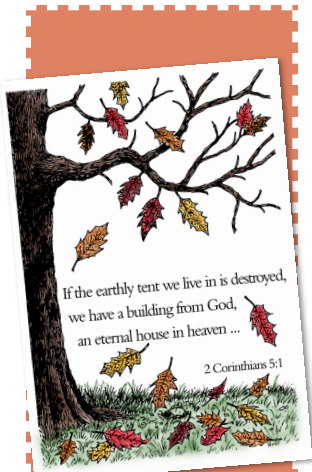


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FOCAL Point

CENTERED ON ACTIVITIES OF TOLEDO FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FAMILY



*Autumn is a
second spring
where every leaf
is a flower.*



✘ Can Handbells Help the Homeless? ✘

I believe they can. And so do Bill and Janell. As most of you Toledo First veterans know, they have been leading RingFest for the last nine years providing some of the highest quality bell choir music and performances around. This year, RingFest 2007 promises to be bigger and better than ever!!!

In addition to more bells and choirs and publicity through a unique partnership with Hannah's Socks [see article on next page for more information], the 11-13 bell choirs coming and each student in the schools they represent have been invited to bring a six-pack of white adult socks. These will be collected and given to six-year-old Hannah during the Friday evening concert. She will be present [along with local media] to thank everyone for allowing our handbells to help the homeless have warm feet and warm hearts this winter.



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Hannah's Socks
warm feet • warm hearts

All our guests will be staying in the boy scout cabins at Camp Miakonda or at the Wolf Creek YMCA or at the Apostolic Church gymnasium just down the road easing the lodging burden on Toledo First members.

We are looking forward to a successful and significant RingFest 2007. Together, by bringing lots of socks to RingFest 2007, we can maintain the integrity and character of the Festival while passionately showing the Toledo area—including many of "the least of these" in it—that God loves them like crazy!!!

If you want to help, start bringing adult packs of white socks to church and throwing them into the "Sock Drop" located at the back of the church until Friday OCT 26 which is the night of the concert. —Pastor Mike ##

Some people make the world more special just by being in it.

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The Story behind Hannah's Socks

You can read Hannah's story for yourself at Hannahssocks.org, but here it is in brief. Four-year-old Hannah Turner was helping her mother serve dinner at the Cherry Street Mission one Thanksgiving when

Hannah noticed a man whose shoes were split open revealing he had no socks. Hannah was concerned that his feet would get cold and told her mother, "He can have my socks."

The next day Hannah accompanied her mother to purchase socks and deliver them to local shelters. That's how it started and so far this year they have distributed 5,500 pairs of socks. We want to double that at least.

Won't you help by bringing socks to the Sock Drop between now and the RingFest concert on October 26th? [See the front page for more on this.] —Dee Caulder ##

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 6
*Pastor Sorvino &
Hayride @ Cases*

OCT 14
Red Cross
Blood Drive

OCT 26
*Handbell
Concert, 7:30*

OCT 27
Book-Bake-Craft
Fair

Be Blessed!

On the first Sabbath in October we will have Dan Sorvino speaking for our 1st annual ManFest to challenge us men to be the leaders God has called us to be in our homes. To accompany this we will have half of our service dedicated to learning how to bless each other. The service will end with a blessing being given to all the children and teenagers that are there. The focus will be on men blessing their children as spiritual leaders in the

home, but will be presented for women as well and will be an equal opportunity blessing!

We would like to encourage you to invite your neighbors, friends, or coworkers to bring their children to be blessed. This will be an inspiring and uplifting event that we hope will affirm and encourage everyone who attends as we bless our children. —Pastor Nathan ##

Book-Bake-Craft Fair coming soon!

The Adventist Book Center is scheduled to come for our annual Book-Bake-Craft Fair. Now is the time to stock up on health foods by calling 1.800.765.6955 (Ohio residents). Their newsprint flyer sent recently lists October specials. And, if you want specific books for gift-giving, they will bring those along too. As always they will bring a selection of books for all ages for purchase.

We hope our great Toledo First bakers will donate breads, cookies, cupcakes and more for the bake sale and if you do crafts, please bring them, too. Questions? Please call Sharon Crosby (419.874.4046) or Donna Schuster (419.385.4195).

The Book-Bake-Craft Fair will follow Connections on Saturday night, October 27, about 7 PM. —Dee Caulder ##

Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for October 14

A representative from the Red Cross came to our door last month and explained the urgent need for blood and he asked if we would host a blood drive.

How could we say no to such a need?

The Red Cross has provided information which you may find as interesting as I did. Did you know that 97% of the population will have received a blood transfusion by the age of 75, yet only 5% of the population donates? Wow! Chances are, YOU and I will have to count on someone to give blood for us. While we are able, we must do our part for others.

Did you also know that one unit of blood can help save up to three lives? Isn't that surprising (and wonderful)? You can give one unit (pint) on October 14th. The average adult has 10 - 12 units of blood.

If you need knee replacement surgery, the average amount of blood used is 4 - 6 units. And the same amount is needed

for a heart transplant. Of course we all know that people in automobile accidents often require blood as well as people with cancer, heart disease and leukemia.

Please, will you sign up to give blood during our blood drive? All blood types are needed. Donors must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. A driver's license and social security number are needed.

If you have any other questions about eligibility or have other concerns, please call me at church, 419.882.6200. I will be happy to return your call if you leave a message.

Our goal is to sign up at least 20 people from our church family and 20 people from Christ the Word's congregation. Thanks for reading. Please think about it. —Dee Caulder ##



All of our church family are invited to the Case Farm on Saturday, October 6th, 7 PM (following Connections).

It's FREE. Come hungry and enjoy hamburgers and other goodies. Climb aboard for the tractor-driven hayride and warm up at the cozy bonfire. You might want to bring blankets to keep warm.

Dave and Sheila Case are our hosts. They live at 8815 County Road M, Delta, Ohio. Directions: From Central Avenue travel west to SR 109. Left on SR 109 for 2 miles to County Rd M. Left

on County Rd M, cross RR tracks. First place on right.

OR, from Airport Hwy.

travel west through Delta to SR 109, Right on SR 109 for 5 miles to County Rd M. Right on Co Rd M, cross RR tracks. First place on right.

Come one, come all for an evening under the stars. ##

Help Deaconesses

A few church women provide an important ministry to grieving families by preparing meals after funerals. It provides a time and place for healing to begin.

Right now the Deaconess' Funeral Dinner account is in the red. If you would like to help them continue blessing families, please give by marking your tithe envelope "Funeral Dinners." Thanks. —Dee Caulder ##

Business Meetings

All church members are invited to Business Meetings

held the last Monday of each month. Next one is October 29, 7 PM.

Go ahead. Mark it down in your datebook, on your calendar, or in whatever device you put important dates. Decisions are being made that affect every church member. Soon we will be looking at how we are going to assimilate current Seventh-day Adventists into our membership. Be a part of that discussion. Attend business meetings the last Monday of the month. —Dee Caulder ##

No Nominating!

Autumn is the usual time to think about Nominating Committee, but not this year! Officers will continue as they are unless changes need to be made. Please contact the church office if you would just love to be involved in a ministry, or if you are feeling burned out and would like a

rest. Otherwise, we'll keep on keeping on. God bless! —Dee Caulder ##

Other news

A Venezuelan Mission Trip March 28 - April 6, 2008, is planned by Ohio Conference Academy and College-age youth are invited. Cost is \$850 per person. For more information email youth@ohioadventist.org.

Soul Survivor is a young men's spiritual retreat at Camp Mohaven October 19-21 for guys in grades 7-12. Cost is \$40. More information is available at church or by emailing the address above.

Connections is doing a "Salvation is Grace-Laced" series this month. Check it out at 5 PM Saturdays in the Fellowship Room. Kids ages 4-12 will enjoy Kid Connect. ##

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