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**A WORD FROM TOM, THE INTERIM**

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**STEWARDSHIP** – I'm not sure if there's a word less popular in the vocabulary of ministers unless it's evangelism, however, I want us to think about stewardship. Stewardship is the way we use our time, talents, and money. There is no way to sugarcoat it - without the monetary donations of congregants/members churches will close. And yet so often we (ministers and members of congregations) seem so embarrassed to talk about money.

Peace UCC has been fortunate to have had and continues to have significant financial support from its members. We can be thankful for that, however, we do need to plan and prepare for 2018 and the ministries we wish to support. To do that we need people who will help plan and implement a stewardship campaign. Please talk to me or Carla Zander if you are willing to help out in this very important effort.

**EDUCATION** – we will be offering Summer Bible School from July 10 to July 13 from 9:00 until 11:30 AM. If you have a child who will attend please complete the registration forms available in the office or on the table in the fellowship hall. AND we need at least three teachers/facilitators to work with me in planning and implementing curriculum/activities. Talk to me!!

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** – beginning Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a worship service at 6:30 PM. This will be outside whenever the weather permits. If you would like to participate but find this time inconvenient, please talk to me. I am open to changing the time to an earlier hour!!

**THE SEARCH PROCESS** – on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> following worship, we will hold our second listening session as we prepare for the implementation of the search for a new settled minister. And Yes, I know it's Mother's Day but what nicer gift can a mother receive than knowing you are doing church work before you fete her!! On the 14<sup>th</sup>, a timeline and election process for the committee will be shared. Please join us.

See you in church or sometime soon I hope.

*Tom, the Interim*

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**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHICKEN FRY**

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Once again thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Chicken Fry. It speaks volumes how Peace Church comes together to put on such a huge and successful event! Thank you to the Sommers family for heading-up this event. Thank you to Lillian Kuchenbecker and her ticket captains, Barb Wittmann and Kay Wachal. Thank you to ALL OF YOU for whatever role you played in making this a terrific day!

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**WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERVICES**

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Please mark your calendar for our Wednesday Summer Services here at Peace. The dates are: June 14, June 21, June 28 and July 5. More information regarding Wednesday Worship can be found in the message from Pastor Tom.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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Please mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for July 10, 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. More information regarding Vacation Bible School can be found in the message from Pastor Tom.

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**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

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After two years of instruction, two of our young people will be confirming his/her Christian faith on Sunday, May 21, 2017.  
Treyton Krahn, son of Hilde' & Tim;  
Brynn Williams, daughter of Tammy & Drew.  
Please keep these two outstanding young adults in your prayers as they prepare for this milestone in their lives!

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**FINAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION**

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Our school year is quickly coming to an end. The final Sunday school classes at Peace will be held on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The year-end will be celebrated with an ice cream social the following Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Tom is encouraging our students to be present in worship on May 21<sup>st</sup> to witness Brynn & Treyton being confirmed on that Sunday. Special thank to all our teachers and helpers who so faithfully helped teach our children. We appreciate your time and talent!

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## BAPTISM OF ELI XIONG

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On Sunday, April 2, 2017, Pastor Tom officiated at the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Eli Xiong. Eli's parents are Cennedy Xiong and Ashley Schmitt. Eli was born on January 13, 2017 and is the grandson to Dean & Diana Schmitt and great-great-grandson of Irma Fischer. Congratulations to Eli and his family.

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## SYMPATHY EXTENDED

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The Peace U.C.C. family of believers extends its Christian sympathy to Ann Vande Hey on the passing of her mother, Margaret Neemann on Tuesday, April 4th. Let us keep Ann, Jeff, Chloe and Derek and their extended family in our prayers during this time of grief and sadness.

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## CLASS OF 2017 TO BE HONORED

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On Sunday, May 28th we will be honoring the members of the Class of 2017 during our 9:00 a.m. Worship. Our high school graduates are Carlee Reese who will be graduating on June 4, 2017 from West De Pere High School. She will be attending UW-LaCrosse this fall to potentially major in radiation therapy, specializing in oncology.

Our other high school graduate is Jacob Schneider. Jacob will be graduating from Reedsville High School on Friday, May 26, 2017. He plans on attending Heavy Equipment Operator School in Sun Prairie this fall.

We are so proud of these two young adults and we pray for God's blessings on them as they start the next journey in their lives.

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## THANK YOU, ANDY!

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We have been very fortunate this past winter to once again have the services of Andy Schuh to remove the snow in our parking lot. Andy does a wonderful job and always has things cleared in a timely fashion. His work is a gift to our church family, so when you see him, be sure to express your gratitude. This gift saves the church a great deal of money and we appreciate it very much!

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## PRAYERS TO...

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**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Julie Luedtke, Jim Schwantes, Mark Borns, Dan School, Rev. Kris Borns; Emily Koehler; Jerry Miller. **PRAYER CHAIN** requests are to be given to Margo Kees at 418-3300.

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## CHURCH WEBSITE

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We again want to thank Todd Schneider for keeping our church website up to date. If you haven't visited our site lately, please take a moment and look it over at [www.peaceuccbrillion.com](http://www.peaceuccbrillion.com). If you are aware of an event taking place please share with Todd Schneider. To get to this newsletter and past newsletters or if you missed a Sunday worship and would like to view the worship bulletin or if you forgot to pick up the Sunday announcement bulletin, you may visit the link listed below and it will take you right to the newsletter, announcement bulletin and worship bulletin section of the website: <http://peaceuccbrillion.com/about-us/newsletters/> What a great way to stay connected to your church!

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## SCRIP: A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT OURSELVES!

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Summer is approaching and this is when the purchasing of SCRIP has usually decreased. Please remember that this is FREE money for our church. You need to buy groceries, put gas in your cars, and buy clothes for your families, and eating out gives us the greatest percentage. Please consider using SCRIP.

If you have a favorite place that you would like Peace Church to keep on hand at all times, just contact Todd Schneider. If it is available, he will certainly try to get it.

A huge thank you goes to all the people who have purchased SCRIP in the past, especially to those that consistently use it. **SCRIP profit has been used to help pay the church's bills. If we can give \$500 each quarter, that would be a huge benefit to Peace.**

If you have any questions, please contact Todd Schneider or call the church office at 756-3334.

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## U.C.C. CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

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Summer is rapidly approaching and with it come many opportunities to enjoy one of our two camps in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Conference is blessed to have both Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach camps within driving distance of our area. A reminder to all Confirmands that they are eligible for a week of camp as a gift from the church. All information regarding the various camps may be found at their website [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org). Please check out the information regarding the camps on the tables in the fellowship hall.

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## FINANCIAL GIVING

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April 1-26, 2017

Sunday school Children - \$47.00  
Loose Collection – \$158.35  
General Fund - \$4,120.00  
e-Giving into General Fund - \$2,578.50  
One Great Hour of Sharing - \$55.00  
Women's Guild for Dry Cleaning - \$32.55  
Memorial/Bob & Vi McVey - \$79.78  
Bulletins - \$55.00  
Chicken Fry Profits - \$6,700.00

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## CHICKEN FRY FINANCIAL

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### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHICKEN FRY – Submitted by

**Lillian Kuchenbecker, Treasurer**

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| Balance on hand January 1, 2017 | \$ 299.96          |
| Total Receipts                  | <u>\$11,081.11</u> |
| TOTAL                           | \$11,381.07        |
| Less Expenses                   | <u>- 4,494.05</u>  |
| TOTAL IN ACCOUNT                | \$ 6,887.02        |
| Transferred to Peace Church     | <u>- 6,700.00</u>  |
| Balance on hand April 26, 2017  | \$ 187.02*         |

*\*(Balance of Eunice Nischik's Gift \$152.20 plus  
balance on hand for Chicken Fry \$34.82 = \$187.02)*

The profit from our 2017 Chicken Fry amounted to: \$6,587.06 and the total amount transferred to Peace UCC was \$6,700.00. Per annual meeting vote, the \$6,700.00 will be used to pay general bills here at Peace.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO** Premier Auto Coating (Todd Kuchenbecker) for donating the cost of printing the tickets in the amount of \$78.11.

**CHICKEN FRY THANK YOU** to all who sold and bought dinner tickets. We were sold out ahead of time once again. Special thanks to my two captains, Kay Wachal and Barb Wittmann. We had 138 adults and 5 children for a total of 143 who ate in the dining room. We had 730 adults and 21 children for a total of 751 for the carry-out lines. We served a total of 894 meals and we had 2 children and 14 adult meals as no shows. Reminder that the Chicken Fry date for 2018 is April 8th. – Lillian Kuchenbecker, Ticket chairperson

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## PANS & BOWLS

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Could you please take a moment before or after worship and check to see if you have a tray, cake pan or bowl here at church. Whatever is still here at church on May 21<sup>st</sup>, will be sold at our annual rummage sale. Thank you again to those who so generously baked for our Chicken Fry!!

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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May 2 – Mission & Outreach Meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
May 14 – Congregational Meeting to discuss Budget and Search Process immediately after Sunday Worship & Council Meeting  
May 21 – Confirmation Sunday & End of year Ice Cream Social for Sunday school  
May 24 – Deadline to bring in items for the rummage sale  
May 31 - Rummage & Perennial Sale and Brat Fry from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
June 1- Rummage & Perennial Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
June 2 – Rummage & Perennial Sale from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon  
June 14, 21, 28, July 5 – Wednesday evening Worship beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
July 10, 11 & 12 – Vacation Bible School from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m.

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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### **Sunday, May 7, 2017**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – NO Communion  
No Sunday School /Mini-Missions for "Relay For Life"  
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

### **Sunday, May 14, 2016**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Mother's Day)  
Sunday school  
10:15 a.m. – Congregational Meeting for budget and Search Process

### **Sunday, May 21, 2017**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/Communion  
Confirmation Sunday  
10:15 a.m. – Ice Cream Social to celebrate the End of Sunday School Year

### **Sunday, May 28, 2017**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/honoring High School Graduates

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## "LOVE PACKAGES"

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**WE ARE COLLECTING** religious literature for an organization called "Love Packages". Their mission is to put Christian Literature in the hands of people around the world. For more information about this organization, you may visit their website at <http://lovepackages.org/>, or look at our resource page on our website

<http://peaceuccbrillion.com/resources/> regarding this cause and other things that we support.

So, when you are doing that spring cleaning and you come across religious literature you would like to pass along, like used or new Bibles, bible games, adult or children's Christian books, teaching material, Christian magazines, religious DVD's, etc. (**NO VHS Tapes or 8 Track Tapes**) please bring them to church and drop in the box located by the door exiting the fellowship hall. Jane & Leonard Kopidlansky are willing to drive all donations to the drop off location in Wisconsin.

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### GREETERS

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May 7 – Dave & Sharon Van Deraa  
May 14 – Amber Horn-Leiterman Family  
May 21 – Tony & Michelle School-Reese  
May 28 – Lillian Kuchenbecker

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### COFFEE HOUR

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May 7 – **need volunteer**  
May 14 – No coffee Hour (Mother's Day)  
May 21 – Dara Schuh, Jenifer Pittl, Ann Vande Hey  
(Ice Cream Social)  
*(Last coffee hour until fall)*

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### CONFIRMATION HELPER

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May 10 – Barth Family  
May 17 – Williams Family

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### ACOLYTES

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May 7 – Collin Greve/Madeline Cooney  
May 14 – Rachel & Jacob Fischer  
May 21 – Trae & Aubrie Williams  
May 28 – Morgan Janas/Joshua Schuh

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### SUNDAY HELPERS

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May 7 – Carla Zander  
May 14 – Dawn Voight  
May 21 – Todd Schneider  
May 28 – Dawn Voight

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### LAY READER

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May 7 – Barb Wittmann  
May 14 – Carla Zander  
May 21 – Confirmation Students  
May 28 – Candi Koenigs

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### USHERS

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May 7 – Chad Klika  
May 14 – Chuck Burich  
May 21 – Tony Reese  
May 28 – Duane Loose

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Grades Pre-Grade – 2  
May 14 – Jane Kopidlansky/Greg Loose  
Grades 3-6  
May 14 – Becky Schneider/Emma Schneider

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

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May 1 – Bill Saenger  
May 3 – Tony Reese  
May 3 – Chad Klika  
May 4 – Hilde' Krahn  
May 9 – Cathy Brice  
May 10 – Irma Fischer  
May 10 – Kay Wachal  
May 11 – Trae Williams  
May 13 – Clark Leiterman  
May 15 – Nathan Schneider  
May 17 – Todd Schneider  
May 17 – Bruce Kuchenbecker  
May 19 – Bill Voight  
May 27 – Nicholas Kuchenbecker  
May 28 – Samuel Sucevic  
May 28 – Tammy Williams  
May 30 – Bryce Barth

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### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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May 2 – Leonard & Jane Kopidlansky  
May 8 – Jeremy & Ashley Eickert  
May 17 – Gary & Tammy Fischer  
May 18 – Chad Klika & Janel Feldner  
May 22 – Bill & Margo Kees

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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June 1 – Ashley Eickert  
June 4 – Janel Feldner  
June 5 – Sharon Van Deraa  
June 7 – Jeff Vande Hey  
June 11 – Quinn Schuh  
June 11 – Sandy Kuchenbecker  
June 12 – Cindy Riha  
June 14 – Derek Vande Hey  
June 17 – Eric Burich  
June 18 – Cullen Eickert  
June 21 – Lee Welch  
June 21 – Sydnee Koenigs  
June 23 – Jacob Fischer  
June 23 – Corey Neuman  
June 25 – Dawn Voight  
June 26 – Devin Aplin  
June 30 – Rick Eijtjes

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## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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June 1 – Gene & Kay Wachal  
June 4 – Dean & Diana Schmitt  
June 4 – Bob & Jeanette Ruppenthal  
June 6 – Bill & Dawn Voight  
June 25 – Lenroy & Verlene Haese  
June 27 – Tony & Michelle School-Reese  
June 30 – Dave & Rhonda Klessig

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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July 4 – Sandi Barth  
July 5 – Bennett Burich  
July 6 – Brynn Williams  
July 9 – Barb Wittmann  
July 9 – Candi Koenigs  
July 10 – Jamison Krahn  
July 11 – Nathan Loose  
July 14 – Carl Schwahn  
July 17 – Samantha Schwahn  
July 18 – Travis Tiede  
July 21 – Alice Horn  
July 21 – Gary Fischer  
July 22 – Greg Loose  
July 26 – Diana Schmitt  
July 27 – Joe Brice  
July 27 – Amanda Barth  
July 28 – Evan Aplin  
July 30 – Verlene Haese

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## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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July 21 – Dave & Laurie Sommers  
July 25 – Samuel & Tami Sucevic  
July 26 – Carl & Samantha Schwahn  
July 26 – Jeff & Ann Vande Hey

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH

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### Dates to Remember

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Mini Missions collection (Relay for Life)

May 31<sup>st</sup> (4:30 – 7:00)

Rummage & Plant Sales/Brat Fry &  
Bake Sale

June 1st (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Rummage and Plant Sales

June 2<sup>nd</sup> (8:00 a.m. – Noon)

Rummage and Plant Sales

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Relay for Life (6:00 p.m. - Midnight)

**Mini Missions:** The April collection of Mini Missions totaled \$69.17 for the Fox Cities Diaper Bank. Missions rounded this around to \$100. Thank you for your generous support.

Please Note the May collection (for Relay for Life) will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> instead of the second Sunday which is Mother's Day. The amount collected will be matched by Missions for each of the three teams taking part in the Relay for Life.

**Relay for Life:** Cancer touches the lives of almost all of us and changes our lives forever. The upcoming Brillion Relay for Life is a way to help the American Cancer Society raise funds for research, patient care programs and educational/preventative information.

Join the many people gathering on June 16<sup>th</sup> to remember those who have lost their lives to cancer, to celebrate cancer survivors, and to tell people affected by cancer that they are not alone. This year's Relay, which begins at 6 p.m., at the Brillion Middle School track, is dedicated to the memory of Harland Kuchenbecker, with Lillian sharing his story as a cancer survivor for 41 years!

Mark your calendar for this event and know that "when you Relay, you save lives." If you can't be there, please help by giving donations. We have three teams from our church participating and if you have questions please contact one of them:  
Motley Cure Team: Carol Reese, Tony Reese, Tammy Williams, Todd Reese.  
Hilbert Howlers Team: Janel Feldner, Dale Klika, Chad Klika  
Mission Possible Team: Kay Wachal, Sandy M. Kuchenbecker

Remember, even small donations go a long way in finding a cure for cancer.

**Annual Sales:** The annual rummage and brat fry will begin at 4:30 p.m. on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The rummage sale will continue June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Funds raised will help kick off our project of building another home in Haiti through the organization Food For The Poor. In 2010 our church participated in the New Start Program which gave a family a whole new lease on life. We provided them with the means to build a small home, as well as supplying them with food, solar lighting, and a means to become self-reliant with an income producing animals or project. Our goal is to again build a small home for \$3,600 and supply the family with a Fresh Start package for \$693.65.

**How Can you Help?** Clean closets, garages, basements or wherever you are stashing all those valuable items to donate to the rummage sale! Anyone that has items for the sale can start bringing them to church now. The cut off to bring items to church is **NO LATER THAN MAY 24th** Please put them in Confirmation room by the fellowship hall. **We will not be taking any TV's, computers, printers or other electronics.**

Sign up to help before, during and even after the sale! Sign up to donate fresh baked goodies or other items for the brat fry/bake sale! Pray for the family receiving our gifts and for the many church members and friends who make these projects happen!

**Plant Sale:** The dates and times of the plant sale will also be May 31<sup>st</sup> (4:30 – 7:00), June 1<sup>st</sup> (8:00 - 5:00) and June 2<sup>nd</sup> (8:00 to Noon). This sale is a huge opportunity to invite hundreds of people to visit our church and add beauty to their yards at the same time! Proceeds from this sale are used to spread God's word and love in different ways each year. The Lord has provided us with beautiful plants this spring and the potting has already begun.

**How Can You Help?** Join the group that have caught the "digging in the dirt bug" – better known as the gardening committee - and help dig, pot or mark plants for the sale. Please look in your gardens or ask others to share their baby plants or cuttings from plants being split. It takes thousands of plants to make this sale a success! A sign-up sheet is available for areas you can help with all of these sales.