

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

May 15, 2008

UMCOR's 100-Ton Challenge

World Fair Trade Day has begun. Ridge Church has joined UMCOR's 100-Ton Challenge to help small-scale farmers earn fair prices for their crops and improve their lives. We will be selling coffee (regular and decaf) along with chocolate bars outside each service on Sundays. JOIN THE CHALLENGE TODAY!

*Pray for those in
our church family!*

Irene Horton

Community Hospital

Dan Schneider

Community Hospital

May

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, May 18th, we will be recognizing new members at all three of our worship services. Plan to be in worship that day so that you can get to know our newest members and help welcome them to the Ridge Church Family.

**Next
Newsletter
Deadline**
May 15th



RUMC Book Group

The book to read this month is Anne of Green Gables. Join us on Tuesday, May 27th @ 6:00 pm for this classic!

Mission Flower Sale Month Of May 2008

The International Mission Team is selling vouchers that can then be taken to the same local greenhouse as in previous years to obtain the flowers and plants of your choice. They are being sold after all three services.



Pastor Jeff's Ordination

On Saturday May 31st Pastor Jeff will be ordained as a part of the North Indiana Annual Conference. The worship service is scheduled for 10:30 (Eastern Time) at Elliot Hall of Music on Purdue University's campus in West Lafayette. If you're interested in carpooling with others from the church you can contact the church office and a list of people planning on going will be compiled. Let Pastor Jeff know if you have any questions about this service or this day.

YOUTH

Senior High Night Out – Rescheduled - May 16th

We'll be meeting for a movie (time and theater TBD) and then going bowling from 10:00pm – midnight @ Stardust in Dyer. Watch your youth email for more details or talk with Pastor Jeff.

Middle School Mission Week

All middle school youth (those who will be in the 6th – 8th grade in the fall) who are planning on participating in Middle School Mission Week need to register and pay a \$25 deposit by May 16th. Talk with Pastor Jeff if you have any questions.

Senior High Mission Trip Meeting

All youth and adults traveling on the Senior High Mission Trip to West Virginia will be meeting on Thursday evening, May 22nd, at 7:30pm. It is very important that everyone be there, if you're not going to be able to make it, please let Pastor Jeff know.

Youth Group – Year End - May 18th

We will meet during our regular hours (6:00 – 8:00), but will meet at picnic area 23 in Wicker Park (it is between the volleyball courts and the playground, closer to the playground).

Sixth Grade Lock-In

The Ridge Youth will be welcoming our newest members with a 6th grade lock-in on Friday, June 6th. All Ridge Youth should plan to come out for this great time! Bring your friends, bring a snack to share, and we'll see you at the church at 7:30 (we'll be done Saturday morning by 8:30).

Tucker UMC youth choirs

The youth choir and bell choir from Tucker, Georgia will be giving a concert in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 that evening. See Heather Clinger for more information.

COMING SOON

Class of 2008

On Sunday, June 8th we will be honoring our High School Graduates at all three worship services. They will also be honored with a breakfast provided by the Education Team.

Carried Away

Canadian recording artists Carried Away will be in concert on June 15th at 6:00. Come hear this great group for free! A love offering will be collected. For more information about the group, check out www.carriedaway.ca.

Primetimers outing to Park Forest House Museum

Join us for a day of reminiscing as we tour a 1950 style house complete with all the "stuff" you once had. We will carpool from the church on Thursday, June 19th. After the tour we will travel to Flossmoor Station for lunch. Admission to the museum is \$5.00. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Kathy's office.

We need BEACH PARTY: SURFIN' THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES volunteers!

Have you thought how you can help with this year's VBS? There are many opportunities to serve before during and after the week of July 14. With your help we will encourage children to develop "Beach BeAttitudes": Be Obedient, Be Kind, Be Forgiving, Be Bold and Believe See Diane Comandella or Kathy O'Brien for more details.



BEACH PARTY: SURFING THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES

Vacation Bible School
Join us and ride the wave of God's Love
July 14-18

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Children 4 years through 6th grade
Registration will begin soon...watch for more information.