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## Easter... in February?

Yes Faith Family, if you were here last year you may remember our now Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt! If you are "new" to Faith UMC you'll be excited to know the Children's Ministry Work Area is already "hatching" ideas to plan several Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunts!

We need families or teams willing to host a hunt at their home on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The host determines the time, guest list and provides refreshments for the 1 ½ hour event.

The church provides invitations to the party, plenty of **fun filled Easter eggs** for your egg hunt, game & craft ideas and invitations for the participants to join us for worship on Easter Sunday April 8, 2012 here at the church.

If you want to donate candy (non-chocolate), small toys and/or party favors that fit inside a plastic egg, please bring your donations to church and place them in the large Easter box in the lobby beginning February 5 through March 11.

Tina Birchell

## Encounter:

### "A Blueprint For The House Of Prayer"

presented by Terry Teykl

Do you struggle to maintain a healthy prayer and worship life? Whether you have been praying and worshipping for decades or are just thinking about getting started, a day with Terry Teykl will energize and equip you to more effectively communicate with the Father. Terry's passion is contagious as he communicates foundational principles and practical ideas. He'll make you laugh, but you will come away from the experience convinced that you can make a difference in your church, your life, and the lives of those who are yet to find faith in Jesus.

This "Day Away" study will teach and model effective prayer and 10 different prayer models for your life and your local congregation.

**Participants will receive Terry's workbook on prayer.**

**Lunch is provided by The Outlet Cafe.**

**Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.**

**Terry's presentation at 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Faith UMC (across from Crestview Schools)**

**1574 SR 96 East**

**Ashland, OH 44805**

**Online registration at:**

**[www.terryteykl-in-ohio.eventbrite.com](http://www.terryteykl-in-ohio.eventbrite.com)**

**\$30 Pre-Registration by March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**\$35 at the door**

For more information please contact our registrar, Mary Ann, at 419-289-7551 or email [maryann@ashlandfirst.org](mailto:maryann@ashlandfirst.org).



## From the Pastor's Desk

Did you ever get a song stuck in your head, and you find yourself singing and/or humming it as it keeps looping in your brain? These episodes are caused by a cognitive phenomena called an “earworm”. There are many theories as to what causes it, but one of my favorites is the “cognitive itch’ theory.

Dr. James Kellaris, University of Cincinnati, theorizes that certain pieces of music may have properties that excite an abnormal reaction in the brain. In other words, your brain detects something about the music that compels attention. Your brain tries to process the itch by repeating it, which only makes things worse similar to an epidermal itch. It’s probably no surprise, but one of the most annoying earworm prompting tunes is Billy Ray Cyrus’s “Achy Breaky Heart.” (<http://www.straightdope.com>)

Last Sunday, I shared the story of Elijah’s encounter with God at Mt. Horeb from I Kings 19. In that passage, “The LORD said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’ Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.” (I Kings 19:11-13, NIV)

That scripture has become an earworm for me. It keeps going around and around in my mind. Most of us fear and respect phenomena like powerful wind, quaking ground, and consuming fire. We get caught up in the powerful phenomenon, missing the real power behind the phenomena around us. Powerful winds are generated by more powerful meteorological forces and fluctuations. Earthquakes are the fading effect of the much more powerful shifting of tectonic plates. A tiny spark is fed and fueled into a consuming fire by many factors coming together.

As we walk through this life’s journey may powerful phenomenon capture our attention. When those phenomenon are absent we, like Elijah, sometimes conclude that God is absent, and we are alone and in danger. Then we hope and pray that something great and powerful will happen to reveal God’s presence, bring success, set all things right, or rescue us from some calamity. However, we neglect to see that most of the time God has a still small voice, God is always active in millions of little things, and that God is always with us regardless of what our circumstances say to the contrary.

So stop, still yourselves, and you will find that God is active, you are not alone, and God’s gentle whisper is speaking to you.

Blessings, Pastor Mike

### **Without cause... there is NO effect**

Are you ready to rumble? The Super bowl party is here! February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Outlet Café shown on two 60 inch flat screen TV’s. There will be a mouth-watering menu from our Café and Laser Tag for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up for \$5.00 per person. Child care will be provided for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and below as well. So come and enjoy an incredible time at the Outlet Café and watch some pig skin while enjoying friends and neighbors! On Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a Wild Game Banquet sponsored by the Outlet Outdoorsman’s Club. A \$5.00 cover charge per person is recommended but if you would like to donate more that would be GREAT! Remember, each dollar you donate goes directly into the mouth of those in need in our community.

I could go on and on about all the things that we do here at Faith UMC but it would be much easier if you went to our web site, [umcfaith.com](http://umcfaith.com) and saw for yourself. There is so much going on here at the Outlet. So many good things for *our community*. We can do more! We can! Help your community by joining a cause. Without cause there is no effect and this community is worth the good effect that you can bring.

So bring it on! Bring it on for the Lord! May God bless you and guide you to *your cause* as you do wondrous things through the spirit of Him! Dan Davis

## Hi-Def Kids

### “Share Love” Mission Project

The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders of Faith UMC invite you to join them in their “Share Love” Mission Project. On Sunday, Feb. 5 and Sunday, Feb. 12, our hope is that you will purchase a \$5.00 gift card to the Outlet Café from our preteens in the foyer after worship. Cards will be available after both services. Then we would like you to “share love” by giving the gift card as a Valentine to someone “outside” of the church.

We have 4 goals for this event:

- 1) To have people in our church “love” & appreciate others by giving them a gift card.
- 2) Have **new** people enter the doors of our church & facility and want to come back and worship with us!
- 3) To help create new customers for The Outlet Café.
- 4) To “Share God’s Love” and grow our church family!

## Kingdom Kids

### February’s BIG Theme:

Stories Jesus Told

### February’s BIG Idea:

We believe that the stories Jesus told help us know how to live.

### February’s Bible Verse:

Be doers of the world, and not merely hearers, who deceive themselves. *James 1:22*

Week 1: The Talents

*Matthew 25:14-29*

Week 2: The Good Samaritan

*Luke 10:25-37*

Week 3: Lost and Found

*Luke 15:8-10*

Week 4: The Rich Fool

*Luke 12:13-21*

## Wonderful Wednesdays

On Wednesdays, Faith UMC *now* offers Children’s Ministry for children Nursery (birth-PreK) & Wi-Fi Kids (Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade). Our hope is to not only provide a space & time for Spiritual growth for these children but also for their parents and caretakers! From 6:30-8pm. every Wed. thru March 14, adults can attend Lifetree Café or enter the Cable Network Class taught by Pastor Mike Mack. **Children’s Ministry Volunteers are still needed!**

### Child Protection Training Dates:

Monday, Feb. 13 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 26 @ 9:45a & 12:15p  
Sunday, March 11 @ 9:45 a.m.  
Thursday, April 19 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 29 @ 12:15 p.m.  
Everyone interested in serving in Children or Youth Ministries at Faith UMC must attend 1 training event per year.

## Youth Group News

As many of you know, our youth group is going through a transition period with changes in leadership. As we strive to help our youth deal with change and to become teens who are seeking God’s will in their lives, I try to help them remember that change is not easy – especially when we are not in charge of the change. But change is a part of life.

Change is real and necessary. When we choose salvation through Christ, we must be willing to change and accept that God’s way is better than our way. With all change, we can trust that God will see us through: “He is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I will not be shaken” (Psalm 62:6).

We have many exciting youth events coming up (check the calendar at the end of the newsletter to see the events for February!) and we are very eager about where God will take us as a youth group. We recently started a new girls group called “Radiant Fusion”.

The idea behind our name is that we want to be radiant young women, shining light to others, and that we want to embrace fusion, or coming together to form more strength than we have on our own. Our group is focused on sharing, learning, growing, and serving as young women of Christ. We also have guys only events coming up...this month is open gym and dinner at the Wild Game Feast... what guy doesn’t like sports and food?

Please join me in praying that we will see positive change in our youth group, and that we will continue to encourage students to be bold examples of Christ in their own lives.

For more information about upcoming youth events, call the church office or Amanda Seiter at 419-631-1121, email [faithumcyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:faithumcyouthgroup@gmail.com), or “Like” our Facebook page: Viral Student Ministries – Faith U.M.C.

In Christ’s Service, Amanda Seiter



## Faith United Methodist Church General Fund Report

**1/1/2011 Beginning General Fund Balance      \$ 46,629.29**

**INCOME**

Donations	155,294.81
Building Rental	320.00
YMCA	
Rental	14,714.08
YMCA Programs	1,295.00
FCN Income	2,340.00
Interest	586.23
Other	2,983.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 177,533.34</b>

**EXPENSES**

		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1	Sr. Pastor	73,917.14	77,212.00	3,294.86
2	Ass't Pastor	3,790.69	6,098.00	2,307.31
3	Admin Assistant	24,002.95	23,915.00	(87.95)
4	PT Custodian	5,996.83	10,765.00	4,768.17
5	Band Leader	9,700.00	10,400.00	700.00
6	Apportionment - Conference	15,074.00	15,074.00	-
7	Apportionment - District	850.00	400.00	(450.00)
8	Church Operating	12,984.24	13,360.00	375.76
9	Church Property	39,184.12	39,420.00	235.88
10	Worship	1,616.92	12,000.00	10,383.08
11	Christian Education	9,456.26	11,510.00	2,053.74
12	Outreach	1,492.86	13,400.00	11,907.14
13	Member Care	1,066.48	8,350.00	7,283.52
14	Purchased Service	270.38	-	(270.38)
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 199,402.87</b>	<b>\$ 241,904.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,501.13</b>

**12/31/2011 Ending Balance                                      \$ 24,759.76**

## January Worship Attendance Falls Short of Goal

	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	Total
1st Service	27	38	34	35	30	164
2nd Service	94	155	153	131	171	704
<b>Sunday Total</b>	121	193	187	166	201	
					<b>January Total</b>	<b>868</b>
<b>January Average Worship Attendance/week</b>				<b>173.6</b>		
<b>Our Weekly Attendance Goal</b>				<b>200</b>		

### January Giving

	General Fund	Loan Reduction	Total Giving
<b>01-Jan</b>	4,335.00	593.00	4,928.00
<b>08-Jan</b>	3,679.16	1,200.00	4,879.16
<b>15-Jan</b>	2,809.09	1,990.00	4,799.09
<b>22-Jan</b>	2,177.90	753.00	2,930.90
<b>29-Jan</b>	2,422.65	1,327.25	3,749.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,423.80</b>	<b>5,863.25</b>	<b>21,287.05</b>

<b>General Fund Average Weekly Giving</b>	<b>3,084.76</b>
<b>Our Weekly Giving Goal</b>	<b>3,317.00</b>

## SCRIP NEWS! SCRIP NEWS!!

Have you heard? We're trying something NEW with the Scrip program. Every Sunday the following vendor gift cards will be available for your immediate purchase: Buehler, Planktown, Meijer, Walmart, Marathon, Speedway, Arbys, Bob Evans, Cheddars, Dennys, O'Charleys, Red Lobster/Olive Garden, and Wendys. Please make your request if there is a card you'd like added to this list. I want to make using Scrip as easy as possible for you.

For the entire year of 2011, the Kroger Community Rewards program earned \$1,065 to put towards our building loan payments, and \$2,195 was earned through Scrip card purchases totaling \$3,260. My hope is that we can greatly increase that amount with regular Sunday sales. These two programs are a wonderful way we can contribute to our church without costing us any extra money.

Kroger shoppers: Please check the weekly bulletin insert to learn how to register your Kroger Plus card and request Faith Church as your rewards organization. There is no cost to you. Kroger makes quarterly payments to us based on our grocery purchases.

Do you have any questions regarding the use of Scrip gift cards or the program itself? I'd be glad to answer them for you. Thanks for all of your support for this program.

Marilee Yarger



## Sweetheart Dinner & Dancing

February 14th, 7:00 p.m. @ The Outlet Cafe

Avoid the long lines in town for your Sweetheart Dinner. Reservations are required by February 12. Please let the Café know your selections from the options below by calling 419-895-1011 ext. 3, filling out a bulletin insert and giving it to the Café or email [theoutletcafe@yahoo.com](mailto:theoutletcafe@yahoo.com)

### Choose Your Entrée:

8oz. New York Strip Steak w/Baked Potato \$16.50

Orange Glazed Chicken Breast w/Seasoned Rice \$9.50

Stuffed Raspberry Pork Chop w/Baked Sweet Potato \$11.50

### Choose Your Salad:

Spinach Salad

Seven Layer Salad

Broccoli Raisin Salad

### Choose Your Dessert:

Chocolate Éclair Hearts

Raspberry Cream Puff

Cheesecake w/Chocolate Dipped Strawberry

**All meals come with**  
Vegetable Blend, Dinner Rolls and choice of Drink.

## Birthdays \* Anniversaries \* Lession



- 1 Colton Campbell
- 3 Jason Bright
- 6 Dan Davis
- 6 Mary Taylor
- 7 Lois Fox
- 7 Helen Hergatt
- 9 Nathan Young
- 10 Phyllis Harrington
- 11 Nathan Gross
- 15 Samantha Finley
- 15 Guy Mack
- 19 Paul Rinehart
- 25 Jennifer Cremeans
- 27 Stephanie Finley
- 27 Sheila Henry

### Dayspring Residents

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



- 10 Paul & Hannelore Rinehart 5th
- 12 Jon & Shelli Henry 18th
- 17 Jim & Linda Stine 43rd
- 21 Carl & Stephanie Finley 19th

### February Lession

#### February 5

859 Psalm 147:1-11

Mark 1:29-39

\*Isaiah 40:21-31

#### February 12

762 Psalm 30

2 Kings 5:1-14

\*1 Corinthians 9:19-27

#### February 19

776 Psalm 41

Isaiah 43:18-25

\*Mark 2:1-12

#### February 26

824 Psalm 103:1-5, 15-18

Mark 2:13-22

\*2 Corinthians 2:5-11

**\*Denotes Sermon Text**

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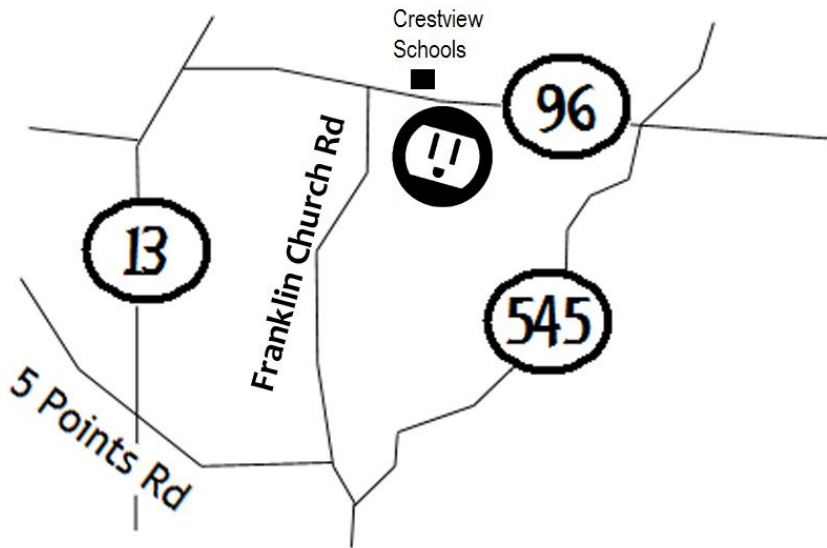
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<b>5</b> Lifetree 9:45a Adult SS 9:45a Youth Credo & Children's minis- tries 11:15a Super Bowl Party 6 - 11:30p	<b>6</b> Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5:30-7:30	<b>7</b> Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB (TBA) Trustee mtg. 6:30p Boot Camp 7p	<b>8</b> Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5:30-7:30 Live Connection 6 WiFi kids 6:30p TCN-S.G. 6:30p Lifetree 7p	<b>9</b> Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 4-6:30p TCN-C101 6:30 Band 7p	<b>10</b> Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB (TBA) Boot Camp 6:30	<b>11</b> Y BB 9a - noon Choir 10a - noon Wild Game Feast 5p Youth Group Guys 5 - 8p
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<b>19</b> Lifetree 9:45a Adult SS 9:45a Youth Credo & Children's minis- tries 11:15a Youth Group Girls Bowling 1:15-5p	<b>20</b> Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5:30-7:30 Finance mtg. 7p	<b>21</b> Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB (TBA) Boot Camp 7p	<b>22</b> Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5:30-7:30 Synthesis 6:30p WiFi kids 6:30p TCN-S.G. 6:30p Lifetree 7p	<b>23</b> Good Neighbors Lunch 12p Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 4-6:30p TCN-C101 6:30 Band 7p	<b>24</b> Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB (TBA) Boot Camp 6:30	<b>25</b> Y BB games 9a - noon Choir 10a - noon Youth Group - Snow Trails
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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:**

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

9:45 a.m. For Adults

**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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