



VOICES OF FAITH

The Outlet Mobile Food Pantry

A FREE Food Distribution Is Coming To The Area! Lutheran Social Services, in cooperation with The Cleveland Food Bank and Faith UMC, will be starting a FREE Food Distribution beginning April 20 at The Outlet from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and continuing monthly, every third Wednesday. A FREE Food Distribution is for low-to-moderate income families, which allows access to staple food items. The Outlet Mobile Food Pantry site is for Richland County Residents Only and there will be many things offered at the food giveaways, such as, but not limited to:

- Dairy Products (such as milk, yogurt, cheese, etc.)
- Meat Products (such as chicken, fish, beef)
- Canned Goods (such as corn, peas, green beans, spinach, applesauce, peaches, pears)
- Pastas (such as noodles, spaghetti, macaroni-n-cheese)
- Miscellaneous (such as vitamins, over-the-counter medications, pizzas, pastries, breads, etc.)
- Produce (such as potatoes, onions, apples, etc.)

Lutheran Social Services also has (2) other Food Distributions in Ashland County for those who reside in Ashland County ONLY:

1. Masonic Lodge Mobile Pantry (31 W. 11th St. Ashland) on every 4th Friday of the month from 10a-12p.
2. Nova Fire Station Mobile Pantry (254 St. Rt. 511 Nova) on every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Richland County Residents ONLY:

1. The Outlet Mobile Pantry (1574 St. Rt. 96 E. Richland) on every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Call 1-877-741-3331 with any questions.

Commonly Asked Questions

1. What do I bring? Please bring boxes, bags, wagons to carry your groceries. If you do not have these we usually have SOME extra but not much. You do not need proof of income or photo ID.
2. What do I do when I get there? There will be a registration table. Please fill out the simple form and wait in line. It is FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. So we suggest arriving a little early

April Lifetree Café continues with the usual variety of topics to pique a variety of interests. Check out the selections for April:

- April 3rd & 6th: *Making Peace*: An exclusive interview with the author of Three Cups of Tea
- April 10th & 13th: *UFOs*: Chilling tales from the most abducted man
- April 17th & 20th: *Child Sex Slaves*: America's disturbing secret
- April 24th & 27th: *Forgiving the Unforgivable*: A son confronts his mother's killer

Remember church attendee or not, all are welcome at Lifetree Café at either the 9:45 AM episode on Sunday mornings or the 7:00 PM episode on Wednesday evenings. All sessions are held in the rear section of the Outlet Café.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

All of us as human beings have some tendency toward being territorial and prone to turf issues. This is demonstrated by the fact that children first say “Dada”, then “Mama”, and shortly there after the word “Mine!” Throughout life I have held possessions firmly and often jealously. Several years ago when our house was broken into, the most distressing part was not what they stole, but the fact that someone dug through all our stuff. Mine!

Jesus’ disciples were distressed that some other people were interloping on their turf. “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.” “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.” (Mark 9:38-41, NIV)

We have worked for over 15 years to plan, prepare, and build our new facility. We have occupied our new facility for six months. The idea of being a community center and collaborating with other organizations was a lot simpler and cleaner on paper than it is in real life. Those of us who are at the church everyday deal with the untidiness of collaboration every single day. And, I confess I have those moments when the toddler comes out. I don’t say “Mine!”, but only because I have more sophisticated ways of saying it. I can be possessive and stubborn; controlling and argumentative; and defensive and blaming. I can defend my interests at all cost usually

cutting my nose off to spite my face.

And when I get that way - I am like Jesus’ disciples. Yet, look at what Jesus says. He says, let them continue because we are all on the same side and we are all after the same things. In other words, it’s not us and them - it’s just us!

The organizations we are collaborating with have most of the same goals we have. They want to serve the Crestview community. Most of them are non-profit community organizations - so they are struggling in the same ways we struggle.

One of the greatest problems churches have is that they can’t get people in the door. Look at the advantage we have. Every person that enters our building for daycare and preschool, exercise, food distribution, counseling, 4-H clubs, Girl scouts, Crestview Local School activities, a meal in the Café, organizational meetings, or a hundred other things - is a person that we have an opportunity to reach with the love of God. We have an opportunity to reach them because they have come into our space when they come to programs offered by other organizations in our facility.

I know not everyone will agree with my perspective, and that’s OK. The nagging question remains, “Are we being used?” Here’s the bottom line - I hope so! We are called by Christ to be servants and servants get used. That doesn’t mean we are doormats, but it does mean we are to serve Christ by serving our fellow human beings. And, it doesn’t mean I never feel like a toddler who’s toy has just been taken by another child. It simply means that I, and I hope you, in our sane moments can see that whoever is not against us is for us.

Please, join with me in praying that all our staff and lay leadership, with the help of God, will find the spiritual balance between stewardship of resources and simply being servants of Christ in the Crestview community.

Blessings, Pastor Mike



The Locker Room... Go Team Faith!

Faith does it again! We asked for 1200 plastic eggs for the family sponsored egg hunt and what does Faith UMC do? We received over 2000 plastic eggs for the hunt and some new family sponsors for the egg hunt itself. Wow! Is that God or what? Don't worry, there's more!

Some of you reading this have been Christians long enough to have seen what happens when you submerge a person of little or no faith into a family of strong, true believers that strive each day to be like Jesus. It's like a Baptism of faith and love without the public acknowledgment of the person. Yet, the family knows what is coming. The true Baptism of the Holy Spirit that follows propels the believer to prosper as a Christian as well as the family. That's what it's all about! The Hands and Feet of Jesus!

It has been a great pleasure to be a part of the Praise team for many years now. To watch seeds grow. To even see them blossom! And it goes on even still. Every Faith UMC ministry has seeds being sewn and I see it every Thursday night at Praise team practice, every Wednesday evening at S.T.A.T.I.C. and at Lifetree Café. Just the other day a young lady stopped to pick up her son from a YMCA program and all it took was a smile, an encouraging word from an encouraged Faith family member and "snap", the young lady is excited to be here and willing to get involved. Our God is AWESOME!

Please remember if you would like to be a part of the Evangelism Team or if you simply have a great idea, please contact an evangelism team member. May God bless you and yours, Dan Davis

Investing... What Do You Know?

Do You Know in Matthew 14:19 Jesus says "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."?

Do you know there are adults and teens who serve children & youth at Faith UMC on a regular basis? Some serve every Sunday, some throughout the week, bi-weekly, monthly, or just for special events?

Do you know while you are worshipping with your church family the children at Faith are being cared for, they're learning about God, they're laughing, they're reading the Bible, they're praying BIG prayers, they're having fun and building relationships?

Do you know there are many different ways people can invest in

Children & Youth Ministries? Not everyone works directly with children; there are many "behind the scene" tasks that need to be done.

Do you know that Child Protection Training is the first step in determining how you can best invest in the spiritual lives of children & youth in our church & community!

Do you know without adult & youth support these opportunities for children & youth would not exist?

Do you know the people that invest, invest because they recognize the **Value** in the investment?

If you'd like to know more about Children or Youth Ministries and how you can become an "Investor", please contact the appropriate age level ministry leader:

Nursery Coordinator
Laura Mack (birth-PreK)

Kingdom Kids Coordinator
Rachel Artrip (K-3 grade)

Hi-Def Kids Coordinator
Tina Birchell (4-6 grades)

S.T.A.T.I.C. Youth Leader
Jared Foos (7-12 grades)

**If you are a new investor or if
you've been a long time investor
THANK YOU!**



STATIC News

March was a very encouraging month and looking forward I can't help but be excited. Every month in STATIC we have our mini victories and times of encouragement. I feel like we are moving forward with great momentum.

This momentum is driven by a challenge to our students, a challenge to get in the game and to stop going through the motions, because Christ paid a heavy price for us and we are called to lead by example.

This past month, I challenged 7 of our students to be leaders of our youth ministry, by accepting positions of responsibility. So far each student has presented a willingness and has stepped up to the challenge.

Moving forward, we have many exciting activities ahead. On April 9th there is a bonfire planned. The idea behind the bonfire is more than just getting together with friends and eating smores. It gives an opportunity to our students to invite friends and allows us to continue to invest in our students lives.

April 23rd we are headed down to the Chiller @ Easton for an afternoon of ice-skating and probable youth leader bruises. The most awaited activity of the year is also fast approaching...SLOPFEST.

May 22nd we are holding our annual SlopFest. This year will blow the last couple away. Not only will it be the sloppiest ever, but we are inviting other youth groups from all over the area to come and join us. This is definitely an activity you will want your youth friends involved in. It is sure to be something they will talk about for months to come.

One more thing we are implementing into our youth ministries is a girls only & guys only small group night called "Less of Me". The title is a declaration of what our purpose in this small group will be. We want to become less and He to become more in our lives.

The first "Less of Me" will start April 3rd at 6pm and will be for girls only. Every other Sunday the girls and guys will switch.

As always, thank you to all who continue to pray for our youth, and to those who help in our activities. Without you, our youth ministries would never have grown into its present form.

Jared Foos

Prison Ministry

There are (2) very large prisons located on the North side of Mansfield. Residing in these fenced communities are over 4000 men of all ages. We currently visit MANCI once a month.

We meet in a large chapel with an adjoining office for the prison chaplain. He accompanies us in and out! The group size varies from 18 to 28 men.

We open each session with prayer and invite brief testimonies.

Currently we are studying the "40 Questions About God". The testimonies and biblical knowledge of these fellows are uplifting, awesome, and often heart rendering.

Bob Stoffer has recently joined Glenn Boardman and me with ministering to the inmates. We gladly welcome any interested fellows to sample this fulfilling ministry. By "full" we mean we are just as filled if not more so than the inmates.

The residents have urged us to come more often. If others would

join us it might enable us to meet twice a month on a rotation. You would need attend only as able or often as convenient and not be obligated to lead the gatherings unless you so desired.

We welcome your questions for further details regarding this vital ministry. Matthew 40: The King replied, "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of my followers, you did it for me!"

In Our Lord's Service,
Roger Humbert



The Café is pleased to welcome Kim Walton as our new part-time assistant manager. Kim recently took her ServSafe certification test (and passed) and we're glad to have her working in this position.

We could still use some willing volunteers to help with the food service for the church. If you

would like to volunteer in the Café, see Sharon for training details.

If you love to cook and would like to provide an item for our brunch on Sunday mornings, there is a sign up sheet in the hallway by the Café office. There is no additional training needed to bring in an item for brunch.

There are also a couple of events coming up that we could use some extra hands for. Specifically, April 10th a lunch will be prepared for the entire church, April 21st we will be hosting the entire 5th grade class for lunch and on April 24th we will be serving an Easter Breakfast

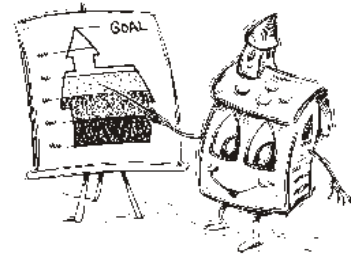
after Sunrise Service. See any of the Café staff for details.

We now have gift certificates available in any amount. Please ask any of the Café employees if you would like to purchase one.

We had such a good response to the biscuits and sausage gravy that we decided EVERY Saturday morning beginning on April 2nd we will be serving biscuits and gravy. Join us any time between 7-10 AM. Tuesday morning breakfast specials will continue with different offerings each Tuesday.

Sharon Boyce

SCRIP Report



March Proceeds: **\$320.61**

Running Total to Date: **\$20,269.14**

REMINDER: It is now time to re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards for the coming year. It is very quick and easy to do at the website www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Please designate *Faith United Methodist Church* as your organization. How much we earn depends on how much we spend compared to other organizations' spending. Thanks so much for taking the time to earn free money for our church loan payment.

In addition, please keep our SCRIP program in mind when you are making your normal weekly purchases such as gasoline and groceries, as well as when you are doing any special project such as home improvements or landscaping this summer. Restaurants pay us the largest percentage, so don't forget to stock up on SCRIP for your favorite ones.

SCRIP order forms are available at the Information Corner in the church lobby and on our church website. You may give your order form and check directly to me, or you may put it in my mailbox in the church office. If you are short on time, give me a call at 419-522-4422 and order your SCRIP cards by phone or email me at marileeacy@yahoo.com. You will receive your cards the following Sunday or we can arrange delivery before then if necessary. Please let me help you in any way that I can. This is such a great way for us to help make our monthly church building loan payments.

Let's work together to ease our building loan payment burden by earning free cash that costs *you* nothing. Thanks for your continuing interest and participation.

Marilee Yarger



Faith UMC

General Fund

January Report

Revenue			
	Offerings		12,640.93
	Capital Funds		14,520.50
	YMCA		1,634.28
	Lifetree Café		81.04
	SCRIPT		2,960.00
	Bank Interest		1.70
	Food Pantry		100.00
	Misellaneous		0.00
	Total Revenue		31,938.45
Expenses			
	General Fund		21,919.61
	Building Loan Pay		10,351.91
	Lifetree Café		125.88
	SCRIPT		2,389.65
	Food Pantry		0.00
	Total Expenses		34,787.05

Year to Date	Jan	Feb	Mar
Beginning Balance	231,443.64	219,477.21	216,628.61
Revenue	24,855.40	31,938.45	
Expenses	36,821.83	34,787.05	

April Birthdays * Anniversaries * Lection



- 1 Jessica Birchell
- 3 Marcia Barcroft
- 7 Jane Eggerton
- 8 Rachel Yarger
- 9 Mark Smith (missionary)
- 13 Esther Hong
- 16 Terry Loughman
- 17 Jason Artrip
- 17 Roger Humbert
- 19 Erica Finley
- 29 Kathy Dumm
- 30 Sharon Cardwell

Dayspring Residents

- 1 Annabel Miller
- 3 Helen Stratton
- 5 Gary Hench
- 9 Paul Stone
- 9 Paul Voelker
- 17 Marcella Pealer
- 17 George Wagner



- 7 Rick & Deb Lyon (10th)

April Lection

April 3

754 Psalm 23 (1st response)
Ephesians 5:8-14
*Matthew 28:16-20

April 10

One Service (11:00 a.m.)
Liturgist Day Off

April 17

839 Psalm 118:14-24 (1st response)
Philippians 2:5-11
*Matthew 21:1-11; 26:14-27, 27:11-54

April 24

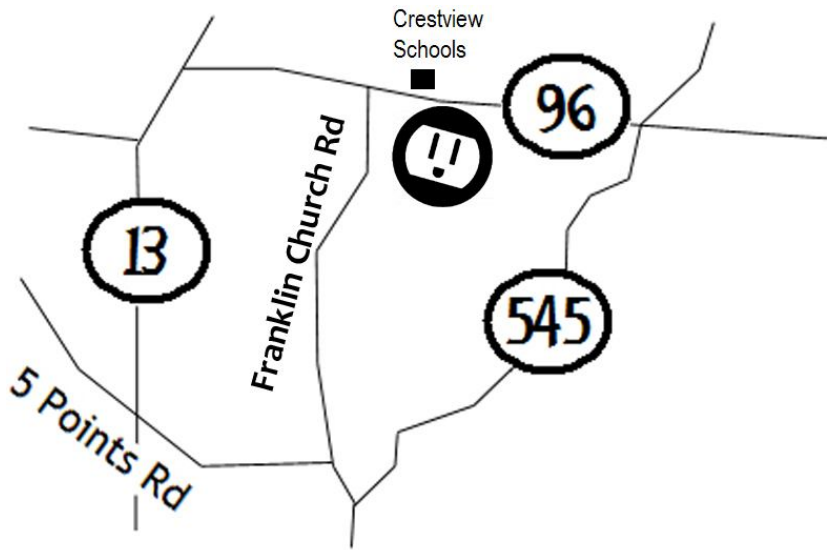
Sunrise Service (7:30 a.m.)
Breakfast (8:30 a.m.)
Sunday School & Lifetree (9:45 a)
Easter Sunday Service (11:00 a.m.)

***Denotes Sermon Text**

April 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 A.O.A. 10-11 a Zumba 5:30 p Movie Night 6:30 p	2 Choir 10a - 12p Acts 29 11:15 a Bootcamp 1 - 2p
3 SS 9:45 a Lifetree 9:45a Child Protection Training 12:15 p 4H mtg. 6:00 p STATIC Girls > of Me 6:00 p	4 A.O.A. 10-11 a Zumba 5:30 p	5 Youth Band Practice 6:00 p CABLE Network Class 6:30 p Bootcamp 7-8 p	6 A.O.A. 10-11 a Synthesis 6:30 p Lifetree Café 7 p	7 Girl Scouts 6 p CABLE Network Class 6:30 p Band 6:30 p	8 A.O.A. 10-11 a Zumba 5:30 p	9 Choir 10a - 12p Acts 29 11:15 a Bootcamp 1 - 2p STATIC Bonfire 7 - 11 p
10 SS 9:45 a Lifetree 9:45 a One Service 11a District Conference 3 p STATIC Boys > of Me 6:00 p	11 A.O.A. 10-11 a Zumba 5:30 p	12 Youth Band Practice 6:00 p Bootcamp 7-8 p	13 A.O.A. 10-11 a Synthesis 6:30 p Lifetree Café 7 p	14 Band 6:30 p	15 A.O.A. 10-11 a Zumba 5:30 p	16 Choir 10a - 12p Acts 29 11:15 a Bootcamp 1 - 2p
17 Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 a Lifetree Café 9:45 a STATIC Girls > of Me 6:00 p	18 A.O.A. 10-11 a Zumba 5:30 p Finance 6:30 p Ad Council 7 p	19 Youth Band Practice 6:00 p Bootcamp 7-8 p Trustees 7:00 p	20 A.O.A. 10 - 11 a Outlet Mobile Pantry 3 - 5 p Synthesis 6:30 p Lifetree Café 7 p	21 Girl Scouts 6 p Holy Thursday Service 7:00 p	22 A.O.A. 10-11 a Zumba 5:30 p	23 Choir 10a - 12p Acts 29 11:15 a STATIC Melt Down 12-6 Bootcamp 1 - 2p
24 Sunrise Service 7:30 a Breakfast 8:30 a SS & Lifetree 9:45 a Easter Service 11 Boys > of Me 6p	25 A.O.A. 10-11 a Zumba 5:30 p	26 Youth Band Practice 6:00 p Bootcamp 7-8 p	27 A.O.A. 10-11 a Synthesis 6:30 p Lifetree Café 7 p	28 Good Neighbors Lunch 12:00 p Band 6:30 p	29 A.O.A. 10-11 a Zumba 5:30 p	30 Choir 10a - 12p Acts 29 11:15 a Bootcamp 1 - 2p



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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