

CALLER ARTICLE FOR MAY

Strengthen the Church is one of our denomination's yearly areas of support. It is dedicated to building the Body of Christ, with one of its programs being to start new churches where the need is greatest. The offering also helps to fund levels of ordained leadership as congregations begin to form and grow. It also will provide money for new starting churches as well as funds for renewing congregations that require assistance to thrive again. The fund supports youth and young adult leadership as well as development for the whole church. Helping this program will make churches stronger to meet the needs of the people they serve. The Mission/Outreach Board asks your support for the May Mission

TWO SEPARATE ARTICLES FOR THE WEEKLY PROGRAM **(You can alternate these two)**

Strengthen the Church is one of four special United Church of Christ offerings. Its purpose is to help struggling churches find a better direction and also to work with new churches where there have been enough interested persons to establish a beginning church. This fund will work to educate future church clergy and youth groups to improve some of the programs that might not be budgeted. There are many needs and we, as an active church, need to help those less fortunate and assist other congregations move on with their work. The Mission/Outreach Board asks for your support.

The Mission Offering for May is one of the four special request drives for all United Church of Christ. Money that is raised goes to help UCC churches grow and become more solid in serving their congregations. Goals include forming and preparing pastoral guidance for the church as well as meeting the leadership challenges of the new generation. The Mission/Outreach Board asks for your support in this endeavor.