

November/December 2015

# FOCAL POINT

Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

## *Change Your World One Peep at a Time*

*Give the gift of hope this Christmas*

Some of you know that Pastor Mike loves Indian food and lemon meringue pie. But what you may not know is that Kelly (a teen in church) and Pastor Mike also really love Peeps - the marshmallow candies, sold in the United States and Canada, that are shaped like baby chicks. Kelly likes hers stale and chewy. I like mine soft and fresh. After church we will be giving away Peeps as a reminder to TF Peeps (peeps is also slang for "people") each week in the month of December to bring a little extra money for an additional offering to support ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency).

In this year's ADRA Really Useful Gift Catalog, we selected two gifts to buy. The first is for baby chicks! Did you know that just \$20 will provide the funds for one hen whose protein-rich eggs help nourish hungry families overseas? Did you know that \$100 per family can provide additional chickens who can protect agricultural crops from insects, provide a natural source of fertilizer and whose manure provides an additional source of income? Let's give away a bunch of Peeps!

To help us remember to do so, Zack, another teen who attends Toledo First, will be bringing live baby chicks (in a cage) to display every Sabbath during church. And Ryan, another teen in church, will be creating a stretcher to carry the

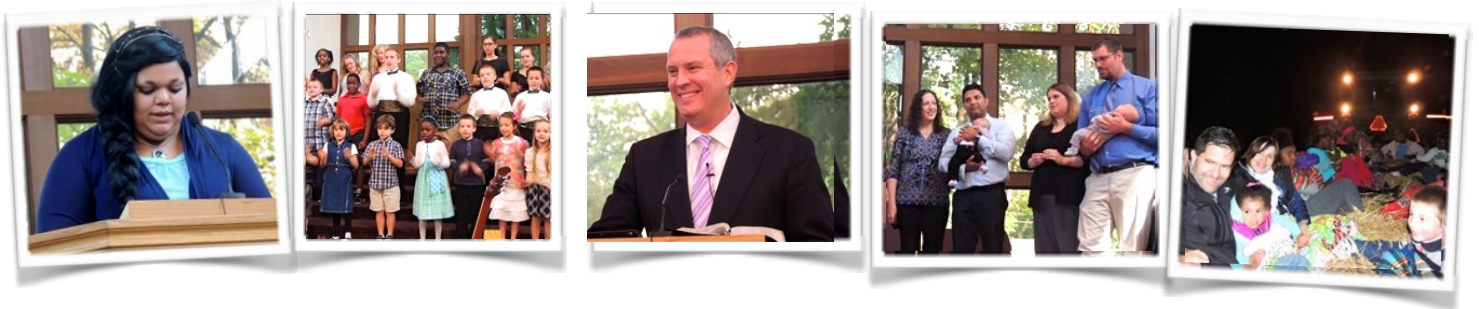


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*He who thanks but with the lips thanks but in part; the full, true Thanksgiving comes from the heart. —J. A. Shedd*

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# Toledo First family photos

We thank Jeff Batchelder for the photos taken during September and October showing our church family at worship and play. We celebrated Education Day (photo 2),

and baby dedications (photo 4). The last photo was taken as families climbed aboard the wagon for the annual hayride at the Case Farm. ##

## Calendar of Events

**NOV 14**  
**Pathfinder**  
**Day &**  
**Pinewood**  
**Derby**

**NOV 7, 14**  
**& 21**  
**NOV**  
**Lunches**  
**@ church**

**DEC 5, 12 &**  
**19**  
**DEC**  
**Lunches @**  
**church**

**DEC 12**  
**Conf. Pres.**  
**Ron**  
**Halvorsen**  
**speaks**

**DEC 17**  
**TJA**  
**Christmas**  
**program**

### Next Business Meeting is JAN 12

All church members are urged to attend quarterly church business meetings. Come and help lead your church at the next meeting on Tuesday, JAN 12, 7pm in the Fellowship Room. Review the 2016 budget, hear the latest. Help make decisions. ##

### Ladies Bible Study

Join Jenny Eichelberger, and dig into **The Book of Hebrews, Life Lessons with Max Lucado**. Come, let's learn more together about topics like: Jesus Understands Us; Perseverance and Keep the Faith.

Enjoy friendly discussions and memorable fellowship during this engaging 12 week study beginning Sunday, NOV 1, 6:30-8:00p and meeting every Sunday thereafter. Cost for the lesson book is \$3. ##

### Bring food for pantry at Thanksgiving

As our custom is, we will be gathering non-perishable food and personal care items for our pantry on Sabbath, NOV 21, just prior to Thanksgiving. We need cereal, dry rice and pasta meals, soap, shampoo, paper products, and whatever God impresses you to bring. Thank you! ##

### School Christmas Program DEC 17, 6:30pm

*The Little Drummer Boy Behind the Music* is the story of a little drummer boy in a school band who learns to let God be the song in his heart. The program will be presented on Thursday evening December 17 at 6:30 pm by Toledo Junior Academy. Please come and invite your friends and neighbors to this program. Let the school families know you care about their children by filling the sanctuary. See you there! —Vicki Hall ##

### Join a visitation team

Matthew 9:37-38 states, "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

All ages are invited to be a part of visiting those who are sick and in need of prayer. And you don't have to be a talkative person. Some people just need someone else to go with them.

Please meet with Regina Davis in the Fellowship Room immediately following Sabbath Service on November 7, 2015—before Friendship Dinner. ##

## Changing a Life One Peep at a Time

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cage. Why? Because the other gift we want to give this Christmas is a “Bicycle Ambulance.” Did you know that isolated rural communities overseas with a bicycle ambulance specifically equipped with a stretcher or bed on wheels can save lives? When every minute counts, when a woman is in labor or a serious injury occurs, this low-tech simple solution reduces villagers’ travel time to the nearest medical center. So you will see a bicycle attached to a stretcher carrying a cage full of live chicks at church every Sabbath in December to help us remember that every gift has the power to change a life. And that this Christmas, we can help change the world one “peep” at a time.

—Pastor Mike ##



### Please donate ingredients for jar cookies

Please consider your support again this year for TJA students to make delicious cookie kits—White Christmas Cookies in a Jar. Donations of items are needed by NOV 7 to create the jar kits.

All of the “jar money” will be put toward school expenses. Please sign up at the bulletin board at church for the amount of items you can donate.



#### **Needed by NOV 7:**

- 5 5# bags white sugar
- 3 2# bags brown sugar
- 4 5# bags white flour
- 7 2# containers quick oats
- 24 12oz bags white chocolate chips
- 6 48oz bags dried cranberries
- 4 boxes qt. size canning lids
- 3 boxes qt. wide-mouth lids
- 32 reg. qt. canning jar rings
- 32 wide-mouth qt. can. jar ring

Thank you! —Jenny Eichelberger ##

### Order fruit by noon NOV 2

Toledo Junior Academy will sell fruit in November and January (and in February if there is enough demand). If you want fruit in February, please let the school know in January.

**November’s** order date is NOV 2. Pickup is Sunday, NOV 15, 8:30am - 1:00pm. Fruit available and prices are as follows: Grapefruit \$36/box; \$21/half box; Navels \$36/box; \$21/half box; Tangerines \$28/half box (full box not available); Variety Pack \$29/half box. No orders in December, so please order extra in November.

**January’s** order date is JAN 11. Pickup is Sunday, JAN 24, 8:30am - 1:00pm. Prices are the same for Grapefruit, Navels and Variety Pack as in November. Tangelos are offered in January at \$50/box; \$30/half box.

You may call your order in to the school at 419.841.0082. If you leave a message, be sure to state clearly your name, phone number and number of boxes of fruit you wish to purchase. ##



### Next communion is JAN 2

Our quarterly communion service for the first quarter of 2016 will be Sabbath, JAN 2. Let’s start the new year with a clean slate. ##

## Pathfinder Day is NOV 14

Pathfinders gather from across Ohio for Pathfinder Day and this year we're welcoming a few new clubs. Ohio's Youth Director, Edward Marton, will be guest speaker. Following a potluck lunch, Pathfinders will be earning honors in Odonates (dragonflies), Music, and more.



Please join us for a flag retirement ceremony at Vespers at 6pm. If you have a "more than gently used" flag, please bring it for the program. The Pinewood Derby race starts about 7pm. (Thanks to Troy Leibengood for helping with starting our race cars last meeting. And thanks to Kendra Bills for teaching flower arranging last year.)

Pathfinders meet on assigned Sabbath afternoons—please watch the bulletin for announcements. Our next meeting is NOV 7, 2:30 at Secor Park. Bring bikes, helmets, water, and parent/guardian. We're planning for great weather! —Linda Bilby ##

## Adopt a grandparent this Christmas

Last year in the weeks before Christmas, we had a wish list on our bulletin board of items that nursing home residents

had requested as Christmas gifts. Some items were: shower gel, a fleece blanket, a

### Nursing Home Christmas Gifts



cross word puzzle book, cookies, new blouse, men's slippers. Their wishes were not extravagant and our members came through!

Soon, this year's list will be on the bulletin board at church. Please look for it and sign up to help make a Christmas wish come true for one of our local nursing home residents. This is one of the care facilities where our church singing band goes each month to bring music and encouragement to the folks who live there. ##

## Come to a JAMFest

Anyone—young or old—who is interested in contemporary praise music is invited to come to church on NOV 7, 6pm. If you can play, sing, or like to listen—please come.



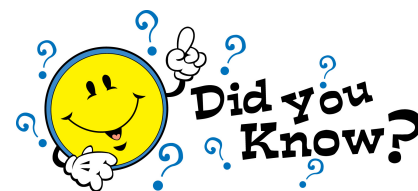
If you play, but don't have an instrument, please contact Ron Szczechowski. Be thinking of songs you want to play/sing. This is a practice praise session which will last about two hours. Come and enjoy! ##

## Did you know. . .

**Ohio Conference President**, Ron Halvorsen, Jr. will visit Toledo First in December? He will bring the morning message for Sabbath worship on DEC 12, 2015. All are invited to stay for the Fellowship Potluck following the service. . .

**Women's Ministries** of the Ohio Conference is planning a Celtic Christmas Tea at Mohaven on Sunday, DEC 13, from 12 Noon to 2pm. Tickets are \$10 and registration is required by calling 740.397.4665 or visiting [www.ohioadventist.org](http://www.ohioadventist.org). . . **Live It Out Bible Camp** (NOV 20-22) is

designed for high school age students who want to learn how to study, understand and live out God's Word. Register online at <http://ohiosdayouth.org/event/live-it-out-bible-camp>. . .



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**A group from Ohio** will be visiting Israel FEB 28-MAR 8. Cost is \$2,995/person. Registration deadline is DEC 1 with 50% down payment due DEC 1. Balance is due JAN 1. Questions? Please call 419.921.5085 or email [pastormariusemarton@gmail.com](mailto:pastormariusemarton@gmail.com)



## Scrapbooking returns!

Remember all those vacation photos you planned to put into a memory book for a real keepsake? Here's your opportunity to make progress on your plan! We'll be offering a Scrapbooking Class on Sunday, DEC 6, from 10am - 8pm with Brenda Halstead as consultant. Duane Leonard, LMT, will be on hand to ease those tight muscles. Look for registration forms on the table in the foyer, fill it out and plan to come! Ask a friend to join you and it will be double fun. ##

# November & December 2015

## Birthdays

NOV 1 Frank Engelbert, Anjelika Manakhimova  
 NOV 3 Leisha Barbee  
 NOV 4 Larry Duwve  
 NOV 5 Helen Konewka  
 NOV 7 Gabriel Landeros  
 NOV 9 Bev Ostrander  
 NOV 11 George Jenkins  
 NOV 14 Daniel Landeros  
 NOV 15 Fern Baer, Sara Rios, Randy Neal,  
 Jennifer, Joshua & Lanna Cozzens  
 NOV 17 Will Frey, Pat Kline  
 NOV 18 Marilu Beebe  
 NOV 21 Andrew Jessop, Ben Neal  
 NOV 22 Shelly Batchelder  
 NOV 27 Sonja Maxwell  
 NOV 28 Callie Hood  
 NOV 30 Alex Bills, Kathryn Landeros



## Birthdays

DEC 5 Lu Bills  
 DEC 5 Cindy Larimore  
 DEC 8 Chris Atkins  
 DEC 9 Hannah Bundy  
 DEC 10 Kay Ostrander, Charles Makley  
 DEC 11 Mindy Flack  
 DEC 12 Mary Ann Sandy  
 DEC 15 Brian Crosby  
 DEC 16 Regina Tary, John Eaton  
 DEC 17 Norman Burrow  
 DEC 18 Joseph Famulare  
 DEC 19 Frank Netry  
 DEC 20 Ralph Collins  
 DEC 22 Cassandra Leibengood, Mary Parker  
 DEC 25 Janica Caster  
 DEC 26 Carolyn Nonoy  
 DEC 27 Duane Gustrowsky, Alex Peppard  
 DEC 28 David Bening, Marion Thomas

## Sabbath Events

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

**NOV 7** Sabbath School & Worship; Visitation Meeting after church; Friendship Dinner w/Heather & Team; Pathfinders meet 2:30 at Secor Park (bring bike, helmet, water, and parent/guardian); JAMFest @ 6pm  
**NOV 14** Pathfinder Day; Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck; Honors classes in afternoon; Vespers @ 6; Pinewood Derby @ 7pm  
**NOV 21** Sabbath School & Worship; Thanksgiving Vegan Challenge Potluck; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm;  
**NOV 28** Sabbath School & Worship; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

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

**NOV 1** Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn your clocks back!

## Mondays

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

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

**NOV 4** Soup for You @ 6pm; Study at 6:30pm

**NOV 11** Soup for You @ 6pm; Study at 6:30pm

**NOV 18** Soup for You @ 6pm; Study at 6:30pm

## Thursdays

**NOV 26** Happy Thanksgiving!

**Fridays** - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

**NOV 20** School's out at TJA until NOV 30 (a whole week of Thanksgiving vacation)

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

**DEC 5** Sabbath School & Worship; Friendship Dinner w/Marilu & her team

**DEC 12** Sabbath School & Worship w/Ohio Conference President Ron Halvorsen, Jr.; Fellowship Potluck; Prayer & Praise Time @ 6pm

**DEC 19** Sabbath School & Worship; Christmas Vegan Challenge Potluck; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm

**DEC 26** Sabbath School & Worship; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

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**DEC 9** Soup for You @ 6pm; Study at 6:30pm

**DEC 16** Soup for You @ 6pm; Study at 6:30pm

## Thursdays

**DEC 17** Toledo Jr. Academy Christmas program @ 6:30pm

**DEC 31** New Year's Eve

**Fridays** - Worship Practice @ 5:30

**DEC 18** TJA dismisses for Christmas break until JAN 4

**DEC 25** Christmas blessings to you!

