

Summer vacations are over and our ministry teams are gearing up for the new church year. Praises for Rally Day getting us off to a great start.

**Hands for God Puppet Ministry** (Jeff & Julie Hinshaw)

Our Puppet Ministry team performed for the Camp Mucho VBS at Millbrook UMC in August (for 75-100 kids). They also performed at WPUMC Rally Day evening services on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to a standing ovation. Upcoming performances are in the works, stay tuned for details.

There will be an open meeting for prospective puppeteers and their parents on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> (7pm to watch part of practice, 7:30pm for the parents meeting).

There is a plan to launch a Puppet Ministry web page off the youth website this fall.

**Higher Education Committee** (Melissa Edwards and Cynthia Rohm)

The Higher Education team has been busy with the adopt-a-college-freshman program. Letters were sent to the families of all graduating high school seniors inviting them to send in their student's college contact information and be "adopted" for the coming year. All of the Sunday school classes were contacted and asked to adopt a freshman. So far nineteen new college freshmen have been identified for the 2007-2008 school year and each student has been assigned to an "adopting" Sunday School class or UMW Circle. We have given the adopting groups some ideas on how they can support their students. We put together a list of addresses for the college freshmen and one of the UMYF small groups baked and mailed cookies to all of the freshmen.

In His Service,  
Pat LiVecchi and Kathryn Sobel