

MARCH / APRIL 2015

FOCAL POINT

Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

Toledo Sister Cities Festival is coming soon

Volunteers are needed to smile, mingle and represent Jesus

The sixth annual Toledo Sister Cities International Festival will be held after church on April 18th, 2015 in the Student Union at the University of Toledo. Sponsored by the Sister Cities Board of Trustees, The Toledo Blade, and University of Toledo, the entire day is devoted to help Toledo “foster international activity for world peace and global concerns in education, culture and business in an atmosphere of understanding and respect.” The day begins at noon with the Parade of Nations followed by award winning performances and choirs from around the world including China, Germany, Hungary, India, Japan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Poland, Spain and Tanzania. There is a language corner, kids activities, crafts, drawings, and lots of food and opportunities to mingle with others God loves like crazy in a delightful day of music and fun!



This year, our church has a full page ad in the festival booklet (see page 3). And since there were no churches represented at this festival last year, we have a unique opportunity to be present and supportive of our community. Volunteers are needed to smile, mingle, and represent Jesus. And if anyone asks, you can proudly say your church is a sponsor and if they don't have a church, to please consider attending ours!

Parking for the festival on main campus is free. See Pastor Mike for entrance tickets. Volunteers will help guide your way to the event. Once you arrive, parking lots 10 and 13 are good choices. Lot 13 can be reached from Bancroft St by turning south on Campus Rd. Lot 10 can be reached from Bancroft by turning south onto North Towerview Blvd. For more info see <http://www.toledosistercities.org/aboutus/what-we-do/toledo-sister-cities-international-festival/> —Pastor Mike ##

Satan does not care how many people read about prayer if only he can keep them from praying. —Billheimer

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January & February

Blustery cold winter weather did not keep our hardy church family home. Church life continued! Pastor Mike introduced Dannielys (photo 1) who has joined those making announcements Sabbath mornings. Children help sing the blessing in photo 2. We welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Hall (and Daniel—not pictured) back into membership in

photo 3. We enjoyed the music of Glenn & Jack (photo 4) and, this is just one of the pretty faces painted at International Food Fest JAN 31. Final photo: the Hood family arrive for Sabbath School & worship on a wintry day. *Thank you, Jeff Batchelder, for taking and sharing the photos. ##*

<i>Calendar of Events</i>	MAR 8, 2-10pm	MAR 29, 2-6pm	APR 8, 6-8pm	APR 11	APR 18	APR 25
	Scrapbooking	Cardmaking	What the Bible Says About begins	Communion Sabbath	Toledo Sister Cities Int'l Festival @ UT	First Vegan Lunch after worship

Young people and parents are invited

Pathfinders (grades 5-10), Adventurers (grades 1-4), Eager Beavers (K) and parents are all invited Sabbath, March 7 at 2:30pm. We will have activities for all ages. One of the honors will be taught by Mrs. Bills. —Linda Bilby ##

Come to Lunches in March & April

March 14 - Fellowship Potluck (bring food to share)
 March 21 - Friendship Lunch by Ray, Judy & team
 April 4 - Fellowship Potluck (bring food to share)
 April 25 - Vegan lunch ##



Scrapbooking is March 8 @ Toledo First, 2-10pm.
Cardmaking is March 29 @ Toledo First, 2-6pm
 Everyone's invited. ##

Note our Vegan Lunch schedule

The first Vegan Lunch planned and prepared by the vegan lunch team will be Sabbath, April 25, after worship. Invite friends and family and plan to stay for this tasty outreach on the **4th Sabbath of every month**. Don't be afraid to try it. You'll discover how yummy, easy and inexpensive it can be! ##

MVA Senior Class Cake Auction

Mount Vernon Academy Senior class invites you to their Cake Auction March 14, 7:30pm to raise money for graduation and a senior class trip. As (most likely) the last graduating class of Mount Vernon Academy, they are asking for your support. ##



Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. —Leo Buscaglia ##

Below is our ad as it will appear in the Toledo Sister Cities booklet which will be given to attendees



Our multi-ethnic congregation reminds people that God loves them like crazy by proclaiming Jesus' everlasting gospel to "every tribe, nation, language, and people" (Revelation 14:6).

We would love to welcome you any Saturday for church at 11 am. We are on Sylvania Avenue just west of Franklin Park Mall. Our website is www.tfsda.org.

We're proud to support the 2015 International Festival and congratulate Toledo Sister Cities and its community partners.

Other ministries of Toledo First:

Toledo Junior Academy: TJA is our kindergarten through 8th grade elementary school. Our small multi-grade classes have proven successful by allowing the teachers to individualize instruction. Our students are challenged to achieve their highest spiritual and scholastic potential. Visit toledojunioracademy.org for more information.



James Meade Learning Center: James Meade Learning Center, established in 2003, was named after the late Pastor James Meade. James Meade Learning Center focuses on child development and quality care for children six weeks old through Pre Kindergarten. Visit jamesmeadelearningcenter.com for more information.

A New Spring

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves. Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life



and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.—Jane Truax ##

Singing Band's date change

In March only, the singing band will go to Genesis (Sylvania Care Center) on Whiteford Rd. on the 1st Sabbath (March 7), **not** the 3rd Sabbath. ##

Spring Evangelism begins April 8

What the Bible Says About series will be presented on Sundays and Wednesdays this Spring, beginning WED, APRIL 8, with a simple meal at 6pm followed by that evening's presentation ending at 8pm. On Sundays, the meetings are 4-6pm with snacks only.



You've heard the content of this series at worship this winter. Now it's time to prayerfully seek guidance in asking friends and loved ones to attend these meetings with you—just twice a week. This content is important to God. Is it important to you?

Invitational postcards to share will be available at church. ##

Spring Cleaning

*Sweep over me, Lord
And brush out my sin!
Replace it with faith,
And live here within.
Amen. —Peggy Ferrell*



Week of March 30



TJA SPRING BREAK

March & April 2015 Calendar

Birthdays

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

Sabbath Events

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

- MAR 7** Sabbath School & Worship; Pathfinders/ Adventurers/Eager Beavers, 2:30-5:30pm; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm
- MAR 14** Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck; Circle of Friends @ 6pm
- MAR 21** Sabbath School & Worship; Friendship Dinner hosted by the Riley team;
- MAR 28** Sabbath School & Worship; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays - NuAir Church rents our Fellowship Room each Sunday morning, 9am-1pm

- MAR 8** Scrapbooking, 2 - 10pm
- MAR 29** Cardmaking, 2 - 6pm

Mondays

MAR 30 TJA Spring Break all week

Tuesdays - Church office open 9am-4pm

Wednesdays - Church office open 9am-4pm; Soup for You, 6-8pm

Thursdays

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm



Birthdays

- April 2 Mary Ann Bagaoisan
- April 3 Tom Sandy
- April 8 Robert Ostrander
- April 9 Kimiko Kawakami
- April 11 Kelly Gustrowsky
- April 18 Greg Justice
- April 20 Tyler Leibengood
- April 22 Arden Brion
- April 24 Taryn Landeros
- April 25 Loni Orlet
- April 26 Ray Riley
- April 27 Lewis Simpson Jr
- April 28 Don Marsh

Sabbath Events

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

- APR 4** (Easter) Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck
- APR 11** Sabbath School & Worship w/communion; Circle of Friends @ 6pm
- APR 18** Sabbath School & Worship; Toledo Sister Cities International Festival at UT after church; visit Genesis Nursing Home on Whiteford at 3pm;
- APR 25** Sabbath School & Worship; 1st Vegan Lunch; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm

Sundays - NuAir Church rents Fellowship Room 9am-1pm

- APR 12** What the Bible Says About meeting, 4-6pm
- APR 19** What the Bible Says About meeting, 4-6pm
- APR 26** What the Bible Says About meeting, 4-6pm

Mondays

APR 6 Back to School after Spring Break

Tuesdays - Church office open 9am - 4pm

APR 21 Church Board Meeting 7pm

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm

- APR 8** What the Bible Says About meeting, 6-8pm
- APR 15** What the Bible Says About meeting, 6-8pm
- APR 22** What the Bible Says About meeting, 6-8pm
- APR 29** What the Bible Says About meeting, 6-8pm

Thursdays

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30