



## ENOUGH

Discovering Joy Through  
Simplicity and Generosity

### Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis

*Command them not . . . to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God. (1 Timothy 6:17)*

This is a remarkable and frightening time for our economy. The current economic crisis is also a **crisis of faith**. When we can't trust our financial institutions, the stock market, our banks, or our government we find ourselves afraid, and that fear often leads to either cynicism or panic. **This may be the most potent enemy we're facing today.**

When the nation was in the midst of the depression in 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke these famous words in his first inaugural address:



“Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory.”

(For full inaugural address: <http://www.bartleby.com/124/pres49.html>.)

Even though we as a country are in the midst of an economic recession, it's not a question of “if” but “when” the stock market will recover. When we look at past market trends and identify

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those years when there was a significant drop, there always was a significant rise within a few years. While we wait for that rise, the economic reality is that some people may lose their jobs and others may lose their homes. Some may need to sell their cars because they can no longer afford the payments. Some may need help and support. Others will not feel the effects of the financial crisis at all. ***But we must not allow ourselves to be controlled by fear, because the scriptures and our faith in God reassure us that we are going to be all right.***

At the center of the economic crisis is the extension and abuse of credit. *Credit* comes from the Latin word *credo*, which means, “I believe” or “I trust.” To extend

credit to someone is to believe or trust that he or she will repay. **As Christians, our credo or trust is in God.** The Apostle’s Creed begins, “I believe (*credo*) in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.” Throughout the Bible we find words of hope and promise that remind us we have no reason to fear, for God is our refuge and strength:

- Isaiah 41:10
- Psalm 46:1-2
- Matthew 6:25, 33
- Matthew 14:27
- Philippians 4:6-7
- 1 Timothy 6:17
- Romans 8:37-39

The current economic crisis is a spiritual issue stemming from at least five of the seven deadly sins: gluttony, greed, sloth, envy, and pride.

**People are anxious all around us and because of this we as Christians are to be beacons of hope and light.**

The church, the body of Christ, is to be a beacon of light inviting people to find ***deliverance, redemption, salvation, hope, and a new way of life.***

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As we continue throughout the month of November with our Sunday morning discussions on being good stewards of our money and discovering joy through living simply and generously, let us not forget that Jesus Christ came to set us free from all that holds us back from being the people God Almighty originally intended us to be.

At the conclusion of our discussions, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church for the coming year. Consecration Sunday (when we turn in our commitment cards) will be **November 20<sup>th</sup>**.

There are two reasons why it is so important for each of us to return our estimated giving (commitment) cards for the New Year. The first reason is that the process of prayerfully asking God to guide our decisions and then making a commitment to serve the Lord with our financial gifts **is an act of worship, an expression of gratitude and praise to God.** Secondly, and on a more practical note, our commitment allows our church to budget properly and better plan for our ministries,

key objectives, and mission outreach programs for the 2012 year. I look forward to working alongside you and being a part of the amazing things God has in store for our church in [the year ahead as we seek to be his hands and feet and heart through our various ministries and missions *to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Blessings,  
Pastor Jared



*\* Throughout this year's stewardship campaign we have been adopting Rev. Adam Hamilton's Stewardship program guide entitled, "Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity." For more information about Rev. Hamilton and to see some of his other resources please visit Church of the Resurrection's website: [www.cor.org](http://www.cor.org)*

## GET INVOLVED IN HUNGER MINISTRY

On October 9<sup>th</sup> Aurora UMC sponsored an event called CROP Hunger Walk. CROP Hunger Walk is a proactive effort to help raise awareness for the devastation of world hunger, and to raise money to help stamp out that hunger. Our efforts were successful this year as we raised over \$1500. This money will go to both global and local missions. In regards to **global missions**, 75% of the money raised will supply food and animals to people in third world countries. In regards to our **local missions**, 25% will be used to supply gas and food vouchers for our neighbors in Aurora who are in need. Great job to all and special thanks to Catherine Sicker for all her work in facilitating this event! Plan now to participate in next year's CROP Hunger Walk on October 7, 2012.

We are also supporters of the **Aurora Food Pantry** which supplies food, toiletry,

and cosmetic products to those in need in our local community. Each month there is a certain item that is needed in order to keep the shelves stocked at the food pantry. **Here is a list of this month's needs: black beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, mixed vegetables, hot or cold cereal, and macaroni and cheese.** If you are interested in donating this month, please drop off your donation on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to be involved in lending a helping hand at the Aurora Food Pantry to help fill orders and sort food, please let Pastor Jared know. He already assists in this ministry and would love to have others join him.



Prayer Focus for November:  
Small Group Ministry

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Our next eight-week small group Bible study will commence the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any interest in being a part of small group ministry during this eight-week session you are more than welcome. We will be going through a study outlining the biblical story using a book entitled, *The Story*. This study will help us understand the biblical stories of the Old Testament and how God chose to reveal his power and presence in the world through the people of Israel.

Our small groups will meet on Sunday from 2–3pm at the parsonage (230 North Bissell Rd) and on Wednesday from 7–8 pm at the church. You can be a part of either day of study and fellowship. Here is the schedule for the eight-week small group sessions:  
Sundays: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18 and Wednesdays: Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21 \**There will be a 2 week break for the holidays*  
Sundays: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29  
Wednesdays: Jan 11, 18, 25, February 1

For those who need to order the book for the small group study, you can either let the church office know and we

will order it for you (cost \$15) or you can order it online.

Title: *The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and his People*. ISBN #: 978-0310950974

## PRAYER MINISTRY

**Every Wednesday at 10 am**

our Prayer Team meets in the sanctuary in order to saturate our church, family and friends, country, and world with prayer. **We at Aurora UMC believe in the power of prayer.** We understand the importance of seeking God's discernment as we look to proclaim Jesus and share his message of saving grace to a world in desperate need of it. We also know the profound value of intercessory prayer as we go before the throne of God on behalf of those who are in need of His healing touch and comforting embrace.

If you feel drawn to be part of this ministry team, we look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays at 10am. If you have prayer requests that you would like to be publicized in the bulletin, please email them to Pastor Jared or the church office. [jpriset@yahoo.com](mailto:jpriset@yahoo.com) OR [auroraumc@windstream.net](mailto:auroraumc@windstream.net)

## “THE BEST”

I want the best for my kids. When my son came home from the hospital, I was careful to dress him in a new outfit, not a hand-me-down, because I wanted him to be able to wear something of his very own for that special day. On a recent weekend, when we visited the Pittsburgh Children’s Museum, I felt like a weight was taken from my shoulders – it had been bothering me that we hadn’t gotten there yet, and I was worried that my daughter would be too old for the toddler room before we got there. When we got back in the car, I looked at my husband, smiled, and said, “Well, I can cross that off the bucket list!” He rolled his eyes and made some comment on what high aspirations I have in life.

In all seriousness though, I have this sneaking feeling that my kids are the special ones,

the ones that deserve to have the really great opportunities. Sure, other kids are important and special too, but *my* kids have something truly special about them that necessitates the *best*.

Deep down, though, I know that I’m just biased. And I also know that even if this were true, giving my children “the best” has nothing to do with clothes or trips to the museum.

Giving my children the best means taking the time to leave the dishes in the sink, plop down on the living room floor, and read stories that I’ve read one hundred times, because Maggie is enthralled with them. Giving my children the

best means blowing raspberries on Elias’s tummy, time and time again, because it makes him giggle. Giving my children the best means keep-



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ing my cool when Maggie refuses to nap *again* and I feel like I am about to lose my mind. Giving my children the best means modeling what I teach, because if I don't, I am teaching something else.

So maybe my kids will be wearing hand-me-downs. Most of their toys will be gifts, since I can't afford to go out and buy new toys on a regular basis. When they are older, they probably won't be attending private school and they might not be taking a trip to Disney World anytime soon. However, they will know that their mother loves them and has time for them. They will grow up with music, laughter, and homemade fun because these things are free. They will have parents who love them enough to discipline them firmly, but without anger. And they will be surrounded with love, faith, and joy.

My kids might not be extra special to anyone but me, but I still plan on giving them the best. And if we throw in a few trips to the Children's Museum, that's just icing on the cake. ☺

--Meredith Priset

**H**ANGING OF THE  
GREENS  
November 26<sup>th</sup> at  
9 am we will be  
decorating the church for the  
Christmas holiday. We would  
love to have any and all par-  
ticipate in this event as we  
gear up once again to celebrate  
the birthday of our Lord and  
Savior, Jesus Christ. Donuts,  
juice, and coffee will be pro-  
vided.



### **Thank you**

to all who supported my father, Rev. Dr. Duane Priset and me on our benefit bike ride to raise money for disaster relief for those affected by Hurricane Irene. Combined, we raised \$3,600. The money was forwarded to the Upper New York Conference of the UMC for disbursement to those in need.



# Prayer & Thanksgiving



## **Prayers and Concerns of the Congregation Church Family**

Bob Bartlett

Ada Davidson

Harold & Anne Hartman

Debbie & Lynn Krebs

Joe Landals

Kareen Montez

Alvira Neverman

Hope Sabean

Shirley Stoop

Kay Walker

## **Friends and Relatives**

Jeanne (Reulbach)

Rae Ellen Campbell (Reulbach)

Lindsey Davis (Leach)

Rachele Freshman (Krebs)

Bill Horney (Ineman)

Sandy Krawson

Walter Krebs

Larry Palcko (Shartle)

Nick Perry (Ivars)

Lois Ramsey

Ken Shartle, Jr.

Julia Shurman (Ross)

Rick Taylor (Osterman)

Suzanne (Sicker)

Victoria (Sicker)

## ICE CREAM IN A JAR FOR CHRISTMAS

December 11, 2011, 11:45 am  
❄️UMW Christmas Activity❄️  
Jones Hall

Bring a favorite Christmas dessert or appetizer to share.

We will be making “Ice Cream in a Jar” kits. These kits could be used as a gift or for yourself. The first kit is “on the house” courtesy of the UMW. You can make another for \$2.00. Any questions, contact Kitty Sicker.



## “FINDING, GIVING, AND LIVING PEACE: LETTING GO TO BE THANKFUL”

Please join us on **November 13th at 11:45 am** in Jones Hall for our World Thank Offering and Pledge program given by Jean Hogan. Don't forget to bring your Thank Offering Boxes and your pledge money for this year, if you have not already submitted it to Jean.

We will also discuss our plans for next year over a light lunch hosted by Arlene MacDougall. **We welcome all women and girls.**

*The organization of  
**United Methodist Women**  
shall be a community of  
women whose **PURPOSE** is to  
know God and to experience  
freedom as whole persons  
through Jesus Christ; to  
develop a creative, supportive  
fellowship; and to expand  
concepts of mission through  
participation in the global  
ministries of the church.*

## Weekly Activities

Sundays	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship/Junior Church
	12:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesdays	9:00 am	Bulletin Deadline
	10:00 am	Prayer Gathering
	6:30 pm	TOPS
	7:00 pm	Praise Team
	7:30 pm	Choir/Ensembles

## Events - November 2011

Wednesday, 11/2	6:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting
Sunday, 11/6	4:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Saturday, 11/12	9:00 am	UMM Fall Gathering, Grace UMC, Canton
Sunday, 11/13	8:00 am	UMM Breakfast
	11:4 am	UMW Luncheon
Monday, 11/14	6:00 pm	Girl Scout Leader's Meeting
Thursday, 11/24		Thanksgiving Day
Saturday, 11/26	9:00 am	Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, 11/27		First Sunday of Advent
	2:00 pm	Small Group Study at Parsonage
Wednesday, 11/30	7:00 pm	Small Group Study at Church



Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary December 18-25. You may take them home with you following the Christmas Day service. Orders are due by Sunday, December 4.

	Red	White	Pink
8" pot, \$8.00 each	_____	_____	_____

In memory/honor of:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Drivers** to pick up at  
Independence Village:

- 11/6 Ra Walker
- 11/13 Jared Priset
- 11/20 Mike Lambertson
- 11/27 Phil Vernon

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 11/1 A.J. Rose
- 11/4 Mike&Leslie Lambertson
- 11/7 Eula Lane
- 11/10 Ada Davidson
- 11/17 Kay Walker
- 11/18 Mike Rose
- 11/19 Braeden Piero
- 11/20 Hope Sabean
- 11/23 Oliver Nenadal
- 11/24 Ken & Tammy Meek

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**Aurora Food Pantry Needs**

black beans, kidney beans,  
pinto beans, mixed vegetables,  
hot or cold cereal,

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**RENOVATION PROJECTS**

will conclude on or about  
November 15<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for  
your patience during this time.

**Those Serving God  
and His Church**

**Liturgists**

- 11/6
- 11/13
- 11/20 Sharon Badertscher
- 11/27

**Coffee Hosts**

- 11/6
- 11/13 Harpe
- 11/20 Cook
- 11/27 Walker

**Nursery Ministry**

- 11/6 Marcia Bossart
- 11/13 Meredith Priset
- 11/20 Traci Piero
- 11/27 Lisa Brogan

**Junior Church**

- 11/6 Sharon Badertscher
- 11/13 Marti Kast
- 11/20 Leslie Lambertson
- 11/27 Marti Kast

**Altar Flowers**

- 11/6
- 11/13
- 11/20
- 11/27 Badertscher



# 2011 Fall Gathering

East Ohio Conference United Methodist Men

Revitalizing  
The Men of  
Our Church

Saturday Nov. 12, 2011  
9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

Grace UMC  
1720 Schneider St. North  
Canton, OH 44270

Breakfast & Registration  
8:00 A.M.



Keynote Speaker

Mike Hargrove  
Former MLB manager  
Cleveland Indians

Worship Leader

Rev. Gary George  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Bishop

Special Music

Jonathan White  
Southern Gospel  
Recording Artist

## Scheduled Workshops

1. P.E.T.: Personal Energy Transportation vehicle. The gift of mobility.  
Leader: Pryde Bass
2. Canton Calvary Mission: Hunger in our own backyard.  
Leader: Marie Senten-Deitz
3. Kairos Prison Ministry: "In God's Special Time."  
Leader : Rev. Tom McFaren
4. Human Trafficking: Ohio's Hidden Problem.  
Leader: Iris Andrews
5. Society of St. Andrews: Feeding the world's hungry.  
Leader: Rod Erskine
6. "So You Want to Start/ Enhance a Men's Group?"  
Leader: Ron Cramer



We will enjoy a time of worship, food, and fellowship. Registration is \$35 and can be paid at the event. For more information see Steve Ivars or visit the church office.



Randy Adams and  
Ra Walker will  
cook for the  
**UMM breakfast**  
on Sunday,  
November 13