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✧ Valentines for Toledo ✧



*How beautiful
God's love for us
So broad, so deep,
so clear;
A gift that's rich
and personal,
A joy that's always
near.*

—Peggy Ferrell

shelley

On Saturday evening February 18, 2012 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, YOU and a guest (or guests!) are cordially invited to attend the *Valentines for Toledo* benefit concert featuring local Toledo singer Sheri LaFontaine.

Admission is free but 100% of the LOVE offering collected during intermission will be given to SAIL (School for Autistically Impaired Learners). David Putano, music therapist who works at SAIL, will introduce us to some students from SAIL in addition to Dr. Marion Boss the Executive Director.

Save 90 minutes to warm your heart and touch someone else's in Jesus' name this Valentines Day weekend. It just might be the sweetest thing you do! Reception to follow. —Pastor Mike ##



Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not —C. S. Lewis

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Seen at church this winter

Photos from the past two months show (1) a few of the decorations on our foyer Christmas tree, crafted by the children of Toledo Jun-

ior Academy. (2) The children's choir under the direction of Sharon VanWyk presented their songs on December 10, including this

solo. In photo (3), TJA students were well rehearsed for their Christmas program all about going back, back in time. Photo (4) was taken

during praise time in January. *Thanks, Jeff Batchelder, for sharing your photos! ##*

Remember: You can see this newsletter in beautiful color by visiting toledofirstadventist.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB 4
International Food Fest

FEB 11
Friendship Dinner Connections & Film Fest

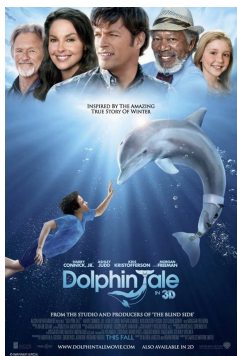
FEB 18
Valentines for Toledo Concert

FEB 25 & MAR 24
Eat 'n Greet

MAR 10
Connections & Film Fest



Connections is back and it's meeting monthly! Both of these second services at 5pm in February and March will be followed by Film Fest. Dates are: FEB 11 and MAR 10. Films scheduled are: "The Adventists" in February and in March Toledo Junior Academy will be showing, "Dolphin Tale." ##



Get ready for Tobogganing!

It's a great winter sport and especially at Pokagon State Park's refrigerated quarter mile Toboggan Run. It doesn't require snow to operate and it is plenty thrilling for all! If you want to go, contact Pastor Mike or the church office. A group will be leaving from the cell tower at 9:30am on FEB 12. ##

Is sending flowers evangelistic?

It could be if you purchase your Valentines Day flowers from In Bloom Flowers and Gifts (click here for more info), 10% of every dozen roses ordered or picked up on Valentines Day 2012 will be donated

to the recipient of our Valentines for Toledo benefit concert - SAIL (School for Autistically Impaired Learners). BIG thanks and WTG for pleasing your sweet heart AND helping autistic kids in Toledo continue to receive the personalized and personal education they need.

In Bloom's address is:



203 Conant Street,
Maumee OH 43537. ##

Haven of Hope— Opportunities to serve

In March we will have two service projects on Sundays: March 18 and March 25. Please set aside these dates and watch for further information. ##

Scrapbooking Event - March 25

You can learn how to make beautiful scrapbooks or discover new techniques at an all-day fundraiser in our fellowship room March 25, 1 - 10pm. Watch for more information coming soon. ##

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Souper Caring?

Did you know 207,700 Ohioans go to bed hungry and 35% of them are children under 18? Did you know 1 out of 10 of them are under 5? And that 8% of them are seniors 65 years or older that must often choose between eating and paying their rent or mortgage? (for more info, see www.feedingamerica.org) Obviously, hunger does not age discriminate.



After the holidays, the generous donations of the season have been used for those who needed help during that time. But, the need for nutritious food is a continuing struggle. So this new year we are partnering with the Toledo Northwest Ohio Food Bank by collecting canned goods (especially the urgently needed items below). You can bring them each week to church where we will again be hosting the live Super Bowl football game FEB 5, 2012 @ 6pm. Free

pizza, drinks, and snacks provided with donated dollars or items below.

Let's continue to be Souper Caring in 2012 since Jesus said, "Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40. Here are the Urgently Needed Food Items: Peanut Butter Cereal Saltine Crackers 100% Juices Apple Sauce, Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail Macaroni and Cheese, Ramen Noodles and Other Dry Pasta Dried Beans Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Ravioli Canned Beef or Chicken, Tuna Fish Stews and Soups, Green Beans, Corn, Peas and Other Canned Vegetables. Please no perishables, frozen foods, glass jars or baby food. —Pastor Mike ##



Toledo Northwestern Ohio
FOOD BANK

The International Food Fest promises to be a special treat — FEB 4, 6:30pm

It's another Ordinary Outreach event! Invite your friends and come one and all to the International Food Fest for the best food around. Here are some of the menu items:

From the Philippines — Egg Rolls + a plate of food

From Hungary — Hungarian Noodle Dish

From Italy — Authentic Italian Pizza

A Toledo 1st Fave — Ramen Noodle Salad

For Dessert:

Cheesecakes — from Greece

Ice Cream & Root Beer Floats — from good ol' USA

Beverages:

Orange Julius & Pop

And more:

Face Painting by Pathfinders

Toe-tappin' Music by Gary Gooden

And there's even more! Come & see.



*International
Food Fest*

Calendar Events

Feb & Mar 2012

Birthdays

February 1 Brandon Gustrowsky
February 3 Julie Herman
February 5 Shirly Heiney, Eniko Romine
February 7 Kendra Bills
February 9 Edith Kolmar
February 10 Beth Bench, Jim Naus
February 11 Carrie-Ann Leibengood
February 12 Barbara Duwve
February 13 Lydia Fortune
February 14 Natalie Hood
February 15 Tamara Davydova
February 17 Ashley Barnes
February 18 Tracy Jakubowski
February 20 Carla Szczechowski
February 22 Helen Emch
February 23 Rebekah Godie
February 26 Allen Gustrowsky, Alec Leibengood
February 27 Andrea Hughes
February 28 Nikyta Cantwell



Sabbath Events

Sabbath School @ 9:30 & Worship @ 11am each week
Kid Connect @ 11am each week

FEB 4 Pastor Mike is our speaker; representative from S.A.I.L.; International Food Fest, 6:30pm.

FEB 11 Pastor Mike is our speaker; Dr. Marion Boss, Director of S.A.I.L. will be here; Friendship Dinner w/Cindy Larimore and team; Connections @ 5pm; Film Fest @ 7pm.

FEB 18 Pastor Mike is our speaker; David Putano of S.A.I.L.; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm; Valentines for Toledo, 7pm

FEB 25 Pastor Mike is our speaker; Eat 'n Greet; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home at 2:30pm

Sundays

Christ the Word Church rents our church morning & evening on the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month; Morning only other weeks.

FEB 5 - Souper Bowl of Caring; Super Bowl Football, 6pm

Mondays

FEB 6 - TJA students serve lunch at Cherry St. Mission

FEB 20 - No school at TJA

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

FEB 7 - JMLC Board Meeting, 6:30pm

FEB 28 - Church Business Meeting, 7pm

Wednesdays - Soup for You @ 6pm; Reading Revelation & Pathfinders @ 6:30

Thursdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

Birthdays

March 1 Leonard Jessop
March 3 Craig Horvath, Emma Landeros
March 4 Lucille Seagert
March 11 Teresa Brown, Katie Burton
March 12 Ideshia Fincher
March 13 Carolyn Cole, Cathy Rumsey & Larry Godie
March 15 Charlotte Herman & Marilyn Marsh
March 16 Allan Wolfson
March 17 Glen Good
March 20 Julie Jessop
March 21 Gloria Lee
March 23 Ted Nonoy
March 25 Sam Lee
March 26 Leisha Armistead
March 29 Sheila Case
March 31 Anna Romuald



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MAR 3 Pastor Mike speaks; Talent Show?

MAR 10 Pastor Mike speaks; Connections @ 5pm; TJA's Family Film night showing "A Dolphin's Tale" @ 7pm

MAR 17 Allan Wolfson speaking; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm; Film Fest in evening

MAR 24 Pastor Mike speaks; Eat 'n Greet; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home at 2:30pm

MAR 31 Pastor Mike speaks; OMU begins

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