



CAMP GOOD NEWS!

With gas prices sky high, perhaps you and your family are looking for unique ways to get-away and spend time together over the summer months. Make plans now to attend our Family Retreat, "Camp Good News", Fri. July 25-Sat. July 26.

With the scattered schedules that we can have as families, here is an opportunity to reconnect with your kids and for them to reconnect with you! While the retreat will have exercises and activities focused on your family's relationships and spirituality, there will be music and time for relaxing by a campfire. The retreat features activities led by The Peacemaker Program.....offering innovative approaches to resolve conflict and achieve positive outcomes for children, families and the community. Facilitators from The Peacemaker Program will lead activities, games and adventures to help your family communicate better, learn how to resolve conflict and strengthen relationships.



Anticipated Schedule

Fri. July 25

6:00pm Arrival & Registration

7:00pm Welcome, Gathering, Snack

8:00pm Campfire, Stories & Music

Sat. July 26

Morning Prayer Gathering & Breakfast

10:00am Adventures with Peacemaker Program
with Lunch Break

2:00pm Free Time: Enjoy our Trails, Chapels, or
Swimming at North Utica Pool (1 mile drive)

4:00pm Closing Celebration & Dinner

**When you look at your life, the greatest
happineses are family happineses.
~Joyce Brothers**



**You don't choose your family. They are
God's gift to you, as you are to them.
~Desmond Tutu**

All for \$150 per family! —
includes meals, drinks, snacks,
activities and overnight accommodations in our
relaxing rooms with private baths. Register today by
calling or visiting our website!

Upcoming Events ~ 2008

A Mid-Summer Night's Dance —Sun. Aug. 10: Bring your entire family to this unique event, 5pm –9pm. See page 3 for more information.

The Third Option— The Third Option is designed for all married couples and can be used both as marriage enrichment or crisis intervention. This free program teaches how to have a happier, healthier marriage. After a successful first cycle of the program, a short summer break is in order. However, stay tuned...the program will begin again in early September!

Noah's Ark II Coffeehouse—Join us for fellowship and great music on Sunday July 27, 6pm-8pm. As always, it is free and open to all! Featuring very special guests: Maureen & Bill Hayes. See page 3 for more information.

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For more information or to register for any event or program, call (315) 735-6210 or visit www.thegoodnewscenter.org.

Retrouvaille—Sept. 19—21, 2008 -This overnight, weekend experience is for separated, divorced or married couples anxious about their relationship, bored in their marriage, or angry with their partner. Call (315)735-6210 for confidential inquiries.

Separated & Divorced Support Group— Led by trained facilitators, this group is designed to help heal and support those who are going through or have gone through separation or divorce. Meetings are typically held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Call or visit the website for upcoming dates and more information. This program is part of the Family Life Education Office, Diocese of Syracuse.

Great Dance Dates II— Join us for 4 weeks of fun for just the two of you! \$40 per couple covers four sessions that include a dance lesson with Gina & Luca Esposito and a relationship 'refresher'! 7pm-9pm, Wednesdays: Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15. Register today.

Rosary Walk —Wed. Aug. 6, 6pm. Come pray with us on our beautiful outdoor Rosary trail. Free and open to all. Refreshments will follow.

24 Hour Retreat —Sat. Nov.1-Sun. Nov. 2, All Saints & All Souls Day– Jim Krisher joins us to lead this wonderful opportunity for you to 'retreat' from the busy-ness of life! Don't miss this chance to experience a retreat with Jim right here in the Utica area. See page 4 for more information.

Conflict Resolution...for Couples

Recently, on June 21, twelve couples gathered at The Good News Center for a day-long workshop which focused on Conflict Resolution for married couples. Steve Robinson and Mark Leuthauser, of the Peacemaker Program, were the facilitators. Under their leadership, the couples learned about kinds of conflict, sources of conflict, how conflict spreads and methods of resolving conflict. Using movie clips, role play and activities, couples learned that conflict resolution is based on positive tools of speaking and listening.



Calling All Book Lovers!

Learning is lifelong...here at The Good News Center, we would like to explore a new way for the community to learn, share and grow together. We take in information, of course, by reading. But we can truly explore the information, learn from one another and build relationships by discussing what we read! As we explore the idea of starting a 'Book Group' or 'Reading Group', we ask:

- Are you interested?
- When would you like the group to begin?
- What topic(s) interest you?
- What day / time might work best for you?

Please contact Jennifer at The Good News Center with your thoughts: 735-6210 or jennifer@thegoodnewscenter.org. Let's make this happen together!



The Mission of The Good News:
To share the love of
Jesus Christ
through hospitality, spiritual renewal
and support of parish and family life.

Scripture Reflection:

John 1:12;14

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name-
And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

The 'Dancing' Continues...

A Mid-Summer Night's Dance will be held on Sunday, Aug. 10, 5pm-9pm. Bring the entire family for this wonderful event at The Good News Center. A dance lesson with Gina & Luca Esposito, open dancing and available concessions will make this 2nd annual event a lovely evening out for you and your family. Music will be by Jeff Glatt. \$15 per person, children under 12 are free.



Great Dance Dates II will be held this fall! The great response from the first sessions has led to another series. Gina & Luca Esposito will lead us each week for a dance lesson, a relationship 'refresher' and a bit of fun for the just the two of you. Make a note now to attend! Wednesdays: Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 15. 7pm-9pm. Offering: \$40 per couple covers all four sessions.

**Register for both of these events by calling or visiting our website!*

Thank You to our Generous Donors: (since our last publication)

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Art & Nancy Kneller
Bruce & Betty Petkovsek
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Thank you for praying for the guidance and success of The Good News Foundation mission and programs.

Innovative Program to Launch in September!
We are pleased to announce a new program that will be held at The Good News Center. Using body, mind and spirit, this program will combine prayer and exercise. Tina Moreau-Jones, fitness instructor and retreat master, will lead this series. The program is scheduled for: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am-11am and will run for 8 weeks beginning Sept. 16, 2008. Cost: \$40 per person covers the entire series. Bring your own exercise mat. More details to follow - stay tuned! Contact us now if you'd like to make your inquiry or early reservation!

Join us for this year's Rosary Walk...

August 6, 6pm

Pray the Rosary with us along our beautiful outdoor Rosary Trail on grounds of The Good News Center. Mike Dzuria will lead the procession and prayer. Join us afterwards for refreshments. This annual event has drawn more than 80 people. We hope you'll join us this year for an equally wonderful time. All are welcome! There will also be a Rosary prayed on the lawn at the Center for those unable to walk the trail.



Noah's Ark II Coffeehouse

Maureen and Bill Hayes Sunday, July 27 6-8 p.m.

Unity Award Winners & EWTN Alumni, the Hayes' are presenters and recording artists who share marriage and music ministry. Don't miss these very special guests coming from Albany to be with us. As always, free and open to the public!



Maureen Hayes, Vocalist, Music Minister, Instructor Performer and Recording Artist, is the Cantor and Soloist for The Church of St. Clare in Colonie, NY . In 2000 she performed in Rome for World Youth Day. Bill Hayes, Pianist, Organist, Composer, Performer, Instructor and Recording Artist is the Music Director for The Church of St. Clare in Colonie, NY . A published Composer of Liturgical Music, Mr. Hayes has composed, arranged and produced recordings of his original works including the 2002 Unity Award Nominated Song "I Am The Way", the 2004 Unity Award winning Liturgical Song of The Year, "I Am The Resurrection", the 2005 Unity Award winning Liturgical Song of The Year, "Living Bread", and the 2006 UnityAward Nominated song "Blessed Be God, Forever."



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“24 Hour Retreat”

Give a Day for God... And for You...

Join us at The Good News Center for a '24 Hour Retreat' directed by Jim Krisher on Sat. Nov 1 - Sun. Nov 2. A perfect way to spend All Saints & All Souls Day!

The retreat will begin with lunch on Saturday and departure will follow lunch on Sunday. Jim is founder and director of the Spiritual Renewal Center in Syracuse. He holds his undergraduate degree in Religion from Syracuse University and his M.A. degree in Theology from Boston College. A published author, Jim also serves as adjunct professor of New Testament and Christian Spirituality at LeMoyne College.

We are thrilled that Jim will be joining us at the Center—Don't miss this opportunity! Learn more about Jim and the Spiritual Renewal Center by visiting www.spiritualrenewalcenter.com.

The retreat will include meals, evening social, overnight accommodations and mass. An offering of \$95 covers all the amenities of this retreat.

This falls on Daylight Savings Time –
'Fall Back' and gain a truly meaningful extra hour!
12 noon, Sat. Nov. 1 – 12 noon, Sun. Nov. 2, 2008

To make your reservation or inquiry, call or contact us via the website.

