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Centered on activities of Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church

Valentines for Toledo concert benefits Haven of Hope Toledo

Singer/Songwriter Trina Schone to perform FEB 15, 7pm @ TF

Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself," is the second greatest commandment. Haven of Hope Toledo (HoHT) practices that love by "making over the lives of one family at a time in Northwest Ohio." And you can join them without ever lifting a hammer or paintbrush. How? Just come to the Valentines for Toledo Concert on February 15, featuring the multi-talented Trina Schone. 100% of the love offering benefits HoHT. But don't come alone for this Valentine treat! Invite and bring along your spouse, best buddy, neighbors, family and friends. All of you are invited to the reception after the concert. You'll enjoy meeting Trina, a Seventh-day Adventist, who began playing piano at age 5 and has won several awards for excellence in piano performance including West Virginia State competition, two Frederick Chopin Awards, and winning a talent contest for an original arrangement of "Jesus Loves Me."



Although Trina writes music for all kinds of life events, she comments, "It is my deepest desire that the songs I write will ultimately encourage others to examine their lives, surrender their hearts completely to Jesus, and then follow Him wherever He leads." ##

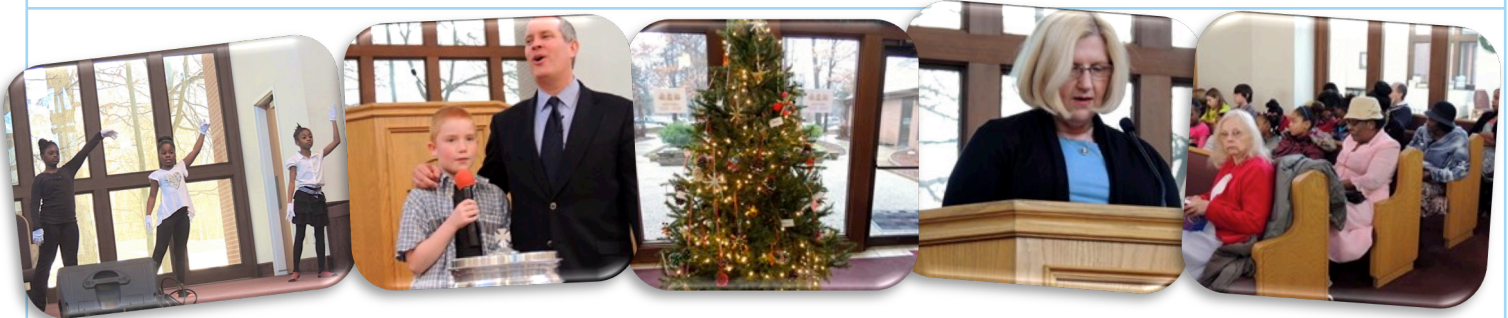


God proves his
love for us in
that while we
still were sinners
Christ died for us
ROMANS 5:8, N R S V

*Breathe a prayer of gratitude. And give those you love an extra measure of affection. Life is fleeting,
and love is precious. Cherish both. —Galen Guengerich*

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December/January @ Toledo First

The pictures above (compliments of Jeff Batchelder, official photographer), give a glimpse of church life these past two months. The first photo is of a moving interpretive dance under the direction of Cassidy Cross (not pictured). WTG, Cassidy! Young David joined Pastor Mike in photo 2 to sing the “Blessing.”

The tree in our foyer at Christmastime was decorated by the artwork of students at Toledo Jr. Academy. Good job! In photo 4 Cathy shares the scripture and the final photo is of Sabbath School Sing, which is enjoyed by all ages each Sabbath morning at 9:30am. Come and start the morning with a song! ##

Calendar of Events

FEB 15, 7pm
Valentines for Toledo

FEB 9, 2pm
Scrapbooking/ Cardmaking

FEB 11, 7pm
Business Meeting

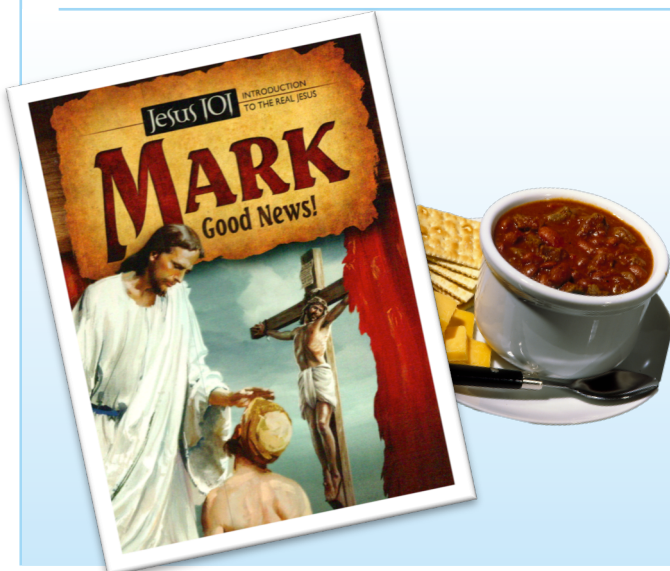
FEB 23, 11am-3pm
TJA Open Hs.

FEB 22, 5pm
Pokagon Tobogganing

Open House at Toledo Junior Academy

The teachers at Toledo Junior Academy are hosting Open House on Sunday, February 23, from 11am to 3pm. If you know of parents of current elementary students considering a switch to another school, tell them to check out our school during Open House. It’s a great opportunity. Another exciting development is Ohio’s EdChoice Scholarship Program. It provides

scholarship funds to private schools (such as TJA) for students who live in “failing” school districts—there are several in Toledo. First the parents must apply to Toledo Junior Academy now for their students to be enrolled. Then the school will make application for the scholarship funds. It is important that parents apply to the school as soon as possible to beat the deadline. ##



Soup for You!

You are invited every Wednesday @ 6pm for soup followed by discussion of Mark, Good News!

Mark, Good News! is part of the Jesus 101 series by Elizabeth Viera Talbot. She says, “Sometimes love and suffering require extraordinary and unexpected measures. Because sin separated us from God, we all need to know, deep within, that we are forgiven. The Gospel of Mark is a very encouraging book because it reminds us that, no matter what we are going through today, the final victory has already been attained by Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. And THAT, my friend, is GOOD NEWS!”

Scrapbooking / Cardmaking — Feb 9

Bring your friends and come for a fun day of Scrapbooking, Photo Organizing, Papercrafting and more on Sunday, Feb 9, 2 – 10pm. (There will be a special free Cardmaking time from 2 – 4pm for anyone wanting to just make cards.) The Scrapbooking fee of \$25 includes dinner, half a round table or 4 ft. of table space, make & takes, tool demonstrations, snacks in afternoon and evening, and tools available for your use. Duane Leonard, Licensed Massage Therapist will be on hand from 5 – 8pm to give massages for \$1 per minute and for gift card sales. Wouldn't a massage make a great Valentines gift? Please register for Scrapbooking by filling out a registration form, or by calling the church office, 419.882.6200. ##



Children's Stories at Worship

It just got a lot easier to tell children's stories during the worship service. In fact you don't have to tell a story at all—just introduce a video and then “wrap up” what was just seen. During this year, the Read and Share Bible videos will cover stories from Genesis to Revelation. If you would like to volunteer to introduce/wrap up one of the videos, please let me know by email or phone: dee@toledofirstadventist.org or 419.882.6200 – leave message. Thanks! —Dee Caulder ##

Toboggan run fun awaits!

After several annual Sunday morning trips to Pokagon, we're returning to Saturday night tobogganing at Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana. We'll plan to leave from the canopy side of church at 5pm on FEB 22. Cost is \$5 per person and you may want a few extra \$\$ for hot chocolate at the lodge nearby. We'll stop for pizza on the way home. Remember, 5pm. Don't be late! It's going to be fun. ##



Church closings

Winter scenes such as the one at left caused two worship cancellations already this season. We used “Call-Em-All” automated phone system to let you know at 8am. If you were not notified, but would like to be on the list, please call the church office, 419.882.6200 or dee@toledofirstadventist.org. You can also go online to check for closings no later than 8am on Sabbath mornings at www.ToledoNewsNow.com, www.13abc.com, or www.northwestohio.com. —Dee Caulder ##

Calendar of Events...Feb & March 2014

Birthdays

- February 1 Brandon Gustrowsky
- February 3 Julie Herman
- February 5 Shirlie Heiney, Eniko Romine
- February 7 Kendra Bills
- February 9 Edith Kolmar
- February 10 Beth Bench
- 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 23 Rebekah Godie Koehler
- February 26 Allen Gustrowsky, Alec Leibengood, Ariel Richardson
- February 27 Andrea Hughes
- February 28 Nikyta Cantwell

Sabbath Events

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

- FEB 1** Sabbath School & Worship; International Food Fest
- FEB 8** Sabbath School & Worship; Friendship Dinner with Cindy Larimore & her team
- FEB 15** Sabbath School & Worship; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm; Valentines for Toledo benefit concert @ 7pm
- FEB 22** Sabbath School; Worship; Eat 'n Greet; visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm; Family sledding @ Pokagon, leaving church @ 5pm

Sundays

- FEB 2** Souper Bowl of Caring (Super Bowl) @ 6pm
- FEB 9** Scrapbooking Crop, 2-10pm with Card making 2-4pm; Massage therapist @ Crop 5-8pm
- FEB 23** Open House @ Toledo Junior Academy, 11am-3pm

Mondays

FEB 17 Presidents' Day

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Pathfinders, 6:30pm
FEB 11 Church Business Meeting, 7pm

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Soup for You @ 6pm; *Mark, Good News!* @ 6:30pm

Thursdays

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm



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 21 Gloria Lee
- 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 1** Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck
- MAR 8** Sabbath School & Worship; Friendship Dinner w/Ray & Judy Riley and their team
- MAR 15** Sabbath School & Worship; Fellowship Potluck; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm
- MAR 22** Sabbath School & Worship; Eat 'n Greet; Visit Elizabeth Scott Care Center @ 3pm;
- MAR 29** Sabbath School & Worship

Sundays

- MAR 9** Daylight Savings Time begins
- MAR 23** Free Cardmaking class, 2 - 4pm

Mondays

MAR 24 Spring Break all week for Toledo Junior Academy

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Pathfinders, 6:30pm

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Soup for You @ 6pm; *Community Book Club* @ 6:30pm

Thursdays

MAR 20 **SPRING BEGINS!** (*Yah!!*)

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm



Come to dinner!

Friendship Dinners will be on February 8 (Cindy Larimore & team) and March 8 (Ray & Judy Riley & team). Our only potlucks will be on March 1 and March 15. Enjoy Eat 'n Greet on the fourth Sabbaths. ##

Holy Cows!

Thanks to all of you who gave generously for our December fundraiser. Together we made it possible for ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) to purchase five cows to help villagers in Vietnam work their way out of poverty. WTG, TF! ##



Sermon Mix

This year Pastor Mike is mixing expository preaching in the Book of Luke with topical preaching of stewardship (time, treasure, talent, testimony, and temple) while systematically addressing doctrinal presentations as well. For instance, while the sermon February 1 is on Luke 2:25-40, on February 8 the sermon is "Treasure: Guaranteed Returns" based on Malachi 3:8-10, then on February 22, the subject is Fundamental Belief #3: "The Father Points to Jesus." It should make for an interesting year or two. Stay tuned. ##

SCRIP helps school

Remember, each of us can help the school earn money with no extra cost to ourselves. Simply purchase gift cards which you can use for gas, groceries, home improvements, clothing—anything you already buy. Our school, Toledo Junior Academy, then receives a percentage of the money you spend—at NO COST TO YOU. That's right, you purchase a gift card for \$25 and you get the full value when you spend it. In addition the school receives either 2.74% up to 8.74% of what the value of the gift card is. It's one of those Win/Win situations. Pick up a SCRIP order form in the literature rack opposite the mailboxes at church. Insert the form in the order box in the school hallway. Orders placed by Monday are available Thursday of the same week. It's easy to support our school! ##

Safety/Security Team forming

From a statistical perspective, a place of worship remains one of the safest environments. However, the understanding that the odds are "something won't happen", needs to be coupled with a sense of precaution and the ability and willingness to foresee danger. Proverbs 22:3 (NLT) says, "A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences." History has sadly and tragically revealed to us that to blindly and faithfully follow the notion that places of worship are exempt from the dangers of the real world puts God's people at risk. That's why the deacons are inviting all Sabbath School teachers and church members interested in the safety and security of people at church to their deacons meetings taking place after church (and after potluck on the days there is one - bring a brown bag sack lunch for all other days). Aside from clarifying the roles of deacons and the roles of a newly forming safety and security team, this group will be meeting monthly on the first Sabbath of the month throughout the year to learn more about profiling, responding instead of reacting, and what to do during a fire, missing child, or emergency evacuation. Join us. —Pastor Mike ##



Business Meeting Feb 11, 7pm

The January business meeting was cancelled due to frigid temperatures. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday, FEB 11, 7pm. Come to hear about plans for 2014 and to look over the 2014 proposed church budget. Everyone's invited. ##

March dates to remember

Look for more information about these events as the time gets closer: Family Skate—March 16 and Family Game Night—March 22. ##

