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Beulah Presbyterian
Cedar Creek Baptist
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Fern Creek United Methodist
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Highview Baptist
Lighthouse Christian Center
Louisville Chinese Christian
New Vision Ministry Center
St. Alban's Episcopal
St. Bernard Catholic
St. Gabriel Catholic
St. Stephen C.E.C.
St. Stephen Lutheran
Seaton Park Baptist
Solid Rock Church of God
Summit Heights United
Methodist
Trinity World Outreach
Center
and the
Fern Creek/Highview
Ministerial Association

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FCHUM.ORG**

RON'S RAMBLINGS

Greetings,

The holiday season has come upon us once again. Once again all of us are presented with opportunities for giving to support numerous very worthwhile programs and projects. Sometimes it can be overwhelming trying to decide where to distribute our gifts. Some might say it is a shameful sign of our times that so many charities must "compete" for funds, that there are so many needs. From another perspective isn't it a blessing that so much good work is being done by various organizations in our community. Personally I feel blessed to live in such a caring community.

It is precisely that blessing that gives me hope. Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries is faced with a tremendous challenge and opportunity. We are in the process of building a 4,000 square foot facility to house our Individual & Family Assistance Center, early estimates place costs at approximately \$350,000. Conventional wisdom says we should start a campaign, raise the money and build in a couple of years. We don't have that luxury. Due to circumstances beyond our control our challenge is to build while raising the money. We have some money already in reserve to help start the project, we will be writing grant requests to foundations and government, but we also need for our churches and the community to step up to the challenge. Since 1988 FCHUM has been serving those in our community who find themselves in need. The numbers have increased exponentially, we are seeing record numbers of new people, and this winter will just be worse. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1,000, or \$10,000 we need everyone to fervently pray about how you can help! And then sit down and write that check!

God's Peace & Blessings,

Rev. Ron Loughry, Executive Director

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

**Saturday, December 3rd, 7:00 P.M. AT
FERN CREEK CHRISTIAN, 9419 Seatonville Road**

**A LOVE OFFERING WILL BENEFIT
FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES**

**FEATURING GOSPEL GROUP "GLORYBOUND" AND
CHILDREN & ADULT MUSIC GROUPS FROM AREA
CHURCHES**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 239-7407

Fern Creek/ Highview United Ministries Programs

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER -

Renee Bryant, MSW, Director

"Come you who are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you...for I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat...to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers or sisters of mine, even the least of them, you did it for me." - Matt. 25

As you read this our Holiday Cheer program is in full swing. Thank you to all who are providing Thanksgiving food baskets and to all those who are adopting families at Christmas.

If you have not registered to provide assistance to a specific family there is still time and means to lend a hand. Each year we have families that were not adopted who come and visit our "Santa Shoppe". We can still use donations of toys and personal items. Just call our office for suggestions and guidelines.

And there is never a season that food is not needed. We have been assisting record numbers of people, many of whom have never sought assistance before. With what the winter holds for heating, food, and fuel costs we know many more families will be pushed over the edge into financial crisis in the months ahead.

Please call Renee or Alice at 762-0630 or e-mail at ifacdir@fchum.org for more information.

ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER -

Rev. Ron Loughry, Director

"Shout joyfully to God...sing the glory of God's name...say to God, "How awesome are your works!" - Ps. 66:1-3

God's works are awesome indeed! Our ADC just celebrated its 15th anniversary of serving the frail elderly & their families. Through the years, staff and volunteers have been empowered to provide hundreds of thousands of hours of service, St. Bernard's parish seeing the ADC as an outreach of their ministry has been inspired and committed to providing the facility free of charge, and hundreds of seniors have been given the gift of avoiding premature nursing home placement and remaining at home with family. This is the work of God;

Praise be to God!

Recently a family shared that their Mother seemed like a different person. Alzheimer's disease had been robbing her not only of memory and judgment capabilities, but had also isolated and depressed her. After just a few weeks of attending the ADC, she is now happy and animated and looks forward to coming out to visit her friends. And as a bonus is actually functioning better at home!

To visit or volunteer just call Ron or Nurse Alice at 239-7431 or e-mail at execdir@fchum.org

HEALTH EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM (HELP)

Health equipment (wheel chairs, walkers, shower stools, elevated and portable toilets, canes, etc.) is available for loan. For more information call 239-7431. Equipment is stored in space donated by the Fern Creek Space Center.

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries serves as a facilitating agency in partnership with the Jefferson County Family Courts System implementing a court ordered program for all couples with children under 18, undergoing divorce, designed to enhance parents sensitivity to the special needs of their children during this transition. Sessions take place at Summit Heights United Methodist Church. For more information call Renee Bryant, 762-0630.

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries is a not-for-profit 501 C 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. IFAC is funded in part by Louisville/Jefferson County Metro government. The ADC is funded in part under a contract with KIPDA and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Cabinet of Health & Family Services with funds from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and with funds from Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government.

WISH LISTS

IFAC: FLOUR, SUGAR, CEREAL,
DISH WASHING LIQUID, TOOTH
PASTE, & SHAMPOO

Call Renee or Alice at 762-0630.

ADC: NAPKINS, PAPER TOWELS,
FRUITCOCKTAIL in pear
Juice, 100% FRUIT JUICES

Call Ron at 239-7431

G.E. FOUNDATION MATCHING FUND

If you qualify for this program please
remember to register by calling 1-800-
305-0669 or go to
www.gefoundation.com and click on
"Matching Gift Program" and follow the
prompts.

CHARITABLE GIVING

How much stuff do we really need? Instead of exchanging gifts each year more and more people are discovering the joy of making charitable donations in honor or memory of friends and family. Parents are instilling core values when they share with their children the importance of helping others. Some families place a white envelope on their Christmas tree that holds a check for a treasured charity.

As you wrap up your taxes and business ventures for 2005 perhaps you will do some estate planning or update your will. As you attend to these affairs please consider giving to FCHUM. What an important legacy we can leave when we let friends and family know that our charities were so important that we left them a portion of our estate.

2005-2006 LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT FUNDING SUPPORT

Fern Creek Highview United Ministries (FCHUM) continues to be blessed through funding support from our local government. Mayor Jerry Abramson, our Councilpeople (Thank you Robin Engel, James Peden, and Stuart Benson) and the Department of Human Services recognize the value of our work, the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of our operations, and the key role all fifteen area community ministries play in caring for people in our community. There have even been occasions that extra funds were directed to community ministries in recognition of our success in filling the gap of human services provision. Please be sure to acknowledge this help to our officials whenever possible and to encourage continued support.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP: Respond to Wish Lists...Use our Thornton Fund Cards...Use our Kroger Gift Cards or purchase Valu Market Certificates from our office...Designate donations to Goodwill to benefit our IFAC office...Designate FCHUM in Wills, Bequests, and Memorials...G.E. Employees participate in our Matching Funds program...Recycle computer ink cartridges...Support and Attend special events like our Annual GALA, picnics, festivals, and benefit concerts. And most importantly keep Fern Creek Highview United Ministries in your prayers!!!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OUR OFFICE 239-7407
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT FCHUM.ORG**

COOKBOOKS: We still have some COOKBOOKS available. Just \$10 !!! Almost 500 recipes in an attractive hardback, 3 ring vinyl binder. The best recipes from all the best church cooks! Great gift ideas for birthdays, weddings, graduations, housewarmings, and collectors!

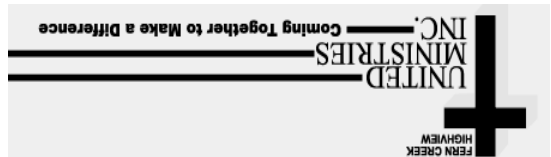
LIGHT UP FERN CREEK 2005

Saturday, December 3rd, 4-6 pm at the Fern Creek Fire Dept. #1 on Bardstown Road in the heart of Fern Creek.

Festivities include: tree decorating contest sponsored by WAL-MART and local community organizations, business light up challenge, organization showcase, "Taste of Fern Creek", Santa & Mrs. Claus, Santa's Basket (food collection), and the Love Light Tree and community lighting ceremony. Sponsoring organizations include: F.C. Women's Club, F.C. Lion's Club, F.C. Rotary, F.C. Community Assoc. & Chamber, FCHS Alumni Assoc., F.C. Fire Dept. and Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries.

See front page for information on Christmas Benefit Concert following Light Up festivities!

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FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES HOLIDAY LOVELIGHT DEDICATIONS

In conjunction with *LIGHT UP FERN CREEK*, the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries is now preparing to launch its campaign for the “**LOVE LIGHT TREE.**”

For a \$5.00 donation, **LOVE LIGHTS** are a unique way to honor a friend, teacher, pastor, or family member. Lights can also be dedicated in memory of some special person. A card will be sent to the individual or the family of the individual to inform them that a **LOVE LIGHT** has been dedicated in their name.

FC/HUM encourages everyone to begin making lists for “**LOVE LIGHTS.**” Donations can be sent by mail, or at FC/HUM’s Adult Day Center & Central Office (on St. Bernard’s property), or the Individual & Family Assistance Center (in Fern Creek Community Center). If ordering by mail, send a check made payable to FC/HUM, Love Lights, 7502 Tangelo Drive, Louisville, KY 40228. Enclosed with the check should be the name of the person for whom the light is dedicated, as well as the name and address to whom the honor or memory (please indicate which) card should be sent. Donations for **LOVE LIGHTS** will be accepted through November and December. However, for names of those honored or memorialized to be printed in the *LIGHT UP FERN CREEK* program that will be available at the ceremonies on Saturday, December 3rd, 4:00-6:00 pm, they must be received by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, November 30th. These programs will be given to those attending the ceremonies. The **LOVE LIGHT TREE** will be located in front of the Fern Creek Community Center on Bardstown Road. The names of those honored and memorialized will also be printed in The Fern Creek News Leader.

Proceeds from the **LOVE LIGHT TREE** will be used by Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries as it serves the frail elderly, those in need of medical equipment, youth, and those in our community who find themselves in an emergency or crisis situation needing assistance. FC/HUM with the support of its member churches, civic and community groups, government grants, and private donations provides these services through its Adult Day Center, H.E.L.P. and the Individual & Family Assistance Center. For more information on the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries or the **LOVE LIGHT TREE** please call 239-7407. FC/HUM thanks everyone for their generosity in lighting up the 2004 **LOVE LIGHT TREE.**

\$5.00 per person

LOVE LIGHT FORM

\$5.00 per person

Mail this form to

FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES

7502 Tangelo Drive, Louisville, KY 40228

Please dedicate _____ LOVE LIGHTS in the name of: _____

() In Honor

() In Memory (if more than one person please list on separate sheet of paper)

Send card to:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

On the card, designate it is from: _____

My name and address is: _____

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In conjunction with the 2005 7th annual
LIGHT UP FERN CREEK

LOVE LIGHT TREE



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LOVE LIGHTS can also be dedicated in memory of some special person.

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