



WOMEN OF FAITH

Family Ministry Connection

On Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Faith UMC invites your family to get connected! For children birth-PreK we offer Nursery lead by Laura Mack and Linda Stine. We also have a class for children in K-6th grade taught by Amanda Boyce and Alyson Hout. All four of these ladies are available each and every week to care for children and share with them the love of Jesus.

Also, if you have a teenager, Jared Foos and other young adults are committed to sharing time with teens and helping them grow closer to God. All of these opportunities meet in the Education Wing (signs are posted outside of each door).

If you are a parent with children, I'd encourage you to "get connected" with other adults by joining one of the adult small groups that also meet at 9:45 a.m. Lifetree Café meets in the back part of the café and has a different topic every week. You can find a listing of the monthly topics located on the information table as you enter the church. Pam Stimpert's class meets in the Education Wing and Jim Henry's class gathers in the conference room. Please contact Mary Hodgson or Gary Oswalt for information about Lifetree Café and Pam or Jim to connect with their classes.

It is our hope that Faith UMC is the place where your entire family plugs in and decides to connect!

Tina Birchell

Faith UMC Now Offers the Parent Link

ParentLink is a monthly newsletter designed especially for families with children. Each issue is filled with insights, suggestions and tools parents can use to help their family raise children who love God! ParentLink also covers such topics as Culture & Trends, Media Madness, Music, and even information on newly released video games your children may be wanting. There are two ways we are making this available to you, 1) you can go to www.umcfaith.com and click on Children's Ministry or 2) you can take a paper copy of the ParentLink at the church on the "Welcome Center" table. It is our desire to partner with parents and pass along practical tools and information that encourage and bring families closer together and closer to God! For more information please contact Tina Birchell at faithchristianed@gmail.com.

Lifetree Café

We are looking forward to launching Wednesday night sessions beginning Feb 2. Each weekly episode begins all across the US on Sundays and that same episode is shown all week long. Each weekly session is on a different topic. Please

go to the website or pick up a flier for the weekly topics in Feb. The purpose of Lifetree Café is to take us deeper in our relationship with Jesus by helping us see all of the places He is at work. But beyond those of us who regularly attend church, Lifetree is also designed to help reach

out to those who may never be willing to attend church. Read through the topics each month, and ask yourself, is there anybody I know who might be interested in that topic? Lifetree is a place where all are welcome, no matter what they believe.

Mary Hodgson

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Over the years our congregation has experienced many changes. The 2001 merger of the Franklin and Pavonia churches was the beginning of many changes that would move us from small white framed facilities on side roads to a multipurpose facility on a state route at the hub of our community. With all the change there have been many adjustments, and unfortunately some casualties among those who found it difficult to cope with fundamental changes and new realities.

When our congregation moved to our new facility, everything changed all at once. We saw a complete paradigm shift. For about the first three months in our new facility, it was like the wild west. People saw the potential, but were still trying to function as though we were still in our little white frame churches. Conflicts in priorities, goals, and strategies for ministry have abounded as leaders and groups and individuals did what they thought was best independently of consideration for what was happening in the larger congregation.

I want to commend the leaders of our congregation who have been scrambling for almost six months to adjust to fundamental shifts in the realities of congregational life and ministry. It has not been easy, but as policies and procedures are taking shape things are starting to settle down and move forward. I commend those leaders who have been working very hard to make necessary adjustments to the way things need to be done in this new paradigm of ministry.

The one thing that I think we dare not forget in all the flurry of activity is that we need one another to be who God has called us to be and to accomplish what God has called us to accomplish. If you read 1 Corinthians 12, Paul makes many valid points that

apply directly to congregational life and leadership. The essence of what he says is that - we all need each other in order to be who and what God intended us to be individually and corporately.

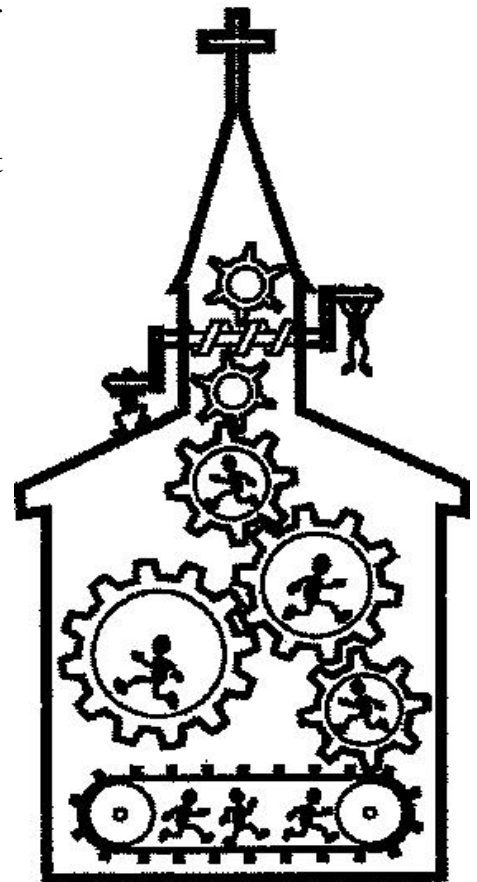
“... in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be” ... “As it is, there are many parts, but one body.” (1 Corinthians 12:18, 20 NIV)

“The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ... “But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. (1 Cor.12:21, 24-26 NIV)

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Cor. 12:27 NIV)

Applied specifically, we should understand that we need to be humble and gracious, but also need to remain engaged with our brothers and sisters in Christ learning, growing and serving together as God intended it to be. None of us have a monopoly upon insights, abilities, truth, scripture, or understanding of God’s will and ways. The intention of God is that we would learn together, grow together, and serve together. It is together that we discover God’s will and God’s way. It is together that we accomplish what God is calling us to do.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



Cougar Tracks

Hello my friends and family! I hope to find you all in good spirits and health. This month we will be focusing on the youthful minds of the teens across the street at our outstanding local school district. These fresh new smiles need to be added to the pleasant afternoons at the Outlet Café. Not only is it our duty to reach out and be the salt and light... it is our privilege.

You see... as we get more and more comfortable in our quickly advancing technology, our brains seem to get even more ingenious. In fact, we have gotten so clever, that we have somehow isolated ourselves to the point that we have to fill out online profiles. Not only for ourselves to figure out, but also to let millions and millions of others try to figure us out as well. Unfortunately, even with all that attention, living in isolation is still very lonely.

Friends, we have the privilege to be in a location where we have the opportunity to provide an entire safe-haven for our youth. That is important! Do you see? It

is important. So, what are we going to do about it? We are going to try to reach out and show we are Christians by our love... by our love. (There's a song in there somewhere).

Can we find somewhere in our busy schedules to set aside some time for the youth in our community? How important is it that our youth find a little bit of what it was like 20 or 30 years ago, when all we had was each other and a simple tin can to kick? You know the days, the days when you knew if your good friend was really smiling at what you meant when you said "Whew! Did you see that"? You knew that he had because you *saw* the grin on his face that would carry in your mind for the rest of your life.

We can come up with ideas so solid that they cannot fail, but if we don't take the time to do it, it won't happen. It cannot happen. We *MUST* succeed! We *MUST*! Friends, help show someone that you are a Christian by your love this month. Help be the church by spending time with the youth of your community even if it is simply sharing an idea with an Evangelism team member.

You know, sometimes we hear complaints about things in our

community. I have an idea I would like to share with you. Here it goes. Instead of saying "Can you believe what they are doing?" or "I would not have done it that way!" Why not go to the source of your concern and fix or flex for the outcome. Then have peace with the knowledge and appreciation that comes with seeing it through.

I know that recipe requires getting involved but that's the sacrifice we are going to have to make in order to make it work. To make a difference... That's the trade-off.

It will take action to make a difference and that difference will change everything. With every action there is a reaction so it is up to you to decide if that reaction will be a positive thing for the youth of our community and for yourselves.

There are so many souls across the street that need Jesus. That's important! If we can get along and work together we can build a safe-haven for those very souls.

As always we want to hear from you. We need your input. If you feel you are ready to join the Evangelism team and help make a difference please contact me, Dan Davis.

God Bless you all,
Dan Davis

Power of Prayer

We are beginning the second month of our "3 Month Prayer Commitment". Please take comfort in knowing that those who have signed the commitment papers are being prayed for every week. I am sure that many of those who did not sign up for particulars are still praying for the needs of our church. One of the needs listed was to pray

for our youth. With the recent tragedy in our community, many prayers have been lifted up for the youth and their families.

In "Acts 29" we are encouraged to become a praying church. a) One way is not to be discouraged if you miss a day or 2 of prayer. Be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. b) Trust the Holy Spirit and keep before you the urgency of what you

are praying about. The Spirit's Challenge is in Isaiah 43:18-19.

Right now we are in a prayer epidemic! The Holy Spirit is raising up a great prayer force all across the earth because the Father wants to see whole cities declaring the name of Jesus!

Behold, God is doing a new thing and you are taking part in it!
God's Blessings, Pastor Gloria

STATIC News

If we were to recall the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10, we could say all kinds of cliché sayings about serving others. The truth about Luke 10 is that the traveler was traveling a route that most people knew was unsafe and those who passed by were probably thinking “what an idiot, I’m not helping that guy he should have known better, if I help him he won’t learn anything”. Christ tells

us that we are to love our neighbors as our selves, and I don’t know about you but most of the time I love myself a lot. The other notable thing about this passage is “neighbor” has no geographical boundaries or social guidelines... everyone is a neighbor. This past month we have been discussing serving others, because like any other youth group it is easy to remember all of our wants, needs, and desires before others. That is why next month we will focus on Serving. Next month we will have a day that students will go out into

the community to serve our neighbors, not for profit but to be a blessing to those around us and a representation of our church. This day is designed to be a day to promote our church and to learn that there is something special about serving others that brings us closer to Christ. The goal through-out is to make serving natural and not something we have to plan or organize. This community of believers is on the threshold of impacting this community in a big way and what better way to let others know we care than by showing them. Jared

Faith UMC * General Fund * December 2010 Report

Income					
	Year	Jan-Nov	Dec		YTD
	2005	143,026.00	12,610.00		155,636.00
	2006	165,519.24	19,051.51		184,570.75
	2007	157,254.81	17,331.82		174,586.63
	2008	153,312.88	14,440.75		167,753.63
	2009	153,144.06	12,938.19		166,082.25
	2010	172,738.02	13,312.65		186,050.67
	Average	157,499.17	14,947.49		172,446.66
Expenses					
	Year	Jan-Dec	Dec		YTD
	2005	142,915.00	14,327.00		157,242.00
	2006	147,506.07	15,121.50		162,627.57
	2007	142,624.01	15,427.67		158,051.68
	2008	158,934.39	22,012.32		180,946.71
	2009	153,067.86	23,444.80		176,512.66
	2010	163,578.92	19,796.57		183,375.49
	Average	151,437.71	18,354.98		169,792.69
Note:					
	2010	Total General Fund Income			186,050.67
	2010	Total General Fund Expenses			183,375.49
					2,675.18

SCRIP Report

January Proceeds \$127.16

Total to Date \$19,725.38

Please consider whether you can use the following gift cards still remaining on hand from our Christmas inventory: **Arby's**, 1 @ \$10; **Donatos**, 2 @ \$10; **Johnny Biggs**, 2 @ \$10; **Panera Bread**, 2 @ \$10; **Kohls**, 2 @ \$25; **Roadhouse/Steve Dakota's**, 1 @ 25

Thanks for your support of SCRIP during Christmas. I hope that you will continue using SCRIP for your everyday purchases throughout the year. Place your SCRIP card orders with me on Sunday mornings and I will have your cards on the following Sunday.

Please remember that by using SCRIP cards, Faith UMC earns cash that will be applied to our new building loan.

Marilee Yarger



A couple of people have asked me about the money that the café is generating and how it is being used; where it is going. So in my newsletter article this month, I will attempt to explain what is being done with the money.

First of all you must understand that the café, although it is a separate entity on paper and keeps a separate set of books, is owned fully by Faith United Methodist Church. All the employees are employees of the church and all the money belongs to the church. The operation of the café is overseen by a café board which makes the decisions about the flow of money, salaries, purchase of equipment, etc. Alaine and I make the decisions about the day-to-day operations of the café.

The freewill offering money that is put into the basket for refreshments on Sunday morning goes to purchase paper products for the church ministries, Sunday morning disposables, coffee, juice, etc. That money helps support our youth ministry, paid for the disposables for our campaign celebration Sunday, and other church events.

The church loaned the café the money in 2010 to purchase equipment, food and paper product inventory, start-up salaries, etc. with the understanding that the loan would be paid back within 3 years.

The café board has decided that the profits from the café business will be used as follows: The café will maintain a \$5,000 maximum in its checking account for operating expenses. For the first few months until the checking account reaches that maximum, 50% of all profits (after food cost, salaries, and other expenses) will be returned to the church. After that point, 100% of any amount over the maximum will be returned to the church. Those profits will be

applied to the café loan amount first and then the board will decide how best to return the monies to the church, taking into consideration tax issues and other things.

The first week of business, the café actually lost money. The second week, we broke even and we are in our third week as I am writing this article. Sales have been slow this week also due to the lousy weather and we are attempting to balance employee hours with sales. We'll have to wait and see how the month ends up, but we are hoping to be able to pay off our loan long before the 3 year deadline.

If you have any questions, please feel free to see Alaine or me and we will attempt to answer them for you.

In Christian Service,
Sharon Boyce

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God's wants you to be; not greedy for personal gain, but eager to serve.

1 Peter 5:2

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday Greetings



- 1 Colton Campbell
- 1 Austin Crowl
- 3 Jason Bright
- 6 Grace Ringler
- 6 Dan Davis
- 6 Mary Taylor
- 7 Lois Fox
- 7 Helen Hergatt
- 9 Nathan Young
- 10 Phyllis Harrington
- 11 Nate Gross
- 13 Brent Shaffer
- 15 Samantha Finley

- 15 Guy Mack
- 18 Nick Edwards
- 18 Nancy Edwards
- 19 Paul Rinehart
- 20 Andy Crowl
- 25 Jennifer Cremeans
- 27 Stephanie Finley
- 27 Sheila Henry

Dayspring Residents

- 1 Peppe Tarr
- 3 Robert Russell
- 11 Sherry Raney
- 16 Mike Strater
- 21 Mabel Hardesty



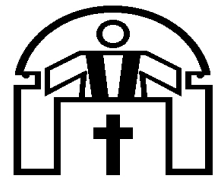
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 10 Paul & Hannelore Rinehart 4th
- 12 Jon & Shelli Henry (17th)
- 17 Jim & Linda Stine (42nd)
- 21 Carl & Stephanie Finley (18th)



Preaching Schedule

February Lection



February 6

- 840 Psalm 119:1-8 (3rd response)
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- *Matthew 5:13-20

February 13

- 833 Psalm 112
- Matthew 5:21-37
- *1 Corinthians 2:1-16

February 20

- 840 Psalm 119:33-40 (2nd response)
- Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
- *Matthew 5:38-48

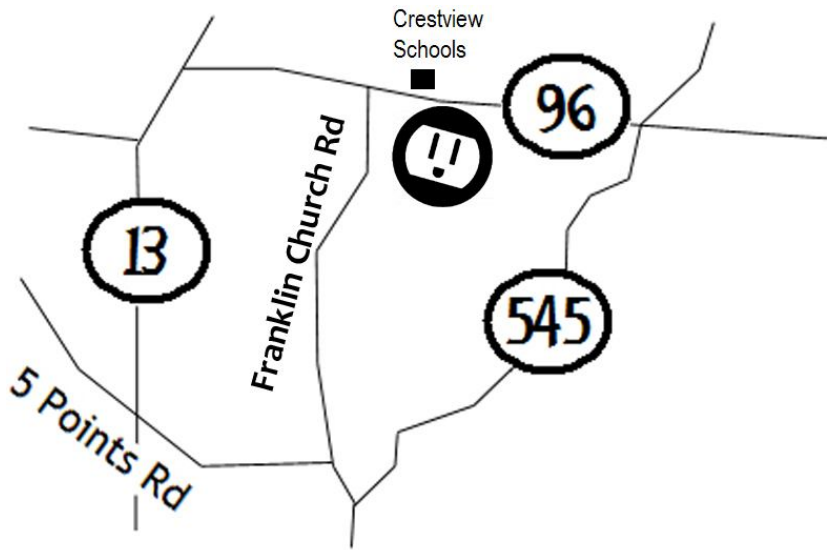
February 27

- 848 Psalm 130
- Isaiah 49:8-16a
- *1 Corinthians 4:1-5

*Denotes Sermon Text

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Legend:</i></p> <p>A.O.A. = Active Older Adults</p>	<p>Y BB = YMCA Basketball</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Y BB 5-7:30 p Bootcamp 7:30 - 8:30 p</p>	<p>2</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 6:30 p Synthesis 6:30 p Lifetree Café 7p</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Y BB 5 - 6:30 p Girl Scouts 6p Band 6:30 p</p>	<p>4</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 7 p Zumba 5:30 p 5th Quarter w/Bethel</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Choir 10a - 12p Y BB games 9a - 12p Bootcamp 1-2p</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Lay Minister Commissioning Lifetree 9:45a Super Bowl Party & Laser Tag 6 - 11:30 p</p>	<p>7</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 7:30 p Zumba 5:30 p</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Y BB 5 - 7:30 p Bootcamp 7:30 - 8:30 p</p>	<p>9</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 6:30 p Synthesis 6:30 p Lifetree Café 7p</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Y BB 5 - 6:30 p Evangelism 6 p Band 6:30 p Finance 7 p</p>	<p>11</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a UMW mtg. 1 p Y BB 5 - 7 p Zumba 5:30 p</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Choir 10a - 12p Y BB games 9a - 12p Bootcamp 1-2p</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Lifetree Café 9:45 a Farm Gang 4H Mtg. 6:00 p</p>	<p>14</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 7:30 p Zumba 5:30 p</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Y BB 5 - 7:30 p Bootcamp 7:30 - 8:30 p</p>	<p>16</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 6:30 p Synthesis 6:30 p Lifetree Café 7p</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Y BB 5 - 6:30 p Girl Scouts 6p Band 6:30 p</p>	<p>18</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 7 p Zumba 5:30 p 5th Quarter</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choir 10a - 12p Y BB games 9a - 12p Bootcamp 1-2p Kids Take Over 6 - 9 p</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Lifetree Café 9:45 a</p>	<p>21</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 7:30 p Zumba 5:30 p Trustees 7:00 p</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Y BB 5 - 7:30 p Bootcamp 7:30 - 8:30 p</p>	<p>23</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 6:30 p Synthesis 6:30 p Lifetree Café 7p</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Good Neighbors Lunch 12:00 p Y BB 5 - 6:30 p Band 6:30 p</p>	<p>25</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Y BB 5 - 7 p Zumba 5:30 p 5th Quarter w/Bethel</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Choir 10a - 12p Y BB games 9a - 12p Bootcamp 1-2p</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Lifetree Café 9:45 a</p>	<p>28</p> <p>A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Zumba 5:30 p</p>					



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:45 a.m. For All Ages

Mission Statement

The Mission of our church is to make disciples for Jesus,
in our church, community, and throughout the world.

Vision Statement

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we will:
boldly love each other into spiritual maturity;
serve our neighbors sacrificially;
and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ!



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