



August 2011

The Youth Mission Team Reflections

Maple Grove's youth mission team had a blessed week of service and discovery in South Carolina's coastal region. We spent the weekdays doing home repairs for impoverished local residents and then spent the evenings exploring the rich history and beautiful natural environment of the area.

Rantowles Baptist Church was our home away from home, and our hosts were Pastor Tim Squire and his wife Sally. Pastor Tim told us that their church had grown very small over the years and while they were few in number, they had a passion for mission. And so they had chosen to offer hospitality to traveling mission teams. The church was simple but perfectly comfortable for our group. There were wooden bunk beds so none of our 13 youth or 6 adults had to sleep on the floor. There was air conditioning, which was much appreciated after our days spent working in the heat.

There was an outdoor shower house that felt oh-so-good at the end of each day. And each morning as we departed the church for our work day, there was a sign to remind us "You are now entering the mission field."

We worked through a group called Rural Mission, Inc. This organization has been meeting the housing needs of residents in the Sea Islands for over 40 years. Rural Mission selected our work locations and provided us with a terrific construction manager, Mr. Ben Crawford, who guided us. Working conditions were pretty tough in the first few days. It was HOT - temperatures hovered around 100 degrees, plus the high South Carolina humidity. By Wednesday, we decided we needed to start working earlier in the morning and end our work day earlier to try to beat the heat. But by Thursday it had cooled off just a bit, enough to allow us to put in a long day of work. We worked on three homes over the course of the week: exterior finish painting and landscaping at Mrs. Hilton's house, digging a foundation for an indoor bathroom and doing interior demo on Ms. Youngblood's house, and priming the exterior of Mr. Small's house. Getting to know the people we were serving was probably the highlight of the trip. Their friendliness, faithfulness and hospitality were inspiring.

But it wasn't all work for us! In fact, we had a lot of fun and did quite a bit of sightseeing and exploring while we were there. On Sunday after church, we went into Charleston, had a picnic lunch at Battery Park, toured Fort Sumter, explored the Old Market downtown, and had a yummy dinner at the Noisy Oyster. On Monday evening we had a cookout on Edisto Beach and celebrated Katie Jones' sweet sixteenth birthday. On Tuesday evening we went to the Seafood Jamboree at Rural Mission headquarters and got to meet the other youth mission teams who had come there to serve that week. On Wednesday evening, we went to Kiawah to learn from a naturalist about the endangered loggerhead turtle and efforts to protect their nesting grounds. On Thursday, we joined local youth for a praise service at "The Greenhouse". And on Friday we enjoyed a BBQ dinner and took a pontoon boat out to an uninhabited barrier island near Isle of Palms for an eco-tour. There we saw dolphins, walked the beaches, swam, found whelk shells, and learned much from our guide.

Each day ended with reflection time as a group. We studied scripture, read messages from our Maple Grove prayer partners back home, journaled, and shared about how we had experienced God that day and what events or people had been most significant to us. Here are a few brief reflections from some members of the mission team.

Thank you, Maple Grove, for your generous financial and spiritual support of our youth in mission.





Mrs. Hilton (one of the homeowners) was one of the most significant parts of the week for me. Words cannot describe how grateful she



was to have us helping her, she kept us company and shared with us some experiences she has had throughout her life journey. It reminded me that just being nice to someone and offering a helping hand can make all the difference in their life.

- Alaina Notestine

I saw God everywhere while on the mission trip to South Carolina. I saw Him in every person there (both workers and people that we met along the



way) and I experienced Him in nature and our surroundings in general. In my opinion, the trip gave us all a boost of faith and was very life-giving, and for that I am extremely grateful. - Katie Jones

One of the most powerful moments of the trip, for me, was one evening when we were in the outside showers during a thunder storm. Just being that close to the lightning and thunder really made me see the beauty of it and realize that no human could make that happen, there has to be something much greater. - Molly Jones

The experience that stands out most for me from the trip was to see the youth group grow in their relationships with each other. I know they will gain so much by having close friends that they can share together in their faith journey in Christ. - Laura Batdorf



I experienced God through the many people we met on our mission journey. The hospitality of our host church, the support of the Rural Mission construction manager, and the faithfulness of the people we were serving...each was an experience of God's goodness. - Kathy Renick

The things I will remember most about the trip were the really kind people we met and the beautiful landscape and beaches. - Daniel Renick

The most significant event for me on the trip was receiving thanks from the people we worked for. They were so appreciative, and it made me feel great about helping. - Aaron Payne

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But now, thus says the Lord . . .
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, and you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1

It's the names . . . For me the hardest part about starting at a church is learning the names. I do not have the gift of learning names quickly. Nor do name-association techniques work for me. When I associate names with images or words, I wind up remembering the image or word and forgetting the name!

Sometimes people say, "I don't care what you call me as long as you call me for dinner." But we know that's not really true. It *does* matter what people call us, and calling someone by name is a way of honoring and respecting them.

Fred Craddock tells that when he was a boy the minister would speak to his mother after church, "How're you, Miz Craddock?" But to him and his brothers and sisters the minister would say, "How're you, sonny? How're you, honey?" But another minister came to his church and on about his fifth or sixth Sunday, the minister took his hand and said, "Fred, how're you doing?" He was, Craddock says, the best minister that ever was at that church, because there's a big difference between "sonny" and "Fred."

I want to be, I pray to be, and I work hard to be a minister who knows the difference between "sonny" and "Fred." I ask you to pray for me so that I will be that kind of minister, and to forgive me when I am not. In the meantime, will you keep wearing those little cheat-sheets—um, I mean, nametags? They help me be the sort of minister I want and pray to be.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Glenn
Pastor Glenn



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

08/03 SPRC
08/10 Trustees
08/17 Administrative Council

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. we work the community garden behind 49 W. Henderson. We have three heads of cabbage, 13 tomato plants, 4 cucumber plants, 3 rows of beans. We already harvested lettuce, a row of beets, about a bushel of beans, cucumbers, and a few tomatoes. If you are interested, stop by the garden after church to take a look. All proceeds go to CRC.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Monday, August 15 @ 5:15 p.m.
at the Upper Arlington MCL.

RECENT DEATHS

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of...

...Dorothy Waller who passed away on April 25.
...Todd Buchy who passed away on June 30.
...Katherine Tobin who passed away on July 9.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Roger Brown	Laura Amberg
Tony Serio	Michelle LaRowe
Don Maston	Richard Hirst
Jean Bell	Ann Schlatter

THANK YOU

To our friends at Maple Grove, We want to thank you for the lovely altar flowers and all the cards, notes, calls and prayers that are helping us through Bob's illness. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and hope to be back with you soon.

Bob & DorisAnn Batory

Dear Friends,
Pat and I are honored to call you, the people of Maple Grove church, "friends" for you have endeared yourselves to us so deeply in such a short time.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness with your cards and personal words of encouragement. Thank you for the restaurant gift certificate, the new tree for our yard (yes, it will be a maple tree), the very generous check, and the wonderful reception.

To the staff members who have been so supportive these past few months, I am deeply grateful for all you have done to enrich the ministry of Maple Grove.

To the Maple Grove Players I say, "PLAY ON!" Thanks for the memories.

To the musicians and those who are so supportive of our worship services, you have been invaluable to both me and the congregation. To the various committees, their chairpersons and ministry teams, thank you for all the work you do behind the scenes.

But most of all, Pat and I are deeply grateful for the gift of your friendship during our short time with you. We both have been touched by your love of God and your love for us. You continue to be an inspiration to us.

We will be praying for you and Glenn as you move ahead together with your ministries and as God continues to do great things through Maple Grove UMC. God bless you all.

Pat and Dave Trout

From the Friendly Patrol
Many of our church members have been wearing their name tags. Thanks. As a friendly patrol, we are continuing to do the following: We are trying to greet anyone, member or guest, who comes within ten feet of us. We are making a special effort to greet the people we don't already know within our Circle of 10. Feel free to join us anytime.

Dear Maple Grove Friends,
Thank you so much for the prayers and visits during my recent hospitalization. The Angel Ministry team lunch was just wonderful and I deeply appreciated the thoughtful kindness showered on me by all the great folks at Maple Grove. It means so much to be thought of. Again, thank you.

Sincerely, Michelle LaRowe

Thank you for the beautiful patriotic altar flowers from Memorial Sunday. I feel honored to receive such beautiful arrangements, which lasted for two weeks. I also enjoyed the visit with Sarah and Andy Garnes. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Evelyn Meyers

SUMMER WORSHIP



Sunday Mornings
June through August
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 27, at 9 a.m.
in the church parlor.



August

Sunday Worship Schedule

August 7
Dr. Fulgence Nyengele

August 14
Cathy Davis

Pastor Glenn's 3-Part Sermon Series:

focus on
the

Mission



August 21
"An Open Community of Christians.."

August 28
"...Who Love God "

September 4
"...And Serve Our Neighbors "

MGPlayers
thoughtful theatre.

Open Auditions

For Act III of the Pulitzer Prize Winning Play

THORNTON WILDER'S
OUR TOWN



Saturday, August 27, 2011
10:00 a.m. or

Monday, August 29, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Maple Grove UMC Sanctuary

Fully-staged production to be presented
Sunday, October 30, 2011
for "Our Witness" Worship Services

The finale of the Fall Stewardship Campaign



Will You Host a Meeting with Pastor Glenn in Your Home?

During the coming months there will be multiple opportunities to host or attend a small group meeting with Pastor Glenn to get to know each other. These meetings will be limited to 8 to 10 people.

If you are willing to host a gathering please contact the church office. We invite everyone to sign-up to attend a gathering.

Dates and times for August and September are:

Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday September 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 11 at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Art Ministry

Sharing Our Gifts

The Art Ministry is inviting you to participate in our annual **SHARING OUR GIFTS** show during the months of September and October.

The show is open to members of Maple Grove UMC, their families and friends.

We are looking for one to two pieces per person in photography, paintings, drawings, and anything fibers.

If you have any questions or you would like to sign up, please contact a member of the Art Ministry team.

CHRISTIANE CURRY at cacurry@columbus.rr.com;

GERRY HEPP at gahbucks1@yahoo.com;

STEPHEN CLARY at SteveClary@aol.com;

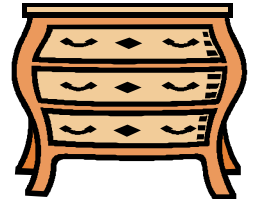
LINDA KELCH at lkelch@gmail.com



8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 4

Drawers For Drawers

It's back to school time. The Drawers for Drawers ministry team will collect new socks and undergarments in all boys' and girls' sizes in August. Donations may be delivered to the chest of drawers in the lobby. Donations help children in partnership with organizations like the Clintonville Resource Center, the New Life United Methodist Church clothing room and the YWCA Family Center Shelter. Cash donations may be delivered to the church office. Please note Drawers for Drawers on the donation.



Six Month Financial Report

If you will remember, because of decreased pledges vs. last year during this year's stewardship campaign, we had to scale back our budget. The good news is that for the first 6 months of the year we are within 2% of that reduced budget's total revenue number. The bad news is that amount is \$24,500 less than we took in for the same period last year. Our expenses for the first 6 months are \$9,761 below budget, so that is also good news.



Stephen Ministry

This message from our Stephen Ministry Team emerges from knowing that someone in your life, or maybe you, are feeling trapped in emotional distress, unrelenting pain or crushing defeat. To this life experience Stephen Ministers offer hope and an invitation as we become sharers of your pain in listening to your story.

If you would like to learn more about this type of sharing, please contact one of your Stephen Leaders: Nancy Gay at 267-6418 or Cathy Davis at 262-1163.



Adult Christian Education Opportunities

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink." *John 7:37*

The Adult Christian Education team is excited about the upcoming and ongoing classes and group studies. We're committed to providing opportunities for all people to take the next step on their faith journey. Our prayer is that these classes provide a place to ask faith questions, discuss Christian beliefs, develop friendships and grow your relationship with God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 11TH

All Sunday School classes are from 9:45-10:45.

Drop in on any of these classes – *no registration is necessary*. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Adult Bible Study This class is a Bible study that follows the International Sunday School Lesson scripture texts. Each week, participants begin with a Biblical text, then move from a focus on the Word to reflection on personal, family, church, and community concerns. This class is led by Dick Igo and meets in the Parlor.

Kitchen Class This class engages in topical Christian conversation and occasional book study. Class time always includes time to share individual cares and concerns. People are welcome to be regular or irregular attendees of this class. The class shares leadership (coordinated by Dave & Ann Elder) and meets in the Kitchen.

Word Among Us This class is based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Each week, this group studies one or more of the lectionary texts for the week, with an emphasis on group discussion of the historical context as well as contemporary applications for living faithfully. This class shares leadership and meets in Room 4.

OFFERED SUNDAY MORNINGS OR TUESDAY EVENINGS

DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Sunday, September 11th or Tuesday, September 13th

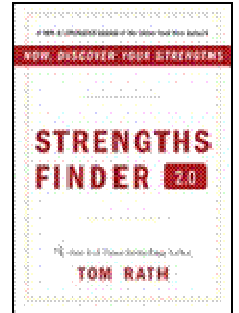
The title Disciple includes both identity and purpose. The disciple is a learner, believer, follower, proclaimer. In the Bible the word disciple is connected with instruction and training. Underlying the development of Disciple is the assumption that people are hungry for the word of God, for fellowship in prayer and study, and for a sense of appropriate ministry as baptized, believing, committed Christians. Therefore, the purpose of Disciple is to develop strong Christian leaders through regular in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple making and Christian nurturing are its goal. The purpose may be summarized in the words of Ephesians 4:12: "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

During the course of *thirty-four weeks*, Disciple study groups will move through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem. Each participant receives a manual and the Bible is the text for study. Each weekly session is 2 hours – on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Each session consists of a video segment and group discussion. The group members' commitment includes three to four hours of independent study each week in preparation for the weekly study session together. Prayerfully consider participating in Disciple. Registration is required.



TUESDAY EVENINGS

Living Your Strengths This course is based on StrengthsFinder 2.0, a survey that identifies your top five strengths from a list of 34 potential human strengths. These top strengths are your signature God-given talents, around which you organize who you are. If you really know what your greatest strengths are, they can become the best tools for building the unique ministry dreams God has called you to pursue. This course runs for 8 weeks; each class is one hour, and it will be offered Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 13th. The book StrengthsFinder 2.0 is required for the class at a cost of \$15 and can be purchased in the church office. Because the completion of the survey is needed for the class, the book and registration is essential.



“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.” Romans 12:6

Third Tuesday Presentation On August 17th at 6:45 p.m. join us for this special presentation: *King James Bible Translation of the Bible*. This year marks the 400th anniversary of the translating of the Bible into the KJV. The Rare Books and Manuscripts Department of OSU will have a display on the Thompson Library Gallery throughout the summer. We will meet at Maple Grove at 6:45 on this night to carpool to the library to hear a special presentation by exhibit curator, Eric J. Johnson, and to view the extensive display. This exhibition should feature something to suit everyone's taste, including medieval manuscripts, original copies of the many different English Bible translations produced during the sixteenth century, literature and art inspired by the style, language and content of the Bible. Please call the church office or email Bill Croy @ bcroy22@gmail.com so that we are sure to have enough transportation.

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

The Men's Book Study meets every Friday at 7:15 a.m. at the Bob Evans on Busch Blvd for about an hour. The group decides together on the book to study. The current study is *The Wisdom of Solomon*. Call Bill Tenney if you have any questions – 262-4625.

BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

Pastor Glenn will lead a 5-week Sunday School study. This class will read and explore Enough - Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity. Enough is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. Find the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This book could change your life, by changing your relationship with money.

THE WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

The Retreat will be held on the weekend of October 14th - 16th. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15th and ends at 12:00 p.m. Sunday. This year we will once again return to the Hyde Park UMC Retreat Center, formerly a cloistered convent, in Cincinnati. The retreat cost is \$50 and participants are asked to bring either a breakfast or snack food to share.

Need *more* time away from your cares? Come on Friday after 6:00 p.m. for "free for all fellowship." No structured activities - just interesting, beautiful, spiritual, strong Christian women sharing dinner, conversation, fellowship - whatever the Spirit moves us! Registration forms are available in the office.



THE KIDS PAGE

AUGUST 2011

Hello, Maple Grove kids, families, and volunteers!

I am very happy to be working with you (again) as the Interim Children's Ministries Director. Although I will only be filling this role for a short time, I will do my best to care for the children's ministries of our church. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns, or if I have overlooked something. You can call me at home in the evenings or on weekends (614-262-8206), email me at krenick@maplegroveumc.org, or speak to me at church on Sundays. I will be away August 5-14 but otherwise will be at church each Sunday morning throughout the summer and fall.

I hope to talk with many of you in the coming weeks to find out where you would like to serve in children's ministries this fall. If you are interested in stepping into a new area or role, please share that with me. And ideas about how we can make our programs even better are always welcome.

This is an exciting time for our church, and I am looking forward to coming weeks and months! - Kathy Renick



Date	Children's Worship HELPERS					Children's Ministry VOLUNTEERS			
	Acolyte	Usher	Prayer Leader	Reader	Communion Servers	Little Lambs/Cherubs/Grace Kids		Children's Moments	Children's Worship
August 7	Trevor Law	Daniel Whitney	Emily Miller	Lola Nauman	Caleb Brigle Jillian Ponziani	Sara Games	Andrea Reinaker	Communion	Karyn Miller Laura Batdorf
August 14	NO CW	NO CW	NO CW	NO CW		Judy Weaver	Amy Long	David Rutter	No CW
August 21	Noah Workman	Jack Miller	Abby Allen	Trevor Law		Alicia Oddi	Julie Wells	Kathy Renick	Kim Workman Barbara Law
August 28	Peri Kargiotis	Helen Hughes	Ethan Rutter	Kaitlyn Morrison			Dimitrios Kargiotis	Dawn Nauman	Amy Kargiotis Dawn Nauman

THANK YOU!



Miriam Abbott
Amy Allen
Michelle Baker
Laura Batdorf

Greg Bates
Becky Boord
Cindy Brigle
Beth Crill

Nathan Fissel
Alison Gill
Sean Gill
Barb Harrison
Cathy Hughes
Allen Jacobsen
Lisa Jones
Amy Kargiotis
Chloe Kargiotis
Tani Kushner
Paige Maston
Lynne Matthaes
Kitty Mizelle
Keith Nash
Dawn Nauman
Rob Nauman
Alaina Notestine
Alicia Oddi
Lisa Ponziani
Mandy Pratt

Andrea Reinaker
Rachel Renick
Emily Schwerdtfeger
Carole Shaffer
Lowell Smith
Amy Solis
Mike Steele
Libby Steele
Nikki Strader
Janet Thode
Chris Thode
Julie Wells
Kate White
Susan Whitney
Elizabeth Workman
Kim Workman

**AWESOME
VOLUNTEERS =
AWESOME VBS!**





VBS



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August Volunteer Schedule

MINISTRIES	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Acolyte	E.Miller	O.Rutter	D.Maston	K.Morrison
Flower Delivery			C.White	D.&S.Montgomery
Greeters 1st Service	L.&T.Boggs D.Carpenter N.Hein	J.&M.Burnham B.&P.Hirst	W.&J.Becker G.&L.Wall	E.Fletcher C.Roth G.&M.Hepp
2nd Service	N.Bobb K.Shaffer C.Austin W.Blozis	D.Casares C.Dunn D.Croy C.Burns	G.Hoggard D.Brown M.Lanum J.Eckert	D.Casares C.Dunn R.&J.Dwyer
Liturgist 1st Service	P.Holbrook	R.Innis	J.Hoppers	P.Brown
2nd Service	D.Uhrick	M.Bennett	D.McDowell	L.Batdorf
Parish Visitor	D.&A.Elder	K.Rutter M.Hepp	B.&P.Hirst	A.&S.Gill
Pew Restocking	B.Pelleriti	B.Edmundson H.Turner	D.Brown L.Matthaes	C.Wimer
Sunday Hospitality 1st	M.&L.Matthaes	D.Carpenter E.Wharrey	B.&M.Tenney	C.&T.Wharrey
2nd	N.Mills	E.Murray	B.&M.Tenney	J.Thode
Sunday Secretary 1st	P.Walters	P.Uhrick	J.Young	P.Miller
2nd	E.Murray	J.Thode	N.Fogle	E.Vickers
Ushers 1st	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
2nd	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Angel Delivery	For the Month of August: E.Murray			
Angel Food Prep	For the Month of August: L.Batdorf, K.Shaffer			
	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Bulletin Stuffers	C.Hill, J.Wood	M.&S.Jados P.Walters	M.Roush	L.&L.Smith
	August 1	August 10	August 15	August 24
Feed My Sheep	P.Hirst	E.Murray	M.Dornbusch	A.Foulger

"Bill's Backers" in the WALK TO DEFEAT ALS

Together we invite you to be one of "Bill's Backers" in the WALK TO DEFEAT ALS--Sunday, September 25, 11 am at Fred Beekman Park (corner of Kenny and Lane) with sign-in beginning at 10. The walk is 3 miles but this is in one mile loops. All walkers will be counted as being in worship with Maple Grove Church because, well, you will be, just in a different place. Everyone who walks will enjoy wonderful fellowship, receive an awesome (green!) T-shirt (\$7), and enjoy a meal together after the walk.

Even if you cannot be there to walk with Bill and Dorothy, you can still be a "Bill's Backer" by making a donation to the ALS Association. Go online to <http://web.alsa.org/goto/billsbackers> or see Bill and Dorothy at a table after worship on August 14 or September 11.

Currently there is no cure of ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease), and in the meantime it costs an average of \$200,000 to provide the care ALS patients need. The proceeds from this walk go to the local ALS Southern and Central Ohio Chapter for their work holding support group meetings, providing a loan closet for specialized equipment, and needed research for the causes and possible cures of this dreaded disease. So, in addition to your generous and faithful support of the ministries of Maple Grove Church, we encourage you to make a contribution to the ALS Association in honor of Bill. We thank you for whatever you are able to do.

Sincerely,
Rev. Glenn Schwerdtfeger and
Rev. Bill Croy



Youth Fellowship

1.) Youth Fellowship (and incoming 6th graders) are invited to a Youth Fellowship outing the week of August 7, date TBA. Youth should plan to attend the 10am service and sit together and then head to SkyZone after church. We will meet in the parking lot to consolidate cars and leave by 11:30am. Libby Steele is working to secure a group rate (estimated to be under \$10/per person). Please contact her by August 1st to RSVP for planning purposes and let her know how many will be attending and if you're interested in helping chaperon. LibbyEAW@gmail.com or 614-205-1698.

2.) Youth Fellowship is looking to add to their collection of games etc for the Middle School and Senior High Rooms. We are especially interested in a Play Station 3 as we already have games and other associated accessories. If you are interested in donating or selling your PS3 to Youth Fellowship please contact Libby Steele at LibbyEAW@gmail.com. Also requested: Board Games such as Yahtzee, Monopoly and Clue!

