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Beulah Presbyterian
Cedar Creek Baptist
Fairmount Baptist
Fern Creek Baptist
Fern Creek Christian
Fern Creek United Methodist
Good Shepherd
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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Ron's Ramblings: execdir@fchum.org

October's coolness provides welcome relief from the blistering heat of this past summer. How refreshing it is to open the windows and take the time to breathe deeply, enjoying the majesty of God's autumnal artwork! Did I say take the time? What time? Our Building to Serve Campaign and construction is racing to finish before winter weather. The sooner we can move in, the greater our efficiency of providing ministry to our community. Time? Our community calendar is full with fall festivals and fun activities that also serve the purpose of uniting our community in service to those in need. Even as we plan our fall hunger awareness activities and Holiday Cheer programs we are already looking ahead to our "Pennies From Heaven" GALA dinner & auction on Saturday, May 10th – mark your calendar! But the writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us that "to every thing there is a season." Our seasons of serving seem constant because the need is constant and we must be constantly vigilant in our planning and use of resources that God entrusts to us. It is easy to experience a compassion drought when we are asked day after day, week after week to provide for ever increasing need. We must remember to drink deeply of God's grace. Each act of kindness and mercy, each act of providing food, each act of caring for the personal needs of our frail elderly is an act of worship. Building a new facility, fund-raising, planning events are the like the little boy's fish and loaves that we offer for God's blessings. When we shift our perspective of time and action and open ourselves to discovering the presence of God in all we do, filling food orders, walking in the woods, bulldozing earth, enjoying a concert, organizing a fund-raising event, sharing a hug then our lives will always be like a well watered garden – abundant and over-flowing!

*God's Peace & Blessings,
Rev. Ron Loughry*

Annual FCHUM -James O. Leach – HUNGER AWARENESS DINNER

Saturday, November 3rd, 7:00 pm at St. Alban's Episcopal
Fern Creek & Beulah Church Rds.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday evening, November 20th, 7:30 pm.
at Fern Creek United Methodist, 6727 Bardstown Rd

Featuring community choir and
Fr. Paul Collins of St. Alban's Episcopal preaching.
Offering to benefit Fern Creek Highview United Ministries.

Fern Creek/ Highview United Ministries Programs

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER -

*Renee Bryant, MSW,
Director*

**“A father for the fatherless, and a protector for the widows...God makes a home for the homeless...Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden...”(Ps 68)
We helped over 500 children with school supplies through our “Back to School” program this year. We also provided supplies to the Family Resource Centers in several of our schools.
THANK YOU EVERYBODY!**

Through the grace of God strangers become family!

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT IS LESS THAN 90 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS? AND THANKSGIVING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!
Please look at the **Holiday Cheer** information in this issue to find out how you can help us help others.
Please call Renee or Michele at 762-0630 or e-mail at ifacdir@fchum.org
A spiritual blessing awaits you!

HEALTH EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM (HELP)

For more information call 239-7431. Tanks to Fern Creek Space Center for donating storage unit.

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

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. Sessions take place at Summit Heights United Methodist Church. For more information call Renee Bryant, 762-0630.

**WELCOME
NEW IFAC STAFF:**

We are pleased to welcome **Michele Varner** to our IFAC team. Michele is completing her BSW and will be working toward her MSW at Spalding University. She and her family are members of St. Bernard.

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.

ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER –

Rev. Ron Loughry, Director

Autumn is often viewed as a time of ending, but for our Adult Day Center it is a time to celebrate our beginning. In October 1990 we opened our doors on St. Bernard’s campus to a handful of frail older adults. **On this October 18th, 2007 we will celebrate our 17th anniversary with an Open House from 3:00 – 4:30 pm.**

Plan on joining us this afternoon for our annual Blessing ceremony; proclamations; entertainment; fun & food! We will reminisce about our past (We have provided over 350,000 hours of service to well over 200 frail, older adults and their families.), but also dream about our future (Learn about our Building to Serve campaign).

If you can, give us a call to rsvp but if you forget just show up anyway.

Thank you to everyone who helps us make a difference in people’s lives, one day at a time, one life at a time.

The ADC has volunteer openings for caring people. To visit or volunteer just call Ron at 239-7431 or e-mail at execdir@fchum.org

Blessings await!

HIGHVIEW COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 13th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Highview Baptist parking lot.

Parade, booths, fun & food for the family!

LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT FUNDING SUPPORT

During this past fiscal year 2006-2007 FCHUM received Metro funds to supplement our IFAC program and our Adult Day Center services, and the second \$15,000 installment in a \$30,000 pledge from our three councilmen (*Thanks Robin Engel, James Peden, & Stuart Benson*) toward our Building to Serve project. Councilman Engel also secured an additional \$55,000 for our new facility! The lunches provided at our Adult Day Center are made possible through the **Metro Nutrition Program**. Please be sure to acknowledge this help to our officials whenever possible and to encourage continued support. Looking forward into this new fiscal year of 2007-2008 our Individual & Family Assistance Center will be receiving \$25,000 from the Metro government budget.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE.

Almost 500 recipes in an attractive hardback, 3 ring vinyl binder. Just \$10 each!
The best recipes from all the best church cooks!
Great gift ideas for birthdays, weddings, graduations, housewarmings, and collectors!
While they last receive a free U.S. Capital Cookies Recipe book with each purchase.

MONTHLY CHICKEN DINNERS

Start smackin' your lips for the monthly (1st Sundays, 12:30-5:00) chicken dinners at St. Ignatius on Rangeland Rd. The EAGLES AC have changed their name, now called Innominate Charities, Inc. but it is the same great chicken. Remember each year they give the Adult Day Center a very generous grant! See you there!

G. E. MATCHING FUNDS

Calling all G.E. employees, retirees, and families! If you qualify for this program your dollars can be doubled! Your donation of \$25 or more will be matched by G.E. You must call 1-800-305-0669 or go to www.gefoundation.com and click on "matching gift program" and follow prompts to register. Help us contact other G.E. people and enlarge our G.E. Circle of Friends. Think of all the folks in our area who have connections to G.E. Especially as we build our new FACILITY this could make a tremendous difference

Last fiscal year FCHUM received \$19,490 in matching funds from G.E. !

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP: Respond to Wish Lists...Use our **Thornton** Fund Cards, **Kroger** Gift Cards. 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. **Volunteer!** And most importantly-keep Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries in your prayers! **For more information call our office 239-7407 or visit our website www.fchum.org**



Throughout the year, Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries helps families whom are in crisis. For many of these individuals who are struggling to provide the basic necessities of life, the holidays can be particularly stressful.

In order to help families in our community, Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries will once again be conducting our

Holiday Cheer Program 2007.

We need families, groups, or organizations who are willing to adopt a family and/or sponsor food baskets! Please contact Renee at 762-0630, the Individual & Family Assistance Center office as soon as possible if you can assist with this ministry.

Holiday Meal Items

Stuffing Mix
1-10 lb. bag of potatoes
1-3 lb. bag of onions
2 cans of cranberry sauce
1 package of dinner rolls
3 to 5 cans of green vegetables
3 to 5 cans of mixed vegetables
1 to 2 cans of pie filling
1 bag of flour and 1 bag of sugar

\$15-\$20 gift certificate to buy
meat/perishable items

Suggested Christmas Buying Guidelines

A. 1 to 2 outfits per child
(Not to exceed two)
Example: 1 pair of jeans
(jeans, etc. or skirt)
1 shirt or sweater
socks and undergarments

Please note if a child has a
special need!

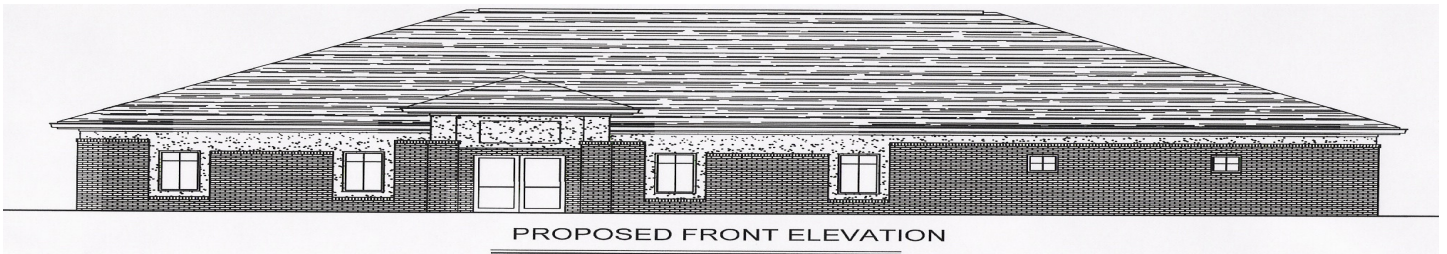
B. 1 to 2 age appropriate gifts per
child

C. (Optional) a gift for parent

Due to space restrictions at our office all items must be delivered to Fern Creek Baptist Church Gym at 5920 Bardstown Rd. on November 19th for Thanksgiving and December 12th for Christmas! Someone will be there between 9am -5pm to accept all deliveries.

It is extremely important that all items be delivered on the appropriate day!

BUILDING TO SERVE

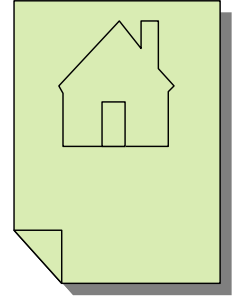


Cost

\$450,000.00 with future development as needed.

Funding

- Capital Campaign to raise **\$350,000.00**
- Over \$200,000 cash donations & seed money received!
- Additional pledges committed
- Over \$100,000.00 in-kind gifts and services already committed
- Church, Civic, Business, Government, and Community Partnerships
- Naming Opportunities available for Food Pantry, Conference Room, Service Areas
- Memory and In Honor Bricks in the near future



The Capital Campaign: What It Will Take

1 gift at...	\$350,000
4 gifts at...	\$100,000
7 gifts at...	\$ 50,000
14 gifts at...	\$ 25,000
35 gifts at...	\$ 10,000
70 gifts at...	\$ 5,000
140 gifts at...	\$ 2,500
350 gifts at...	\$ 1,000



And many more of varying amounts, all important to our cause...

Contributions may be sent to Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries, "Building to Serve" Capital Campaign, 7502 Tangelo Drive, Louisville, KY 40228. For more information call (502) 239-7407

It must be official! Our new building has the address posted over the front door – 9300 Beulah Church Road. Hve you driven past lately? It is under roof, the beautiful brick work is complete, and interior work is underway! Big thanks continue to Bob Beard our volunteer Genral Contractor and to Larry Clark Construction for donating every bit of bulldozing, excavation, and landclearing work imaginable! Thank you also to our Financial Task Force: Ed Dries, Cheston Hammonds, Ron Hadorn, Fr. John Stolz, Roger Roalof, & Robin Engel.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:
COMPUTER *IT TEAM* - GOD'S GEEK SQUAD!**

Thank you to those who have recently joined our team! The broad scope of our ministries now require us to rely on computers more than ever, actually they make our work load lighter when everything is working the way it should. But there are times when glitches and malfunctions occur. As we move into our new facilities our network will be larger, yet more efficient, but we need to prepare to meet increasing technical needs. We are establishing a **Volunteer IT Team** and are looking for people from our churches and community with both hardware and software expertise willing to be on call when a problem arises.

This Team might also meet to assess our current situation and anticipate future needs.

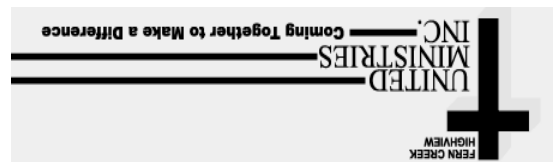
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Our newsletter can now be delivered directly to your e-mail address.
Approximately 5 times a year, you will receive this newsletter electronically and save a few trees. Just e-mail execdir@fchum or call 239-7407 to make the switch.

ATTENTION CHURCHES: Fern Creek Highview United Ministries needs assistance with bulk mailing. Do you have volunteers who could lend a hand? Please contact Connie, our Administrative Assistant at 239-7407 or adm@fchum.org. We also need volunteers willing to help with folding, collating and other office tasks. The Adult Day Center also has need of volunteers on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, call Ron at 239-7431 or execdir@fchum.org. Thank you.

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