

Faith Calls

A new pair of shoes- for the church

We have heard it often: people love Jesus but they hate church. College chaplains will tell you this all the time.

Dan Kimball turned the expression into the title of an Emergent Church/ Emergent Generation book last year. They loved Jesus but hated the Church: Insight into the Emergent Generation. The book was born out of conversations Kimball and company had with young adults in the coffeehouse about Jesus, Christianity and the church. Kimball asked them two-word association questions: What do you think of when you hear the name of Jesus? and What do you think of when you hear the word “Christian”?

Let me share a few primary reasons for this:

- ≈ The church is an organized religion with a political agenda.
- ≈ The church is judgmental and negative.
- ≈ The church is dominated by males and oppresses females.
- ≈ The church is homophobic

Therefore, it time for new shoes for Faith United Methodist. We must open our hearts, and doors to all of the children of God! We must love! We must love our neighbor as ourselves!

I was a green 21 year old kid from a town of Alligator in 1980 working as manger for Popeye’s. After a robbery, I called the Wesley Foundation Chaplain. He told me , “Son, you need to go to church.”

I am a United Methodist pastor because a college chaplain sent me to Clark Memorial United Methodist Church in Nashville and I found a family of United Methodist men who loved me. They did judge me but they loved me!

We need to offer the world new shoes – not shoes of hate but of love.

Keep the Faith!

Pastor Brady

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2008

“Centered In Jesus Christ — Reaching Out In Love”

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September 7, 2008 Sunday school Fall Quarter begins...SEE YOU SOON!!!!!!

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.

M Y F

S.O.A.P. How to properly use S.O.A.P. is what we learned on our annual canoe trip. We canoed 7 miles (7 loooonngggg miles) down the Cuyahoga River at Camp Hi in Hiram in August. We had perfect weather. We only had some rain Saturday night that didn't really effect us! We camped at West Branch State Park in Ravenna. It's a beautiful campground. Oh, what is S.O.A.P.? It's something like this . . . **S**: Scripture, **O**: observation, **A**: Application, and **P**: Prayer. Ask a youth to find out more!!!

We also had a fun time at the first ever End of Summer Wet Water Blast Off Party! We had some fun water-themed snacks like Swedish Fish, Spongebob Squarepants crackers, watermelon, and gummi umbrellas!

Our first meeting is coming up on Sunday, September 7, from 6:00-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring a friend to the meetings and the fun events. We will also let you know a little more about the stuff we have planned for the following year. MYF stands for Methodist Youth Fellowship and is for students in any school district in grades 6-12.

September Schedule

Sunday, September 7: First Meeting of the Season in Fellowship Hall 6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, September 14: Regular Meeting

Sunday, September 21: Regular Meeting

Sunday, September 28: Regular Meeting

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

The financial updates will be provided the week of September 7.

FOOTBALL AND FELLOWSHIP

It's hard to believe summer is drawing to a close already. A sure sign that fall is coming is the beginning of the football season. Preseason is already underway and the regular season begins next week. For many of us, the second Sunday of the regular season, September 14, has a special significance - the first of this season's meeting between longtime rivals - the Steelers and the Browns.

On Sunday, the 14th, you are invited to share in a time of fun, fellowship and football at 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite snack to share and your Terrible Towels and Dog Bones to cheer on your team. It will be a lot of fun and maybe we'll even see the Browns win for a change (doubtful!). We hope you will plan to come and don't forget to wear your black and gold or (cough, cough) your brown and orange.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

If you have not filled out a member status form, please do so at your earliest convenience. Forms are on the table in the Narthex and there is a folder on the office window for completed forms. Accurate totals are necessary for the Charge Conference.

BULLETINS AND INSERTS

If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please put it in the basket by the front door on your way out for recycling.

SOFTBALL

The 2008 Twinsburg Church Softball League has come to a close. We finished a respectable 500. Fellowship and fun was had by all. Keep in mind next that we can always use a few new members to play. We hope to go back to weekday games. Thanks to the following players for their dedication this year: Amanda Alberta, Ryan Bandiera, Geoff Dipre, Brandon Hunter, Karen and Scott Johnson, Andy and Ken Kempf, Kevin Lowe, Mike Petrilli, Cal and Joy Shaw, Ryan Stuver and Rich Todd. A huge thanks to Ashley for keeping our score book every week and also to our friends and families who supported us. A season ending treat was enjoyed at Rosati's.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

On Friday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m., we will have our September movie night in Fellowship Hall. This month the movie will be "Joshua." This is the 2002 release starring Tony Goldwyn as Joshua.

The town of Auburn was always normal, to say the least. True, the people there weren't really a "community", but they never noticed ... until a stranger named Joshua rolled into town one morning. In many ways, Joshua began to help out around the town. Eventually, he brings the town together and becomes a community.

When the mysterious Joshua begins to show up in two places at once and miraculously cures a blind woman, he is accused of being a false prophet, trying to cheat people. When his next huge miracle-reviving a man from death after he falls from the roof of a newly completed church-overwhelms the town, the local Priest seeks out an official condemnation from the Vatican. But Joshua melts his icy heart, and the reformed Father becomes a Vatican member. Joshua sees the Pope himself and reveals himself as Jesus! After his meeting, Joshua leaves-but the people of Auburn, with their dreams fulfilled and their happiness increased, are changed forever.

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MISSIONS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, and COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS
(See the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for details.)

**SHOWERS FAMILY CENTER FOR CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDERS
AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

There is a list of items needed on the table in the Narthex. The collection box is also in the Narthex. Contact Debbie Dennewitz with any questions.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Faith UMC will be sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, October 5, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Details will be provided as the date gets closer. We will be looking volunteers to sign donors in, serve refreshments in the canteen and make some baked goods. We will need LOTS of blood donors!



SNACKS FOR STUDENTS (formerly COOKIES FOR COLLEGE)

Once again we'll be sending cookies and snacks to our college students and to members serving in the military. Mark your calendars - October 26th will be our cookie/snack collection day. Look for more details in the October newsletter and in your bulletin.



Happy Birthday to ...

- 1 - Brian Hanzlik
- 2 - Tom Chiudioni
Lee Reynolds
- 7 - Carol Matthews
Trent Springer
George Young
- 9 - Donna Reynolds
- 10 - Tom Curley
- 14 - Veronica Ruhe
- 16 - Ken Kempf
- 18 - Dotty Taylor
- 22 - Heather Drouin
- 25 - Lynne Timko
Trisha Zona
Abigail Zona
- 27 - Mike Maher
- 30 - Waddell Johnson

Fridge Notes

When you put things in the fridge, please, please be mindful of the expiration date. There were condiments from 2007, old cream and milk, etc. Also, please do not lay down open pop. There was a LOT of sticky leakage that needed to be cleaned up.



Happy Anniversary To:

- 5 - Richard and Karyn Zappala
- 7 - Greg and Stephanie Hopkins
- 12 - Pat and Trisha Zona
- 17 - Chris and Kathy Shainoff
- 20 - Bill and Ruth Tentler
- 22 - Ron and Sandy Seyer
- 24 - Gary and Lynne Timko
- 25 - Dick and Dorie Schultz

WANTED

Voce of Faith invites singers to join them. Practice is on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and they sing once a month. So, if you love singing for our Lord and would like more information, call Lynne Timko at 330.405.9339.

The Praise Team is looking for additional keyboardists who are interested in getting involved in the music ministry. Your level of participation can be flexible to fit your desired level of participation. If you are interested in being part of this fulfilling ministry, contact Greg Hopkins or Chris Morrison.



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	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Praise Team 6:30 pm		Men's Prayer 8:00 am
7 Communion	8 Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Praise Team 6:30 pm	12 Movie 7:00 pm	13 Men's Prayer 8:00 am
14 Pennies from Heaven Football Game 7:00 pm	15	16 Preschool Board Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 Praise Team 6:30 pm	19	20 Men's Prayer 8:00 am
21	22 <i>Fall</i> 	23	24	25 Praise Team 6:30 pm	26	27 Men's Prayer 8:00 am
28 Pennies from Heaven	29	30	MYF 9/7 First Regular Meeting 9/14 Regular Meeting 9/21 Regular Meeting 9/28 Regular Meeting			