

DEC 2018 / JAN 2019

FOCAL POINT

Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

YOU can be a Life Saver this Christmas

ADRA will provide LifeSaver Christmas Kits with your donations

ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) LifeSaver Christmas Kits are designed to meet the specific challenges faced by families and communities across the world. One \$30 kit might include emergency food rations, drought resistant seeds, or farming tools. Another could include a micro finance loan to start a business, small business training, or educational opportunities for children. Every kit is different, but the outcome is the same—lives saved and changed for the better.

Every December we collect an additional love offering in the foyer at church to share the gift of Jesus with others. So get ready to receive some weekly reminders in the form of Life Savers on your way out of church and plan to set aside a little something to contribute if you can. All the additional offerings collected after church in the foyer will be given to ADRA for them to purchase LifeSaver Christmas Kits for those who need your help.

—Pastor Mike ##



"In this world, it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich."—Henry Beecher

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Autumn @ Toledo First

We celebrated Education Day with students from James Meade Learning Center and (above) Toledo Junior Academy. Photo 2 shows the Hayride/Harvest Party group enjoying the evening at Case Place. We were happy to welcome Dave & Cynthia Pate and Jonathan and Jessica Bair into membership at church on OCT 20 (photo 3), and

Arsenia Uckele is all smiles as we welcomed her by transfer of membership. In the final photo, Pastor Tom Hughes (author of PERFECT GRACE) and his wife share their talents. *(Thanks to Jenny Eichelberger and Carla Szczechowski and all the photographers for contributing photos this fall.) ##*

<i>Calendar of Events</i>	DEC 13	DEC 15	DEC 24	JAN 18-19	DEC 1 & 22
	TJA Christmas program, 6:30pm	Gift deadline for 'Adopt a Grandparent'	Community Christmas Eve Service, 5-6pm	Your Health Your Choice	JAN 19 & 26 Meals @ Church

TF hosts Community Christmas Eve

Over the past several years we have visited other churches on Christmas eve, but this year we've been invited to host. We will welcome people from Washington Church, Missionary Alliance, Grace Church and other local congregations on Monday, DEC 24, 5 - 6pm for a beautiful candle-lit Christmas Eve Service in our sanctuary. Don't miss it! ##

Start 2019 with healthy choices

Toledo First welcomes back friend and former TF member (when he lived locally) Dr. Charles David. He is coming to share how his medical missionary work around the world has been received and some practical ways we can improve our health in the new year. So make plans now to spend a rewarding Friday evening vespers on JAN 18 at 7:30pm and Saturday, JAN 19 at 11am and 7:30pm. ##

Come for pancakes & business JAN 20

Enjoy breakfast from 9:00-9:30am on Sunday, JAN 20 at Toledo First. Stay for Church Business Meeting at 10am. Hear about 2019 plans and vote on proposed spending for the new year. Everyone welcome! ##

Discuss Perfect Grace at Soup for You

Pastor Tom Hughes' new book, PERFECT GRACE, will be the subject at Soup for You on Wednesdays beginning JAN 9, 6:30pm. (Soup served at 6pm.) Join friends and remind yourself just how wonderful God's grace is! Everyone is welcome. ##

Next Scrapbooking date is JAN 13

Here's your chance to get organized and make a beautiful memory book. Get inspiration and have fun at the next scrapbooking event, Sunday, JAN 13, 10am - 8pm. Find registration forms on the foyer table. ##

School dates to remember

Toledo Junior Academy's Christmas program will be Thursday, **DEC 13**, 6:30pm. Come & support them!

Kindergarten Roundup and Visitor Day is Wednesday, **JAN 16**. Spread the word to prospective students' parents.

TJA is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday evening, **JAN 26**. Come hungry!

Find more information about these and other events in the weekly bulletin as the time draws nearer. ##

Spanish Group meets weekly

The Spanish Adventist Group of Toledo was born NOV 10 with 18 attendees thank the Lord! Weekly meetings in the Fellowship Hall began NOV 24 and will continue each Sabbath from 9:00am - 12:15pm.

The folding door to the kitchen should be closed and noise kept to a minimum. The double doors from the hallway to the Fellowship Room will also be closed. Unless you speak Spanish and want to attend their services, please do not enter. Upon arrival, the Spanish group will be using the doors from the courtyard to enter the Fellowship Room for Sabbath School and worship.

On Sabbaths when dinners are scheduled, tables will be set up AFTER 12:30pm, when both church services have ended. Thank you for your patience. ##

Checked your closet?

We've already filled the "shoe collection bin" in our foyer several times, but the quest for gently used shoes has been extended through December. So you still have time to look in the corners of your closets for shoes you no longer wear or want. (Any kind of shoe accepted.)

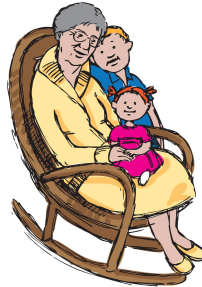
This shoe collection project was begun by Elle Rhee, Sophomore Class President at Northview



High School. The shoes will be given to a non-profit organization that sends them to developing countries. So let's fill the bin again! ##

Adopt a Grandparent!

Each year for the past several years you have been given the opportunity to open your heart to a nursing home resident to provide some Christmas cheer. Genesis HealthCare on Whiteford Rd. provides a list of residents together with what they feel they need and what they want.



Their wish lists usually contain simple items like hats, gloves, sweatshirts or body wash.

We have only 14 names, so if you would like to participate and experience the joy of giving to someone who cannot give back, sign up at the bulletin board today. (Or call the church office and I'll help you choose a resident.) Thank you! —Dee Caulder

P.S. Deadline for gifts is Sabbath, DEC 15. We must deliver the following Tuesday. ##

Hold the salt, please!

Remember last summer when the concrete was poured at the main entrance? We printed a picture of pipes which criss-crossed the area where the concrete was later poured. The purpose of those pipes was to deliver heat to the concrete in winter to prevent a slippery entrance.

So please, to preserve our concrete and make it last, do not throw salt on the new concrete at the main entrance including the wrap around to the fellowship room door and day care entrance door. These areas will be heated, making the salt unnecessary. Thank you! ##

Campanas Cristalis rings around Toledo

Our bell choir has already played at the Toledo Hospital Tree Lighting and at the opening night of "The Lights Before Christmas." But that's not all!

On Monday, DEC 3, at 5pm they will be at Flower Hospital's Tree Lighting in The Atrium of the Medical Office Building. On Thursday, DEC 20, at 6pm they will play at The Art Loop Downtown in the Imagination Station Lobby. They also play on Sabbath, DEC 22 at 11am during worship in TF Church and also on Monday, DEC 24 at 5pm during the Community Christmas Eve hosted by Toledo First Church. ##

Six Weeks Groups continue

Six Weeks Groups continue through DEC 19. The Women's Prayer Group with Arsenia Uckele meets after worship in the front right corner of the sanctuary. Another Six Weeks Group meets Sundays, 10am-12noon at church for Bible Study with Regina Davis. Everyone is invited. Pastor Mike's Entrance to TF Church Bible Study class continues at 5pm in the church office and is scheduled for DEC 8 & 15, JAN 12 and 26. ##

"Christmas, my child, is love in action."

—Dale Evans



MERRY CHRISTMAS

DEC 2018 & JAN 2019 CALENDAR

Birthdays

- DEC 3 Jennifer Eichelberger; Ryan Wilson
 DEC 5 Lu Bills
 DEC 6 Jordan & Megan Wilson
 DEC 7 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 Sara Austin; Brian Crosby
 DEC 16 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 26 Carolyn Nonoy
 DEC 27 Duane Gustrowsky
 DEC 28 David Bening, Marion Thomas



Sabbath Events

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

- DEC 1** Sabbath School & Worship; Friendship Lunch hosted by Marilu Beebe & team; special presentation on growing our church and retaining members after potluck
DEC 8 Sabbath School & Worship
DEC 15 Sabbath School & Worship; Visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford @ 3pm; Christmas gifts for 'Adopt a Grandparent' (Genesis Healthcare residents) are due today
DEC 22 Sabbath School & Worship with lots of music; Vegan Challenge Christmas Potluck; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm
DEC 29 Sabbath School & Worship

Sundays

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

- DEC 3** Campanas Cristalis bell choir performs at Flower Hospital tree lighting ceremony at 5pm in the Medical Office Building atrium
DEC 17 School Board Meeting, 7pm (School on Christmas break till JAN 2)
DEC 24 Community Candlelit Christmas Eve Service, 5 - 6pm at our church

Tuesdays - Church office open 9am - 4pm (except Christmas Day!)

DEC 25 Blessed Christmas Day!

Wednesdays - Church office open 9am - 4pm

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

- DEC 13** Toledo Junior Academy Christmas program, 6:30pm
DEC 20 Campanas Cristalis plays at The Art Loop Downtown at 6pm in the Imagination Station Lobby

Fridays -

Birthdays

- JAN 1 JoAnn Arthur
 JAN 3 Cathy Hall
 JAN 6 Isaiah Godie, Larissa Fraley
 JAN 7 David Ashley, Kevin Herman
 JAN 8 Donna Schuster
 JAN 10 Skylynn Choti
 JAN 12 Kyle Jakubowski
 JAN 14 Jackson Flack
 JAN 18 William Crosby
 JAN 20 Cassidy Cross
 JAN 24 Kathy Kajfasz, Jennifer Landeros
 JAN 27 Glenn Szana
 JAN 29 Ericka Bilby
 JAN 30 David Case, Kyla Reams

Sabbath Events

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

- JAN 5** Sabbath School & Worship
JAN 12 Sabbath School & Worship
JAN 19 Sabbath School & Worship with Dr. Charles David; Fellowship Potluck; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford @ 3pm; Your Health Your Choice with Dr. David at 7:30pm
JAN 26 Sabbath School & Worship; Vegan Challenge Potluck; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays

- JAN 13** Scrapbooking-Cardmaking-Crafting, 10am - 8pm
JAN 20 Pancake Breakfast 9:00-9:30am and Church Business Meeting @ 10:00am

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

Tuesdays - Church office open 9am - 4pm

JAN 1 All the best to you and yours in the New Year

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

- JAN 9** Soup for You with soup @ 6pm and discussion of the book, PERFECT GRACE following at 6:30pm
JAN 16 Kindergarten Roundup & Visitor Day at TJA; Soup for You
JAN 23 Soup for You with soup @ 6pm and discussion of the book, PERFECT GRACE following at 6:30pm
JAN 30 Soup for You with soup @ 6pm and discussion of the book, PERFECT GRACE following at 6:30pm

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

Fridays -

JAN 18 Your Health Your Choice, 7:30pm with Dr. Charles David

