



Wednesday Nights

January 2012 will be the start of a new year where Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Faith UMC will focus on learning and growing in community as well as developing caring relationships through Children, Youth and Adult ministry opportunities. Beginning January 11 the Wednesday evening schedule will look like this:

Adults will have an opportunity to get involved in The C.A.B.L.E. Network beginning with a new Spiritual Gifts course. This program on Spiritual Gifts seeks to teach the biblical basis for the gifts as well as to clarify the proper uses of them and to understand that they are distinct from talents, skills and normal Christian attributes. An alternative opportunity for adults is Lifetree Café. Lifetree Café is a conversation café where people gather to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith. The topics are different each week.

Youth (7th - 12th grade) are welcome to attend Lifetree Café or Synthesis. Our goal at Synthesis is to bring youth into an environment that is comfortable and fun. It is a great place for new students to get connected with other youth and learn life applications pulled straight from the Word of God. Our young adult volunteers strive to help each student find who they are in Christ, while walking along side of them helping them to navigate the maze that we call life.

Children (Kindergarten - 6th grade) can attend Wi-Fi (Worship Inspired Faith Invested Kids). Wi-Fi will include many aspects of Worship but on a child's level; music, prayer, offering, an object lesson and games that will help build relationships. Our kids today are picking up more and more worldly wisdom at younger ages, which helps shape their worldview. We believe it is incredibly important to create a friendly environment for our kids to learn about our God and His ways.

Nursery (birth - preschool) will be offered as well. The Nursery will be sharing a Bible story, music and coloring pages that go along with the bible story. It's never too early!

We count it an honor to serve your family and God and our goal is to minister to the entire family and make "going to church" an option for families that maybe can't attend Sunday mornings or for those who would like to get more connected with folks in the community in a Faith based atmosphere. So get "plugged in" at the Outlet to resources for a better life and a better community.

Please remember that our Ministry Teams are 100% volunteers and in order to meet our Child Protection guidelines we need a minimum of 4 volunteers every Wednesday night. If you would be interested in serving in this new ministry area for one Wednesday or several please contact Tina Birchell.

WORD OF FAITH



FROM THE PASTOR

The New Year arrives as it does each year with great fanfare and celebration. However, the Christian year starts at the beginning of Advent (four Sundays before Christmas) and will conclude the day before the 4th Sunday before Christmas the next year. So as we celebrate New Years Day, we are already a month into our new Christian year. It will follow the same pattern it has followed since early Christendom revolving around two prominent holy days; Christmas and Easter. Each year becomes more than 365 days, it becomes a journey of the faithful. As we all know a journey is a process.

In the past several years our congregation has been involved in many formative processes: discerning God's vision, making strategic plans, taking initiative, gathering resources, formulating detailed plans, merging two congregations, construction of a new facility, relocation, settling into our new facility, reaching new families, and launching new ministries. We have now arrived again at a point in our journey/process when we as a congregation need to primarily address the issue of maturing disciples for Christ.

Sometimes people call coming to faith in Jesus Christ "rebirth". When we are reborn, we become "babes in Christ". If any of us had a baby that never grew we would be alarmed. We should also be alarmed if we have come to faith in Christ and it does not start a process of growth and change in us. God intends for us to be growing disciples

Romans 12:1-3 says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:1-3)

The emphasis of this passage is placed upon a process culminating in becoming a holy and pleasing sacrifice to God. How does one engage in the transforming process? The passage gives us four steps: 1. Resist the ways of the world; 2. Allow your mind to be renewed; 3. Discern God's good, pleasing and per-

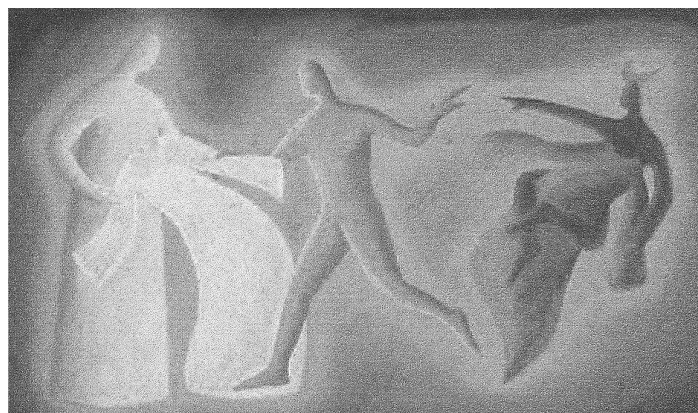
fect will; and 4. Do God's will and become a living sacrifice. In this way we can become holy and pleasing sacrifices. The passage speaks of being a "living sacrifice". I guess the good news is that it won't kill you!

About 10 years ago, our congregation began to develop a program called The C.A.B.L.E. Network. The program consists of 10 courses that are meant to inform, inspire and transform participants as it helps them discern God's call upon their lives as disciples of Christ. Thirty-six people from our congregation have graduated from the program and most are actively serving Christ in our congregation, its ministries, or in ministry to the world. Many of the leaders in our congregation are graduates. In addition, four other UMC Churches are using the program.

On January 11th at 6:30 pm, we will start a new C.A.B.L.E. Network study. The first course will be Spiritual Gifts and preschool/elementary childcare will be provided. If you have not completed C.A.B.L.E. Network or are new to our congregation, this will provide an opportunity to: make some new friends, grow toward spiritual maturity, and find ways to serve Christ that come natural to you. This course will help you discern your Spiritual Gifts; define your personality profile, describe your passion, and determine possible places for Christian service.

In the year to come, let us all resolve to grow as disciples of Christ and servants of God.

Blessings, Pastor Mike





Christmas has always been something students look forward to for multiple reasons; no school, no homework, sleeping in, (unless its Christmas day), lots of presents, and time spent playing with those presents. But like most good things, it to must come to an end.

Like many of us, our students sometimes forget the meaning behind Christmas. It is easy to get distracted during Christmas with the songs, the food, the parties and of course the presents to remember that the reason we do all of this crazy stuff is because we serve a God who sent His only Son into a world to die for us.

The good news, however, is that we have 364 other days to remember what being a Christian is all about. Being a Christian is more than just being at church on Christmas and Easter to observe what God did for you. It's the other 363 days that count.

For the next few weeks, and especially during the Winter Blaze activity, we will stress to our students what we as a "Youth Group" are going to do with the remaining 363 days of the 2012 new year. Like everything, its not our birth nor our death that define who we are but it's the days in between that define us.

With that being said, I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to the new year. Thanks again to all who pray for the leaders of our church, our youth and to those who volunteer their time.

God Bless,
Jared Foos

Attention Youth Group Girls: An all girls group for girls 7-12 grade will be meeting every other Sunday (time & location to be announced) for building meaningful relationships and growing closer to God as young women. We are looking forward to naming the group and getting input about activities from all participants. For more info, please see Amanda Seiter.



January's BIG Theme:
Stories about Jesus

January's BIG Idea:
We believe that the stories about Jesus help us understand Jesus is the Son of God.

January's Bible Verse:
The child Jesus grew. He became strong and wise, and God blessed Him. *Luke 2:4*

Week 1: The Wise Men
Matthew 2:1-12

Week 2: Jesus In the Temple At Twelve - *Luke 2:41-52*

Week 3: Jesus' Baptism
Mark 1:4-11

Week 4: Jesus Begins His Ministry
Luke 4:14-22

Week 5: Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-law
Matt 8:14-17,
Mark 1:29-34,
Luke 4:38-41

High-Def Kids Club

Hi-Def kids have enjoyed learning Old & New Testament facts like how many books are in each part of the Bible. The first 5 books are known as the Torah which means "teaching" in the Jewish faith. The Old Testament is divided into 5 parts and in the New Testament, the first 4 books are known as the Gospels, meaning "good news". Hi-Def kids are becoming better students of God's Word.

A Big Thank You!

A BIG Thank You to the 14 walkers and numerous sponsors for this year's CROP Walk. As a result of your efforts, our church was able to contribute \$1409.00 to Church World Services for world hunger relief. The Mansfield CROP Walk had 20 churches participating, with a total of \$16,879 raised. Our very own Food Pantry received \$822.46 to help hunger relief efforts in our local community. Way to go and thanks again for walking, sponsoring and praying for the CROP Walk!



Thank you to all who stepped up to the mower and helped mow our church campus this spring, summer and fall. And a Big thank you to all who helped with the landscaping project this year. The place looked great!

In reading to our grandchildren the story of "I Am A Bunny" by Ole Risom; little Nicholas the Bunny experiences with joy the seasons change. He looks upward "in winter and watches the snow flakes fall from the sky... and dreams about spring."

See you in the Spring, Dave & Marj Pond

December Scrip Report

Thanks to everyone who helped raise **\$1,075.27** for the month of December! The breakdown of that amount is as follows: \$536.18 from Scrip card sales, \$239.09 received from our quarterly Kroger Community Rewards check, and \$300 from the sale of our Discover Bonus gift cards. Added to our previous total, this brings our grand total to **\$22,857.96!!**

Please check Sunday's bulletin for opportunities to purchase gift cards remaining from our holiday sales. A current list will be in each Sunday's bulletin until they are all sold.

Hopefully, you will continue to make regular purchases of Scrip cards to use while shopping. Let's continue to work together, utilizing this available source of free money, to reduce our monthly building loan payments. Thanks so much for your support of the Scrip program.

Marilee Yarger

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

Financial Report (November, 2011)

General Fund Revenue

Source	Month	YTD
Offerings	10,370.60	138427.31
YMCA	822.69	16,009.08
Interest	2.42	30.69
Bldg Rental	100.00	220.00
FCN	0.00	2,340.00
Misc	0.00	2,983.22
Total	11,295.71	160,010.30

General Fund Expense

Category	Month	YTD
Personnel	9,666.32	103667.22
Conference	1,256.16	13,817.83
District	0	850.00
Operating	854.29	12,004.30
Property	3340.68	36,483.38
Worship	-84.00	1,285.63
Christian Ed	-332.47	8,634.56
Outreach	236.00	1,552.68
Member Care	64.18	794.50
Purchased Serv	0.00	270.38
Total	15,001.16	179,360.48
Revenue	11,295.71	160,010.30
Expenses	15,001.16	179,360.48
Difference	-3705.45	-19,350.18

Building Loan

Revenue	Month	YTD
Donations	5,230.00	110,367.62
Franklin Sale	0	27,787.50
Total	15,668.44	132,925.12

Payment	Month	YTD
Interest	6641.53	76,227.55
Principle	3,285.00	60,067.57
Total	9,926.53	136,295.12
Remaining Loan Balance		1,228,615.46

Grants

Grant Source	Month	YTD
East Ohio Conference	00.00	34,022.75

Expenses Charged to Grants

Category	Month	YTD
Youth Pastor	1,420.98	18,001.07
Life Tree Cafe	442.48	6,804.20
Outlet Café	0.00	2,342.59
Total	2,059.84	27,147.86

SCRIP Account

Income	Month	YTD
	5,725.00	32,710.91
Expenses		
	6,784.17	30,556.28

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 4 Alaine Beck
- 7 Ethan Boardman
- 7 Alan Esbenshade
- 7 Tom Kyser
- 8 Shelli Henry
- 14 Perry Rucker
- 17 Marida Hout
- 19 Jesi Davis
- 20 Juanita (Sparky) Conaway
- 21 Glenn Boardman
- 22 Marilee Yarger

Dayspring Residents

- 2 Ernest Spencer
- 12 Fannie Carter
- 23 Paul Kling
- 26 Charles Wetz

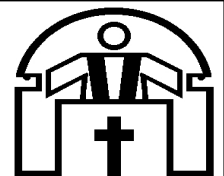


Happy Anniversary!

17 Cliff & Anne Williams (31st)



January Lection



January 1

Liturgist Day Off
Combined Worship
11:00 a.m.

January 8

795 Psalm 72:1-14 (1st response)
Isaiah 60:1-6
*Matthew 2:1-12

January 15

854 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
John 1:43-51
*1 Samuel 3:1-20

January 22

787 Psalm 62:5-12
Mark 1:14-20
*Jonah 3:1-5, 10

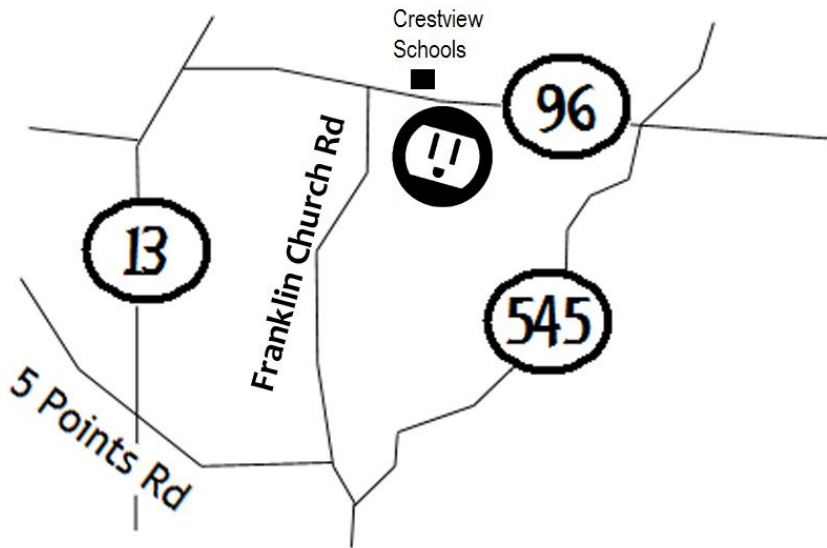
January 29

832 Psalm 111 (1st response)
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
*Deuteronomy 18:15-20

* Denotes Sermon Text

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 One Worship Service @ 11am	2	3 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Bootcamp 7p	4 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Zumba 5:30p Synthesis 6:30p Lifetree 7p	5 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Girl Scouts 6p Y Basketball Parent mtg. 6p Band 7p	6 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Bootcamp 6:30p	7 Lay Minister Orientation 9a Choir 10a - noon
8 Youth Group GIRLS Ice - Skating 1:30-6p Outdoorsman mtg. 7p	9 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y Basketball 5-8 Zumba 5:30p	10 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y Basketball 5-7 Bootcamp 7p	11 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5-7p Zumba 5:30p Synthesis 6:30p TCN - S.G. 6:30 Lifetree 7p	12 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5-7p TCN - C101 6:30 Band 7p	13 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5-7p Bootcamp 6:30p	14 Y BB games 9a - noon Choir 10a - noon
15 Lifetree 9:45a Adult SS 9:45a Youth Credo & Children's Ministries 11:15a	16 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5-8p Zumba 5:30p Ad Council 7p	17 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y Basketball 5-7 Bootcamp 7p	18 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p O.M.F.P. 3-5p Y BB 5-7p Zumba 5:30p Live Connection 6 TCN - S.G. 6:30 Lifetree 7p	19 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5-7p Girl Scouts 6p TCN - C101 6:30 Band 7p	20 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Y BB 5-7p Bootcamp 6:30p	21 Y BB games 9a - noon Choir 10a - noon
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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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