

JUN / JUL 2019

FOCAL POINT

Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

In God's Word We Trust July 6 And July 7

Psalm 33:12a (NKJV) says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." So this July, when thoughts of God and country are at the forefront, we invite you to join us for a two-day marathon reading of the New Testament from Matthew to Revelation. The readings will take place at Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church 4909 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo Ohio 43623 (tfsda.org 419.882.6200). Youth and special community guests will be present to take their 30-minute turn reading God's Word out loud. You and your friends will surely be blessed to hear it from beginning to end. We will start at 9am each day and conclude at 7pm so come for some or all. Water and snacks will be available in our foyer and you are welcome to bring your own food and cooler if you wish. The sanctuary Sabbath School class will not be meeting JUL 6 though other classes might be so check with your teachers. Worship at 11am on JUL 6 will proceed as usual but at 11:30am the 30-minute readings will resume.



To accomplish this monumental task, we need your help! Toledo First members are encouraged to use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at church to sign up at the bottom of every hour while inviting a community guest or friend to read at the top of every hour. Each guest will get 60 seconds to tell us one thing about themselves or their organization before taking their turn reading. They wouldn't need to be there all day.

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—Kingsley
 "There are two freedoms—the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where he is free to do what he ought."

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April & May at Toledo First

Carrie-Ann Leibengood and Jimmy Johnson pledged to follow Jesus and were baptized on April 20 (1st photo). In the 2nd photo Jenny Eichelberger is trying to decide who was who at the “I Remember When Party.” Charlotte Herman was thanked for her years of service at Toledo Junior Academy during the Mother’s Day Tea. (photo 3)

Kendra and Emily Bills enjoyed the fantastic Mother’s Day Tea that the talented ladies of TF put on for TF and community mothers. (photo 4). Some of the Toledo First youth show Gabe a snake they found on the youth campout held May 17-19 at Van Buren State Park. (photo 5) ##

Calendar of Events	JUN 8 One-day Camp Mtg. @ Mohaven	JUN 8 & JUL 13 Fellowship Potlucks	JUN 22 & JUL 27 Vegan Challenge Potlucks	JUN 25 Church Business Meeting, 7pm	JUL 6-7 In God’s Word We Trust
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Order vegetarian food by noon June 18

It’s time once again to place your orders for the next vegetarian food delivery, which will be on June 25. The order forms are on the foyer table. Orders must be received by noon on June 18, and can be placed at the church, or by email treasurer@toledofirstadventist.org ##

Summer Camp is almost here!

This year’s theme for Camp Mohaven is “We Have This Hope.” It promises to be an action packed summer filled with exciting activities for kids (and adults too!). Some of the activities available are swimming, horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking, crafts, archery, nature, sports, and much more! Toledo First Church is once again offering to help members with 50% of the cost so that our kids can participate in Christian summer camp. Camp Mohaven kicks the summer off on June 9, with Cub Camp (ages 6-9), Junior Camp (ages 9-12) on June 16, Horse Camp I (ages 8-12) on June 23, Family Camp June 26-30, Tween and Horse Camp 2 June 30-July 7, and Teen Camp July 7-14. ##



Graduates will be honored on June 22

If you, or someone you know in our church family, has graduated since June of 2018, please let us know by June 13 so we can recognize them and all their hard work! We will celebrate them at our Vegan Challenge potluck on June 22 after church. Please call the church office or email Jen_office@toledofirstadventist.org with name, school graduated from, plans for the future, and special honors received. ##



Helen Szana Memorial Service is June 15

Please come and support the Szana family on June 15 at 3pm as they remember Helen and their life with her. There will be a dinner following the service. ##

The Next Business Meeting is June 25

Plan to attend the next business meeting on June 25 at 7pm. Agenda items include the new conference ‘Growing Young’ initiative, a new Bible Worker, fall evangelistic plans, and preliminary evangelistic plans for Spring 2020 with evangelist Rich Halvorsen. ##

In God's Word We Trust *(continued from page 1)*

But we would love to have a politician, police officer, EMS, fire, educator, non-profit leader, anyone really using their influence for good in Toledo present. One invitation has already been sent to a Congressional Medal of Honor winner who lives locally but we need more. Are you willing to read? Do you know a community leader available that holiday weekend we could invite? Will you help us with this summer ordinary outreach opportunity? Abraham Lincoln said in regard to this Great Book... "It is the best gift God has given to man." In God's Word We Trust! ## Mike Fortune

Ohio Camp Meeting @ Mohaven June 8

Boundless Love: Stories of Jesus Limitless Love is the theme this year for Ohio's One-Day Camp meeting at Camp Mohaven in Danville, OH. Sabbath School begins at 10am; worship service at



11:15am. Children and youth programs are scheduled. The guest speaker is Richie Halversen with special music by Steve Darmody.

Register for the FREE lunch at

www.ohioadventist.org. ##

2 Months Until the Brazil Mission Trip!

Kids and adult volunteers are busy getting passports, yellow fever, typhoid, and malaria vaccines and medications, and all the other items they will need as they journey to the the Amazon Rainforest on July 13. They will be flying out of the Columbus Airport with a layover in Miami before the final leg to Manaus, Brazil, landing after midnight (on July 14). They will be met by ADRA staff who will put them on a bus and shuttle them about an hour away to the ADRA base camp along the Amazon River. Either on arrival, or in the morning, they will load up on the river boats and head upstream to a village where they will begin a week of hard work! At the end of the week they will get a fun day where they will get the opportunity to swim with the pink river dolphins, see giant lily pads, eat out at a restaurant (which is said to have a troupe of monkey's living outside), and shop in the local market. On July 22, around 1am, our group will fly out of



Manaus and head back to Miami where there is a short layover, and then back to Columbus by late morning. Please pray for the group going to Brazil that they will touch the lives there for Jesus and that everyone will be safe and remain healthy! ##

Battle Plan Church Chat

I am so proud of a couple Toledo First Church members who recently gave me permission to share that they are struggling with addiction to smoking and alcohol. They don't want to be but they are! They know all too well that the devil "Prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). One of them came up with the courageous idea to ask the

church to pray for them to be able to quit! So a couple of months ago in the middle of March, that's what she did! During church she introduced herself and confessed her

"She loves the encouragement shared..." even if I'm sleeping (because of my work schedule) during the morning or afternoon chat hours, it's the first thing I look up at when I get up. It helps me start my day with God and keep connected with Him."

addiction and asked for help. She passed out a card she called "Battle Plan Church Chat."

The card, she said, is a way to encourage her by texting on your mobile phone. By filling the card out with your contact info and placing the card in the offering plate or returning it to the church office, you indicate your willingness to share via text a Scriptural promise or word of encouragement at a specific time each day. Options included 7-8am, noon-1pm, or 7-8pm. So the cards were distributed and people responded on them and now she is receiving those daily prayers and texts but there is always room for more people to participate. Are you willing to help? If you are, please notify the church office (419.882.6200; office@toledofirstadventist.org) that you're willing to join the Battle Plan Church Chat and specify what time you prefer to participate and we will connect you with the correct name and number.

Thank you so much for being the kind of church that prays, not condemns, people struggling with addiction! Please note: if you do not have unlimited data, messaging and data rates may apply. See your carrier for more info. Are you glad Philippians 2:13 (NLT) says, "13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." Will you join me in praying that God gives these two individuals the desire and power to quit? ## Mike Fortune

JUNE & JULY 2019 CALENDAR

Birthdays

June 1 Troy Brion
 June 2 Cindy Naus
 Sara Woggerman
 June 3 Christine Behler
 June 4 Angela Eschmann
 June 5 Brad Marsh
 Jackie Fortune
 June 6 Jim Larimore
 June 7 Charles Jake, Jr.
 June 10 Gerald Marsa
 June 14 Rachel Hall
 June 15 Melissa Hare
 Helen Szana
 June 16 Jack Herman
 June 19 Mike Heiney
 Bradley Austin
 June 21 Dan Frey
 June 22 Charlotte Neal
 June 25 Judy Riley
 Cheryl Malosh
 June 26 Karen Sandy
 Carson Makley
 June 29 Meghan Makley
 June 30 Sandy Gorsuch



Birthdays

July 3 Matt Crosby
 July 5 Craige Rieger
 July 7 Earl Mitchell
 July 11 Amanda Schell
 July 16 Daniel Hall
 Nicole Warner
 July 17 Lorraine Poulin
 July 18 Anne Caulder
 July 20 Kloey Eichelberger
 July 21 Heather Smith LaPoint
 Pam Neal
 July 24 Jacob Moses
 July 25 Brian Eichelberger
 July 26 Jonathan Ashley
 Veela Burks
 July 29 Tracie Gustrowsky
 Dianna Hassen
 July 30 Amber Hass
 Brendan Leibengood
 July 31 Sarah Godie
 Robert Reams

Sabbath Events

Sabbath School Sing @ 9:30am followed by classes. Worship @ 11am

- JUL 6** Sabbath School; In God's Word We Trust - marathon Bible Reading 9am - 7pm
JUL 13 Sabbath School & Worship; Young Adult Bible Study @ 2pm
 TF mission trip to Brazil begins; potluck
JUL 20 Sabbath School & Worship; Young Adult Bible Study @ 2pm
 Visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford @ 3pm
JUL 27 Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Young Adult Bible Study @ 2pm; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm; Google Hangout Bible Study @ 4pm

Sundays -

JUL 7 In God's Word We Trust - marathon Bible Reading 9am - 7pm

Mondays -

JUL 22 TF Brazil mission trip group returns

Tuesdays - Church office open 8am - 3pm (except July 16)

Wednesdays - Church office is open 8am - 3pm (except July 17)

Thursdays - Church office is open 8am - 3pm (except July 4, 18)

JUL 4 Independence Day

Fridays -

Sabbath Events

Sabbath School Sing @ 9:30am followed by classes. Worship @ 11am

- JUN 1** Sabbath School & Worship; Young Adult Bible Study @ 2pm
JUN 8 Sabbath School & Worship; One-day Camp Meeting @
 Camp Mohaven; Young Adult Bible Study @ 2pm; potluck
JUN 15 Sabbath School & Worship; Communion; Young Adult Bible Study @ 2pm; Visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford @ 3pm; Google Hangout Bible Study @ 4pm; Helen Szana Memorial @ 3pm
JUN 22 Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck & honoring graduates; Young Adult Bible Study @ 2pm; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm; Google Hangout Bible Study @ 4pm
JUN 29 5th Sabbath Community Service Day; Google Hangout Bible Study @ 4pm

Sundays -

JUN 16 Father's Day

Mondays -

Tuesdays - Church office open 8am - 3pm

JUN 18 Vegetarian Food Orders due by noon

JUN 25 Vegetarian Food Orders will be delivered; Church Business Meeting @ 7pm. Members are encouraged to attend.

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Fridays -

