

April / May 2018

FOCAL POINT

Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

Let's "be there" for our newer members & guests

Come to the GETTING TO KNOW YOU PARTY Sunday, April 29, 5pm

Lisa Diller, History Professor at Southern Adventist University, says, "Many church leaders are people who are well connected and could spend each Sabbath with their friends and family, or out in nature, rather than in a local church. Spiritually and communally, they would be just fine. But what of those who have nowhere to go if the church isn't their family? I need to be there for them."

At Toledo First, we couldn't agree more. Which is why we're hosting a Getting to Know You Party, Sunday, April 29, 5pm, which will begin with a light supper and end with ice cream sundaes. In between we're going to match faces with names (prizes are involved!), sing "The Many Saints of Springtime," (to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas") and participate in other fun ways to get acquainted with new-er members of our church family. Did you know 56 people have joined our church since 2013? Do you know who they are? Don't you want to?

Let's be the kind of church that will "be there" not just for the people we already know, but also for our newer members and guests as well. So we invite you newer members and guests to attend. Special guests are all those who have joined church by baptism, profession of faith or transfer since the beginning of 2013 and those who have been attending recently. And we also want our older members to attend as well.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board to let us know you will be there. Please sign up ASAP! We also have another signup so we will know what everyone can bring for supper or the ice cream sundaes. So please plan to come to the Party. Bring smiles and good cheer. We're going to have a fun evening together. Promise. ##



"I have learned that I have never been bored in the presence of a cheerful person."—Anonymous

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FEB/MAR Activities for TF family

Timothy Noble (photo 1) played piano and sang at worship and returned in the evening for the Valentines for Toledo concert which benefited Mosaic Ministries. Photo 2 shows the young people who enjoyed skating after tobogganing was rained out in FEB. We honored Crystal &

Vanessa at a double baby shower (photo 3), Battle Creek Academy Band & Bell Choir, directed by Michele Stark, played at worship on MAR 10. *(Thanks to Carla Szczechowski, Pastor Mike & Susan Cassar for taking the photos shown here.) ##*

<i>Calendar of Events</i>	APR 10	APR 11	APR 15	APR 17 & 18	MAY 12	MAY 15
	Church Business Mtg., 7pm	Soup for You resumes, 7pm	Scrap-booking, 10am-8pm	Photography for directory, 2-8:30pm	Mother's Day Tea, 2:30pm	Make cards for soldiers, 6:30pm

Town Hall Meeting is April 5, 7pm

The President of Ohio Conference, Ron Halvorsen, and other conference leaders will be on hand at the Town Hall to be held at Toledo First Thursday, April 5. Everyone is invited to hear reports to be made in preparation for the 42nd regular constituency meeting. All elected delegates are urged to attend. The constituency meeting will be held at Worthington SDA Church on Sunday, May 6. ##

Next vegetarian food order

Look for order forms and special discounts for vegetarian food on the table in the foyer towards the end of May. Watch the bulletin for exact date of delivery and deadline for orders which will be sometime in June. ##

Church Business Meeting is April 10

Church family, you are invited to attend the quarterly business meeting on Tuesday, April 10, from 7:00-8:30pm to hear reports from Pastor Mike and leaders of ministries within the church. ##

Church lunches for April and May

Four Sabbath lunches are scheduled during April and May as follows: April 7 - Fellowship Potluck to celebrate five - seven new church members; April 21 - Friendship Lunch with Jo Ann & friends; April 28 and May 26 - Vegan Challenge Potlucks. ##

Help assemble Cards for Soldiers

Would you like to help assemble greeting cards for deployed military personnel? We will be meeting Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room.

Everything to make these cards is pre-cut and will need to be assembled. These cards are blank on the inside, so the service person can write their own note and send it to someone back home.

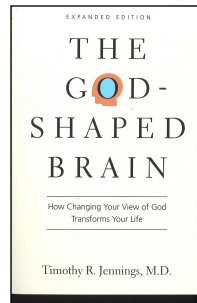
Everyone is invited to help. Please bring scissors and scrapbooking adhesive if you have them. All we are asking is to please let Brenda Szana know if you will be attending so she can know how many to plan for.

Any questions, please contact Brenda Szana at 419-356-3719 or HappyScrapper64@bex.net ##

An ounce of cheerfulness is worth a pound of sadness to serve God with. —Fuller

Soup for You Resumes APR 11

Those of you who enjoyed reading *The God Shaped Heart* by Tim Jennings will be thrilled to learn we're reading another book by the Seventh-day Adventist psychiatrist and teacher entitled *The God Shaped Brain* starting WED APR 11 @ 7pm (Soup for You). Join us! This book makes a compelling, evidenced-based case for a God of love and His methods of love that is easy to understand and brings to a practical level why it is so important to live in harmony with God and his design for life. You may find the last chapter entitled, "Buddha, Jesus and The Brain" exploring the impact on brain function and structure that eastern meditation has on the brain compared to true Biblical meditation thought provoking. Enjoy! Copies of the book are available on his website comeandreason.com and Amazon but the best price is in the church office for donations of \$10 while supplies last. ##



Join the growing Scrapbooking group

In January we had 22 people come to our scrapbooking event. It's time to register for our next one — Sunday, April 15, 10am - 8pm.

Join us for a day full of laughter and friendship, all while preserving your memories, making cards or working on another type of craft project. The funds raised will benefit the Gym For Kids.

Who tells your story? If you want future generations to know your story, the best way to do that is to preserve your memories by documenting them in a scrapbook.

Do you make cards? Then this is a great opportunity for you to work alongside others.

Do you have other craft projects (sewing, crocheting, knitting)? Bring them along and join in the fun! ***This crop is for all types of crafting, not just paper crafting.***

Brenda Szana, who is a Close To My Heart Independent Consultant, will be available to help you with your scrapbooking and cardmaking questions. Depending on the craft project you are working on, she might even be able to help you with those.

The Registration Fee is \$25, which includes table space to craft, lunch & dinner, snacks, goodie bag and free Make & Take. We hope to see you there! —Brenda Szana ##



Have you made your appointment for your free photo & church directory?

Signups for photography began on March 17 at church, but why wait till Sabbath morning to sign up for photos when you can do so online? Simply go to www.ucdir.com, then click on schedule your photography session on the right side, enter **oh2091** for the church code and enter **directory** for the



church password. Choose the day and time for your photo session and follow the prompts to complete the appointment.

Photography dates are Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17 and 18 from 2:00 - 8:30pm each day. Everyone receives a free 8x10 photograph and a free church directory. Universal Church Directories offer a "no pressure" guarantee to the churches they serve, so you have no worries about sales tactics.

Please sign up for your photo because our directory just won't be complete without you! ##

Our kitchen shines after facelift!

Have you seen our new kitchen? We have new light fixtures, new cabinet and drawer knobs, new backsplash, new countertops, new black refrigerator, and new floor. It's bee-uu-tiful!

Come and take a look if you haven't seen it already. Many thanks to Pam and Randy Neal who spent many long hours overseeing the project. ##



Celebrate Mother's Day with us May 12

Ladies, look for your invitation to our annual Mother's Day Tea in your email or the U. S. Mail soon. Invite friends to the Tea and make your reservations for Sabbath afternoon, May 12, 2:30pm. Pam Tucker, singer and author (and wife of Mike Tucker who presented the Mad About Marriage seminar last September), will be in concert during the 11am service that day and will share briefly at the Mother's Day Tea.

Pam's passion in her Christian experience is to bring the love of God to others by sharing her life and walk with God, through music and personal testimony.

Pam spent over 25 years in business before leaving it in 2012 to follow God's call to more active ministry in Christian

publications and evangelism. In October of 2015 she followed her passion and God's leading, making the decision, in faith, to

commit her life to full-time music ministry.

We look forward to welcoming her back to TF. ##



Summer camp is just around the corner

Again this year Toledo First is offering members the 50/50 deal for any child to attend Camp Mohaven for Teen, Horse, Junior or Cub Camp. The Ohio Conference Youth Dept. is taking reservations for summer camps now. Simply go to ohiosdayouth.org/camp-mohaven to register and pay your half. Once you do, the church will be notified and pay the other half.

Teen Camp 1 and Horse Camp 1 are from June 10-17. Teen Camp for ages 15-17 costs \$250 and Horse Camp for ages 13-17 costs \$275.

Teen Camp 2 is June 17-24 for ages 12-15 at a cost of \$250. Junior Camp for ages 9-12 costs \$250 and is the week of June 24 - July 1.

Cub Camp and Horse Camp 2 are during the week of July 1-8. Cub Camp, for ages 6-9 costs \$250. Horse Camp 2 for ages 8-12 costs \$275.

The camp season also includes Family Camp which runs from June 6-10 for all ages. Price ranges from \$50



plus \$50 per person for an RV or tent to \$200 plus \$50 per person for the Oak Lodge Room at Camp Mohaven. Cabins are \$150 plus \$50 per person.

Contact Ohio Conference Youth Dept at 740.397.4695, ext. 122 or youth@ohioadventist.org. ##

Toledo Junior Academy News

Grandparents and students alike enjoyed Grandparents Day at Toledo Junior Academy on March 2. They ate lunch together, had a tour of the classrooms, then early dismissal.

The students would love for you to see what they've learned and the art projects they've completed at the Academic and Art Expo on April 26, 6:30pm. You are invited to come and support the students and our school.

Kindergarten and 8th grade graduations take place on Thursday, May 24, beginning with Kindergarten at 6pm and 8th grade following at 7pm. Again, everyone is welcome. (Photo credit: Jenny Eichelberger) ##



Seven things you'll never regret

1. Feeling reverence for your Maker.
2. Showing kindness to an aged person.
3. Destroying a letter, or not sending an e-mail, written in anger.
4. Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
5. Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
6. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
7. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.

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APRIL & MAY 2018 CALENDAR

Birthdays

April 2 Mary Ann Bagaoisan
 April 3 Taryn Landeros
 Tom Sandy
 April 4 Netania Rieger
 April 8 Robert Ostrander
 April 9 Kimiko Kawakami
 April 10 Doug Orr
 April 11 Kelly Gustrowsky
 April 20 Tyler Leibengood,
 Gary Swackhamer
 April 22 Arden Brion
 April 24 Nina Reams
 April 25 Loni Orlet
 April 27 Lewis Simpson Jr
 April 30 Autumn Eichelberger



Sabbath Events

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

APR 7 Sabbath School & Worship w/baptism; Fellowship Potluck
APR 14 Sabbath School & Worship
APR 21 Sabbath School & Worship; Friendship Lunch w/Jo Ann &
 her team; Visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford @ 3pm
APR 28 Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit
 Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays

APR 1 Happy Easter
APR 15 Scrapbooking-Crafting-Cardmaking, 10am-8pm
APR 29 Getting to Know You Party! EVERYONE invited! Supper
 starts @ 5pm

Mondays - Bells practice 5:30 - 7:30pm in Fellowship Room

Tuesdays - Church office open 9am - 4pm

APR 10 Church Business Meeting, 7pm. Members are encouraged
 to attend
APR 17 Photography for church directory, 2:00-8:30pm

Wednesdays - Church office open 9am - 4pm

APR 4 Adventurers, 6 - 7pm
APR 11 Soup for You @ 7pm
APR 18 Photography for church directory, 2:00-8:30pm
APR 25 Soup for You @ 7pm

Thursdays - Bells practice 5:30 - 7:30pm in Fellowship Room

APR 5 Town Hall Meeting, 7pm

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30

Birthdays

May 1 Austin Jessop
 May 3 Gary Gooden
 May 7 Antoinette Edgecombe
 May 11 Kelly Maxwell
 May 12 Linda Ostrander
 May 14 Tina Polzin
 May 15 Eric Polzin
 May 18 Linda Bilby
 May 22 Derrick Polzin
 May 23 Debbie Balnaves
 May 25 Raymond Kawakami
 May 26 Janell Ashley
 May 27 Cindy Leibengood
 May 28 Madeline Flack
 May 30 Sharon Crosby
 Julie Larimore

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 Mother's Day Tea @ 2:30pm (please arrive at 2pm)
MAY 19 Sabbath School & Worship; visit Genesis Nursing Home on
 Whiteford @ 3pm
MAY 26 Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit
 Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays

MAY 6 Ohio Conference Constituency Meeting in Worthington
MAY 13 Mother's Day

Mondays - Bells practice 5:30 - 7:30pm in Fellowship Room

MAY 28 Memorial Day

Tuesdays - Church office open 9am - 4pm

MAY 15 Cards for Soldiers w/Brenda Szana, 6:30pm

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

MAY 2 Soup for You @ 7pm; Adventurers, 6 - 7pm
MAY 9 Soup for You @ 7pm
MAY 16 Soup for You @ 7pm
MAY 23 Soup for You @ 7pm

Thursdays - Bells practice 5:30 - 7:30pm in Fellowship Room

MAY 24 Graduations @ TJA:
 Kindergarten, 6pm; 8th grade, 7pm

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30

