



# FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES NEWS

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## MEMBER CHURCHES

Beulah Presbyterian  
Cedar Creek Baptist  
Chinese Christian  
Fern Creek Baptist  
Fern Creek Christian  
Fern Creek United Methodist  
Good Shepherd  
Highview Baptist  
Lighthouse Christian Center  
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

*Greetings,* I pray that your journey through the Easter and Pentecost seasons have been full of experiences of God's grace overflowing abundantly in your life; here at Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries we witness God's amazing grace on a daily basis. I want to thank all those who worked so hard to make our 2005 "Pennies from Heaven" Gala a success. And for the curious, yes my beard is growing back nicely. I also appreciate all the acknowledgements and congratulations regarding my receipt of the 2005 Dr. John Rhea Heart of Gold Award. Now, from a liturgical perspective we move into what is called "ordinary" time for the community of faith. Ordinary time, flowing through the summer and fall, is the time when the church focuses on growth and fellowship among other themes. For Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries it is the time when we end one fiscal year and begin another. It is a time when we reflect back upon what God has accomplished through our efforts and what God has in store for us ahead. Many articles in this newsletter will report on these various areas. *What strikes me most is that when God remains Lord of our lives, and our efforts, no time is ordinary - all things become extraordinary!* I invite you to read about what God is doing in our community, pray about how you can be part of this vital example of God's abundant grace, then give us a call or drop us a note to get started. For those of you, who are already involved, thank you for your faithful and continued support.

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

## **SUMMER BENEFIT CONCERT**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 P.M. AT  
CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST, 7709 BARDSTOWN 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

"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON" – so we read from the scriptures and so we experience here at IFAC. Now when children are just finishing the school year is when we need to start gearing up our efforts to help prepare students for starting back to school in August. Enclosed you will find a list of school supplies students need to start classes ready to learn. Every time you go to the store consider buying something extra for a child. Last August we outfitted 286 children with backpacks and all their back to school needs. We anticipate an even greater need this year.

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And speaking of seasons, I just recently attended a fish fry hosted by a very special family. At this fish fry (as on other special occasions like adult birthdays, etc.) friends and extended family of these folks bring new toys and cash that is used to buy toys for children. Several years ago this family experienced the anguishing tragedy of an infant's death. While grieving, this family chose to honor this infant and turn the tragedy into a meaningful way of helping other children. Each year this family brings carloads and truckloads of new toys to IFAC helping us provide a joyous Christmas for hundreds of children. Thank you for helping!-you know who!

### ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER –

Rev. Ron Loughry, Director

"SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY..." for some but not for all. While summer has almost arrived for some of our older adults it is still freezing. For the past ten years there have been very few and completely inefficient increase in funding for older adult services provided by our state legislators. Occasionally this has required temporary freezes on funding used to provide a sliding scale subsidy for low income seniors to attend adult day centers. Since February these funds have been frozen. What this means is that no new seniors, although eligible, are receiving assistance. Additionally when a senior leaves ADC through transfer to a nursing home or through death, that space at our ADC is still being frozen, resulting in frail older adults being placed on endless waiting lists - they need help now. Families are faced with critical care choices: leave a person home alone, a caregiver quit work, a caregiver jeopardize his or her own health from not receiving respite, or placing that loved one in a nursing home before they really need that level of care. Our ADC offers the lowest rates possible, but some families can not even afford that discount. Call and write your state legislator, tell them we need to honor our older adults who have served our country well, it is now our turn to serve them!

### 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.

## 2005 "PENNIES from HEAVEN" GALA a success!

Heartfelt thanks goes out to the many volunteers, staff, sponsors, and donors who helped make this year's event a success. We raised \$14, 848.05 to minister to those in need in our community. Thank you to **GALA Friends:** Joe & Lil Murphy, Right at Home, Doris Sea, Howard & Mary Jo Fought, Henrietta Collins, Fern Creek Baptist Joy S.S. Class, Assurance Home & Convalescent Care, and Geanine Escobar. **GALA Supporters:** Roxanna Trivett of Shively Area Ministries, Belmont Village Senior Living Community, and Jack & Mary Burch. **Copper Sponsors:** Dave Spence, Semonin Realtors, Franciscan Health Center, Stickler & Associates, Fern Creek Women's Club, Blank & Ingram-CPA's, Trinity World Outreach Center; Dyer Farm Equipment; and Fern Creek Baptist Youth. And a Special Thanks to Silver Sponsor Sacred Heart Village. In addition to all our volunteers we would especially like to express our gratitude to Caterer Mike Sinkhorn for donating his service, to pianist Rhonda Hibdon, and Gospel group Glory Bound, and to special visitor Mrs. Kentucky, Julie Dorsey.

**MAKE NOTE IN THE CHANGE OF MONTH AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR'S GALA ON SATURDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2006!**

### **COMMUNITY / CORPORATE FRIENDS**

**Curves Food Drive:** Each year, Curves International Inc. encourages their franchises to participate in the "Curves Food Drive" to benefit local food banks. This year the Fern Creek Curves donated over 5,492 pounds of food and over \$500 to IFAC to replenish our food pantry. What a great example of community spirit and generosity!

**G E Matching Funds:** Early in May we received a check for \$2,089 from G E matching that amount given by G E connected donors in the calendar year 2004. We are now working on the 2005 calendar year and have recorded only \$375 in donations thus far. If you are a G E employee, retiree, or spouse of a GE person please call our office, 239-7407 for more information. Double the impact of your financial gifts!

**Choir Festival:** Sponsored by the Fern Creek/Highview Ministerial Association, this year's love offering to FCHUM's IFAC totaled \$1,200.33. Thank you pastors and choirs!

**Eastern Star Purity Chapter:** Once again the Ladies of Purity Chapter #116, OES through their Mabel G. Stockoff Trust Fund have awarded the ADC a gift of \$1,000. We also received \$1,000 last fall.

**Fairview Homemaker's:** It was a beautiful quilt crafted by the ladies of this organization and when all the tickets were counted a \$1,266 check was written and delivered to our office this spring.

**Valor Traditional Academy:** The Beta Club of this small school affiliated with member church Lighthouse Christian Center collected coins as a service project and presented FCHUM with a check of \$429.50. Thanks to all the students, faculty and pastor J.P. Fugate!

**Masters International Coffee:** Owners Brent & Beverly Ford provide the coffee for our ADC, thus making them the "official coffee" of the FCHUM Adult Day Center. Visit them at 4806 Bardstown Rd. (between Walgreen's & Collier Motel) or call ahead at 495-6484 or e-mail [masterscoffee@iglou.com](mailto:masterscoffee@iglou.com)

**Fern Creek Papa John's:** Long time supporters of FCHUM, the Roalofs family provide a monthly pizza party and pizza for our annual open house and special events, thus making the Fern Creek & Mt. Washington the "official pizza" of the ADC. Call them at 231-1111.

## **WISH LISTS**

**IFAC:** CANNED TOMATOES,  
PASTA, CANNED MEATS  
(tuna, chicken, stew, etc.)  
SHAMPOO, BAR-SOAP,  
DISHWASHING LIQUID,  
TOILET PAPER

Call Renee or Alice at 762-0630.

**ADC:** REGULAR GRAHAM  
CRACKERS, HANDIWIPIES  
/BABYWIPIES (in plastic  
containers), NAPKINS,  
PAPER TOWELS, PINK  
COPIER PAPER, 3-WAY  
LIGHTBULBS, FRUIT  
COCKTAIL in pear juice  
Call Ron at 239-7431

## **IFAC SPACE NEEDS**

For several years our Individual & Family Assistance Center has operated out of the Fern Creek Community Center. While that space has been a boon for us and the community the space has never been totally adequate and staff have had to be extremely creative in their efforts to serve our community.

We currently have approximately 1,200 sq. feet but really need at least twice that space.

Reality dictates that we stay located along the Bardstown Rd corridor because of the bus line, because of the commercial boom however affordable space options are fairly limited. We are considering all options- charitable leasing, purchase, or building (preferably one of our churches might have a small corner of space available).

Can you help? Are you a business or property owner, realtor, architect, contractor, developer? Do you serve on a church board or property committee? Please call Ron at 239-7407.

## **2004-2005 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!!!

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**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!

# **WELCOME NEW MEMBER CHURCHES**

**NEW VISION MINISTRY CENTER:** 6901 Outer Loop, Rev. David Boggs, Pastor

**CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** 6120 Lover's Lane, Rev. Timothy Wu, Pastor

**Also WELCOME to new pastor Rev. John Ewart at Cedar Creek Baptist!**

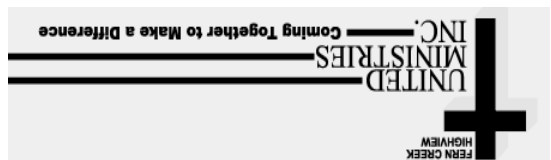
*We give thanks for these new congregations and pastors, pray God's Blessings upon them and look forward to their fellowship and partnership in our ministry.*

## **MEMORIALS & IN HONOR**

Memorials and gifts in honor of individuals totaling \$1,155 have been received in memory of: *Katherine Shelley, Mary Kehoe, Edna Shartzler, and Frances French* and in honor of *Millie Rice and Charlie McCubbins*.

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# **BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Children start back to school in mid-August –  
**Donations are needed now!**

Pencils/Pens, crayons, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, highlighters, markers, colored pencils, notebooks, steno pads, folders w/ brads & pockets, 3-ring notebook binders, composition books, calculators, backpacks, Kleenex, paper towels, hand sanitizer.

Deliver items to the Individual & Family Assistance Center located in the Fern Creek Community Center at 6104 Bardstown Road, or call 762-0630 for more information.