



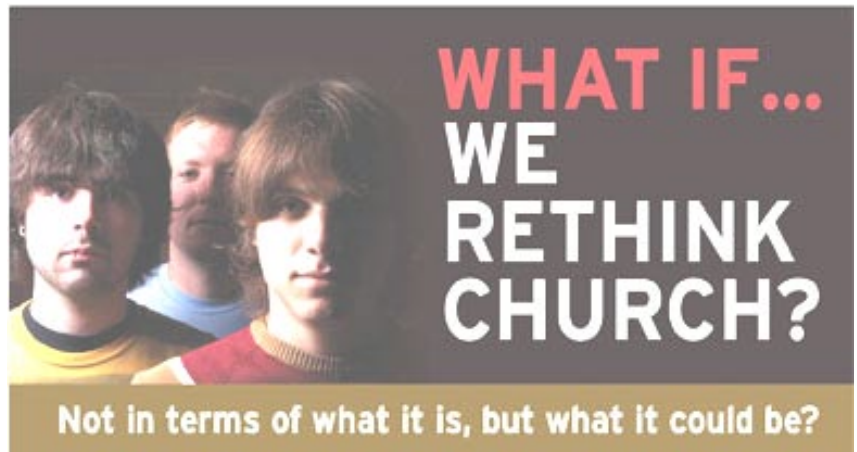
# THE CLARION

February 2010

Our Purpose: To Love the Lord, love one another, and make disciples for Jesus Christ!

## From the Pastors Desk

How does it feel to begin a new year, have you made any New Years resolutions? That was a question that I was asked a few days ago as I took the second bite of my oversized raised donut with powdered sugar. The coffee helped me expedite the moment as I frantically thought of justification for my indulgence. I thought to myself everyone has a right to a little treat, once in a while! I was hoping my friend wouldn't notice that half the box was gone!



Through the New Year all of us will face moments like that, we will know we are not making wise decisions and we will go to great lengths to justify our actions. Through all of our attempts to be justified our conscious will continue to scream stop and rethink this!

We face the same temptations in our church. I have been asking God the Holy Spirit to guide me in making the decisions that would bring Glory to His Name and open our church to the 35,000 un-churched people within the 35 mile radius that our church currently serves. That's right, there are people all around us that are unaware of the blessing and call of God upon their lives. Do you know that we had over 9000 people look seriously at our Web site in 2009? There are numerous reasons people would search a Web site but we noted that many of the 9000 spent significant time there.

What if we corporately decided to give the Holy Spirit right of way to allow every service and every activity at Christ Church to be anointed for His Glory? What if we could reach 5% of the un-churched in our area and introduce them to the living Christ? Back to the donut; it smelled good, felt good, tasted good and gave me a high! Because of all that I was drawn back, thus the half box, thus the craving for more!

That's the secret of church growth, to allow the Holy Spirit to freely move in every gathering. This means each of us coming together in faith fully expecting God to show up in a wonderful and powerful way. This is not religion we are talking about this is life transforming power. Anyone who has tasted of the Spirit in this way will be drawn closer to God. We will feel it, we will taste it, and we will be carried to the mountaintop to commune with God! No one will have to beg us to come back, no matter how much we eat and drink of His Spirit we will desire more time with the Master.

There are folks that are driving 30-75 miles one way every week just to be in the anointing that I have been talking about. It is time to be resolved to our mission statement. ***"Our Purpose is to Love God, Love one another, and make disciples of Jesus Christ"*** **John 4:13-14** *"Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."* This church has been a lighthouse for over 100 years, our greatest days lie ahead as each of us resolve to be a well of the Spirit springing up!

**See you at the well!**

**Pastor Moore**

## **Holy Health**

***Psalms 32:1-2 "What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven! What joy when sins are covered over! What relief for those who have confessed their sins and God has cleared their record."***

Today I learned the value of laughter! One of my goals, challenges, stressors, if you will, for the New Year was to clean and reorganize the storage area (and overflow from Christmas decorations) in our basement. This had become a major cause of stress for me having to walk around or climb over everything that had accumulated. As a nurse, I knew that stress can attribute to 50% of all illnesses including heart disease, cancer, migraines, digestive problems, mental illness, fatigue, insomnia, and the common cold. I simply had to reorganize! I recently read that a person with a cluttered home or work area will spend an hour and a half each day simply looking for

things or getting distracted. Over a course of a year, that's a month and a half of lost time!

It didn't take long to find out that organization is not glamorous, nor is it a time-saver. There were far too many half full boxes, papers and magazines unread, and moving prize possessions from one spot to another, which ended in dropping and breaking two stored items! Add in some of the other stressors that sneak into your plans and this day was not going as expected. Just ask my husband!

One gift God gave me, when I get over tired or over stressed, is He kicks in my laughter mode as a reminder that laughter is much better for me and can help to make even the worst of days better. Again, just ask my husband! Laughter can give us a whole different perspective. It revs up our endorphins, a natural chemical our brain produces, to decrease our muscle tension, help

our lungs pump in extra oxygen, get a natural burst of pain relief, and make us feel better. It gives you that needed boost to continue on in whatever you're doing or simply give you some peace with the situation. Did we finish the project? No, but we made a dent in it, as people say. Tomorrow's another day...

I'm so glad that God gives us happiness, joy, and relief through laughter. His word tells us that He gives those same things as we confess our sins, ask His forgiveness, and invite Him to be a part of our lives. He removes our guilt, clears our record, and gives us joy unspeakable. And if we allow Him, He will give us that wonderful gift of laughter as only He can. Do you have a stressor you need to share with God? He's only a whisper away.  
Health in Christ,  
Sandy Black, RN

## **Finance Committee Update**

As we begin a new year, we can count our blessings. We have many things to be thankful for. We have a beautiful church to worship in. We can pray and carry our Bibles openly without fear of persecution.

With the blessings come needs. We have a \$545,500 building loan debt and praise God, we have been making the payment of \$4,207/month. Currently, our operating expenses are around \$16,000/month and several of the on-going operating expenses are: maintenance, utilities, salaries, conference apportionments, minor repairs and our missions ministry. God is good and so are you for sharing in these expenses with you tithes and offerings.

For Church maintenance, the trustees are in the process of developing more parking areas and looking into repairing the wall in front of the church and up the sidewalk. The wall poses a safety problem. Their budget allows for regular up keep. Any large expense and help will be needed! To help, designate on the offering envelope the amount to go towards the increase parking areas and/or the wall repair.

We are also accepting Memorial gifts to be paid toward the principal of the building loan.

Thank you and God Bless,  
The Finance Committee

## Spotlight on Missions

*Our purpose is to educate and provide opportunities for our congregation to support local and global missions.*

### Child Sponsorship

The Missions Committee is happy to announcement that our church is now sponsoring a 9-year-old boy from the country of Rwanda in Africa. His name is Nsabimana Michel. He lives with his two siblings and his parents who are sometimes employed as farmers. His responsibilities include carrying water and gathering firewood. Soccer and running are his favorite activities. He is in primary school and regularly attends church activities.

Our committee's desire was to not only help some child in a third-world country but to also allow our church's children the opportunity to correspond with this sponsored child and thus learn about him and his environment. In next month's Clarion we will include information about Nsabimana's country and community. We will also post his photo on our Missions bulletin board. Please remember him, his family and his community in prayer.

### Missions Piggy Banks

Because several of you in the congregation have asked about the Missions piggy banks, the Missions committee decided to go ahead and distribute them to whoever would like to save for missions in 2010. The banks will be collected later this year. You may also contribute to missions by using our offering envelopes, designating the amount you wish to donate on the front of the envelope. Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support of missions.

### Missions Letter-writing/Prayer Project

If you are willing to write a letter and pray for one of our missionary families (Murphys or Orellanas) for one month out of the year, please pick up a postal or an email address label and sign your name on the sheet located on the Missions bookcase in the foyer between the old and the new sanctuaries. Our missionary families tell us that they love to hear from us and especially about what the Lord is doing here at Cambridge Christ UMC! If you have any questions, contact Becky Kellum or any Missions Committee member.

### Missionary Updates

We have not heard any news from our missionary families recently so please continue to pray for God's blessing on these missionaries and those they serve. And don't forget to check out the Missions bulletin board in the foyer between the old and new sanctuaries for cards, pictures, and the latest info about all of these mission workers!!!!

#### **"GOD SPEAKING"**

Have you ever heard a love song  
that set your spirit free?  
Have you ever watched a sunrise  
And felt you could not breathe?  
What if it's Him?  
What if it's God speaking?

Have you ever cried a tear that  
You could not explain?  
Have you ever met a stranger  
Who already knew your name?  
What if it's Him?  
What if it's God speaking?

**CHORUS:**  
**Who knows how**  
**He'll get a hold of us?**  
**Get our attention to prove**  
**He is enough**  
**He'll do and He'll use**  
**whatever He wants to**  
**To tell us, I love you.**

Have you ever lost a loved one  
Who you thought should  
still be here?  
Do you know what it feels like  
To be tangled up in fear?  
What if He's somehow involved?  
What if He's speaking  
through it all?

#### **CHORUS**

His ways are higher  
His ways are better  
And though sometimes strange  
What could be stranger than a  
God in a manger?

Oh...Who knows how  
He'll get a hold of us?  
Get our attention to prove  
He is enough  
Who knows how He'll get a  
hold of YOU?  
Get YOUR attention to prove  
He is enough  
He'll do and He'll use  
whatever He wants to

To tell us, I love you  
God is speaking, I love you.

*Song Lyrics Provided  
by Angie Black*

# UMCOR Haiti Relief Updates

As of January 27, 2010

## Clean Drinking Water

After two strong aftershocks struck Haiti last week, thousands of people sought refuge on the grounds of Adventist University. UMCOR's partner, GlobalMedic, trained Haitian volunteer teams to operate a large-scale water purification unit, which now is providing clean water to more than 26,000 people at the university.

An additional four water purification units have been installed at Adventist Hospital and are supplying clean drinking water to 2,000 people per day, including patients, patients' families, and hospital staff.

"Safe, clean water is central to all we do. It is one way to make sure people do not get sick," said Sharad Aggarwal, UMCOR executive.

A shipment of 4.75 million Aquatab water purification tablets, 95,040 PUR sachets and 66,000 oral rehydration sachets arrived from Dominican Republic to provide immediate relief to those living in shelters or isolated villages, where many have been displaced and are sleeping on the ground.

## Haiti Assessment Begin

UMCOR executives Melissa Crutchfield and Sharad Aggarwal crossed the border from Dominican Republic into Haiti late last week to begin an official assessment of damages in Port-au-Prince, including unreached and underserved communities in outlying areas.

UMCOR is working with the Methodist Church in Haiti to provide immediate relief and conduct ongoing relief and recovery operations that include food distribution, access to clean drinking water, medical assistance, and the rebuilding of homes and schools.

"We lost quite a few churches and schools that are important to the Methodist Church," Rev. Gesner Paul, president of the Methodist Church of Haiti, told United Methodist News Service.

The Methodist Church also is continuing its search for missing church members who still may be trapped under the rubble. The quake killed as many as 200,000 people and left some 1.5 million homeless, according to news reports.



A girl carries water from the well at the Methodist Church compound in Mellier, Haiti. A UMNS photo by Mike DuBose.

## WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

1. **Donate** to the UMCOR Advance #418325.
2. **Create Health Kits** – Instructions are located in both vestibules and online at [www.eocumc.com](http://www.eocumc.com)
3. **Pray** for the Haitian people, relief workers and for families with missing love ones.
4. **Volunteer** with future Haiti UMC mission trips, at the UMCOR Sager Brown Supply Depot or coordinate a group to create health kits.

### Health Kit Contents

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No Kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (toothpaste purchased by Sager Brown Depot)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

February 2 James Kafury  
John Moore  
Davey Mosley  
Jennifer Pennington

February 3 Kay Mikes  
Sue Thomas-Sikora  
Michael Warne

February 4 Lee Adams  
Leslie Leppla

February 5 David Sneddon  
Levi Baker

February 6 Constance Power

February 7 Jim Perkins  
Max Spencer  
Jim Williamson

February 9 Keegan Huston  
Eric Neilson  
Martha Rice

February 10 Erin Hardyman  
Jeremiah Moore

February 12 Blakeleigh Wolverton

February 13 Carmaleta McGaha  
Anjie Poole  
Sandy Snyder

February 14 Danny Crawford  
Carolyn Keith

February 16 Ben Crawford  
Gabriel Parrish  
Teena Vigus  
Jerica Baker

February 17 Allen Fraley

February 18 Allen Angel  
Britinai Smith

February 19 Chris Wilson  
Cody Barker

February 20 Alexandria Fraley  
Clint McGaha

February 21 Maurice Froment  
Sunny Otterstedt  
Terri Sestina  
Sophia Blattner

February 22 Joseph Mizikar

February 23 Harold House  
Lisa Neilson  
Michelle Pierce  
Kelsey Ausmus

February 27 Frieda Seidel  
Jessica Blair

February 28 Dwight Albaugh

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

Feb. 14 Tyler & Katie Warne

Feb. 18 Sturman & Shirley Moore

Feb. 20 Jake & Dollie Bartos

Feb. 23 James & Dixie Heddleson  
Jerry & Jennifer Blattner

Feb. 24 Tom & Dana Warne

Feb. 25 James & Tara Kafury

Feb. 27 James & Laura Ripley

Feb. 28 Gene & Linda Burris

## SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Feb. 7 Pastor Sturman Moore

Feb. 14 Mark Slay

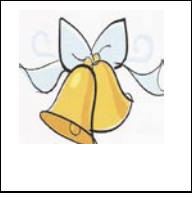
Feb. 21 Heath Hayes

Feb. 28 Pastor Sturman Moore

### Scripture for February:

*"Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:  
But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall  
give him shall never thirst...."*

~ John 4:13-14



## The Shepherd's Guide

Lisa Zaleski: **Mary Kay Representative** ~ 432-8669

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Lisa Zaleski and Carolyn Walton: **Touch of Romance** - Floral arrangements and decorating for weddings, receptions, parties and more. References available. 432-8669 (Lisa) or 679-2613 (Carolyn).  
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Jerry Wolfrom: **"The Wills Creek Chronicles"** by the Cambridge Writers Workshop. Some 55 fictional short stories by local authors. Retail \$9.95. CUMC members \$7. Some proceeds back to the church. 439-5370.  
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Terri Sestina: **Uppercase Living** ~ Personalize your home with decorative expressions  
270-498-3832, terrirebekah@yahoo.com, <http://terrisestina.uppercaseliving.net>  
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John Moore: **Handyman** ~ 630-7355 Honest and Reasonable  
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Trudy Gibson: **Glamour Manor** ~ 432-6155 Hairstyling by appointment  
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Harley Conrad: **Auto body repair and mechanical work** ~ 432-1855 or 630-6702  
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Mike Warne Jr: **Auto detailing**: washing, waxing & detailing ~ 432-4514  
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Joyce Bates: **Notary Public** ~ 432-9605  
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Cindy Scheffer: **Heaven Scent Confections** ~ baking by order only ~ 439-2062 leave message.  
Raisin, Red Raspberry & Apricot filled cookies, Brownies, Pie and many other items at Holidays.  
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Vickie Lyons: **Avon Representative** ~ Call Vickie @ 432-4661, 439-1554 or 260-9404 if you would like to see a brochure. Twenty-one percent of all profits will be donated to the building fund.  
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Amanda Cox: **Nothing But Chocolate** ~ Specialize in handmade chocolates including Buckeyes, Gourmet Apples and Gourmet Pretzel Rods. Products available at Riesbeck's or order by phone and online. 439-5754  
[www.nothingbutchocolate.com](http://www.nothingbutchocolate.com)  
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Aaron Todd: **Vocal Lessons** ~ call Aaron @ 439-9700 if you are interested in taking vocal music lessons.  
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Penny Warne: **Penny-Mama's Daycare** ~ 432-4514 Twenty+ years of loving your kids while you are at work.  
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Dale Huston: **Self Defense ~Kachido Aikijitsu** ~ Classes every Tuesday & Thursday @ The Fieldhouse in Zanesville. Self Defense classes for Children ages 7-12 from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Adult classes ages 13 & up from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. For more information call: 740-704-7409 or visit the school's My Space page: [myspace.com/martialartsschoolofki](http://myspace.com/martialartsschoolofki)  
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Kim Conrad: **Tupperware Representative** ~ Call Kim @ 432-3408 or 680-2629 for your Tupperware needs.  
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If you would like you name added to our list, please contact the church office at 439-4579.

All articles for the Clarion are due no later than the last Monday of the month.

Bulletin insert information is due no later than 9am on Thursday.

Sunday service announcement and participant changes for the Sunday bulletin is due no later than noon on Thursday.



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