



Faith Calls



Give Life

In 2007, partnering churches were encouraged to turn Advent into a counter-consumerism campaign by collecting money otherwise spent on gifts and donating it to a pooled charity that provides clean drinking water to places where contaminated water multiplies the disease rate. Advent Conspiracy churches gave over \$2.5 million to clean water projects last year.

A fine example: Ginghamburg Church in Tipp, Ohio, and Grace UMC raised \$1.2 million to help the people of Darfur, Sudan. Ginghamburg has been raising money for Darfur since 2005 when Mike Slaughter challenged members to cut their gifts in half and give the other half to the Christmas miracle offering. All donations to the Sudan project go directly to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for programs in sustainable agriculture, child protection and development of safe water.

First Lady Laura Bush has worked tirelessly to raise awareness that every 30 seconds a child dies of Malaria. "Every one of us can do something to help prevent the suffering caused by malaria," she said during a White House summit on Malaria in 2006.

Give Life – take the step today to change the world one step at a time!

1 Hour or 2 Hours – donate whole blood in an hour or platelets in two.

\$10 – buy and mail one less box of Thanksgiving or Christmas cards. Using the savings to buy a couple of insecticide-treated bed nets (\$10 a piece).

The UMCOR Hurricanes 2008 appeal is desperately under-funded.

See new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor for more information.

Give Life! Merry Christmas!

Pastor Brady

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 2008

“Centered In Jesus Christ —



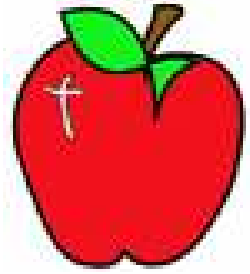
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church™

Reaching Out In Love”

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vision Statement: Building a foundation through Jesus, to be centered in Him.

Main Goal: To make disciples [Matthew 28:19-20 (The Great Commission)]
Sub Goals: Evangelize – reaching people for Christ
Edify – building up believers (the body of Christ) in love
Equip – to serve Christ



The classes are: 1-3 grade, 4-5 grade, 6-8 grade , 9-12 grade during the Sunday school hour of 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Please keep the Christian Education team and our youth and children in your prayers. If you would like to volunteer or would just like to talk, please contact Linda Rodman at 330-963-2979.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

In December our thoughts turn toward Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. On Friday, December 12, at 7:00 pm, in line with the Christmas season, we will be presenting *The Nativity Story* for our movie night in Fellowship Hall.



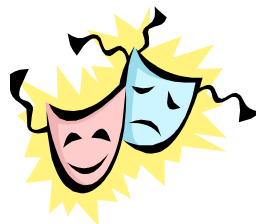
The Nativity Story is a beautiful telling of one of the world's most familiar stories. The movie is powerful, timeless and visually magnificent.

It was the cruelest of times. Under Herod's torturous reign, families struggled to survive and yet in that midst of utter turmoil, a young woman's faith was put to the test. Join Mary and Joseph on an incredible journey of hope and discovery. Epic in scope yet intimate in its portrayal of this historical family.

This wonderful film is a family feature that will be cherished for years to come. It is a good reminder of what Christmas is all about. We invite you to join us and bring a friend to watch this movie and get into the spirit of the season. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Please contact Gary Todd if you have any questions about this event. See you at the movie!

DRAMA TEAM

Do you like to act? Would you be willing to help make costumes? We are in the process of forming a "Drama Team" to perform drama during our worship services. This is another opportunity for ministry. Drama has a way of speaking to people in a way that can really affect their thinking and their hearts. If you are interested in being part of this ministry please contact Gary Todd



MYF

We hope you have checked out the MYF bulletin board outside of the church office. There are some great pictures from our pumpkin bowling night at the church last month. They are sure to at least bring a smile to your face!

We also had a field trip to a Christian book store in Mentor. Thanks to those who helped us out by driving. The youth had fun checking out the "goods" and making some purchases.

The MYF will be caroling to some of our friends from the church on Sunday, December 21st. We would LOVE to have some extra help. Please join us in the fun! Everyone is welcome no matter your age. We will travel to the homes of some of our church family. When we are done, we will have some goodies at the church to refresh us from all the singing.

Wednesday, December 31, to Thursday, January 1, 2009, is our annual New Year's Eve Overnighter at the church. Watch for a flyer in the mail and on the MYF bulletin board for more info.

December Schedule:

Sunday, December 7: Regular Meeting
Sunday, December 14: Regular Meeting
Sunday, December 21: Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 28: No Meeting
Wednesday, December 31-Thursday, January 1: New Year's Eve Overnighter at the church

Looking Ahead: Asbury, our winter retreat at Camp Asbury in Hiram, will be Friday, January 16 – Sunday, January 18, 2009.

Don't forget that you are welcome to bring a friend to any of these events and MYF meetings.

Not receiving informative flyers in the mail? Want to? Contact Kris or David Loughley at Kloughley@aol.com, Dloughley@aol.com or at 330-425-3558 with your address and phone number and even your email address!

Questions? Comments? Bored? Contact the leaders any time: David and Kris Loughley 330-425-3558 or dloughley@aol.com and kloughley@aol.com, Trent and Gerry Springer at 330-296-2906.



FINANCIAL UPDATES

Weekly Needs	\$ 3,750	Total Budget 2008	\$195,000
Worship Offering		2008 Total Needed to Date	\$176,250
November 2	\$ 5,937		
November 9	\$ 4,078		
November 16	\$ 2,544		
November 23	\$ 2,158		
Total	\$14,717	2008 Total to Date	\$149,897
		Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$26,353)
Capital Fund Giving	\$ 120	YTD Capital Fund Giving	\$ 1,280
Building Fund Giving	\$ 0	YTD Building Fund Giving	\$ 220
Attendance:			
November 2	- 125		
November 9	- 131		
November 16	- 137		
November 23	- 142		

Have you submitted your estimate of giving?

If not, the ushers have extras.



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You are invited to join the Todd family for their annual Christmas Open House and Heather's Graduation Party on Saturday, December 13, beginning at 2:00 pm. It will be a time of celebration, fun, food and fellowship. Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows but be sure to come hungry.

The Todd's address is 11298 Heritage Drive, Twinsburg. Directions from the church will be available. See Deb, Gary, Heather or Rich with any questions or call them at (330) 425-9745. They hope to see you there!

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

When we read the newspaper, listen to the news or just go through our daily lives it's sometimes hard to believe that we live a Wonderful Life. George Bailey who was born and raised in the small town of Bedford Falls felt that way. His life was filled with many difficulties and disappointments until finally one Christmas Eve everything seem to unravel and George felt alone and in despair. But George was not alone; God was with him and sent an unlikely angel to help bring him through this difficult time and show him what a wonderful life he had and how much he was loved.

This Christmas Eve between the 7:00 and 11:00 services we will be present "It's A Wonderful Life" in Fellowship Hall. This will be a time of fun and fellowship as we share in watching this heartwarming Christmas movie. Refreshments and snacks will be available. Please come and join us and see that it truly is "A Wonderful Life".



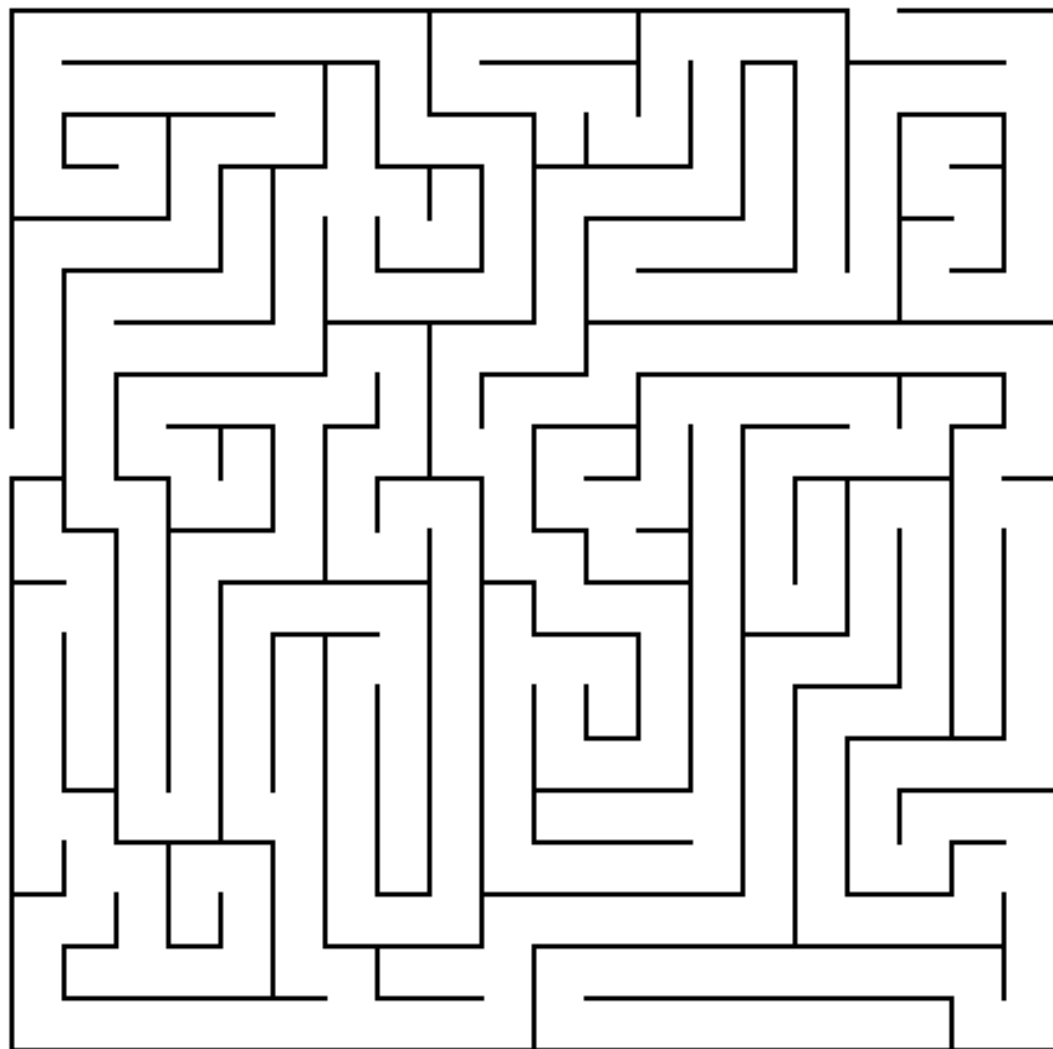
CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Sunday, December 21, the MYF will be doing their annual Christmas caroling. This year we would like to invite the entire congregation to join the youth in this traditional Christmas experience. We will visit the homes of some of our church members, and also some of their surrounding neighbors. This will be an opportunity to spread some Christmas Joy and also invite people from our community to share in the Celebration of Christ birth by join us for one of our Christmas Eve or even regular Sunday services.



This will be a great time of fellowship and outreach; and let's admit it, nothing gets us in the Christmas spirit more than singing Christmas carols. So please make plans to join the MYF for this once-a-year experience. We will return to the church for refreshments after caroling. Please watch the weekly bulletin for more details regarding this event.

Santa is lost! Can you help him find his way back to the North Pole?



MISSIONS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, and COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

(See the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for details.)

I have always held firmly to the thought that each one of us can do a little to bring some portion of misery to an end. --Albert Schweitzer

TWINSBURG COMMUNITY SPONSORS HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

A special holiday blood drive will be sponsored by the Twinsburg community to help save lives. All those who come to donate will enjoy a special canteen and American Red Cross Duffle bag to take home.

Where: Hilton Garden Inn (8971 Wilcox Drive, Twinsburg)

When: Tuesday, December 16 – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Who: Blood donors must be at 17 years old, weight at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and present a valid state photo ID upon donation. For more information, please call the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.RedCrossDonor.org.

HEARTS FOR HUNGER

New mission opportunity. Help the Homeless, A Ministry of Caring for those in need, on the West Side of Cleveland. In conjunction with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Solon, this mission visits the homeless at a drop-in center on 42nd and Lorain once a month. On the last Sunday of each month, food and personal hygiene products are distributed to the homeless, right at curb side, directly to the homeless. About 100 people are waiting to get food when our cars pull up. The need is so great. Donations are being asked for the following:

All travel size:

Soap	toothpaste	toothbrush	mouthwash
hand cream	shaving cream	razor blades	combs
Shampoo	conditioner		

Please bring items to the church and place in Hearts for Hunger Box. Also, monetary donations for food, should be made payable to "Our Redeemer Lutheran Church", with the memo of Hearts for Hunger, which will be used to purchase the food bags that are distributed. Further information to follow, on Dec. 7th, the mission will be highlighted at both services. If you have any questions and or donations, please contact. Lynne Timko at 330-405-9339.

UMCOR's Guiding Values for Humanitarian Relief Work

UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church, a worldwide denomination. Compelled by Christ, UMCOR responds to natural or human made disasters—those interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

- UMCOR's mission is to alleviate human suffering. We provide practical, proactive support to the most vulnerable survivors of chronic or temporary emergencies due to natural or civil causes.
- UMCOR honors cultural differences. We deliver aid to people without regard to race, religion, politics, or gender. We seek input from local communities in identifying needs.
- All people have God-given dignity and worth. The most essential partner in UMCOR's work is the beneficiary, the ultimate end-user of our service. There are no "victims" in our vocabulary. There are only survivors whose courage, along with a humanitarian helping hand, can transform communities.
- UMCOR always works with partners—usually in local settings. Civic organizations, faith communities, school leaders and other local resources are great assets to sustainable recovery and development, particularly after massive traumatic events. They exist close to the beneficiary and will continue to serve as positive influences in the community after UMCOR's work is complete.
- UMCOR is a good steward of our gifts and grants. Private donors can designate their gifts to our programs with the assurance that 100 percent is spent on the programs. The 8.5 million members of the United Methodist Church assure our ability to guarantee this through undesignated giving that underwrites our general administrative expenses.
- UMCOR avoids tying the promise of its relief and development activity to any religious or political viewpoint.
- UMCOR welcomes the good efforts of countless individuals and churches who support us through gifts and prayers and service. We incorporate volunteer action everywhere we can and ask our supporters to accept that sometimes it is not appropriate. We appeal to all volunteers to keep learning as their first objective so that the consequences of their service may become a true benefit.

UMCOR. Be There. Be Hope.

UMCOR's mission is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster—with open minds and hearts to all people.

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- 1 - Richard Zappala
- 2 - Patrick Tippen
- 3 - Jeff Deeds
- Adam Ruhe
- 5 - Lyndsey Aliff
- 6 - Holli Ruman
- 8 - Laura Dennewitz
- 12 - Chris Morrison
- Stephen Williams
- 16 - Andy Dennewitz
- 17 - Greg Matthews
- Brandon Shobert
- 18 - Grace Prorok
- 19 - David Fussner
- 22 - Jack Lewis
- 24 - Lynn Brower
- Mary Granger
- 25 - **JESUS!!!**
- Carol Howard
- Gary Timko
- 26 - Robin Desai
- 28 - Michelle Amtsberg
- Barb Johnson
- 29 - Bill Taylor



- 7 - Darrell and Myrtle Hawks
- Jack and Kim Lewis
- 17 - Don and Laura Alberta
- 19 - Boots and Sheryl Soden
- 22 - Tom and Kathy Prorok
- 25 - Matt and Annie Zellner
- 27 - Robin and Rita Desai



Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born king; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Men's Prayer 8:00 am
7 Communion 2nd Sunday of Advent	8	9 Preschool Baby Jesus Party 7:00 pm Pack 67 7:00 pm	10 Bible study 10:00 am Voice of Faith 7:00 pm	11 Praise Team 6:30 pm	12	13 Men's Prayer 8:00 am
14 Pennies from Heaven Preschool Singing/ Cantata 11:00 am worship service 3d Sunday of	15	16	17 Bible study 10:00 am Voice of Faith 7:00 pm	18 Praise Team 6:30 pm	19	20 Men's Prayer 8:00 am
21  4th Sunday of Advent	22	23 	24 Worship Services 7:00 pm w/o communion 11:00 pm w/ communion	25 	26	27 Men's Prayer 8:00 am
28 Pennies from Heaven	29	30	31  Happy New Year! (Times Square)	MYF Dec. 7 - Regular Mtg Dec 14 - Regular Mtg Dec. 21 - Caroling Dec. 28 - No Mtg Dec. 31 - Overnighter		