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FOCAL Point

CENTERED ON ACTIVITIES OF TOLEDO FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FAMILY



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another ... and as you sing ... with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
—Colossians 3:15

Prayers of Thankfulness

✕ Free to Laugh Comedy Fundraiser ✕

The Daughter Project is a non-profit organization in Ohio which builds recovery shelters for girls who have been rescued from sex traffickers. They are committed to the long-term holistic care of raped, beaten and drug addicted victims of human trafficking. Toledo is still #1 per capita in the United States and #4 overall. And that is no laughing matter.

So this year, Haven of Hope Toledo and Toledo First SDA Church is inviting you to join us on the campus of the University of Toledo in Nitschke Hall on OCT 20 @ 5pm and 8pm for a comedy fundraiser called **Free to Laugh**. Christian comics sharing family friendly content will provide a delightful evening of entertainment with 100% of the \$20/ticket costs going directly to TDP.

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All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action. — James Russell Lowell

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Toledo First Snapshots

We had two baby dedications in August: Emmett & Eniko brought their daughter, Eva (1st photo) and J.D. & Joy Jesudason brought their son, Eli, to be dedi-

cated to God. Pastor Yoon who was the Jesudason's pastor in Washington D.C., came for the dedication. The photo in between was taken at Maumee Bay ves-

pers. The 4th photo is of James Ellis and his puppet friend, Eli. James and the Herdsmen Puppets brought out lessons and stories from the Bible. The last photo is

Pastor Jolee Gaede and Pastor Mike with her "welcome cake". *Thanks, Jeff Batchelder, for sharing your photos! ##*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	OCT 6	OCT 6 & NOV 3	OCT 13	OCT 27	NOV 10
	Com-munion Sabbath	Friendship Dinners OCT 20 & NOV 10 & 17 Potlucks	Connections & Hayride @ the Case Farm	RingFest Handbell Concert, 7:30pm	Pathfinder Day & Pinewood Derby

Free to Laugh

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We have the potential of telling 2,000 people about trafficking/TDP and raising \$40,000 to help combat this heinous crime. However, we need to sell-out 2,000 tickets to accomplish this. Would you please consider the following ways to help?

• **Buy your ticket today** for the event in the church office, online or at a Life-way or Family Christian bookstore

• **Encourage everyone** you know to buy a ticket or buy a ticket for them

• **Ask your business** to purchase a group of 20 or more tickets and then sell or give them away

• **Consider giving** a donation to sponsor this important event. Any amount will help defray costs and ultimately increase the amount of money we raise

• **Toledo First SDA has purchased 50 tickets** from Haven of Hope. Want one? It's yours free if you volunteer to be a parking attendant / greeter / or usher. Contact me for more info:

mike4tune@gmail.com / 419.386.8918. We need at least 20 volunteers — Pastor Mike Fortune ##

Our website has a new look!

Have you checked our website (www.tfsda.org) lately? When you do, on the left side of your screen "Coming Soon" shows events for the next week, including potlucks. Live streaming of Sabbath School and Worship makes it easy to stay in touch if you're out of town. Also find daily devotionals, weekly recipes from "What Oliver Eats" and the **Focal Point** in brilliant color! ##

Time to "think fish"!

... Or at least Little Minnows! It is our custom

around Thanksgiving to recognize our dedicated volunteers. If you would like to nominate a person or group of people, please contact Pastor Mike. ##

Wednesday group continues

Some come bearing soup or salad or bread and others come later for the study of **The Great Controversy**. You are invited, too, each Wednesday evening. (Soup @ 6; Study @ 6:30). ##

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Welcome Pastor Jolee!



Getting to Know You!

Jolee Gaede (pronounced Gaydee), our new Youth Pastor, travelled across the USA from her home in Portland, Oregon, in August to become our new youth pastor. *Welcome, Pastor Jolee!* She recently completed her B. A. in Theology from Walla Walla University in Washington where her favorite subjects were Biblical History and History of Christianity.



Describing herself as “crazy joyful fun” she proclaims the best experience of her life was when: “I met Jesus for myself and Christianity became my faith rather than that of my parents.” Her favorite Bible text is Hebrews 11 and she credits her parents as having the greatest Christian influence on her life.

In her spare time Pastor Jolee enjoys outdoor pursuits such as rock climbing, camping, and horseback riding, as well as quiet times reading, playing music and listening to music. She said her best vacation was when she studied in Greece for six weeks because she “learned a lot, made great friends and refreshed my relationship with God.”

Pastor Jolee’s favorite foods are gluten-free lasagna, and gluten-free ebelskivers. (Look it up. I did.) Her food allergies are barley, rye, oats and wheat or an easy way to remember: “brow.”

When she gets to heaven, Pastor Jolee has lots of questions for Jesus and she wants to give Him “a great big hug!” If God put her in charge, she would be sure heaven included mountains. In the meantime she wants to serve Him by “being the best me I can be.”

She thanks everyone for welcoming her into our church family. —DeLaura Caulder ##

Toledo Junior Academy News

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

We were pleased to have everyone out for Education Day. What a blessing to see and hear children sing praises to God!



Please continue to pray for us as we strive to be a light sharing the love of Jesus to the families we meet.

We are excited to offer an opportunity for ALL of you to support Christian education. **Order our SaveAround the City book now.** Call the school to get your Toledo edition (419-841-0082). For those of you who have family and friends out of state, they can support by ordering online for their city.

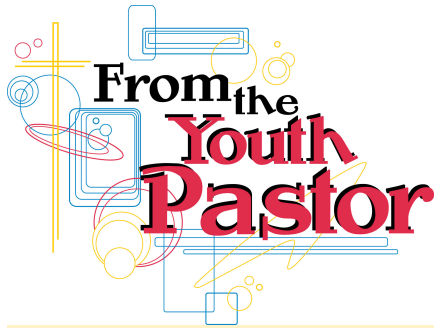
Simply go to savearound.com. After you find the book for your city, place it in your shopping cart. Proceed to the checkout. When you enter your first name, place 94298 after it. Fill out the rest as usual. (For example, first name: Dana94298)

By doing this, Toledo Junior Academy will receive credit. Shipping will be FREE of charge. Thank you in advance for your support.

—Mrs. Holland, Principal ##

Remember Pathfinder Sabbath — November 10

We will have a potluck for everyone attending morning worship, so please bring extra food for our guests. There will be afternoon classes for Pathfinders and in the evening the ever-popular Pinewood Derby. If you want to enter the competition, please bring a new car or one that has been refurbished in the last 11 months. Join us on Pathfinder Day! ##



Hello Toledo First SDA Church Family!

I am so excited and blessed to be able to work with you in ministering to your kids. Thank you so much for allowing me this privilege. This month the Youth Operate Sabbath School has been focusing on knowing God like our best friend, and KidConnect has been learning about glimpses of God in nature this harvest season. Please pray that God's presence will be known in these efforts to introduce kids to Jesus. Here are some upcoming events you might be interested in:

Friday, October 5 Y.O. Vespers at the Case Place
 October 19-21 Adventurer Family Retreat at Camp Mohaven

November 3 Connexion Youth Rally in Worthington, Ohio
 November 10 Pathfinder Pinewood Derby at Toledo First SDA Church
 October 25-27 RingFest Handbell Festival at Toledo First SDA Church

Feel free to contact me for further information regarding these events. Thank you again for welcoming me into your church and giving me the opportunity to minister to your families.

—Pastor Jolee Gaede ##

What Oliver Eats

When Tom (nickname "Spyder") grows vegetables, he does it in a big way (!) as you can see from the photo. When our church friend, Spyder, (shown here with Deb Britenbaker who teaches our cooking and nutrition class along with Edith Kolmar) brought his huge zucchini to the Thursday "What Oliver Eats" class,



Pastor Mike said it reminds us that "vegetables can grow the strongest animals and humans" (2 Kings 4:38-44). You are invited to join the class, too, (THUR @ 7pm at church) and learn to live a healthier lifestyle. ##



Roof cost grows

We've known for years that a new roof was in our future. We've patched and prayed and borrowed time, but finally, after 28 years in our building, the time has come!

Will You Help?

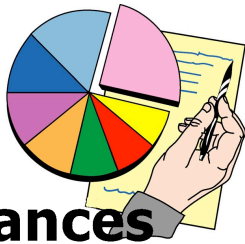
The finance committee chose the lowest estimate, but it turned out the bidder didn't include the tall sanctuary roof in his bid! Adding it more than doubled the cost.

Then, when the workers began tearing off the old roof from the sanctuary part, they found that the work had not been done to code originally. (The roofing material was put right over insulation without a layer of wood over the foam.) In order for the guarantee to be good, they would have to add sheathing. All of this means our new roof will cost at least \$77,000 (with the roofing material being guaranteed 50 years).

If you can help defray some of this extra cost, your roof offering will be gladly received. Just mark your tithe envelope "Roof." THANK YOU. ##

A true gift is a portion of your self.

When you give in this manner, you become an instrument of God. It is the gift of love.



Finances

“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little.

“If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them.”

Ouch! I came across the above quote from C. S. Lewis (British novelist and lay theologian) when I was looking for something inspiring to say about our Toledo First Church finances. I’m not sure how many agreed with Mr. Lewis in his day or how many would agree today, but maybe his words have captured our attention.

Let me just say that we are behind in giving to our local budget by at least \$20,000. These offerings pay our electricity & gas bills, insurance, furnace repair, etc. We have three months remaining to make up our shortfall.

As we plan our Christmas giving and consider how God has blessed us, maybe we can set aside a little extra for the Lord’s work here in Toledo. Let’s each of us pray and ask God how we should respond. —DeLaura Caulder ##

Gestures of Gratitude

In 2005, a female humpback whale became entangled in a web of crab traps and lines just east of the Farallon Islands, off the San Francisco coast. Hundreds of yards of line rope were wrapped around her body, tail, torso and mouth, weighing her down so much that she struggled to stay afloat.

A fisherman spotted the whale and radioed for help. When rescuers arrived, they determined that the only way to save the creature was to dive in and untangle her. This was a dangerous proposition, as one slap of the tail could be deadly.

Rescuers worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed the whale. What she did next surprised the divers: She swam in what seemed like joyous circles, coming back to each person, one at a time, nudging them gently, in what rescuers assumed was a beautiful gesture of thanks.

May you and those you love be surrounded by people who help you get untangled from whatever is binding you and may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude. —*The Newsletter Newsletter* ##



Bad is never good until worse happens.
—Danish proverb



Connections & Hayride

It’s that time again! October 13 is the date. Dave & Sheila Case are hosting Connections (time of praise and worship) at 6pm at their farm with Hayride & Bonfire following. Dress warmly and plan to come for free food and fun under the stars! ##

Remember! Handbell Concert will be OCT 27

Bell Choirs will be arriving about a month from now — on Wednesday, October 25. They will study and practice for two days and learn new techniques, then on Friday night everyone is invited to hear the mass bell choirs perform. Come early for the 7:30 pm concert. Spread the word! ##



“They were celebrating a bountiful harvest? You mean the whole thing was about vegetables?”

Calendar of Events...

Oct & Nov 2012

Birthdays

October 1 Megan Cross
October 2 Steven Bills
October 4 Mary Famulare
October 5 Cathie Heath
October 8 Bill Ashley
October 10 Denise Edwards
October 11 Marshall Makley
October 14 Pat Olenik, Greg Tary
October 18 Bill Schulz, Olga Villalon
October 23 Jean Kline; Kim Williams
October 26 Wil Ashley
October 29 Will Orlet
October 31 Rose Cross



Sabbath Events

Sabbath School Sing @ 9:30am followed by classes. Worship @ 11am; Kid Connect @ 11am each week

OCT 6 Sabbath School & Worship w/communion; Friendship Dinner with Shirlee Heiney & her team (Mohaven's 50th Anniversary Celebration at Camp Mohaven)

OCT 13 Sabbath School & Worship; Connections @ 6pm at the Case Place followed by the Annual Autumn **Hayride & Bonfire**

OCT 20 Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm; **Free to Laugh** @ 5pm & 8pm @ UT's Nitschke Hall.

OCT 27 RingFest Sabbath; Sabbath School & Worship with Pastor Jolee Gaede speaking; planned dinner for RingFest guests; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home at 2:30pm

Sundays

OCT 7 Conference on Innovation begins

OCT 14 Baby Shower (our Fellowship Room rented)

Mondays

OCT 8 NO school-Columbus Day

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Pathfinders, 6:30pm

OCT 9 NO school-Teacher InService

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Soup for You @ 6pm EXCEPT OCT 24

OCT 24 Bell Choirs arrive in evening

Thursdays - What Oliver Eats @ 7pm

OCT 4 JMLC Board Meeting

OCT 25 RINGFEST

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

OCT 26 RingFest Handbell Concert, 7:30pm

Birthdays

November 1 Frank Engelbert, Anjelika Manakhimova
November 3 Leisha Barbee
November 4 Larry Duwve, Robert Szana
November 5 Helen Konewka
November 9 Bev Ostrander
November 11 George Jenkins
November 14 Daniel Landeros
November 15 Fern Baer, Sara Rios, Randy Neal
Jennifer, Joshua & Lanna Cozzens
November 17 Pat Kline, Will Frey
November 18 Marilu Beebe
November 21 Andrew Jessop, Ben Neal
November 22 Shelly Batchelder
November 27 Sonja Maxwell
November 30 Alex Bills, Kathryn Landeros

Sabbath Events

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NOV 3 Sabbath School & Worship; Friendship Dinner w/ Heather Smith-LaPoint & her team (Conference Youth Rally); SET YOUR CLOCK BACK TONIGHT.

NOV 10 Pathfinder Sabbath; Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck; Connections @ 5pm; Pinewood Derby @ 7pm

NOV 17 Sabbath School & Worship; Thanksgiving Potluck; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm

NOV 24 Sabbath School & Worship; Eat 'n Greet; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home at 2:30pm

Sundays

NOV 4 Daylight Savings Time ends

Mondays

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Pathfinders, 6:30pm

NOV 6 Election Day

NOV 20 TJA Thanksgiving Feast

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm
Soup for You, 6pm

Thursdays - What Oliver Eats @ 7pm

NOV 22 Happy Thanksgiving

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

