

# Central Southeast News

## Central Southeast Ohio Association

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Comments and suggestions are welcome. Please send copy to the Association office by the first of the month for publication the following month.

## Annual Spring Meeting

Central Southeast Ohio Association

Saturday May 5



Trinity United Church of Christ • Thornville

## New Lay Ministry Program begins in August

We are seeking people interested in participating in the next class of the Licensed Ministry Preparation program that the Central Southeast Ohio Association holds in partnership with the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

The program will begin with a retreat the end of August, 2007. Classes are held one Saturday a month (except December and July) for the next three years.

Interested persons are asked to contact Forrest Hoppe or Jill Glass for more information and to receive an application for the program.

Three CSEO persons—Jill Glass, Alan Hicks and Mike Randolph—are members of the current class.

The program provides the basic course work for a person to be considered for authorization as a Licensed Minister by the Central Southeast Ohio Association.



## Lease a crib at Highwater UCC

By Rev. Ron Hall  
Pastor, Highwater UCC

Highwater Congregational UCC in Newark offers a unique and practical opportunity to the new parents in the congregation.

Folks needing furniture for a new baby can purchase a two-year lease on a white oak crib and changing table. The leases are sold at a charity auction held in conjunction with hog roasts sponsored by the congregation.

Once the child has grown out of the crib, it comes back and is auctioned again. (The two year time period is always extended if the child needs it a bit longer.) A plaque is placed on the end of the crib for each child who started life in the Highwater crib.

The crib and changing table were built by a member of the church who is a woodworker and grandfather. He built two similar white oak cribs for the families of his two children, but it was clear to him that after each of the families was done with the cribs, they would be stored for a generation. From this realization came the idea of the Highwater crib and changing table.

The crib and changing table are made out of two inch thick white oak. All of the horizontal surfaces of the changing table—drawer bottoms, storage shelf, and the top changing surface—are covered with an oak grain Formica, so they can be safely cleaned. Both the crib and changing table are finished in a child safe oil/varnish finish.

For the last decade, Highwater has held two hog roasts/auctions each year to raise money to pay off their building expansion. The building is now paid off, but the fun, fellowship, and need for future development have kept the events going strong and the baby furniture in circulation.



Eric and Mary Jane Burgess, with daughter Allie, the first child to use the Highwater crib.

## Orchard Hill UCC receives advertising grant

Orchard Hill United Church of Christ, Chillicothe is one of 17 congregations across the nation to receive a matching grant from the God is Still Speaking campaign to help with TV or radio advertising using the still speaking ads this spring.

This is the second time that the UCC's Stillspeaking Initiative has offered matching grants of up to \$2,000 to local Stillspeaking churches.

The grants assist UCC churches interested in launching a local or regional advertising campaign during Easter and/or Mother's Day. TV and radio advertising is eligible for matching funds; print advertising is not.

Each church must use the money to purchase air time for the UCC's Bouncer, Ejector or Ejector (Spanish) TV ads or the Fashion Show radio ad.

## Association updates

CSE Association Minister Forrest Hoppe had successful heart bypass surgery in Columbus on February 23.

He is recovering well at home and keeping in touch via email and telephone, but he will be out of the office for several weeks while he recuperates fully.

Cards and well wishes may be sent to 5155 N. Riverbirch Drive, Columbus, OH 43229

On a Sunday in May still to be determined, at 4:30 p.m., there will be a service of recognition of ordination for the Rev. Tim Dixon at the **First Congregational United Church of Christ, Huntington, West Virginia**. A light meal will follow the service.

Tim has served First Congregational for five years and was recently granted Ordained Ministerial Standing in the UCC. He was originally ordained in the Church of the Nazarene.

The Rev. Michael Cassady, pastor at **Heidelberg United Church of Christ, Stoutsville** and **Mt. Carmel United Church of Christ, Clearport**, was deployed on Saturday, March 9 with the United States Air Force to again minister to our active duty troops. The length of the deployment will be a minimum of a month but is uncertain in duration.

Please keep Rev. Cassady, the members of Mt. Carmel and Heidelberg and the troops he will be in ministry with in your thoughts and prayers.