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As a result of these changes, **the deadline for the Good News moves to Wednesday at 9 am** and the Good News will go out Thursday morning, giving all of us a bit more time to read and absorb it!

CO-CREATING PLAYSHOPS

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CHILDREN (Nursery—6th Grade)

Church World Service Update

We were able to deliver 58 School Kits this year! Thank you so much to everyone who donated. You're making sure children have the best chance to succeed in school, even if they are recovering from a disaster or living in other tough circumstances.

Workshop Sign-Ups

Hopefully you stopped by the Workshop table and picked a project in which to participate. If not, get there this Sunday! There are MANY options kids would love!

Please watch for the weekly Kid's Worship emails that contain important dates and info! Message kanaris@mhcucc.org to sign up!

YOUTH NEWS (7th—12th Grade)

Seeking Comfy Seating

Our Middle School Sunday School room needs some comfortable furniture. If you are looking for a home for a sectional couch and/or bean bag chairs, please call Judy Hammer at 216-832-8817.

Student Interns Positions Available

Student Interns will assist the Coordinator of Youth Ministry September through May, serving as paraprofessional advisors on how to deliver spiritual curriculum to the middle and high school students. Interns will be supervised by the Coordinator of Youth Ministries and receive \$300, paid over three pay periods: December 1, February 1, and May 1. **More info at mhcucc.org/youth; send an email by Wed., Sept. 25 to judyhammerucc@gmail.com.**

WORKSHOP IS NEXT SUNDAY!

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Sign up for the project of your choice in the Lobby or through our website.

You can still fill out an Alternative Workshop card for the things you have done this summer to help others. Fill out a card from the table in the Parlor and place it in the blue box. Your contributions to making the world a better place will be added to the growing list of things other members have been doing this summer.

Donations Needed

If you want to help defray the cost of Workshop, write a check, mark the memo line "For Workshop", and drop it in the offering plate. Thanks for helping us continue to do ministry "outside the pews."

- Artificial Christmas greens, small ornaments, garlands, small pinecones, silk poinsettias or other Christmas themed decorations, plus small baskets or containers.
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, shaving cream or lotion for packaging and donation to Trials of Hope.
- New socks for Trials of Hope.
- Pill bottles – NO LABELS.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

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