "Library" which is now the Communications and Children's Ministry office. Questions? Please contact Kim Peters at 422-1341 or kpeters@perryschools.org.



Culinary Collage - Take a Bite Out of Poverty

**Fundraiser for Fletcher Place —A Mt. Auburn Supported Ministry
Sunday, April 27 1-4:00p.m. @ UIndy**

Join us at UINDY's Schwitzer Student Center for our Annual Fundraiser "Culinary Collage - Take a Bite out of Poverty". Sample food from over 10 local restaurants, participate in the Silent Auction, take your chance with the Prize Raffle and enjoy a family friendly Live Silly Safaris Show. Your support allows Fletcher Place to meet the needs of families and individuals struggling to make it. Cost is \$15 at the door day of the event or bring a Kroger gift card for admission instead. Like us on Facebook "fletcher place community center" to learn which restaurants are participating, what items are in the silent auction and what the prize raffle will be. To learn more about Fletcher Place and Mt. Auburn's involvement, visit the missions page @ mtauburnumc.org.

Sandy Newcomer Joins Dynamic Women in Missions (DWIM)

DWIM, a ministry of One Mission Society, announces Sandy Newcomer as their Midwest network representative for OMS and DWIM. Sandy first became involved with OMS through the Ministry of HOPE61, the human trafficking ministry of OMS. Last October, she joined a short-term mission trip with DWIM to Israel, ministering to messianic Jewish women. Sandy's new role is to engage churches, universities, and individuals in the Midwest region in the Great Commission and in the OMS ministries. She will conduct motivational conference and training events to help women of all ages discover what God may have for them in the world of missions. Many from Mt. Auburn support Sandy and OMS and we wanted to share her good news!



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday — <i>Kids, join us for the Palm Parade!</i> <i>"Building a Highway for the King"</i> (Luke 19:29-40) Dr. Ellsworth Kalas preaching
Thursday, April 17	Maunder Thursday Holy Communion Meditation by Mrs. Amy McCabe 7 p.m. in The Chambers
Friday, April 18	Good Friday Worship The Seven Last Words of Christ Expressed in Music of The Sacred Harp featuring Mt. Auburn Music Ministries Rev. Dr. Mark Hetrick preaching 7 p.m. in The Courts
Saturday, April 19	Egg Hunt & Christian Carnival 11 a.m. (rain or shine!)
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. in The Courts <i>"Jesus on the Loose"</i> (John 20:10-18) Bishop Mike Coyner preaching

2014 MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST INFORMATION

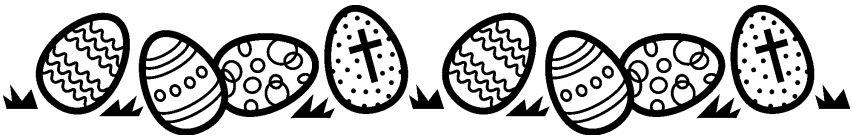
Each year the United Methodist Men in the Central District sponsor a series of breakfasts during Lent.

Remaining County Breakfast Information

No payment is required for County breakfasts - just come! A free will offering is collected each week for Metro Ministries.

Saturday, March 29	Honey Creek UMC	8:00 AM
Saturday, April 5	Smith Valley UMC	8:00 AM
Saturday, April 12	Grace UMC	8:00 AM

For more Information please see Bob Jacobson.



Easter Egg Hunt & Christian Carnival!

Invite Your friends & family
Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 am

Ages 2 yrs. —4th grade are welcome
to join us. The event is rain or shine & it's free!

**Registration is recommended but not required.*

Volunteers are needed. Can you help?

I would like to volunteer to:

- ◆ Oversee a carnival activity: _____
- ◆ Chaperone the egg hunt (preferred age group): _____
- ◆ Assist with set-up or clean-up: _____
- ◆ Work at registration table: _____
- ◆ Work at the bake sale table: _____

Name: _____

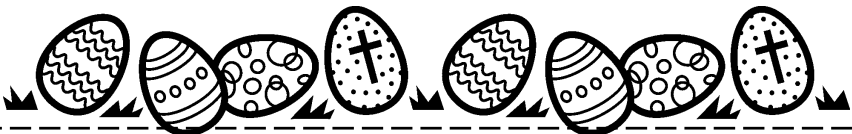
Phone or email: _____

Donations Are Needed (check what you can do):

- ___ Provide individually wrapped candy to put in plastic Easter eggs
- ___ Take eggs and fill with candy (eggs available now!)
- ___ Monetary donations for purchasing bulk carnival prizes
- ___ Any toy to be given away
- ___ Baked goods for the bake sale table

Volunteer or donate in one of three ways:

1. Use this as an insert. Turn it in to the office or put it in the offering plate.
2. Sign up soon in Trinity Hall.
3. See Nancy Van Dyke in the Christian Ed. office or call 535-8555 ext. 1319.



Youth Summer Mission Trip to Window Rock, AZ God's Workshop of Wonders

God's work is wonderful! It is unfathomable that the God of the Universe loves us, cares for us, and knows our names. And yet so many in our own country still do not even know the name or character of their Creator. So, this summer Mt. Auburn Youth will once again be traveling to Window Rock, Arizona and host a Vacation Bible School at Window Rock UMC. The theme of our week will be *God's Workshop of Wonders* and will highlight how humanity is meant to live in a relationship with God.

Our goal is to make it known that the only way to have a relationship with God is to have an encounter with Jesus Christ and to let Him work the wonderful miracle of salvation in and through our lives.

Mission Dates: June 20th – 29th

Cost: \$375 per person (\$100 due by May 1st).

This mission trip is available to Sr. High youth and those who will be entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2014. Please contact Mark Silvertooth @ m.silvertooth@comcast.net or John Burns @ jburnsshi@yahoo.com for more information.



EASTER FLOWERS

This Easter we will decorate with an array of spring flowers representing new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you would like to dedicate one of these florist-quality potted flowers, please enclose \$10.00 for each flower along with the form below. Please make checks payable to Mt. Auburn.

Name _____ Phone _____

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

How Many? Lilies ___ Tulips ___ Daffodils ___ Hyacinth ___

Amount enclosed? _____

___ I will pick up my flower(s) after the 10:30am service.

___ I would like my flower(s) to go to a shut-in or other donation

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 13

Application Period for Matching Grants Continues

The Mt. Auburn Endowment Committee announced in early March the availability of matching grants from the Undesignated Fund for 2014 totaling \$2,500. Grant application forms are available from the Church Office and on the web site at www.mtauburnumc.org.

Any member or constituent of Mt. Auburn, leader or member of a sponsored group of Mt. Auburn, or staff and clergy members of Mt. Auburn may apply. An applicant can be a designated representative of a church Life or Sunday school group, scout troop, youth group, or church committee as well.

All applications must request funding for a charitable ministry purchase or event that is not generally funded through the budget process of Mt. Auburn. Applicants will be asked to match the dollar amount of their request with sources other than the Mt. Auburn Church Budgeted Ministries.

Applications are asked to be completed and submitted to the Business Office by noon, May 15, 2014. Please contact Denise Speer, Business Administrator, if you have questions at 530-1302 or denises@mtauburnumc.org.

TWO BITS OF INFORMATION YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW

Our coach, Doug Anderson, from the Fruitful Congregation Consultation Journey, spent the day with us on April 12. He met with the leadership of our 5 prescription teams and members of the church staff on an as need basis. It was a good day, and he will return to Mt. Auburn on April 30.

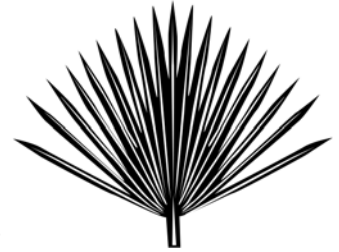
Another assignment the consultation team gave Mt. Auburn was to create a new vision statement for the congregation. We worked on this at the Leadership Set-up Meeting in January, and 6 people (Tom Dougherty, Jeff Higgins, Myrna Lorenz, Gretchen Beaman, Travis Taylor, and Denise Speer) volunteered to work on a team to complete the task. This team proposes that our vision statement be:

“Mt. Auburn – a community inviting our neighbors to experience and share God’s transforming love.”

What do you think? Share your thoughts with one of the members of the team.

Palm Parade

Sunday, April 13 is Palm Sunday...and you are invited to our annual Palm Parade during both worship hours!



We will celebrate Palm Sunday at each service as follows:

9:00- All are welcome! If you would like for your child to join us for the Palm parade, please plan to gather at 8:45 a.m. outside the west doors in Trinity Hall. Dad and mom are welcome to join children in the parade. After we are finished, if you have escorted your child in the parade, you may sign them into Sunday school. If you do not join your child in the parade, I will return them to class and sign them in to their respective classes. After the service you may pick up your child as usual.

10:30- Children will be checked into JAM per normal procedure. Please arrive as early as possible because children will be put into costume for the parade. All are welcome to join us, just stick around for the first few minutes. We will walk to The Courts and enter together. When finished, we will return to JAM as a group. After JAM, you may pick up your child as usual.

We will have a real palm for you to wave, so don't be late. We will parade into the Courts and leave our palms on the kneeling rail.

Call me, Nancy Van Dyke, with any questions at 535-8555 ext. 1319. We look forward to seeing you!

Preparing for the Worship of the Living God Sundays 4 and 5 in Lent

March 30	Pastor Ben Greenbaum preaching
April 6	Dr. Hertel will be preaching from Psalm 130: <i>“Crying to God from the Depths”</i>

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

JOHN 11:25

Here's what's happening!

BOOKIES TO MEET TUESDAY, April 15 @ 7PM

The Bookies will be meeting on Tuesday, April 15, to discuss *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham. The next selections are as follows:

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| May 20 | <i>The Light between Oceans</i> by M. L. Stedman |
| June 17 | <i>A Game of Thrones: A Song of Ice and Fire: Book One</i> by George R. R. Martin |
| July 15 | <i>Cutting for Stone</i> by Abraham Verghese |

The Bookies meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in room 25 at the church. Read the book and join us for a lively discussion.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 30**. All items to be included in the newsletter should be sent to Amy Shockley (amys@mtauburnumc.org) by Friday, April 25. Thank you!

Senior Moments Update

APRIL OUTING – JOIN US !

A blast from the past! Tuesday, April 22nd. Meet at Trinity Hall 10:00 AM to form car pools and get directions. What car were you driving, what gas did you use, which drive-in was your spot in the 40's through the 70's? Re-live it all as we tour the Ray Skillman Auto Museum right here in Greenwood at 10:30 AM and then tool on over to Smokey Bones for lunch at 12:00 PM. Sign up in Trinity Hall by April 20th. No museum fee. Contact Tom Dougherty at 317-847-7695 or tk_dougherty@yahoo.com with questions.

'SAVE THE DATE'

On October 22, Senior Moments will attend the Beef & Boards performance of Fiddler on the Roof. The cost will be \$42/person and detailed information will come out in August since the deadline for sign up is September 19. We have 40 tickets available and must have a minimum of 20 for the \$42 group rate.



Can You Take Blood Pressure Readings?

Help is needed to take blood pressure readings for people on Sunday mornings one time per month. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Wendy Sanders at sanders1963@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!



Children's Ministry Volunteer Update

We have been blessed in children's ministry with several people considering teaching. Carol Onyett has graciously offered to teach the first and second grade Sunday school class during the month of May. Holly Marlin will then begin teaching the class on a bi-monthly basis with Bill and Lisa Stiffler. Andrea Tanier and Greg Pamechena will begin teaching the third and fourth grade class soon, alternating with Susan Lapp. Jennifer Ader is prayerfully considering teaching a class. We welcomed Annie Rodriguez and Susan Berger into the fold as nursery volunteers. The members of the Onyett Life Group are assisting various Sunday school classes each second Sunday of the month.

This is all great news and such a blessing. You may read this and think it sounds like we have it covered, but we don't! We *still* have needs for volunteers in children's ministry. We have Sunday school teaching spots available in all classes. We would welcome new nursery cuddlers during both services. We also still have availability in the toddler class during the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 and the fourth Sunday of each month at 10:30. During the 10:30 hour, our JAM program has a need for hospitality volunteers, especially during the first and second Sunday of the month.

If you have an interest in any of the above, or would like to invest in our children, please prayerfully consider contacting me. We would welcome you for as much or as little of a commitment as you would be willing to make. I am blessed each and every time I work with these children.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Nancy Van Dyke, Director of Children's Ministry, nancyv@mtauburnumc.org

FREE SCREENING FOR DIABETES—SUNDAY, APRIL 13

The Health Ministry Team will be offering free screenings for diabetes on Sunday, April 13th at 8:30 a.m. and in between services. This will involve a finger stick for a drop of blood which will give blood sugar results immediately. This can not diagnose diabetes, but will let you know that you need to follow up with your doctor. For the most accurate results, come fasting (water is ok), or have the test 2 hrs. after you have last eaten.

Symptoms of diabetes can include: frequent urination, feeling very thirsty, very hungry (even though you are eating), extreme fatigue, blurry vision, cuts that are slow to heal, weight loss, tingling or numbness in the hands or feet.

The diagnosis of diabetes can be scary, but having untreated diabetes can be even more scary. Hope to see you then!



Dear Mt. Auburn Friends,

It has been my privilege over the last three years to lead the Jesus and Me worship opportunity for children. The goal of developing a 3-year repertoire of scripts covering all the major persons and events in the Bible has been accomplished. The program has been effective in helping children, not only worship, but also to experience the scripture in a personal way. Julie Ruff will do a great job in continuing this ministry for our children as they seek to worship and celebrate the Good News of God’s great love for us. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this ministry.

I have been asked several times what I will be doing next. We will continue to worship at Mt. Auburn and return to our Sunday morning Life Group. I will also continue directing the License to Preach School for the Annual Conference and working on a book, “The Unifying Word.”

Rev. John K. Wortinger

Reception Planned for Rev. John K. Wortinger



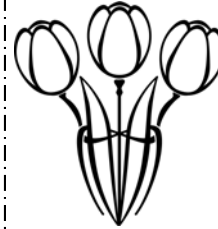
A reception for Rev. Wortinger will be held **Sunday, April 6** in between services in Trinity Hall. Please join us in thanking Rev. Wortinger for his dedication to JAM and the children of Mt. Auburn. You may leave cards and love gifts in the “church” at The Welcome Center that Sunday.

“BETH MOORE” RESERVATIONS DEADLINE APPROACHES

Beth Moore is coming to the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Ft. Wayne for a live conference on Saturday, Sept. 13. Mt. Auburn is organizing a group of women to attend. The group will leave Mt. Auburn the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 12, spend the night in a hotel near the Coliseum, attend the conference on Saturday and return that evening. The cost to attend will be \$110 per person based on double occupancy at the hotel. **Please sign up in Trinity Hall and provide payment to Mt. Auburn by April 30.**

Contact Myrna Lorenz (myrnal@mtauburnumc.org or 535-8555) with questions about the Mt. Auburn group or the Living Proof website about the conference: http://www.lifeway.com/Event/Womens-Event-Living-Proof-Live-Fort-Wayne-IN#schedule_detail

Mother’s Day Breakfast – Saturday, May 10 @ 9 a.m.



It’s time to let everybody know about our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast... where the men of the church cook and serve the breakfast; and the UMW provide the program. Tickets are \$3 each (\$1 for children under 12) and will be sold between services on Sunday, April 27, and Sunday, May 4.

We have something really special planned and hope to see many of you at the breakfast. This year we are having a program by Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana. Cindy Graham, VP of Marketing, will be our speaker to talk about what Goodwill does and maybe share some interesting facts we don’t know about Goodwill. They will be doing a “Collect & Connect” program with Mt. Auburn. We are asking each family to bring in a bag of clothes to donate, and we will be given \$5 vouchers which can be passed along to families in need.

AND, if that isn’t enough for you, we are also having a STYLE SHOW – featuring children from little ones (must be walking) through high school. Boys or girls can participate in this part of our program. If you have a child who would like to participate in the Style Show, please contact Beth Coffey at (317) 946-6531 (cell phone) or e-mail her at bacoffey64@aol.com.

Watch for more information in future newsletters or as inserts in the church bulletins. If you have questions, please contact Beth Coffey (see info above) or Marlene Withrow (881-7194) or e-mail at witsend3@att.net.

Mt. Auburn Job Opportunities

The church has several employment opportunities. If you are interested or feel called to any of these ministries, please contact the Church office at 535-8555. Additional information is available on our website under About Us > Employment Opportunities.

- Parish Nurse —8-10 hours per week
- Youth Director — Full Time Position
- Communications Director—25 hours per week.

HELP WANTED!



Join the Welcoming Team

Volunteers are needed for our “Welcoming Team” on Sunday mornings—we especially want to be ready for a lot of new guests on Easter! The Welcoming Team includes:

- **Ushers** (*pass out bulletins & gather offering in services*)
- **Greeters** (*greet people at doors as they come in from outside*)
- **Hosts** (*Stationed at Welcome Center to greet and answer questions*)
- **Ambassadors** (*Greet and meet new people; Show guests around building; Wearing teal shirts*)

Training Provided

A Welcoming Team Appreciation and Training Gathering will be held on **Monday, April 7 from 7-8pm in the Community Room**. All current and new Ambassadors, Ushers, Greeters, and Hosts are invited and encouraged to attend. So, if you signed up, you'll learn what to do!

If you'd like to volunteer, please complete the info below or contact Denise Speer.

I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER *(check all that apply):*

9:00 am service

- ___ Ambassadors
___ Welcome Center Hosts

10:30 am service

- ___ Ushers
___ Ambassadors
___ Welcome Center Hosts

I plan on attending the Training on Monday, April 7 from 7-8pm

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Return form in Sunday offering plate or email info to
Denise Speer @ denises@mtauburnumc.org / 535-8555 ext. 1302.



Spring Bible Studies for Women

*Sign ups are in Trinity Hall

New Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Starts April 9th 9:30-11:30am Room 210

“Stronger” by Angela Thomas. Led by Sandy Newcomer and Linda Gilkison

Believers do not have to live in weakness. God is stronger than every struggle you will ever face. This study will guide women into biblical truth so we can live confident, transformed, Christ-radiating lives marked by His strength. This is a 7-week study.

New Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Starts April 9th 7-8:30pm

“When God's Spirit Moves” by Jim Cymbala. Led by Beth Coffey & Lisa Calo

Jesus said: “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” John 14:16-17. The Holy Spirit's presence in a Christian's life is a most remarkable gift from God. In this 6-week study, the group will learn about the person of the Holy Spirit and how to make room for the Spirit's action in our lives.

New Moms n More Study on Marriage

Begins Monday April 7, 9:30-11:00 childcare provided

Sacred Marriage by Gary L Thomas.

Marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. Sacred Marriage shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God.

Everything about your marriage—everything from the history you and your spouse create, to the love you share, to the forgiveness you both offer and seek by turn—is filled with the capacity to help you grow in Christ's character. This six-session, small group DVD curriculum will equip you to love God more passionately, reflect the nature of his Son more precisely, and fulfill God's overarching purpose for your marriage.

