MAY NEWSLETTER

Adieu to Mark Howell

Long-time director stepping down

Mark Howell, director of the Summer Camp years, will step down at the end of this month to take a position with Louisville Metro Parks.

"Mark has been instrumental in modernizing LCHM during his tenure, improving the ministry's relevance to the neighborhood while also maintaining its historic role," Interim Executive Director and Staff Partner LCCHM board secretary.

Most notable among the improvements was the 2019 remodel of the Camp Director's cabin, which is named one "ideal" for grounds later afternoons each week. "It's been a waiting to do that since day one," Howell said. It was the culmination of a dream that began as a conversation he started with a then-undergraduate intern, Stephanie Hurley Hood.

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people take only what they wanted. "Many lives [were] saved as a CLOSE in June of 2017, the pantry's yards [were] filled with 1,000 pounds of tuna, 1,000 pounds more than a ton of fresh produce from Dare to Care and food pantries each week.

Other changes Howell introduced include the Summer Camp Olympiad program, with the Spring at Olympic Manufacturer in 2020. "It's exciting to see the kids' excitement for that," Howell said. "That's an Olympic's doing."

"The other thing we changed is the Youth Program. We also totally changed the Youth Program. We also changed for the hiring of a full-time associate director, Stephanie Hurley Hood.



Mark Howell

Former Board Chair Carol Sexton said, "Mark is a caring, compassionate leader and a steady servant of God."

"I have tremendous gratitude for Mark's leadership," Sexton said. "If Louisville is a city of neighborhoods, it's not just for person receiving what's changed. I'm changed with everything Mark.

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Diaper bank boosts Project Baby Launch into orbit!



Thanks to the St. Bernadette Diaper Bank, a ministry of St. Bernadette Parish in Fern Creek, Operation Baby Launch won't need newborn or size 1 baby diapers for quite awhile.

The ministry dropped off 800 truckloads of diapers in April.



Including packs that will take baby from newborn size to size 2 diapers, Project Baby Launch hosts a home-and-free needs.

You can learn more about the St. Bernadette Diaper Bank and the upcoming Diaper Dance fundraiser at https://bit.ly/stbernadettediapers.

Even more things to be grateful for!

We couldn't do that we do without you doing what you do. This month, we have many gifts to thank you for:

- Members of Second Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville, Indiana, who collected a shopping basin full of goods to give out at the pantry.
- Master interested the call stewards when a volunteer posted on Facebook that we had run out of meat to give away in April. Thanks to each one of you who reached out with help.
- Thanks to the person who stopped forward to sponsor a child in our weekday summer camp. Sponsorships are $65 per child. You can also sponsor a field trip - $300. Smaller donations help to pay for other activities and supplies.
- Thanks to Matilda and Steve Thomas from the food pantry at United Methodist Church for sharing donations with UCHM. ❖

A farewell from Mark Howell

Dear Friends of UCHM,

United Crescent Hill Ministries has been a source of community all my and receiving. My life has been changed by the experience of compassionate, generous and thankful people trusting themselves in the lives of their neighbors.

People in need find hope in knowing that their community is created through life together.

It is with tremendous gratitude for my colleagues, the board of directors, volunteers, and the individuals and families we have the privilege to serve that I have announced I will be departing UCHM. UCHM has been serving the community for over 75 years, and I have full confidence the ministry will continue to grow and continue and thrive because of the tremendous people leading the charge.

Thank you for the privilege and honor to serve as the executive director for the last 10 years. I have had the good fortune to work with some of the most gifted and talented colleagues and volunteers. The board of directors have been supportive and gracious in their leadership and empowerment.

I have been overwhelmed and continue to be astonished by the generosity of people connected to UCHM.

I look forward to the imaginative and innovative ways UCHM will share good gifts with our neighbors in need. And may we always be thankful for the many more daily, acts of kindness, and walk in humility.

Grace and Peace,
Mark Howell



A portion of the toilet paper donated by St. Frances of Rome.

Local church gives Tower of TP to pantry!

A local Catholic Church donated a tower of toilet paper to the UCHM food pantry.

The photo on the left doesn't even show all of the the 15 pieces of toilet paper that St. Frances of Rome on Payne Street.

We try to have toilet paper on hand for our pantry visitors, but it vanishes quickly, even though we give only three rolls for most families. The donations by this congregation make a big difference for our neighbors who visit this pantry. ❖



Derby Partypers Sharon Parsons and Pat Hart

Ready with their Derby hats are Deeby Delsery and Linda Waterbury at the Derby Party.

EVERY WEEK

- **Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.**, chair yoga with Arnie.
- **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.**, lunch. Reservations required one week in advance by calling 893-0346.
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, after lunch, bingo.
- **Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**, strength and resistance exercise.
- **Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**, learn to crochet baby blankets, or join the baby blanket crochet group if you already know how.

CLOSED

United Crescent Hill Ministry will be closed May 26 for Memorial Day

TUESDAYS IN MAY

- **May 13, 10:30 a.m.:** Nutrition talk - Calcium, why you need it, how much do you need.
- **May 20, 10:30 a.m.:** Crafts with Aunt Sally.
- **May 27, 10:30 a.m.:** Prepare your best joke for World Laughter Day.

THURSDAYS IN MAY

- **May 8, 10:30 a.m.:** Brad Mann sings your favorites
- **May 15, 10:30 a.m.:** Scrabble, Valjeare, UNO. Join in for games!
- **May 22, 10:15 a.m.:** Blue Moon Karaoke
- **May 29, 10:30 a.m.:** Hava Dances with DEJ!



Twice-weekly there's a big crowd for Bingo. Glenn Hennig is waiting for a bingo during an April game.



Shirley Rees celebrates her birthday



Charlene Mcbroom and Jack Sullivan



Linda Waterbury was among the participants in a painting program.



Frances Jones' Derby outfit snags with color.



Mae Heath and Dorothy Miller like blooms in spring.



Susan Mattingly and Mary Tabaka follow the best of daffodils with yellow hats and highlights.

Nannie Bibbs setting the standard for Derby elegance

Summer camp registration

Time to sign up for UCHM Summer Camp June 9-13, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Children in grades 1-8 can participate in games, field trips and snacks activities, a little learning! Lunch will be provided.



Registration is $65 per child. Financial aid is available. ❖

It was dress-up day in the **after-school program** one afternoon in April. Here's Ivy Pidgeon wearing up for the school year as May 22



Clockwise from tutor Alena Nolan with the colorful feather boa is volunteer Aleks Rekelnik-o the cowboy hat, Keriah Lawson with the headband, Grayson Brady in the construction helmet, Nolan Brady in the derby and dark glasses and Thalen Brady, mad scientist.

We're expecting the selection of items in the pantry to continue to rise as produce and meat arrive.

At the same time, Dare to Care, which distributes USDA food to pantries throughout our area, including UCHM's, will receive less food from the government. The current presidential administration has cut food bank funding by $500 million.

This means our need for donated food and personal care items is sure to expand. Last month, we ran out of meat before our delivery truck arrived. We're nearly out of meat again.

Among our needs at the moment:

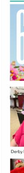
- Canned soup
- Meat that can be used as Chef Boyardee spaghetti and meatballs, hardcored, cooked and beanless
- Meat in a can such as Spam, tuna, chicken white and brown rice
- Canned pork beans, white beans, chickpeas, red beans
- Baking supplies such as sugar, flour, baking soda, baking powder
- coffee, tea, soda
- Assorted milk and shelf-stable milk
- spices, cooking oil, butter
- Frozen chicken
- Frozen beef, including ground beef
- Frozen pancakes, waffles, French toast
- deodorant
- shaving cream
- shampoo, conditioner
- soap, body wash
- diapers of all sizes except newborn and size 1
- baby wipes
- adult diapers, all sizes
- cat food
- dog food.



Our storage challenge! A good problem to have

A giant diaper donation from the good folks of the St. Bernadette Diaper Bank made an existing storage problem worse for Operation Baby Launch. We have no room to take anything!

Here's your request: Become a member, an up-to-date caravan, a Pack-n-Play, a crib, or other baby gear? Could you let Jenni Lehman know, so she can contact you when the time is right? Jenni's email is jenni.lehman@uchmky.org. Or call the office at 893-0346 and leave a message with the U-CHM this project and tell them it's for Baby Launch. ❖





Calling all makers, crafters, bakers, artists and businesses

The Family Fun Market June 7 is an opportunity for local makers to sell their goods. Tables are available, both indoors and outdoors.

To apply to participate, go to tinyurl.com/ScreenyJuneMarket.

Outdoor setup is $25 and indoor setup is $15, with additional fee for tables, chairs and electrical outlets.

More questions? Contact shelby@uchmky.org.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Family Fun Market.

Located 1 crescent Hill Ministries, 150 State Street, at the intersection of Frankfort Avenue and State.

WHEN
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday
June 7

WHERE
United Crescent Hill Ministries
150 State Street
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Both outdoors and indoors

WHAT
arts
crafts
cool stuff
food
raffles
music
food trucks
door prize