



W O R L D OF FAITH

# Cougar Tracks...

With Fall upon us, the hunters are gearing up and putting their noses to the wind. Anglers are getting their last cast of the season in and the weather is cooperating with beautiful cloud scattered skies. There should be a celebration. Not just any celebration, mind you, but a celebration of togetherness. How about a festival? Ok, ok, you have probably heard enough about festivals. So let us talk about a celebration of the One that was able. The One who would bring a community event to last not only a life time but from creation through eternity! Let us celebrate the LORD!

I have two favorite Bible verses, the first one is "Be still and know that I am GOD" and the other is when King David was so over joyed with God that he tore his clothes off and sang and danced through the streets with songs of praise in his heart and on his lips. Don't you just want to do that sometimes? Well I say, "Do it!" When you are touched by the Lord's presence, let it out! Let the people know that the Lord our God has put a song on your heart and you're going to sing it!

I am hoping with all my heart that the next article I write for this newsletter will be filled with wonderful testimonies of what God did to bring the lost to His pure and awesome light through the Outlet Family Festival. There will be plenty of opportunities for the Holy Spirit to permeate the community so don't miss your chance to be a part of it.

We have new members on our Evangelism team that love to celebrate community. I just know this is going to be the next foundation built on His rock! Be ready for fresh ideas and a whole lot more fun filled adventures!

God bless you, Dan Davis

## Our Church Welcomes

On behalf of Faith United Methodist Church it is our pleasure to welcome Jason Bright, Gary & Pam Gray, James & Esther Hong, Jim & Jocelyn King, Greg & Cassaundra Ramsay, Lance & Loretta Slocum and Mike & Misty Welch as the newest members to join our Faith family.

We are overjoyed that they have decided to join our family and surely we will continue to do our part to enrich their spiritual lives and help them reach their full potential as Christians

in our church, community and throughout the world. We would also like to thank these individuals for their enthusiasm and interest in Faith UMC.

In honor of those who were baptized (James Esbenshade, Ezra & Rebekah Hong, Caitlynn & Michaella Henry, Jocelyn King, Greg Ramsay, and Mike Welch) we would like to congratulate them and ask God to bless their lives.

May you find strength in His power, joy in His love, and inspiration in His presence as you journey in Faith.



## Pastor's Corner

Coming from a farming background, I think I'm a little more in tune with the changing of the seasons than the average person. And, I can feel it coming. Summer is winding down and Fall is almost here. Just as Memorial Day signals the unofficial beginning of Summer, Labor Day weekend will signal the unofficial end of Summer and the beginning of Fall. We all know the activities of life will change as the temperature drops, the days shorten and the nights grow longer.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, Solomon shares with us some wisdom, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:..." He then goes on to identify contrasts like: birth/death, planting/uprooting, killing/healing, demolition/building, weeping/laughing, morning and dancing, and so on. (Ecclesiastes 3:2-8) There are seasons for everything and for every activity.

September signals a change of season in our congregation. We begin to move from a less formal programming to more structured formal programming. We begin to gather at the church more frequently for worship, fellowship, activities and classes, and opportunities for service and outreach. So..., it's time to get back to church. We're hoping for a great year this year, and September will get us off to a great start. Though it seems like we are going to party our way through the whole month.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00 pm we will gather for the *Outlet Family Fun Festival*. There will be: inflatable's (2 bounce houses and a big slide), a dunk tank, a card tournament, Wii Dance tournament, texting games, a Corn Hole tournament, tours, a hay ride, a concert featuring "Atomic Lounge", Chloe the clown, and a pulled pork or hot dog dinner. This is our gift to the Crestview community and it is FREE to all participants. We are hoping for 500+ people to be in attendance. Please be in prayer as we attempt to reach out to our community.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, our congregation will join with *The Spirit in Truth Christian Center* in Mansfield for *Faith in Action Sunday*. That day

we will not just go the church, but we will *Be The Church* as we cancel services to join in community service and mission projects. We are hoping for full participation of our congregation. Then on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, we'll gather with our friends from *The Spirit in Truth Christian Center* at *The Outlet* for celebration and sharing, and of course a nice meal.

On Sunday morning September 25, we will have one service at 11:00 am. The Crestview Local Schools have requested that we open our doors to visitors and alumni that are in the community that weekend for the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Crestview Local Schools. We need to do our best to greet them and make them feel very welcome as the Crestview community celebrates together.

In September, with all the celebration, we must also remember that God has brought us to this place for a particular purpose. Let us love one another genuinely, continue to reach out warmly, serve all people selflessly, and live out our faith authentically so that people will be blessed and God will be glorified.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike

## Bedside Manners; A Practical Guide to Visiting the Ill

Christ's Companions (formerly the Christian Caregivers) will be studying the book, "Bedside Manners; a Practical Guide to Visiting the Ill." This will be an 8 session series meeting on Friday afternoons 2-3:30 pm

in the conference room at the church. We will begin September 16 and continue on September 23, 30, October 7, 21, 28, November 4 and 18. Please let me know by September 9 if you would like to join us for this interesting study so I can order enough books.

Phyllis Harrington (419-747-7481)  
[pebh@prodigy.net](mailto:pebh@prodigy.net)

# children's ministries

**Nursery News:** It is wonderful to see the infants and toddlers in our church filling up the nursery space each Sunday! Parents please remember to put name-tags on your children when signing them in and let the nursery workers know if your child has any special needs for that Sunday. It is very helpful if you have your child's personal items labeled with their first and last name especially bottles, cups, diaper bags and pacifiers.

**Kingdom Kids:** We invite all children in Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade to come to the Kingdom! Each week we have a lesson from the Bible and sometimes do activities, crafts, coloring sheets, or play games to help us understand the lesson. We are released from worship during the 11:00 service and meet in the Education Wing every Sunday. We hope you'll come and be apart of our group as we grow together with God!

**Hi-Def Kids News:** The Hi-Def Kids Club would like to welcome Brook Campbell & Chase Brooky! All 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us on Sunday

mornings during the 11:00 service. September 4<sup>th</sup> we'll start a new study called Bible Black Belts! We meet in "The Living Word Dojo" (aka youth room) and on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Aaron Crowl will share with us the benefits of martial arts, having a personal relationship with God and how those two together make for a winning life! Each month students will work through a different belt level by learning how to use the Bible, memorize scripture and have opportunities to serve others. Our first community service will be Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat on October 30 so please mark your calendars now! More details will be announced closer to the event.

## Christian Education Ministry Coordinators:

Adult - Pam Stimpert

Young Adult - Faith Oswalt

Youth (7-12 grade) - Amanda Seiter

Nursery (birth-PreK) - Laura Mack

Kingdom Kids (K-3 grade) - Rachel Artrip

Hi-Def Kids (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) & Children's Coordinator - Tina Birchell ([faithchristian@gmail.com](mailto:faithchristian@gmail.com))

**Thank You** to the many adult and youth volunteers who serve in the Christian Education offerings of the church! We appreciate your commitment to God, children and the families at Faith UMC!

Tina Birchell

## Good News Club

It 's once again time to gear up for Good News Club at Crestview Elementary. It's hard to believe that the first students we shared the gospel with are now H.S. Seniors! Nearly every day a child asks me if we are having GNC this year. Many parents were interested at our booth at First Day Celebration and I now have three kids signed up...I haven't even officially sent the permission slips home yet!!! Our club meetings are held on Thursdays beginning in October.

Faith Family, because of your generous donations of snacks to the Jump Start summer school program, we have several leftover snacks that have been donated to our GNC. I will keep you posted in the bulletin when we start to get low on snacks and are looking for donations.

By the end of October, our club will need to be packing boxes of gifts for Operation Christmas Child which will be sent around the world. I am once again asking for your assistance with this project. We do not need wash cloths but could use hand towels. We do not need toothbrushes but will need

toothpaste. Any little toys or school supplies that fit in a shoe box are needed. Hats, flip flops and sunglasses are also encouraged. Shoe boxes wrapped in Christmas paper so that the lid can be removed OR plastic shoe boxes NOT wrapped at all are needed. Please watch for a decorated Christmas box in the church foyer and put your donations in there.

Thanks for your prayers and assistance with the Good News Club ministry at Crestview Elementary.

Connie Oswalt,  
GNC Leader



Fall is upon us and the cooler nights are so refreshing! We serve such an awesome God. With the change in the weather lots of changes are in store for the Café. The Café is now open from 10:30 AM-7PM Mon.-Fri., 5-7PM Sat., and 12-2PM on Sun. We will also try opening on Sat. (10-1?) for YMCA football days to see if that is productive. Anyone is welcome to dine at the Café during those hours.

The Café will be open every school day in the afternoon for students to come over and hang out. Thank you to the volunteers who will be supervising the students during those times. We will be providing a snack bar type menu during those hours.

We have new menu items for Fall and our delicious soups are back. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for special offers and daily specials. The summer was a productive time even with drastic cuts in hours we were still able to show a small profit each month though sales were down.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** The Café is looking for someone who would be available at lunch time to take carry-out meals to the school. We offered this service last year and it was beginning to take off. Renee, Pastor Mike and Jared were pulled in to make deliveries when we were really busy, but that's not what they are getting paid for! If anyone would be available to take maybe one day a week to run deliveries please let any of the staff know. We especially need help on Thursdays and Fridays but any day would be appreciated.

There are several church events in September that the Café staff will need volunteers for which include the Outlet Family Festival on the 10<sup>th</sup>, After-Game parties on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and a fellowship meal with Spirit and Truth Christian Church on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with any of these events be sure to sign up on the sheet posted outside the Café office.

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING:** for any one who would like to help with any of these events that has not been through the Café training please stop by the Café on Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Please keep the Café and staff in your prayers as we strive to serve our church family and our community.

Sharon Boyce

## Viral Student Ministries

Many times in life we can look back and find defining moments in our lives that have shaped us into who we are today. If we look to scripture, specifically the disciple's lives, we find many situations where Christ was spending meaningful time with His disciples to help shape them. Throughout time many have asked why He spent so much time with 12 rather than the thousands who followed Him on an everyday basis. Most business people would argue if His business was people He would be out of business. Christ however understood something that many of us miss, you can fish and catch hundreds over your lifetime or you can teach others to fish and catch thousands more.

In the same sense we at Viral try to invest in our youth the same way Christ did with His disciples. Many of the youth activities over the past month and the ones up-coming are centered around spending valuable time and planting investments "seeds" into the lives of our youth. There is a crucial balancing system when weighing the amount of time vs. how effective you are in that time. Our goal for every activity or event is to impact or challenge each student with hopes that it will leave a student different than when they arrived. Please be in prayer for our leaders and our youth with September's up-coming events found on the calendar.

Jared Foos

## Ohio Benefit Bank

Does it seem like there is too much month left after the pay check runs out? Help is available for Ohio's children, seniors and families. Find out in minutes if you qualify for the Food Assistance (SNAP) Program, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Health Coverage, Child Care Subsidies, USDA Child Nutrition Programs, Ohio Women, Infants and Children, Medicare RX Extra Help or many other programs. The Ohio Benefit Bank is an Internet-based program that can help you find out in minutes if you qualify for programs you need to feel healthy and secure. Counselors are available at The Outlet. To schedule an appointment, call the office at 419-895-1011.



### Financial Report

(July 31, 2011)

#### General Fund Revenue

Source	Month	YTD
Offerings	12,616.13	92,949.41
YMCA	1,634.28	10,248.55
Interest	2.53	18.99
FCN	0	2,120.00
Misc	100.00	592.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,352.94</b>	<b>105,929.17</b>

#### General Fund Expenses

Category	Month	YTD
Personnel	12,463.52	67,623.37
Conference	1,256.17	8,793.17
District	0.00	850.00
Operating	669.81	9,273.16
Property	2,217.24	26,241.81
Worship	9.99	807.70
Christian Ed	374.97	6,055.66
Outreach	-700.00	-525.13
Member Care	113.82	375.49
Purchase Serv	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,405.52</b>	<b>119,495.23</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-2,052.58</b>	<b>-13,566.06</b>

#### Building Loan

Revenue	Month	YTD
Donations	11,107.81	80,063.18
Franklin Sale	0.00	27,787.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,107.81</b>	<b>107,850.68</b>

Payment	Month	YTD
Interest	6,555.80	49,680.82
Principle	3,370.80	46,907.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,926.60</b>	<b>96,588.72</b>
<b>Remaining Loan Balance</b>		<b>1,241,643.13</b>

#### Grants

Grant Source	Month	YTD
E.O. Conference	19,000.00	34,000.00

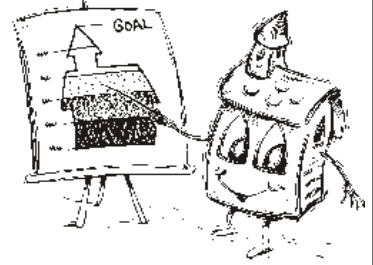
#### Expenses Charged to Grants

Category	Month	YTD
Youth Pastor	2,254.94	12,042.17
Life Tree Cafe	503.04	4,305.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,757.98</b>	<b>16,347.97</b>

Faith UMC's General Fund revenue (income) continues to lag behind its expenses by over **\$13,500.00**. The primary source of these funds is the tithes and gifts given through the worship offerings each Sunday. Your giving is essential to continuing the various ministries of Faith UMC.

Dave Cardwell  
Faith UMC Finance Chair

# SCRIP Report



August Proceeds: \$425.15

To Date Total: \$21,594.66  
(beginning 7/06)

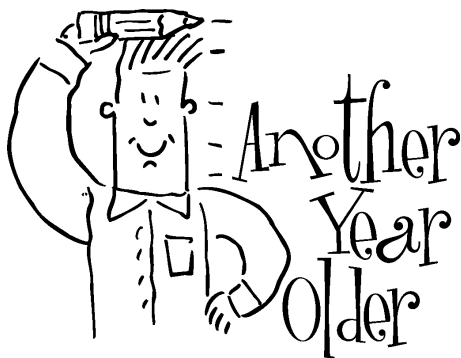
Thanks to everyone who has used SCRIP gift cards and shopped at Kroger's over the last month/quarter. Kroger Community Rewards for the last quarter was \$289.82 and is included in the August proceeds total.

Please remember to use SCRIP cards at your favorite grocery store, gas station, department store and restaurants. The percentage we earn while you are making regular purchases really adds up and helps to meet our monthly loan payments for our church building.

Please let me assist you in ordering your cards or getting enrolled for Kroger Community Rewards. If you have any questions, catch me on Sunday mornings or contact me by email (marileeacy@yahoo.com) or by phone at (419-522-4422).

Marilee Yarger

## September Birthdays \* Anniversaries \* Lection



- 2 Amie Henry
- 2 Hannelore Rinehart
- 3 Rick Lyon
- 5 Joni Esbenshade
- 9 Madyson Mack
- 9 Bob Stoffer
- 10 Pam Stimpert
- 13 Anne Pond
- 13 Tim Pond
- 13 Cassandra Ramsay
- 15 Alec Ashbaugh
- 17 Claudette Brown
- 20 Amy Chance
- 30 Nathan Betts

### Dayspring Residents

- 2 Laura Kraska
- 12 Penelope McCalla
- 13 Tom Hartman
- 23 Paul Hammer
- 24 Vickie Danielson
- 25 Frank Morris
- 27 Larry Reynolds
- 28 Jim Milligan



- 1 Alan & Tiffany Esbenshade (4)
- 4 Bernie & Diana Rhea (29)
- 6 Jim & Melody Young (25)
- 8 Dave & Sharon Cardwell (51)
- 12 Roger & Carole Humbert (57)
- 13 Tim & Anne Pond (8)



### September 4

804 Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-4  
\*Luke 10:25-37

### September 11

750 Psalm 19 (1st response)  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
\*Luke 4:14-21

### September 18

Faith-in-Action Sunday

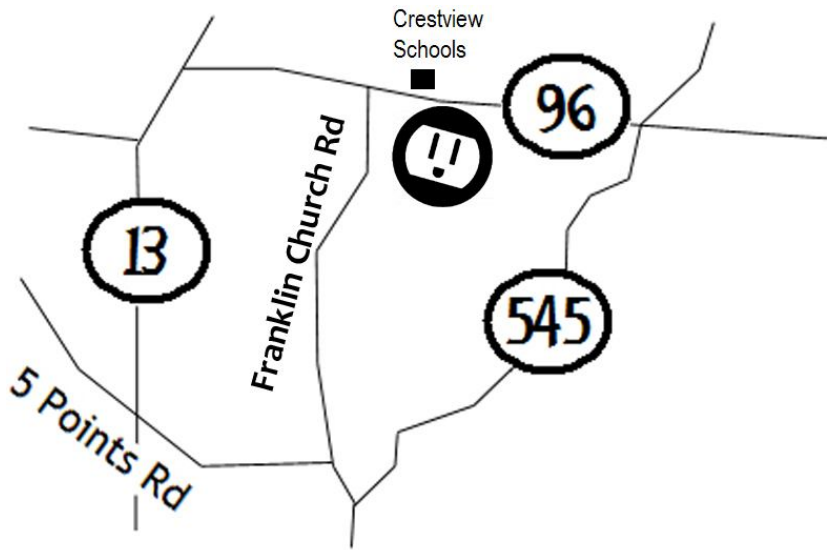
### September 25

Community Service  
Combined Worship @ 11a

# September 2011

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<u>Legend</u>					1	2	3
A.O.A = Active Older Adults  F FB = Flag Football					Band 6:30p	Bootcamp 6:30p	Choir 10-noon  Viral - Girl's All Nighter 9p - 9a
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		Bootcamp 7p	Synthesis 6:30p  Lifetree 7p	Flag Football Parents Mtg. 6p  Band 6:30p	UMW mtg. 1p  Bootcamp 6:30p  5th Quarter after Football Game	Choir 10-noon  Outlet Family Festival 6 - 9p	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p	Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p  Bootcamp 7p  Finance 7p	Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p  Synthesis 6:30p  Lifetree 7p	Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p  Band 6:30p	Christ Companion's 2p F FB 5:30-7:30p Bootcamp 6:30p 5th Quarter after Football Game	Choir 10-noon  Flag Football 9a - noon	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Faith-in-Action Worship 10a w/Spirit & Truth (Prospect St.) followed by lunch & projects	A.O.A. 10a Zumba 5:30p  F FB 5:30-7:30p  Prayer Minister's Mtg. 7p	Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p  Bootcamp 7p	A.O.A. 10a Outlet Mobile Food Pantry 3-5p Zumba 5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Synthesis 6:30p Lifetree 7p	Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p  Band 6:30p	A.O.A. 10a Christ Compan- ion's Study 2p F FB 5:30-7:30p Bootcamp 6:30p Viral - Lock In 9p - 9a	Landscaping 8a  Choir 10-noon  Flag Football 9a - noon	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
One Service 11a for Community Worship Day  Faith-in-Action Celebration 5p	A.O.A. 10a Zumba 5:30p  F FB 5:30-7:30p	Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p  Bootcamp 7p	See You @ the Pole 7a A.O.A 10a Zumba 5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Synthesis 6:30p Lifetree 7p	Good Neighbors Lunch 12p F FB 5:30-7:30p Christianity 101 6:30p Band 6:30p	A.O.A. 10a Christ Compan- ion's Study 2p F FB 5:30-7:30p Bootcamp 6:30p		



**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!



1574 St. Rt. 96 E.  
Ashland, OH. 44805

Phone: 419-895-1011

Fax: 419-895-1011

Email: [UMCFaith@aol.com](mailto:UMCFaith@aol.com)

Website: [umcfaith.com](http://umcfaith.com)