

February/March 2016

# FOCAL POINT

Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

## *Listen to the still, small voice*

**Preparation for baptism classes begin FEB 27**

Ready to take the dip? Plan to say "I do" to Jesus this Easter! Pastor Mike's next membership classes preparing people for baptism Sabbath MAR 26 begin FEB 27 @ 5-7pm in the church office continuing MAR 5, 12, and 19 same time and location. Jesus didn't need to be baptized (He never sinned) but He got baptized anyway setting us an example to follow. Do you know someone you could encourage to be baptized? Invite them! It doesn't hurt to ask! —Pastor Mike ##



*They lose nothing who gain Christ. —Samuel Rutherford*

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# Nov-Jan TF family photos

We thank church photographer, Jeff Batchelder, for the above photos. Little Minnow Awards were given to Jenny and Deb on Thanksgiving Sabbath. In December we welcomed Bradley and Sara Austin by transfer (3rd photo). Jared Oluoch became a

witnessed by his parents who were in the States from Kenya (4th photo). On January 9 we celebrated a child dedication (photo 5), and we welcomed new members, Dr. Paul Wilson and Regina Davis. Blessings all around! ##

<i>Calendar of Events</i>	<b>FEB 6</b>	<b>FEB 13 &amp; MAR 5</b>	<b>FEB 20</b>	<b>FEB 27, MAR 5, 12, 19</b>	<b>MAR 12</b>	<b>MAR 19</b>
	<b>Int'l Food Fest, 6:30pm</b>	<b>JamFest, 6pm</b>	<b>Toboggan @ Pokagon, leave 4:15pm</b>	<b>Baptism classes, 5-7pm</b>	<b>Gospel Concert, 7pm</b>	<b>1950s style Social</b>

### Immersion weekend is FEB 19-21

Immersion is a special Ohio Conference event designed for young adults ages 18-35, taking place at Camp Mohaven FEB 19-21. The cost (\$35 for a cabin and \$55 for lodge room) includes food. Register online at <http://ohiosdayouth.org/Immersion>. Questions should be directed to [youth@ohioadventist.org](mailto:youth@ohioadventist.org) or 740.397.4695 x122. ##

### Labels Make Cents Program

Atlantic Natural Foods (ANF) is offering conferences an opportunity to earn money. ANF includes Loma Linda, Worthington and Caroline's canned food products. To help with the program, cut and collect UPC codes from the cans. (NO frozen foods are eligible.) Bring them to church and put them in the slots at the cupboard across from the church members' mailboxes. We will then count them and report the number to the conference once per quarter. ANF will pay the conference \$.05 per label. All eligible UPC's begin with 28989 and 45561. ##

*Easter is the great proclamation and promise of God that nothing can overcome God's love, not even the murder of the Son of God.*  
—Charles Ferrell

### Table Fund Update

We currently have over \$1,100 in the Table Fund! Thank you to all those who have given - including all of you who have faithfully brought aluminum cans. The cost to purchase four more round tables is \$1568 (including freight). We're almost there! Thank you for your continued giving. —Donna Schuster ##

### Friendship Dinners and Potlucks

Friendship dinners start up again in February with Cindy Larimore's team providing the delicious lasagna, green beans and salad on FEB 13. Judy and Ray Riley's team will delight us with their meal on MAR \_\_\_\_\_. Vegan Challenge potlucks are (almost always) on the fourth Sabbath: FEB 27 and MAR 26. Both vegetarian and vegan foods are welcome. ##

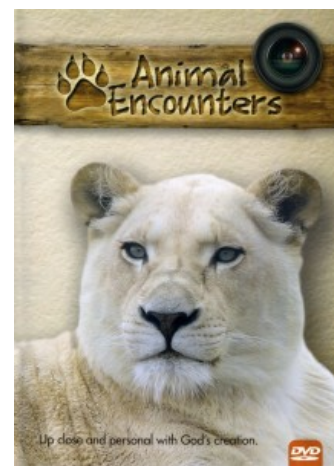
### Come to Family Movie Nights

Come to Family Movie Nights planned by Toledo Junior Academy and get acquainted with families of community students who you might not otherwise meet. Movies are JAN 30 and FEB 27, 6:30pm. ##



## Soup for You changes course during February

Soup for You is going animal crazy! Having concluded *Chosen by Grace*, we're going to be taking a break from our heavy duty theological thinking in the month of FEB to join three adventurous women (via short DVD presentations) share their personal experiences as they encounter God's creation. Gabi from Germany, Kezia from Kenya, and Cassila from Brazil will introduce us to other people who have found a closeness with their Creator by riding elephants, petting cheetahs, playing with monkeys, feeding birds, getting to know eels and learning to trust wolves. Feel their excitement as they dive with great white sharks, swim with turtles and observe wild meerkats in their natural environment and then we will discuss the lessons we hear our Creator teaching us through these shared personal encounters with God's creatures. Join us! —Pastor Mike ##



## War Room study begins March 2

*“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy....”* John 10:10a

We are at war. By aligning ourselves with our Lord through prayer, we can devise a battle plan against this thief. Come and see how the War Room bible study serves as a reminder that prayer is one of our most powerful weapons against our true enemy, the devil. This five-week study will begin March 2 at Soup for You. Come for soup at 6pm and stay for the study, 6:30 - 8:00pm. Contact Jenny Eichelberger for more information, 419.764.6731.



*“I came that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”* John 10:10b ##



## International Food Fest

Foods popular around the world will be found at the International Food Fest in the Fellowship Room on Saturday, FEB 6, starting at 6:30pm. Come hungry and leave happy. This is a fundraiser where you spend just for each item you want - and the prices are reasonable. Let's see, you'll find pierogies, split pea soup, hummus and pita bread, a noodle dish, spring rolls, specialty salads, Jamaican fruit cake, cheesecake, orange julius, rootbeer floats, and even more! Enjoy music and fellowship while you savor food from our great international cooks! Don't be late! ##

## What's one of the best things about winter?

Well, if you are of a certain age, you might say **“Tobogganing!”** Just about every year our church plans a trip to Pokagon State Park at Angola, Indiana, for the ultimate tobogganing experience.

This year's date is FEB 20, leaving from the church at 4:15pm. (Don't be late!) After tobogganing (the park closes at 9pm), the group

will go for pizza. Plan on a late arrival back at church. Cost is \$5/person; donations accepted.



Look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office. Tell whether you can drive and take others, or whether you need a ride. Everyone is invited and welcome to come! ##



Gospel Music. Glenn at piano/keyboard. Jack on trumpet. Megan singing. This promises to be beautiful! This free concert is for you and your friends. Invite them. Bring them with you. Fill our sanctuary on Saturday, March 12, 7pm. Donations will be accepted and 100% will go toward our church's audio and visual needs and the Daughter Project. ##



## 1950s Party = FUN for all ages

Social Committee members are hard at work making plans for your enjoyment. A 1950s Party for ALL ages is in the works for March 19, 7-10pm. To get into the mood of the evening, dress in 1950s style, if you wish. Think “Happy Days.” There will be prizes for the best costumes.

You’ll enter a malt shop (sometimes known as the fellowship room) and order (vege)burgers, fries, sodas or floats. (Remember to bring your appetite!)



As the evening progresses you’ll enjoy 50s music including the 1950s talent of attendees. Games are planned for kids and there will be a photo booth.

If you have photos of yourself from

the 1950s that you are willing to share, please put them in the Szczechowski mailbox or leave at the church office.

Sign up at the bulletin board, or call the church office (419.882.6200) to sign up. Deadline: MAR 12. There is no charge, but donations are always accepted. (Note: Be sure to mark the sign up sheet if you plan to share a talent.) Plan to come and enjoy this end-of-winter social! ##



Our talented Toledo First kids (shown above) played handbells at a holiday tree-lighting ceremony at Toledo Hospital in December. Way to Go, Campanas Cristalis! ##

## Reports given; ALICE explained

On January 12 twenty members met to hear reports of 2015 Ordinary Outreach and learn of projects for this year. Our treasurer reported that we exceeded our goal for combined budget and title was higher by \$27,000 in 2015 over 2014. The proposed budget for 2016 recommended by the Finance Committee was approved. *(Thanks to all of you for faithfully giving last year. Thank you for continuing in the new year.)*

Special guest Sgt. Greg Mahlman of the Toledo Police, was introduced by our Safety and Security head, Randy Neal. Sgt. Mahlman’s power point presentation focused on what to do in an active shooter situation. The acronym, **ALICE**, stands for: **Alert**—Get the word out. Call 911. **Lockdown**—Hide in a room, lock door or barricade it. **Inform**—Call out to others in the building or use walkie-talkies, phones, any means to let others know. **Counter**—Confuse and frustrate the attacker. Create a dynamic, chaotic situation in any way you can. Throw things, call out to him—anything except compliance. **Evacuate**—Intelligent escape is the best option. It takes police an average of 5–7 minutes to arrive so anything hostages can do to delay or stop the shooting is preferable to doing what the shooter expects, which is submission.

Next Business Meeting is April 12, 7pm. Church family is always invited. Plan to come. —DeLaura Caulder ##

## Looking back at Pathfinder Day & Derby

Our worship speaker was new Ohio Conference Youth Director, Edward Marton, followed by Sabbath lunch. Pat, Jean, Dianna, Craig, and Troy helped with the miracle of the “loaves & fishes,” having prepared food (along with potluck fare) for 80-100 people but actually fed 140-150.

Afternoon classes were taught by Christine (Dragonflies), Melissa (Bridges & Engineering), Glenn (Music), and Frank Peden (Sanctuary).

A Flag Retirement program was presented at vespers by members of University of Toledo ROTC. The Boy Scouts had representatives who demonstrated Dutch Oven cooking of cobbler, baked beans, and macaroni and cheese. We thank Pastor Mike for filling in with song service after the flag retirement.

Steve, Alex, Trip and Shawn once again made the race exceptional. We had 88 entries including a dinosaur, a tank, a hotdog, a GO Pro, and many other numerous cars & objects racing down the track.

A huge thanks to all who helped with the Day and Derby! —Linda Bilby ##



# February & March 2016 Calendar

*Birthdays*

FEB 1 Brandon Gustrowsky  
 FEB 3 Julie Herman  
 FEB 5 Shirlie Heiney, Eniko Romine  
 FEB 7 Kendra Bills  
 FEB 9 Edith Kolmar  
 FEB 10 Beth Bench  
 FEB 11 Carrie-Ann Leibengood, Cavin Atkins  
 FEB 12 Barbara Duwve  
 FEB 13 Lydia Fortune  
 FEB 14 Natalie Hood  
 FEB 15 Tamara Davydova  
 FEB 17 Ashley Barnes  
 FEB 18 Tracy Jakubowski  
 FEB 20 Carla Szczechowski  
 FEB 23 Rebekah Godie Koehler  
 FEB 26 Allen Gustrowsky, Alec Leibengood, Ariel Richardson  
 FEB 27 Andrea Hughes  
 FEB 28 Nikyta Cantwell

*Sabbath Events*

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

**FEB 6** Sabbath School & Worship; International Food Fest @ 6:30pm  
**FEB 13** Sabbath School & Worship; Friendship Dinner with Cindy Larimore's team; Visitation; JamFest at 6pm  
**FEB 20** Sabbath School & Worship; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm; Tobogganing at Pokagon, leave church 4:15.  
**FEB 27** Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm; Baptism/Membership class w/ Pastor Mike, 5-7pm; TJA Family Movie Night

*Sundays* - Ladies Bible Study, 6:30-8:00pm (each Sunday evening)

*Mondays*

*Tuesdays* - Church office open 9am-4pm

*Wednesdays* - Church office open 9am-4pm

**FEB 3** Soup for You @ 6pm; Animal Encounters at 6:30pm  
**FEB 10** Soup for You @ 6pm; Animal Encounters at 6:30pm  
**FEB 17** Soup for You @ 6pm; Animal Encounters at 6:30pm  
**FEB 24** Soup for You @ 6pm; Animal Encounters at 6:30pm

*Thursdays*

*Fridays* - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

*Birthdays*

March 1 Leonard Jessop  
 March 3 Craig Horvath, Emma Landeros  
 March 4 Lucille Seagert  
 March 11 Theresa Brown, Katie Burton Yoder  
 March 12 Ideshia Shumaker  
 March 13 Larry Godie, John Hood  
 March 14 Debbie Putano  
 March 15 Charlotte Herman & Marilyn Marsh, Eli Jesudason  
 March 16 Allan Wolfson  
 March 17 Glen Good, Sr  
 March 20 Julie Jessop  
 March 23 Dr. Ted Nonoy  
 March 26 Leisha Armistead  
 March 29 Sheila Case

*Sabbath Events*

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

**MAR 5** Sabbath School & Worship; Baptism/Membership class w/ Pastor Mike, 5-7pm; JamFest at 6pm  
**MAR 12** Sabbath School & Worship; Visitation; Baptism/ Membership class w/Pastor Mike, 5-7pm; An Evening of Gospel Music at 7pm  
**MAR 19** Sabbath School & Worship; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm; 1950s Party at 7pm  
**MAR 26** Sabbath School & Worship w/Baptism; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

*Sundays* - Ladies Bible Study, 6:30-8:00pm (each Sunday evening)

**MAR 27** Easter

*Mondays*

*Tuesdays* - Church office open 9am - 4pm

*Wednesdays* - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

**MAR 2** Soup for You @ 6pm; War Room Study at 6:30pm  
**MAR 9** Soup for You @ 6pm; War Room Study at 6:30pm  
**MAR 16** Soup for You @ 6pm; War Room Study at 6:30pm  
**MAR 23** Soup for You @ 6pm; War Room Study at 6:30pm  
**MAR 30** Soup for You @ 6pm; War Room Study at 6:30pm

*Thursdays*

*Fridays* - Worship Practice @ 5:30

**MAR 25** Good Friday

