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MEMBER CHURCHES

Beulah Presbyterian
Cedar Creek Baptist
Fairmount Baptist
Fern Creek Baptist
Fern Creek Christian
Fern Creek United Methodist
Good Shepherd
Highview Baptist
Life Bridge Christian
Louisville Chinese Christian
Peace Lutheran Church
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: execdir@fchum.org

"To everything there is a season...under heaven"

*As we transition from Autumn to Winter,
from Thanksgiving to Christmas,
I pray that your hearts be filled with
Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.*

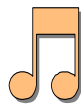
*Here at FCHUM, we continue to face the challenges of
feeding the hungry, helping families deal with crisis,
nurturing children, and caring for the frail elderly
and their caregivers.*

*We are seeing ever increasing numbers.
Yet, even as we struggle to stretch limited resources, we
find reason to celebrate.*

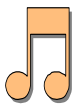
*In less than four years time, with God's blessings, we
have built, moved into, and, yes, paid for our new
facility. Alleluia!*

*Now, we are taking steps, through our
Investing to Serve: Legacy of Caring Campaign,
to ensure the ongoing, long term operations of our
facility. Just as we successfully "Built To Serve" it is now
good stewardship to "Invest to Serve" through the
"Legacy of Caring" campaign that you will be hearing
more about.*

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



CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT



Saturday, December 12th

6:30 p.m.

Trinity World Outreach Center
10307 Seatonville Road

All proceeds benefit Fern Creek Highview United Ministries



Metro government continues to recognize the importance of our work and the fact that we can deliver services cost-effectively and efficiently. We are grateful to our Metro Council for their great support and to the Mayor. This fiscal year, when there were so many cuts to be made, both our Individual & Family Assistance Center and our Adult Day Center were again funded without cuts. The IFAC will receive \$25,100 and the ADC will receive \$17,500

THANK YOU METRO LOUISVILLE GOVERNMENT!

A special thanks to our area councilmen: James Peden, Stu Benson, & Robin Engel!

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.

Since July 2009, FCHUM has received \$ **9,180** in matching funds from G.E. !

Greetings to our newest supporting church:
Peace Lutheran Church!

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:

Respond to Wish Lists, Volunteer! Designate FCHUM in Wills, Bequests, & Memorials...

G.E. Employees - participate in our Matching Funds program...

Support and Attend special events like our Annual GALA, picnics, festivals, and benefit concerts.

Most importantly, keep Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries in your prayers!

For more information call our office 762-9608 or visit our website, www.fchum.org

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

SPECIAL THANKS to these wonderful businesses and groups who help FCHUM help our neighbors:

Curves, Dare to Care, First Capitol Bank Of Kentucky, Fern Creek Women’s Club, Kneading Relief Massage Therapy, Meijers, Noah’s Ark Pet Shop, Papa John’s Pizza-Fern Creek & Mt. Washington, St. Ignatius Men’s Monthly Chicken Dinners.

BANK DEPOSITS TO HELP OTHERS

Starting just before Thanksgiving, check with you local bank in the Fern Creek/Highview area for boxes where you can deposit canned goods to help provide Holiday Food Baskets through Fern Creek Highview United Ministries.

Fern Creek Highview United Ministries
INVESTING TO SERVE: LEGACY OF CARING
BRICK BY BRICK CAMPAIGN

Spring of 2006 – a ceremonial ground breaking. Spring of 2007 – real construction begins.

Spring of 2008 – we move in! Fall of 2009 – paid in full!

Fall of 2009 – a new beginning – **Investing to Serve: Legacy of Caring**

With the development of a \$250,000 restricted fund we will be able to secure the operations of our facility in perpetuity. At that level, monthly dividends would pay the monthly costs of operating the facility, paying the utilities, and all those items involved in operating the physical plant. That way, in the future, we will just need to raise funds for operating our programs serving our neighbors. Our first year goal is \$50,000. A big thank you to the Fern Creek Traditional High School Alumni Assoc. for a \$1,000 gift to kick off the campaign! Also a big thanks to the Fern Creek/Mt. Washington Papa John’s Pizza restaurant & the Roalofs Family for underwriting the cost of our inaugural campaign dinner. Won’t you join us in this great act of stewardship?

Each brick is available for a \$100 donation. A major portion of each purchase goes directly to the FCHUM “**Investing to Serve: Legacy of Caring**” (A major effort to build a sound financial foundation to maintain the work of ministry in the new facility with which we have been blessed.) Engraved 4” x 8” Engraved Brick Order Form

Donor Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

If mailing order form, send to:

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e-mail: execdir@fchum.org

Brick Information:

Maximum 3 lines, 18 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)

Fern Creek/ Highview United Ministries Programs

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY

*Renee Bryant, MSW,
Director*

So quickly the seasons fly by ... It seems just yesterday that we finished up providing back packs full of school supplies to over 750 students right here in Fern Creek/Highview. We have had families come in to register 250 children for our Holiday Cheer Christmas child adoption program, but have only had 45 adopted so far. Including those helped through Holiday Cheer and through our Santa's Shoppe we anticipate providing Christmas for over 700 children this year. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please look at the Holiday Cheer flyer in this newsletter and prayerfully consider how you can help. We know the economy is making things tough on everyone, even our donors, but just to keep the picture of need in front of you - approximately 14,000 pounds of food come in and out our doors every month now. In the entire calendar year of 2008 we paid out more than \$40,000 in LG & E assistance, in 2009, just January through September, we have paid over \$43,000. We have seen a 52% increase in food assistance, a 66% increase in just our bread disbursement alone. So we ask that you prayerfully consider how you can touch a life for good this blessed holiday season.

To volunteer or visit please call Renee at 762-9611 or e-mail at ifacdir@fchum.org

HEALTH EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM (HELP)

For more information call 762-9608
Thanks to Fern Creek Space Center for donating a 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, 762-9611.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat....Lord when?...when you did so for the least of our brothers & sisters... you did for me.” Matt. 25

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 for Health & Family Services with funds from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and with funds from Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government.

FERN CREEK HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES:

\$45 = A DAY OF ADC CARE

\$25= FOOD FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR FOR A WEEK

\$50=FCHUM PORTION TO SECURE UTILITIES FOR 30 DAYS

\$50= FCHUM PORTION TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER –

Rev. Ron Loughry, Director

In October, our ADC celebrated its 19th anniversary including our annual Blessing Ceremony, public proclamations, and a party with refreshments provided by the Fern Creek Women's Club and Fern Creek Papa John's Pizza. Over 75 people enjoyed the festivities. The Courier Journal published an article about the Open House the day before and we had several families come visit after reading the article. Within a week we had several new participants. In addition to the regular structured program that balances both cognitive and physical activities, the staff and volunteers do so much more. Our nurse often coaches the families about care giving and helps them weave through all the medical and health questions that come up. We walk with them through the dilemmas that often arise as their family member's condition worsens. For many of our participants our staff serve as their memory prompters by knowing their social history and helping them function at their highest levels for as long as possible. And quite often we are there to help families through the difficult decisions when a higher level of care is required. And, on many occasions, I have been asked to help with even the final passage of the funeral.

We are here; we care!

To visit or volunteer just call Ron at 762-9612 or e-mail at execdir@fchum.org

THANKSGIVING EVENTS

FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES BREAKFAST OF THANKSGIVING

Saturday, November 21st, 8:00 am to 9:30 am

At Fern Creek United Methodist Church, 6727 Bardstown Rd (lower level social hall)

Hosted by Fern United Methodist Men's Group & Friends

\$5.00 Adults & \$2.00 for children

Also please bring a community gift of canned goods & toiletry items.

Tickets available at the FCHUM office 762-9608.

Fern Creek/Highview Ministerial Association's

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 24th, 7:30 pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 5903 Bardstown Rd. Service features an ecumenical procession, Community Choir, Ministerial ensemble, Fr. Bob Stuempel of St. Bernard Catholic, and a social afterward. A love offering to benefit FCHUM will be collected, and attendees are also encouraged to bring canned goods and toiletry items. Childcare provided.

For more information on these or any events please contact 762-9608 or
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