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TRANSFORMING LIVES ONE AT A TIME | TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY | TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

from the pastor's desk:

Do you know how a worm gets inside an apple? Most people think that it burrows in from the outside, but that is not the case. The fact is, the worm actually comes from the inside. So how is it possible for a worm to be inside an apple without it coming from the outside?

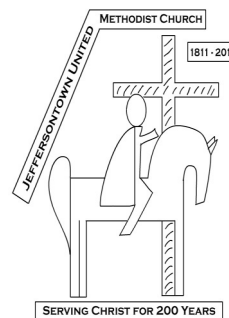
Here is how. When the apple blossom is on the tree, an insect comes along and lays an egg in it. As the apple starts growing, the egg hatches inside the heart of the apple. The worm comes out of the egg in the middle of the apple, and then it tunnels its way out. This is a picture of how thoughts get inside our hearts.

If we do not keep and guard our hearts diligently, we become too preoccupied with unprofitable, inexpedient, negative, impure thoughts, attitudes, and behavior, (i.e. an egg is laid). If we do not immediately reject it, the thought will stay there and grow inside our hearts. Once it is on the inside, it will eventually burrow its way out through our attitudes, words, and actions. Jesus said, "For **out of the heart** come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders" (Matt. 15:19).

Two ways that I have found that can keep the egg from being planted or growing into a worm is to continually pray and read, meditate and memorize Scripture.

We can pattern our prayers after King David's prayers when he prayed: "search me, O God, and know my heart" (*Psalms 139:23 KJV*) and "create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (*Psalms 51:10 KJV*). Staying in constant communication with God is the key.

Secondly, we need to make sure we are reading, meditating and memorizing Scripture. "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (*Psalms 119:11*) is a primary reason for studying and memorizing Scripture. Memorizing these truths will come to our mind when we need them the most. Remember while Jesus was fasting and praying for forty days he was tempted by Satan, each of the three temptations was combated by the Scripture he memorized. We must **guard our hearts** with prayer and Scripture. "Guard your heart above all else, for out of it flow the springs of life" (Prov. 4:23).



Steven

Lifting one another up in prayer...

Irma Bruning, Al Albert, Ann Adkins, Margaret Dickerson, Mary Ann Wheeler, Bill Smith, Lois Nantz, Cletus Holden, Iris Mudd, Jane Moore, Jane Lowry, Margaret Adams, Trina Curry Brown, Roberta Simmers, Geneva Davis, Frank Mudd, Harold Coomer, Angie Schwendau, Candy & Scott Thomson, Rev. David Westerfield, Rebecca Heath, Dona Thacker, the family of Irene Johnson. Lynn Bonfils and the loss of her sister, Peggy Bonfils

Upcoming Sermon Series

Forgiveness (May 8-29)

Jesus was clear in his teaching: He offers us God's forgiveness and instructs us to forgive one another. Why is this so hard? What is it that makes us so unforgiving of ourselves and of each other? In this series, Rev. Steven Neel delves into one of the greatest issues we confront as human beings. We'll take an honest, realistic look at how to seek, extend and accept forgiveness.

May 8 Forgiving Families
May 15 Forgiving Others
May 22 Forgiveness and Marriage
May 29 As Far as the East is From the West

Honoring our Graduates

High School

Nathan Edwards will be graduating from Seneca High School. He will be attending Eastern Kentucky University in the fall studying Athletic Training. The proud parents are Eric Edwards and Jean Ann Pfisterer.



Dylan Leet, will be graduating from Christian Academy of Louisville. He will be attending the University of Louisville this fall. His major is undecided at this point. The proud parents are Kevin and Julie Leet.

Elizabeth J. Walker will be graduating from Seneca High School. She will be attending the University of Louisville in the fall and plans to become a doctor. The proud parents are Darrell and Elizabeth Walker.

Daniel Rhett Westfall will be graduating from Trinity High School. He will be attending University of Alabama School of Engineering in the fall where he will be studying Construction Engineering. The proud parents are David & Caroline Westfall and the very proud grandparents are Mr. Don Westfall (deceased), & Betty Westfall of Greensburg, IN and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Riggs of Huntsville, AL.

Merritt Caroline Gardner graduated in December, 2010 from Jefferson County High School. She is attending University of Louisville. Merritt is the daughter of Dana Bennett Gardner and Robert Gardner.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ansul Curry	5/1	June Bridgewater	5/14	Michelle Rabuzzi	5/20
Ed Walton	5/3	Julia Smith	5/14	Karen Unruh	5/22
Allison Meade	5/7	Micah Gardner	5/14	Latney Ramsey	5/22
Katie McDonald	5/9	Barbara Roberts	5/15	Rosanne Broome	5/25
Horace Thompson	5/8	Cheryl Etherton	5/16	Irma Bruning	5/28
Dolly Helm	5/10	Lori Burczyk	5/18	Evelyn Thomas	5/29
Joe Russell	5/14	Betty Clayton	5/19	Mary Pitzel	5/29
Dallas & Carol Bennett	5/3	Joe & Rebecca Russell	5/20		
Douglas & Regina Foster	5/11	Gary & Patty Farris	5/24		
Joshua & Liz Kiper	5/16				

Please forgive us if your birthday or anniversary has been omitted from this list.

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at churchoffice@jtownumc.org and we will update our list.*

May Serve Schedule

Date	Lay Reader		Nursery Helper
	8:30	10:50	
5-1	Gary Yeagle	Jim Unruh	Diane Yeager
5-8	Dallas Bennett	Judy Walton	Caroline Westfall
5-15	Chuck Micklewright	Jean Ramsey	Marilyn Queen
5-22	Roger Brumback	Dylan Leet	Judy Walton
5-29	Nancy Brumback	Mary Lou Falvey	Sherry Mattingly

Date	Greeters		Ushers - Neil Bennett Head Usher	
	8:30	10:50	8:30	10:50
5-1	Horace Thompson, Gary White	Geneva Hamlin Judy Walton	Roger & Nancy Brumback	Morgan Nutt, Marilyn Queen, Eric Edwards, Nathan Edwards
5-8	Roger & Nancy Brumback	Inez Howard Cole English	George & Margaret Johnson	Lee Hart, Susie Smith, Jim & Joyce Gatewood
5-15	Gary & Linda Yeagle	Neil & Debbie Bennett	Gary & Linda Yeagle	Iris Mudd, Les Speer, Jim Faulhaber, Judy Walton
5-22	Dallas Bennett Chuck Micklewright	Perry & Sandra Heaton	Dallas Bennett Chuck Micklewright	Kevin & Julie Leet, Dylan Leet, Garrett Leet
5-29	Horace Thompson Gary White	Charles Breeden Eric Edwards	Horace Thompson Gary White	Booker Watkins, Debbie Bennett, Orval & Sally Thrush



There are many women around the world in need of some basic baby items. Global Ministries of the UMC provides the below list, which makes up one Layette Kit. With your help, Willard Circle wants to put some kits together. We welcome any contributions of money or any of the items below.

PLEASE NOTE: All items must be new and as described below. Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.

Please donate by May 8, Mother's Day. Make checks payable to Willard Circle, for "Layette." Leave any of below items in the church office. If you'd like to help assemble kits, join us at our next meeting on May 23, 7pm, at church. Call the church office with questions – 267-1437. All kits will go to United Methodist Committee on Relief.

6 cloth diapers

prefolded or plain diapers only
no disposable diapers

2 shirts

undershirts or onsies

2 wash cloths

infant size only
no adult wash cloths

2 gowns or sleepers

2 diaper pins

must have protective plastic closures
no regular safety pins

1 sweater or jacket

must open from the front
may be hand knitted, crocheted or sewn
hooded sweatshirts are acceptable

2 receiving blankets

30" x 30" or 30" x 32" sizes only
no crib blankets please

<http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/layette-kit/index.cfm>

College: Undergraduates

Josh Burzyck is receiving his Bachelor's from Berea College where he majored in Asian Studies. He plans to continue his education. The proud parents are Paul and Lori Burzyck.

Andrea Heaton will be graduating from Kentucky Wesleyan College. Andrea will receive a B.S. degree in Middle Grades Education with an emphasis in science and special education. Andrea will graduate Magna Cum Laude. Andrea actually finished school a semester early and has been working as a substitute teacher for JCPS and also as a sales associate at the Hallmark Store at the Summit. Andrea hopes to get a full time teaching job for the 2011-2012 school year. The proud parents are Perry and Andrea Heaton.

Kiera Ashley Westfall graduated in December, 2010 from the University of Louisville. Her degree was awarded from the School of Education and was in Exercise Physiology. She is currently working for Americorp and is based in Perry Point, MD. The proud parents are David & Caroline Westfall and the very proud grandparents are Mr. Don Westfall (deceased), & Betty Westfall of Greensburg, IN and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Riggs of Huntsville, AL.

Jessica Zeckner, will be graduating from Campbellsville University with an undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education. She is looking for a position teaching preschool or kindergarten to start this fall. The proud parents are Russ and Claudia Zeckner.

College: Graduate

Matthew Zeckner, graduates from the University of Kentucky with a Doctorate in Mathematics. He has accepted a position at Adrian College in Adrian Michigan as a Professor in Mathematics. The proud parents are Russ and Claudia Zeckner

Urban Adventure Scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays June 15-July 21:

Those who have finished first grade thru grade six are invited to participate every Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. There will be crafts, music, vacation bible school material, and field trips. The experience offers a summer of fun, and learning experiences. We will be using a different format this year. ***Interested in volunteering? Call the church office. This experience is open to all children - not just the children of our church - but all children.*** Share this with your friends and neighbors.

Volunteers for Red Bird Mission Trip—The week of October 9.

Those planning to go this year are requested to call the church office. If you have not been but are interested to learn more about the week, see one of those who have been. They can share their excitement and joy of their experience. We need to

compile a list of those going to share with the people at Red Bird. There is no expense for those who share in this marvelous opportunity. Our congregation makes this possible by its support of our mission dinners.

Go with us to Kentucky Mountain Mission! Check in motel at Jackson Kentucky sometime Sunday, May 15, Work in warehouse of Kentucky Mountain Mission Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Leave for home after lunch on Wednesday. Housing provided. **Your expense:** meals. Call church office if interested. Deadline for sign up is May 9. Call church office. Additional information available from Bill.

Cell Phones for Soldiers Have a cell phone you are not using? We are collecting cell phones to be reconditioned and given to soldiers so they can call home. This is an opportunity to help persons in the military call home. Bring them to the church and place them in the basket under the table between the restrooms in the Gathering area.



The Wesley House Community Services Walk for Others will be June 4th. Roger & Nancy Brumback will be collecting donations for the walk. Make your checks payable to Wesley House Community Services or WHCS. Your check will not be deposited until after the walk. If the donation is in the form of a check, you will have proof for your taxes.

Blood Drive: Did you know that the Red Cross must collect 500 units of blood each day in Louisville to be able to supply the hospitals? That every 2 seconds someone needs a blood product? Consider if you are willing to donate blood and then commit by signing up—the sheet is on the bulletin board between the two restrooms in the Gathering Area. We are still trying to get to the 25-30 commitments we need to schedule a blood drive in May to be held at JUMC

Sunday Morning Cafe' If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, please come and join other adults for some coffee and fellowship in a relaxed, unstructured environment. Beginning May 8 at 9:30 am, stop by the conference room off the Fellowship Hall to see what might be brewing. Some of the parents of the youth currently attending the Confirmation class have been getting together informally for the past few weeks, and we've decided it is time to create a space where adults may congregate each Sunday before the 10:50 service. You don't have to be a couple or have young children to attend... Just a desire spend time with other Christians. Hope to see you there!



Book Club | Thursday, May 12 | “The Glass Castle” Jeannette Walls

Join us at 7:30 pm to discuss this amazing autobiography. Books are in the black library bag on top of the white shelves in the church office work room and available for you to borrow. Just sign the sheet when you take one. Thank you!



“Swing for Seniors” Golf Scramble **Friday, July 1st—11 am** **at Quail Chase Golf Club**

Play a round and help needy seniors OR become a sponsor and donate prizes and/or auction items. All proceeds benefit Wesley Manor’s charitable senior care program. Auction items as well as gift certificates and gift card donations to be used for auction items or hole prizes are needed. Corporate/business sponsorships also are needed. More information and registration forms are available in the hall between the bathrooms in the Gathering Area.

Golfer Fee: \$100—Registration as a foursome preferred... prizes on every hole!

Please also consider becoming a sponsor:

☞ Title	\$2,500
☞ Corporate	\$1,000
☞ Hole or Green	\$ 250

Down to Business!

Master Key: If you have a master key to the church would you please call or email the church office and let us know. We are not asking for them back but we need a current list for insurance purposes. Thank you so much!

Committee members: If you have an email address **any** meeting reminders or cancelations will come in the form of an email. Thank you.

The Kitchen cleaning committee will meet at 9:30 am on Saturday May 14th. We need extra help to clean oven and freezer! Volunteers welcome.

Like Jeffersontown United Methodist Church! On facebook that is!! Are you on Facebook? Would you like to get updates from Jeffersontown United Methodist Church and be able to be a part of the online Facebook community with the congregation? We now have a Facebook page where you can see the latest on events and more. To like us, search on Facebook for Jeffersontown United Methodist Church and choose the Church/Religious Organization. When it brings up our page, next to the title, click the Like button. Feel free to write on our wall, reply to wall posts, and generally interact with us on Facebook. See you online!

A special thank you to all who helped with the Bunny Breakfast. If it were not for you the day would not have been the success it was. Even with the rain everyone had a great time!