

Staff Update

By Dave Dent, Executive Pastor

We have had some recent changes in two of our staff positions and are pleased to share with you what those positions entail.

Ministry Position:
Children's Ministry Director
Staff: Donna Haines



Donna is now serving full time as our Children's Ministry Director at Uniontown. Donna's areas of oversight include: Children's Sunday School, Kid's Worship at 11 am, and AWANA on a weekly basis. She also oversees any special events throughout the year such as Vacation Bible School, Performing Arts Camp, and Soccer Camp. We are thankful to have Donna as part of our full-time staff! How does she feel about this new ministry position? Well, read below, in her own words.

"Humbled! I am astonished how God moves. I am delighted to have joined the staff at UBC as your Children's Ministry Director. I am excited to partner with you as we grow and develop the children's ministries at UBC. I look forward to getting to know you and your children as we venture on this journey together. My door is always open and I value your prayers, comments, suggestions, and prayers! (Yes, I wrote prayers twice!) This is the Lord's ministry and prayer is the number one priority. Thank you for welcoming me (and Marc) into the UBC family. Together we can make a difference in this world....one child at a time. In His service, Donna Haines"

Ministry Position:
Pastor of Equipping
Staff: Steve Hreha

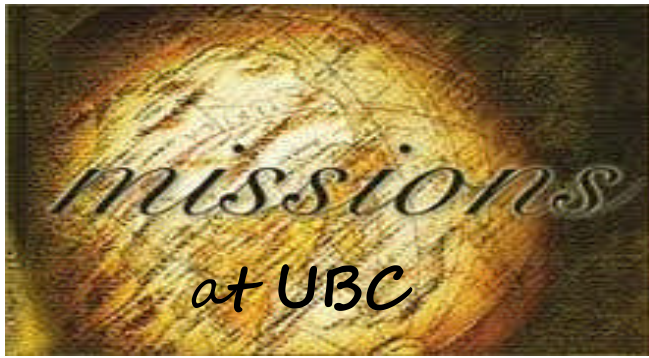


Steve is excited to serve as the Pastor of Equipping - a new ministry role at Uniontown. Steve's primary responsibilities include the oversight of adult Small Groups and Ministry Teams, oversight of Marriage Ministries, and training leaders to shepherd men and women along the PATH. He will encourage, resource and train flock leaders to **shepherd** church members, group leaders to **nurture** group members, and ministry leaders to **equip** team members. As a secondary emphasis, Steve will work with UBC ministries to equip parents to disciple children in the home and resource families for community outreach and disciple-making. Steve will also conduct child dedications and coordinate baptisms at UBC.

Jim Korn, Elder

Jim has been enjoying a wonderful sabbatical for the past 3 months - cruising around the countryside with his lovely wife, Nita. Jim will be returning from his sabbatical as of October 1. Welcome back Jim! We've missed you!

Our mission is to become a holy people of The Holy God glorifying Him by imaging and proclaiming Jesus.



Happy Helpers for the Homeless

By Judy Nance

YES – WE CONTINUE TO SERVE IN BALTIMORE!

Did you know that UBC continues to be the “Carroll County Branch” for the **Happy Helpers for the Homeless (HHH)** ministry? UBC’s purpose in participating in HHH is to boldly witness to individuals who have not yet bowed their knees to Jesus. We strive to encourage and strengthen Christian men and women in economically unfortunate situations, while humbly serving and providing for individuals’ physical needs.

When I began serving, I knew nothing about this mission or HHH. However, I did know two things: (1) we are called to serve; and (2) God said go! The journey has included getting to know our Lord better, serving those with little or no hope, and creating bonds while serving alongside my brothers and sisters.

Who are the homeless? They are:

- God’s people;
- experiencing hard times for a variety of reasons;
- men, women and children;
- either in the area for a long time or a short stay;
- hungry for the Word and hungry for hope;

Over the course of this year we have been humbled by their growing enthusiasm to hear about: God; His love; and His Word. We have given them tracts, Bibles and other reading resources, which they can’t seem to get enough of! Often we see a few people each month who eagerly update us on their progress and/or issues, and welcome our prayers. Many won’t engage in much conversation, but will take recent tracts or the Daily Bread. When we don’t have Bibles we usually start a list of names to bring one for the next visit!

This is a great opportunity for **you** (individuals or families) to serve the Lord! We go the 4th Sunday of each month, following the second service. All are welcome—whether you have never served before or have been serving others all of your life! The rewards will be the great! For more information on this and other ways to enrich and be enriched through this mission, please contact chuckbednar@yahoo.com. God bless you!

Orphan Care Ministry

By Tracy Sutkaytis

There is so much excitement building up for the team that will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in October to *love on the least of these*. UBC has embraced an orphanage of over 30 abandoned girls who come from abusive backgrounds. They have the most horrifying past and have such a bright future. They love the Lord and are learning how much He loves them. Eight women from UBC will be traveling to see these girls for five days. Several of the team were asked how they felt traveling to Kettys’s House in October .

“I am so humbled that God has called me to undertake such an important mission. I feel so unworthy, but if I, with the help of God, can plant even the smallest seed of hope in any of these children, I will feel such a sense of accomplishment. As always, I give all the Glory to God!” Dodi Ritz

“It has almost been 1 year since I have spent time with the children and staff at Ketty’s House. I miss them so much sometimes my heart aches. I pray that the Lord continues to break my heart for what breaks His and turn that heartbreak into action to be “His” hands and feet to the children at Ketty’s House and beyond!” Kari Smith

“I am still amazed that God would use me to be His servant at the orphanage in the DR! I am humbled beyond words sometimes and I haven’t even gone yet! I said to someone the other day, I am looking forward to having my heart broken; to convict me further to continue to live to serve God!” Judi Nance

Please keep this team in your prayers as well as Ketty’s House full of girls. They cherish UBC’s relationship with them.



MISSIONS AND LOCAL OUTREACH- MISSIONARIES AND SERVANTS

By Pastor Jay Bubel

UBC's Missions Policy: Missions at Uniontown Bible Church:

"The sending out and supporting of equipped disciple-makers who cross barriers of distance, culture and language in order to establish and strengthen the church in places beyond the normal sphere of influence of our members, both within and outside the USA."

Local Outreach: "presenting the gospel and meeting the spiritual, social and physical needs of people within the local community. Local Outreach involves more of our people's time and personal efforts locally."

Missionaries = leave their home culture-making disciples of the unreached and least reached.
Romans 15:20.

Outreach Servants = serve in their home culture, making disciples and growing the local body of believers.

Step out the door of your home. Are you in your home culture? Yes? You are a servant of the Living God—serving Him in your sphere of influence. If you answer no, because you have crossed barriers of distance, culture and language, in order to establish or strengthen the church beyond your sphere of influence, you are a missionary.

THIS IS THE COST

John Piper: "The apostle Paul had a holy ambition – to preach the gospel to peoples who had never heard. He ached to proclaim Jesus where he had not yet been named. So today, missionaries cross cultures, learn languages, and pour out their lives in word and deed to break through thousands of years of darkness and the reign of Satan over a people who do not know the King of kings and the Savior of the world. Missionaries go to, and minister among,

peoples who otherwise have little to no access to the saving news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

And since Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples of all nations is still in effect – and since there are thousands of peoples today who have never heard of him – every church should pray that God would not only make all of us evangelists among our own people, but also that He would raise up from among us missionaries to take the gospel where it has never gone before."

SAFE FAMILIES

By Jen Bittner

The single biggest factor influencing the lives and outcomes of children is their family. Many at-risk families have good intentions, but lack the family support needed to assist them in times of need. Without this support, they are on their own when facing serious life stressors, such as sudden loss of employment or housing, domestic violence, postpartum depression, physical injury, substance abuse or having to go into the hospital. Many children in a family traumatized by crisis become especially at risk for abuse or neglect as their parents struggle to cope. Safe Families is a national movement of compassion that gives hope to families in crisis. Safe, loving homes are provided where parents may voluntarily have their children cared for while parents seek to restore stability in their lives.

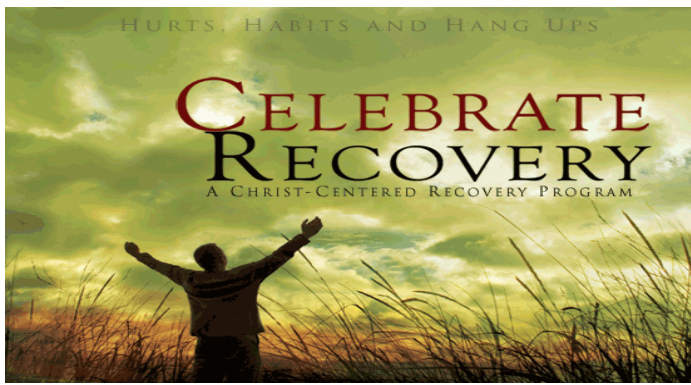
There are several opportunities to serve in this ministry. Become a host family by opening your home to children in crisis and provide a safe and loving home. Consider becoming a *family friend or mentor*. Opportunities for Case Coaches, provide clothing and other necessities for the children, donate your professional services or provide respite care for the host families. God commands us throughout the Bible to defend the cause of the fatherless and love on the least of these. Please respond to God's command by serving in this amazing ministry.

Please contact Jen Bittner at jbittner261@comcast.net or 443-536-1336 for additional information. Also, visit www.safe-families.org

ORPHAN HOSTING

By Jen Bittner

Do you know how many children have no mommy or daddy to tuck them in at night? Who have no HOPE in their lives? Four weeks this winter can change a child's life forever. Open your heart and home to an orphan child to share the love of Christ. The life you change may be your own! For info on hosting an orphan, contact Jen Diehl 443-929-1977 / chrisjendiehl@yahoo.com or visit www.openheartshomes.org



Celebrate Recovery

By Lisa Mowers

Have you ever struggled with how to handle your **FINANCES** God's way? Does **ANXIETY** weigh heavy in your life? Are you enduring **SUFFERING** and you don't know why, or what to do about it? Do you need to be encouraged that there is **HOPE** in your situation? In October, November, and December we have many incredible stories of life-change and healing, some from our own pastors and elders!

*On October 21, **Brandon** and **Cheryl Kane** will share their journey through **financial recovery**.

*Elder **Dan Schipper** will share his personal battle with **anxiety** on November 4th.

*Pastor **Tim Webster** shares God's hope in his journey through **suffering** on December 2nd.

*We will also hear personal stories of healing and freedom from **Eric D.** (Oct. 7), **Josh H.** (Nov. 18) and **Judi N.** (Dec. 9). **Don't miss the encouragement God has for you** through these stories of his redemption!

On the **first** Friday of each month, we begin fellowship with a potluck dinner at 6:00pm, followed by a great night of **praise** and **worship** with the UBC praise team. (10/7, 11/4, 12/2). *We will **not** meet on 10/14. For more info, contact us at cr.utown.org, or the church office.



Want to make your Friday nights matter? Celebration Station and CR preschool could use your help!

Each Friday evening you could:

- pass on faith and hope to a future adult
- help children find their voice
- encourage a child's faith...as you encourage your faith
- watch children become friends and followers of Jesus
- have kids' fingerprints leave a mark on your heart

If you are interested in helping children discover the love Jesus has for them join us on Fridays nights as we discuss gratitude, forgiveness, giving and spending QUIET TIME with Him.

Yes, each Friday night we have added 5-10 minutes of quiet time with Jesus. After learning that there are times we need to rest, we rested and quietly listened to God. Children and adults asked God to speak to them and to open our hearts. As leaders we thought, yeah right, 10 kids quiet for 5 minutes... well it worked and it worked so well that each night we spend 5-10 minutes listening to God. What an honor to expose kids to quiet time with the KING.

What an honor to teach children truths such as Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" and discuss what that really means. What an honor to have kids make folders to take to school to remind them that even when they face temptation they can flee and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. 2Timothy 2:22

If you are interested in being a volunteer or would like to allow your children to learn and grow with us please contact, Robin Hoff at rdhoff@carrollk12.org or on our CR Facebook page.

Mary's House

By Jodi Sell



God is so good to us! We have so seen Him working in our ministry these past few months and praise Him for the additional hands that He has sent our way. As per the ministry Sundays held the past several months, Mary's House has been blessed by several more women who have stepped up and offered their love and services to our girls.

Our girls are in such unique situations because they are typically very far removed from all former family members and friends. They often move into our shelter feeling very much alone and very much like outcasts. One of our goals is to fill their lives with as many positive individuals as possible. We desire for them to see the love of Jesus from as many different people and in as many different ways as they possibly can. Three new women have stepped up to fulfill just that role in the life of our newest girl.

Nancy Thorton has become our house craft person. She has been visiting once a week and assisting one of our girls with making a precious baby blanket for her little one, due at the end of February. Nancy has taken our client shopping for yarn, material and crochet hooks. They have gone out to lunch together several times and have spent precious time together just talking and getting to know one another. Our girl looks so forward to these weekly visits spent with her new friend.

Lisa Robbins has become our house cheerleader. She seeks our client out on Sunday mornings just to say "hi" and to make her feel welcome. She always has an encouraging word for her and is a listening ear whenever our mom-to-be needs to talk.

Mary Mobley has become our organization specialist. She is helping to prepare our new girl for her role as a young, single mom, and has made herself available to run her to appointments.

We are so thankful to God for calling these women to serve in this way. There is always room for more hands at Mary's House. If you have a heart for young, single moms, or would like to share a talent or skill with them, please let us know. God so blesses us when we reach out to bless others.

The Caring Team

By Cheryl Kane

Think of The Caring Fund as a "financial emergency room." If someone has a financial hardship, The Caring Team is available to provide 'triage' and help stop the bleeding. We don't want to just put a Band-Aid on things however. Our main goal is to provide 'preventative care.'

In many cases, it is possible to plan ahead in order to avoid financial hardships and struggles, just like brushing and flossing your teeth can prevent cavities. Proverbs 21:5 says "The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty." Are you hasty to spend your money before you have created a spending plan (a budget)? Do you spend all that you make? The Bible says this is foolish. Proverbs 21:20 "In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has."

On September 13, approximately 30 people began Financial Peace University (FPU). During FPU they are learning how to plan ahead (budget and save) in order to prevent financial hardship. Some may even opt for an 'elective procedure' called a plasectomy*. Whereas in the medical world, elective procedures are often expensive and not covered by insurance, this procedure is guaranteed to save you money.



Personally, learning to live on a budget and spending less than we make has been difficult. We have made sacrifices. We say "No" to our children and to ourselves. But just like a visit to the dentist for preventative care (a cleaning) can be uncomfortable, it is always worth it. I felt quite responsible last summer when we had our (septic) drain field replaced and had money in an emergency fund to pay for it. Financially, FPU is helping us live out Romans 12:2 "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind".

Are you ready to have your own Total Money Makeover? Contact us (410-374-0452) or visit www.daveramsey.com to learn more.

*cutting up credit cards in a creative, fun way

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

By Donna Haines

Our Fall programs are off and running!

Sunday School begins at 9:15 with classes working on the "Hands On Curriculum" by Group Publishing. Kids are learning, by hands-on adventures, about the Word and applying it to their daily lives.

Kid's Worship Service is offered at the 11:00 service. All the children come together for a time of worship, prayer, object lessons, Bible study and more! They have begun a curriculum called "The Amazing Journey." Beginning in the Old Testament, they will learn more stories (not just the typical ones) as they see Jesus and how these stories apply to our lives today.

Our 2nd service Preschool class is also working through the Old Testament in Faithweaver Curriculum. (Be sure to ask all your children what they are learning, now that you have an idea.)

WE NEED YOU!

We need you! Parent partners is a program that Eileen Estes began in the summer. We want to continue this so please contact us to be a part of this valuable ministry. We have multiple needs for helpers in all classes, help with registration, snacks, and more. Make sure you thank Eileen for everything she accomplished this past summer.

AWANA— Kick-off was Sept 21st! It was rewarding to see all the children enter the door with Bibles in hand and their uniforms from last year. It is not too late to join this Bible Memorization Club. Let's instill the Word of God into your children's hearts and minds. Contact Laurie Krom (410-259-7792) or myself for more details.

Thank you again for privilege of ministering to your children.



Men's Ministry News

Bill Harrington

Hi Men. If you are new to Uniontown Bible Church you may not know much about the Men's Ministry; and if you are a seasoned veteran of UBC you are already familiar with the ministry. However, there are some changes to report... so that puts us all on the same page.

We believe that rotating the team members and leadership strengthens the ministry in a couple of ways. New men bring new ideas and vigor to the team and a new man at the helm encourages the development of his leadership skills. To that end, I am stepping down as the ministry head and will be replaced by the very capable and friendly, Tom Grubb. I will remain on the team, as will Dennis Moreland, but Miles Brey and Craig Hovermale will rotate off. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to both of them for their service to the men of UBC!

Joining the team this year are four men who will bring enthusiasm and dedication to the ministry (these are men who didn't get the memo on how to say no). They are Lance Fadden, Denny Gill, Jerad Barberry and Chris Rogers. We are very thankful that they answered the call to serve.



So what's on the calendar? On Saturday, October 22 we have a "Meet, Eat, and Sweat" event planned. We'll gather at the church for a breakfast of doughnuts and coffee/juice, followed by a time of working around the barn and farmhouse. We'll return to the church building for worship and a speaker and conclude our time with pizza for lunch. If you are new to UBC this is a great opportunity to meet some of the men you only see on Sunday morning, so please come and join us. If you are an "old timer" you already know the fellowship will be great. We'll do a sign-up in October.

On Friday, Dec. 3, we'll host a movie night - with food, of course. Plan to join us and bring your son(s) with you ("flick with no chicks!"). Then on February 18, we will have the Father/Daughter Dance. It is likely that there will be some Spring event (perhaps a family activity), but that has not been established yet. And as we have done for years, there will be a father/son camping trip in the summer. So mark your calendars now, and join us for good times of fellowship and growth.



By June Rusterholtz

Ladies, our retreat is upon us and we are ready to hear from Marilyn Anderes about what God has laid on her heart and mind. Marilyn always presents Jesus, and our prayer is to know Him more and let Him shine through us.

As fall is starting to turn leaves into different colors and the season into a season of thanksgiving we are going to have a Titus 2 Talk on "Thanksgiving." We will have Christine Phillips share with us and have some other great plans in the works for that evening (to be announced). The date will be announced soon.

Our goal for the Women's Ministry is to bring women to a closer walk with the Lord, to help them in their spiritual growth and give them a time to develop friendships in the Lord. We try to provide events that not only entertain but also give opportunities for ladies to grow spiritually, as well as having activities to bring non-Christian friends and family where they will hear the gospel presented. We feel both types of activities are necessary to meet the needs of the women of Uniontown and our friends and neighbors.

Our team is open to anyone interested in joining us in the planning and carrying out of events. We meet once a month for a Bible study and a planning time. If you are interested in joining us call June Rusterholtz at 443-340-6730.



By Pam Brown

The MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) season kicked off to a wonderful start in September where we introduced our theme for the year to over 30 moms.

MomSense: Bold • Loving • Sensible

Developing a mothering strategy is somewhat like playing a game — and this year's theme is appropriately game related. Have fun being a mom! Playing games involves being bold and taking risks, loving those in the game with us and being sensible while figuring out what works and what doesn't.

Please join us and "Get in the Game" every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at Uniontown Bible Church from 9:30-11:30am in Room 101 (childcare provided for infants and children up to 6 years old).

We hope to see you at our next meeting October 6th for Kris Schipper's talk on Conflict, Boundaries, and Growing Friendships. If you can't make the meeting please join us for our next MOPS Night Out on October 5th at 9:00pm at the Applebee's in Westminster.

We would like to say a special thank you to the wonderful MOPPETS volunteers who care for our 60+ children during each meeting. Our ministry would not be possible without your service.

We are so excited to foster relationships and support the mothering needs of these wonderful moms, many of whom are new to our group this year.

For more information about our program or to volunteer to serve in this ministry, contact our MOPS Coordinator Rebecca Merson at 410-635-8203 or visit our blog at mops.utown.org.

Newest Members!

Give a warm "welcome to the family" to our newest UBC members when you see them!



Ray & Trisha Jensen



Our next membership class will be held on 3 consecutive Sundays—**November 13, 20, & 27** at 11 a.m. in the church office building—the red farmhouse located at 4280 Watson Lane. Prior to the class please complete the Discovering Membership booklet (available in the church foyer) and call or email the church office to sign up for the class.

October

- 1 Shirley Schrier, Katlin Muller, Sarah Dawson
- 2 Robert Buntin
- 4 Denise Hobby, Terry Petry, Virginia Randle, Amanda Wiles
- 5 Marc Haines
- 7 Taylor Dooley
- 8 Sharon Crabbs
- 9 Jutz Moreland, Kelly Hobby
- 11 Sue Schildwachter, William Meushaw
- 12 Trevor Felkner
- 13 Jodi Sell
- 14 Marty Walker, Sam Groves, Leah King
- 15 Tracy Sutkaytis
- 16 Kristen Snow
- 17 Morgan Osterhouse
- 18 Mary Feaster
- 19 Jennifer Williams, Jessica Barnes, Andy Cook, JD Cook
- 20 Donna Dick, Jay Weller
- 21 Diana Inman
- 23 June Hess, Jonathan Dooley
- 24 Colleen Newman, Chris Edwards, Justin Yingling
- 25 Steve Hreha, Jaime Barberry, Darin Lease, Emily Bladen
- 26 Elisabeth Corbin, Matthew Osterhouse, Stephen Smith
- 27 Dorothy Fritz, Stephen Strosnider
- 28 Jeff Francis, Mike Shadle
- 29 Ken Nunnelee, Doug Groft, Trish Alejandrez
- 30 Alan Rusterholtz, Randy Gallagher, Donald Lawrence
- 31 Liz Carlson

November

- 1 Melissa Weller, Robert Schipper, Emily Sanchez
- 2 Michelle Francis
- 5 Jerry Miller, Tina Rhinecker, Justin Rusterholtz, Ben Strock, Kristin Spurrier
- 6 Travis Green
- 7 Sharon Boyle, Julie Vaughn, Katelyn Bowers, Kristopher Bowers
- 8 Scott Booker
- 10 Loretta Heltibridle
- 11 Gary Jirout
- 12 Victoria Utz, Terry Cook, Cheryl Osterhouse, Nick Panagakos
- 13 Meredith Korn
- 14 Edi Sowers, Cathy Dent, Christina Hurst
- 15 Ken Strosnider
- 17 Donna Felkner, Jacquelynn Williar
- 19 John Randle
- 21 Jennifer Sipe
- 22 Kris Schipper
- 23 Miles Brey, Brenda Miller, Brian Chapline
- 24 Kelly Bollinger, Dwayne Rogerson
- 25 Mike Grant, Laura Finch
- 27 Jason Tate

In Everything Give Thanks

By Dottie Fritz

We thank you God for this great land
From shore to shore and sifting sand,
For fields of grain and skies of blue,
Freedom to worship Your Word so true.

We thank You for heroes so brave,
Serving their country, our land to save.
For tender mercies You send our way,
Be thankful with praises we repay.

The change of season, that we behold,
With gold and scarlet leaves, their beauty untold.
The glistening snow on tall pine trees,
Dewdrops on roses and warm summer breezes.

We thank You God for Your love and care,
In each long night our trials to share.
Let us count our blessings and with grateful heart,
Seeking His will, His love to impart.

Today and Forever

By Dottie Fritz

God is so faithful to me each day,
His mercies never end.
Always near, when to Him I cry,
A good and constant Friend.

He holds the seasons of this world,
Spring, when trees wear a coat of green.
In Summer with the heat of the sun,
And Fall, fields of golden grain are seen.

When Winter comes, we feel it's icy blast,
But beautiful with snow, that soon will pass.
We feel so small, when we see His might,
And bow to thank Him day and night.

The mountains show His majesty,
With pine and gorge so deep.
The ocean with it's mighty roar,
All in the Master's hand to keep.

So, I'll trust Him for tomorrow,
Whatever it may bring.
He will lead and I will follow,
Ever His praise to sing.