



CHAPEL News

November 2010 Edition

Forest Chapel United Methodist Church
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Advent 2010



Prepare a way for the Lord

ADVENT SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 28 - "Listen!"

The First Sunday of Advent
Worship: 9:30 - Church School 10:30
- ConneXion 11:00

Hanging of the Greens and Annual Chili Supper 4:30-6:30 pm

DECEMBER 2 (Thursday)

10:30 am - Advent Study

DECEMBER 5 - "Prepare!"

The Second Sunday of Advent
Worship 9:30 - Church School 10:30 -
11:00 ConneXion

DECEMBER 9 (Thursday)

10:30 am - Advent Study

DECEMBER 12 - "Rejoice!"

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Worship 9:30 - 11:00 ConneXion
Live from Bethlehem Children's Play at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary

DECEMBER 16 (Thursday)

10:30 am - Advent Study

DECEMBER 19 - "Behold!"

The Third Sunday of Advent
Chancel Choir presents the cantata, *The Perfect Rose* by John Leavitt
Worship 9:30 - Church School 10:30
- 11:00 ConneXion

DECEMBER 23 (Thursday)

10:30 am - Advent Study

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We will go a-caroling again this year.
Watch for announcement of date and time.

DECEMBER 24 (FRIDAY)

CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 pm - A Family Christmas Celebration. Bring the children as we worship with your favorite carols

and Christmas tableau

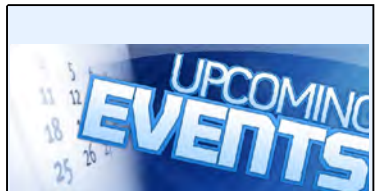
10:30 pm - Annual Christmas Concert (An extended prelude to the traditional Candlelight Service)
11:00 pm - A celebration of the joy of Christmas with carols, choirs, and the glow of candlelight

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 26

First Sunday after Christmas Day
Combined worship @ 10:30 am (No Children's Sunday School)



Planning Ahead

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

November 4 - 6

Chapel Creations Sale

Sunday, November 7

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Charge Conference

5:00 pm at Mt Healthy UMC

Sunday, November 14

Music Concert -
Zero to 60ish
4 pm in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!
Office Closed

Friday, November 26

Office Closed

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor's Desk

As a kid I remember November with fondness. It was the month of the first possible snow. There was neighborhood football in the side yard; the prospect of the first real days off school over Thanksgiving (there were no such things as "In-service days" way back then); Thanksgiving Day; and most importantly, the countdown to Christmas began. What's not to like about all that?

What I was blissfully unaware of is that it was also a time of anxiety in the church. There was Charge Conference looming, and probably an Every Member Commitment (Pledge Sunday) that would determine what could and

could not be done in the new year that would arrive all too soon.

It is nearly November. The hours of daylight have begun to lessen, the leaves are falling, Charge Conference is in two weeks, and Thanksgiving in five. And right there, smack dab in the middle of November, is Commitment Sunday - November 14. What will be our collective response to the needs of the church? Will we find it in our hearts to give sacrificially so that the ministries of Forest Chapel can, not just continue, but in fact, grow?

I am confident and not anxious that we can. If everyone does their part; if everyone will recognize how much they have been blessed (even in the midst of trying financial times) and find in their hearts a desire to do even more in 2011, then we will surely walk with boldness into the new year!

Our theme for this year is *LIVING WATER*. Beginning October 31 and continuing for a total of three Sunday's we will be challenged to reflect on the importance of water as a symbol throughout scripture - something that enlivens and sustains us as stewards of faith.

On those three Sundays we will see how God NAMED us in the waters of baptism as Jesus was in the River Jordan; how we are ENCOUNTERED in our thirst, just as Jesus was met by the Samaritan woman and they ministered to each other; and how, in Isaiah chapter 55, we are

reminded of the heavenly banquet where all are welcome and will be truly SATISFIED.

You will receive more in the mail about our theme, the church's goals for 2011, and how you can respond, with thanksgiving, to God's unlimited goodness and mercy.

Now about that snow...

Sloppy Joe Lunch Adults \$5 Children \$2.50	Turkey Dinner Adults \$9 Children \$4
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Chapel Creations Holiday Sale
November 4 - 6, 2010



Thursday, November 4 Sale 10 am - 2 pm Luncheon 12 pm - 2 pm
Friday, November 5 Sale 10 am - 7 pm Dinner 5 pm - 7 pm
Saturday, November 6 Sale 10 am - 2 pm

Beautiful handmade craft items of all sorts. Come and get unique gifts for Christmas or any occasion.

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Don't forget to get your vote in on whether Pastor Sam keeps the beard or shaves it!

THIS is the critical vote of this election year (well, ok, maybe not. But all proceeds go toward our connectional commitments!)



Worship for November

November 7, 2010 – The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Haggai 2:4b-9; John 4:1-30, 39-42

This is the second week of our series “Living Water”. The theme shifts to being *encountered* by God in our thirst, just as Jesus was met by the Samaritan woman and they ministered to each other. This story reminds us that as we journey in our baptismal covenant we all experience times of thirst and need. At times we must be willing to ask for living water; at other times we are called to respond to the needs of others. Both are signs of our stewardship.

November 14, 2010 – The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 55; Luke 19:1-10

The theme this week communicates the outcome of a lifetime of stewardship – a vibrant and life-giving community. We see what it truly means to be *satisfied*. Isaiah 55 evokes an image of the communion table and the heavenly banquet where all who thirst and hunger are invited to come without money and receive what is priceless. This is a week to revel in the goodness and generosity of God and challenge ourselves to mirror the fruitfulness of God’s word and God’s creation.

November 21, 2010 – Christ the King Sunday
Luke 1:68-79; Luke 23:33-43

Two gospel texts are read today; one from the beginning of Jesus’ ministry and one about the end of his life. The first, a hymn to the greatness of God for sending a

savior, a deliverer, a mighty prophet of the most high, sung upon the birth of Jesus. And the second, concerning Christ, the King of the Jews, nailed to a cross promising salvation to a criminal from his royal “throne.”

November 28, 2010 – The 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

We begin our Advent journey considering our theme – LISTEN. The prophet Isaiah *heard* the word of the Lord and delivered it to the people and Jesus declares in the teaching recorded in Matthew that we are to “keep awake” for the signs of his coming. In other words, LISTEN/PAY ATTENTION!

We continue our Advent series for the next three weeks. Our themes will be PREPARE! BEHOLD! REJOICE! *Be sure to come on Nov 28 and receive a free memento of Advent-2010.*

November Ensemble News

The Women’s Ensemble is enjoying a busy fall. We sang two upbeat songs, *If My Friends Could See Me Now* from the musical, *Sweet Charity*, and an old standard, *Exactly Like You*, in the *Roberta Fischesser and Friends* concert in October.

On the evening of November 15, 2010, the Forest Chapel Women’s Ensemble directed by Judy Voyles has been invited by George and Carole Brown and the Warren County Music Club to sing for their monthly meeting held at Otterbein Retirement Community in Lebanon, Ohio. This program will consist of ensemble songs, solos, duets, and trios. We look forward to seeing some of our friends who live at Otterbein at this concert.



Choir Pie Sale

Thanksgiving is almost here and the Forest Chapel Chancel Choir will begin taking orders for their Thanksgiving Pie Sale soon. Be sure to see one of our choir members to make your pie order. We will also have pie order sheets at the Welcome Center.



November Choir News

Thank you, Forest Chapel, for your support of our concert by Roberta Fischesser and her friends on Sunday, October 10th. This was one of the best-attended concerts we have had and everyone seemed to enjoy the program and the reception afterwards. Your contributions to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund and to Forest Chapel's Music Fund are very much appreciated.

We will have another concert at Forest Chapel on November 14, 2010 at 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be presenting the band, *O to 60ish*, playing a variety of styles from Santanna to Chicago to Jack Johnson, and from Elvis to the Commodores to CCR. *O to 60ish* has seven members who play acoustic and rhythm guitar, bass guitar, tenor sax, keyboard, and drums. Jeff Meeks, son of Forest Chapel members, Larry and Joy Meeks, plays tenor sax, bass guitar, and is one of the vocalists for the group. Please add this concert date to your calendar now to enjoy a Sunday afternoon of musical fun.

Congratulations to Brooke Batchelor, one of our choral scholars, who has been chosen to play the part of Flora in the CCM Fall Studio Opera Production of *The Turn of the Screw*. This opera will take place at the Patricia Corbett Theater on November 5th and 6th at 8:00 pm and the 7th at 2:30 pm. Check out CCM's website for tickets.

It is good to have Carolyn Harris, Larry Meeks, Jim Johnsen, and Jane Stowe back in choir. If you would like to join us to sing for the Christmas season, or for the year, please contact Judy Voyles or a choir member. We would love to have you singing in the choir.

Forest Chapel Has a Shower...Thank's to Scott Cook and his Eagle Scout Project

Check out the restroom in the preschool wing... Forest Chapel now has a shower! When we host the homeless for IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network), one of the things our guests always want to know is "Do you have a shower?" Now the answer is yes!!!

Scott Cook, the third of the Cook boys to strive for his Eagle Scout rank, knew that the IHN Team was interested in getting a shower installed and stepped up to the task by getting approval to do the project as part of his requirement for His Eagle Scout Rank. He has spent months planning for the project; construction was started in September and will conclude with the installation of a shower door. The shower has a push button water supply to prevent any worries about the water being left on.

The project was completed at no cost to the church with the help of many donations:

American Leak Detection (an a camera through pipes to determine how the floor would be torn up); Basco Shower Doors (shower door and installation); Carpetland (tile flooring); Disney McLane (shower fixtures); Fairfield Winnelson Plumbing Supply (supplies); Springdale Remodeling (drywall finishing); Family and friends (Labor); Cook Plumbing; and winnings from FCUMC "Biggest Loser" contest.

Scott started as a Scout in first grade and now is close to reaching the highest award in Boy Scouts, Eagle. He expects to have all of the requirements for his Eagle Scout rank this summer. He tells us he has really enjoyed the times in scouts and especially the time and trips with his Dad. They even hiked mountains in Alaska last year.

From all the comments Scott has received it looks like the shower will be a welcomed addition. He's happy to give back to his church. He hopes everyone likes it.

We can promise that the IHN guests will be thrilled!!!! Thanks to Scott and all of the people who have made this project possible!

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Forest Chapel Missions

Forest Chapel's Month in Mission: November
"Do you love me? Feed my lambs."

Let's Come Together!

Okay, let's admit it. It has been a tough year. The economy is still bad; politicians and pundits are busy blaming the other party for everything. Many of us work at jobs which we don't love because there's little else out there. And some of us are still unemployed and finding ways to cut every corner imaginable. Add to that, we have endured a long, hot dry climate causing the grass to brown and the farmers yet more trials. We are not certain of what is to come but it has been a tough year. And yet, in a few weeks, we will celebrate Thanksgiving.

And when you think of that first Thanksgiving, with the future looking so uncertain, can we not relate? I find it also intriguing that it was in 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed this day to be nationally recognized. Remember the song we learned when young? "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, Sing praised to his name: He

forgets not his own." For me, Thanksgiving has always been my second favorite holiday, after Easter. Because when it comes down to it, God blesses us with so many tender mercies that being

thankful is the very least we can do in return. And

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at least in our family, the meal has always been preceded by my father's eloquent and emotional words of praise and humble adoration.

Have you ever received something that you didn't expect, didn't even ask for, but only received it because you expressed admiration of it? Once, when I was 17, I went with a church youth mission to Honduras for a month of work and study. I was with some of the other girls in a town and we were talking and chatting with some local girls who knew more English than we knew Spanish. One girl was wearing a beautiful scarf and I told her I thought it was pretty. Without a second thought, she took it off and presented it to me. No, I said, apologetically. I was just admiring it; it's yours! But as I learned that day (feeling a little foolish), if one compliments something of yours, it was the custom to give the item to the admirer! Not even knowing her last name or anything about her, I could only express my gratitude humbly as there seemed to be no other choice. But the other thing I remember is that *the girl gave me the scarf with such joy!* I felt awkward and totally undeserving of this kindness. But now, over thirty years later, I can still remember that moment.

Such is the extravagant love God has for us. So, yes, we can choose to dwell on how tough our lives are, complain about our aches and pains, and live in self-pity. Or we can choose joy. At the end of the day, especially these last months, I've been so thankful for my blessings, even if it was just a quick "Thank you, Lord, for getting me through this day." I choose joy.

I found this in the Message. Psalm 100, A Thanksgiving Psalm: ***"On your feet now--applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter, since yourselves into his presence. Know this: God is God, and God, God. He made us, we didn't make him. We're his people, his well-tended sheep. Enter with the password, 'Thank you!' Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him. For God is sheer beauty, all generous in love, loyal always and ever."***

I know that when I am in a place of being helplessly at his mercy, readily giving over any supposed control to Him, I am at my best. Because when I give it over in that moment in my least, I claim nothing but His saving grace. We have much because Christ lives within us. Not just words. Not just songs or feelings. We

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experience joy because we are His. And for me, it just doesn't get any better than that. And let me tell you, just as complaining and negativity can be terribly infectious, so is joy. So, please, let's get up on our feet now and ...choose joy! Because Christ chose you!

Forest Chapel United Methodist Church has a mission: "To know Christ and to make Christ known...Through life-giving mission and community outreach."

October had many of us jazzed about the 10-Fold Missions! On October 9th, 32 health kits and 16 school kits were sent to Otterbein for the Festival of Sharing. Thanks to all who contributed! The Youth went down to hand out hot dogs and drinks on October 17. Thanks, youth! You are being the hands and feet of Christ in your efforts and haven't gone unnoticed!

Extra Dollar Sunday is November 21! We will be collecting for Soul Pantry's Christmas Party. (See Nancy Evans' article for more on that.)

The Mission Committee is excitedly looking ahead to how we can be in mission in the coming months both here and world-wide. We have some great ideas! If you would like to try coming and helping us, we would love that! We will meet next on November 8 in the parlor. Meanwhile, go out today and with a thankful heart, do something extravagant for another. Even if it's just a smile!



Forest Chapel Preschool was organized in 1969 as an outreach mission of the church to the children in the Forest Park Community and beyond. It has been supported by every minister to date. Tuition is the sole funding source for our school and we maintain a cost of under \$11.00 for each 2 ½ hour session. It is a church-sponsored school guided by a constitution. The Preschool Board consists of the director, assistant director, 6 preschool parents (church parents are a first priority), a church member at large and the chairperson of Learning Ministries.

Parents are respected as the most important providers of care and nurturing of children. The church unites with the parents and staff in fulfilling this mission. Our purpose is to provide a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment which allows children's individual needs to be met socially, physically, emotionally and intellectually. Parents view the preschool/church connection in the following ways: the preschool is safe and welcoming in a Christian environment, with a supportive staff; the preschool is a positive learning experience with the highest standards, affordable and high quality; the preschool is part of a well respected church within the community and a place many have chosen as their church home over the years.

Our staff is unique in their experience, educational background and longevity. The majority of the teachers have been a part of the program for over 10 years, and Holly Lee has been here 21 years. Carol Beeson was a crucial part of the program, as Director, for 27 years and was replaced 5 years ago by her daughter Brenda Pantalone. We were accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children from 1995-2007 and are now rated a Star 2 in the Ohio Dept. of Education's Step Up to Quality Program. We have been a member of this initiative since it pilot began in 2008. Currently, we have 72 energetic three, four and five year olds and we love what we do!

- Brenda Pantalone, Director

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How About These Ways to Serve your Church...

You pledged to give service to your church when you joined. You didn't pledge to give service when you weren't busy, or only if it was very easy, or only while you were young, or skinny, or it was a month without an "a".

So prayerfully consider what you have to offer in time, talents, interests, passions. Then tell someone!

- You may find that the committee or work crew you serve becomes your "small group experience", that group that makes you feel more connected with the entire church.
- There's so much to be accomplished, both here at the church and beyond. If you don't think we are accomplishing enough, roll up your sleeves and pitch in. "Jobs well done" can be satisfying.
- Want to feel needed? Then sign up to lead. We NEED those skills in several areas.
- Do you tend to spend time worrying about your own situation or that of loved ones? Consider the diversionary power of getting involved with others.
- You don't like how the committee meetings are run here now? Then get in there and change it!

Opportunities in 2011:

The **Board of Trustees** meets on 3rd Mondays at 7 pm, and is responsible for the properties owned by Forest Chapel, including the church and its grounds, and the parsonages. If you have ever watched HGTV or DIY channels on cable, this is the right place for you!

The **Communications Committee** is responsible for leading the efforts to more effectively spread the word about events and efforts to those outside the church family. This is an enormously important job and nobody has stepped up yet. How about you?

Learning Ministries is responsible for leading the Christian Education efforts within the church. What's more important than helping to teach about

God's love? You might get into event planning for the youth, curriculum review, or helping with the nursery. If you love learning, please consider a spot on Learning Ministries Committee.

The **church historian** is responsible for making a lasting record of significant events in the life of the church. We have not had anyone step up to do this job for awhile, and those that come after us will suffer for that. Are you interested in history, or have a flair for writing, picture taking or scrap booking? This could be for you.

Crib and Toddler Room volunteers are needed to assist the one paid position from 9:15 am - 12:30 pm on Sunday mornings. All you need is a desire to share God's love with the youngest amongst us.

The **Finance Committee** meets at 7 pm on the 2nd Mondays of the month. This committee is responsible for the fiduciary health of the church, and oversees all activities relating to finances of the church. While there are always money woes for most churches, why not bring your creativity and problem solving skills to be sure we effectively use the funds we get and find ways to raise funds?

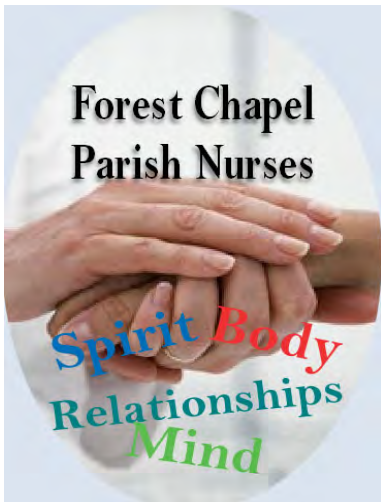
Are you the person that can talk to anybody, and feels the passion to grow our church and share Jesus' love? Then the **Outreach Committee** could be perfect for you. If we aren't reaching out, are we doing what we should?

The **Staff-Parish Relations Committee** meets on the 2nd Mondays of the month at 7 pm. The committee oversees all matters pertaining to the staffing of the church, including appointed pastors and employees. Here is a great place to employ your people skills - make sure we have the right people in place, then help them. Get them word of ideas and preferences from the congregation, and help the staff communicate their needs and directions.

The **Missions Team** is dedicated to reaching out locally, nationally and globally. Get on this team and get an idea of the impact Forest Chapel is making!

Still not finding your niche? Volunteer anyway. Perhaps you'd like to create a prayer group to raise up the concerns of the church, or be on a team that comes in weekly to refresh the attendance pads and sharpen pencils in the sanctuary. Or...

Volunteer. Be of service. Make 2011 the year.



Parish Nurse Datebook

Monday, November 8	Mon.-12:00 noon- W.I.N.G.S meets in the parlor- bring a sandwich and join in fellowship and a program
Thursday, November 12	Parish Nurse Support Group Meeting at Cindy's Church
Sunday, November 14	Blood Pressures will be taken in the Parish Nurse Office between services
Thursday, November 18	Wed.-6:30 pm - Healing Service. Join us in the Chapel for Communion and a Healing Service.

Healing Service



Join us for our healing service on Thursday, October 21 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome as we share our concerns for loved ones and ourselves. The service includes a brief time of Bible reading, prayer, communion and anointing prayer for healing for those who wish it.

"Hope for the Holidays" Speaker on December 6

Mark your calendar for December 6 for a Noon meeting of WINGS in the Parlor. We are having a guest speaker, the Rev. Joe Boone, Pastoral Care. He is from Twin Towers and will join us to share a program about holiday preparation and loss of a loved one. His talk is titled "Hope for Holidays." You are welcome to join us.

****Please Note: Exercise Class has been stopped until later (we will begin when there is an interest). If anyone wants to use our tapes, they can be signed out in the Activity Room Kitchen (top right side of cabinets). Keep walking and exercising as we Walk to Bethlehem! Watch In the Loop and the bulletin board to note our progress.



Forest Chapel Walk to Bethlehem

Culturally Fit

Goal: to be **Physically Fit**

Spiritually Fit

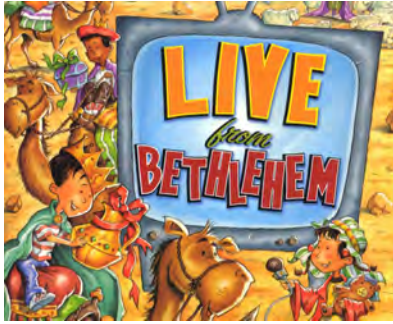
As we walk to Bethlehem, we'll travel through several African countries.

Morocco highlights:

- Casablanca is probably the most famous city in Morocco. People immediately associate Morocco and Casablanca with the 1942 movie of the same name. • The capital of Morocco is Rabat
- Religion: 98.7% Muslim, 1.1% Christian, 0.2% Jewish
- Language: Arabic (official), Berber dialects. French is often the language of business, government, and diplomacy.
- Proselytizing: Islam is the state religion of Morocco. The Moroccan government does not interfere with public worship by the country's Christian or Jewish minorities. However, while Christians are allowed to practice freely, some activities, such as proselytizing or encouraging conversion to the Christian faith - both considered to be legally incompatible with Islam - are prohibited. It is illegal for a Muslim to convert to Christianity. (travel.state.gov/morocco.html)

Algeria Highlights:

- The capital of Algeria is Algiers
- Religion of Algeria: Sunni Muslim
- Algeria is the 2nd largest country in Africa, after Sudan. The Sahara covers more than 4/5ths of the territory. 90 per cent of the population live along the Mediterranean coast.
- The main industry is petroleum, natural gas and mining
- History: Hammadid dynasty from 1014; Ottoman rule from 1516; French rule from 1830; Independence from France: July 5, 1962 (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algeria>)

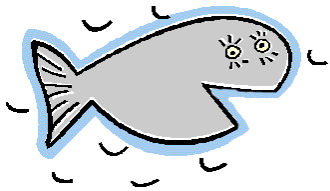


The Children's Christmas Program will begin rehearsals soon! Our play this year is "Live From Bethlehem" showing what it

might have been like to have news coverage of the birth of Christ!

Students are needed to perform. We will practice on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. before Sunday School, beginning November 7. Please make sure to get those children to Sunday School for part assignments!

The play will take place Sunday, Dec. 12 at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.



The Fish Club meeting for October will be Oct. 31 after worship. We will go to Steak and

Shake for lunch, then shop for Operation Christmas Child shoe box items. Bring \$15.00 and a shoe box! Let Miss Melinda know if you can join us. The November meeting will be on November 21. We will drop off the shoe boxes and go to lunch and a movie.

adopt a STUDENT

The Adopt a College Student program desperately needs some contact information for our college students! Parents, please send name, address, and e-mail address of your student(s) to boyd@forestchapel.org soon!

If you are interested in adopting a college student and keeping them in touch with Forest Chapel, also please e-mail boyd@forestchapel.org.



Samaritan's Purse has been in operation since 1970 and during that time they have done their best to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. The organization is an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. Operation Christmas Child is one of the ways they touch hurting children all across the globe.

"It is amazing to see that you're a part of a huge plan to share the love of Jesus with precious children around the world. When you walk into the warehouse and see all the shoe boxes, you realize that you're a part of something larger than life."
-volunteer from Georgia

Thousands of volunteers have had similar reactions to working in one of the seven Samaritan's Purse processing centers across the country. The Lord's faithfulness and abundance is visibly evident as thousands of shoe box gifts flood each processing center. Every single gift that is collected must be carefully inspected and prepared for overseas shipment during the months of November and December. Over 65,000 volunteers play a vital role in creating a heart warming and potentially life-changing experience for a needy child overseas.

Please join the Forest Chapel Fish Club in packing a shoe box for a child to be delivered by Operation Christmas Child! Pamphlets with packing directions and labels will be available at the welcome center. Boxes are due at church by noon on Sunday, November 21.



Thanks to all the children who helped sing songs for Children's Sabbath on October 10!

PARAPROSDOKIAN Sentences

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

On the other hand, we have different fingers.

The face of a child can say it all, especially the mouth part.



This newsletter went to press before this month's PB&J mission. We thank you so much for the donations of soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, sewing kits, lotion, conditioner, Q-tips, and all the other items that we put together in the hygiene bags.

Suggested reading from the youth.

Crazy Love by Francis Chan
Desiring God by John Piper



SPOTLIGHT ON THE YOUTH: YOUTH CALENDAR



My name is Chris Heaton. I am a Freshman at Princeton High School and I run Cross Country and Track there. I have been in the Youth Group here for about 2 years now. I was confirmed this year, which was a lot of fun, and I just started doing the youth disciple bible study and I think that's going to be fun, too. I have one pet, a hermit crab with a spongebob shell, and he lives in a mansion.



Last month we went to see three bands at the Underground, Charmaine, Matt Maher, and headliner Tenth Avenue North. It was a sold out concert. I understand why, it was a very moving show with music and testimony. Lead singer Mike Donehey not only sang, he preached. He spoke about the meaning of their song "Healing Begins", off of The Light Meets the Dark CD. It's about letting the walls down. Don't pretend. Be real. Be honest. Let people see the imperfections. The more we're aware of our hang ups and failures, the more we see our need for a Saviour. And the more we see our need for Him, the more we love Him. And the more we love and treasure Him, the more we want to live for Him. And then, not necessarily for Him at all, but because of Him, and because of His great love for us. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed..." James 5.16

NOVEMBER 7
Youth Social 5:30-7pm
Youth Disciple 7-8pm

NOVEMBER 14
Youth Social 5:30-7pm
Youth Disciple 7-8pm

NOVEMBER 21
Youth Social 5:30-7pm
Youth Disciple 7-8pm

NOVEMBER 25
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 28
Youth Social 5:30-7pm
Youth Disciple 7-8pm
PIZZA PARTY!!!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE YOUTH

Hi! My name is Will McNeill. I go to WWHS and i play in the marching band (drumline). Im in a few Honors classes and I also am learning sign language, which is my favorite subject. I also enjoy playing paintball on weekends and playing on my Xbox after school. My friends are awesome, their super important to me! I also love my youth group *smiley face* and im on WWHS student council.





November 2010

UMW Finances

Hear is a poem from the Ideals magazine in 1986.

I WOULD GIVE THANKS
by Virginia Katherine Oliver

I would give thanks for many things
On this Thanksgiving Day,
Thanks for all the blessings life brings
Each day along the way.
I would give thanks for life, for health,
For home, for food, and too,
All that I count my greatest wealth...
Family and friendships true.
I give thanks for my native land,
For freedom on this day,
Where we worship and understand
Our privilege to pray.
I would give thanks for many things
And do the best I can
To be worthy of all life brings
And serve my fellowman.

CHRISTMAS JEWELS

Join us

6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 2, 2010
For a jewelry sale.

A great time for Christmas Shopping!

For years the UMW has been asking you to sign up to do P&G testing. We would receive compensation for each person that agreed to be a part of the testing. As we got older and the P&G demographics got younger we ceased to have a nice fit. At this point it is very rare that we get a call to help.

We have relied on this income to support the many local missions that we work with. You may not be aware that all the money that we pledge each year goes directly to national for the mission work that they support.

At this point we are doing our end of year finance study and we find that we will have enough to start the year with the usual \$1000 seed money and that is good. The bad realization is the fact that we will not have the usual \$400-\$500 extra for the traditional end of year extra giving.

This bleak prospect has led us to a new money making project. Many of us have been talking about downsizing, cleaning out drawers, etc. So we thought we could use that info and have a jewelry sale.

We are requesting that all church members donate any jewelry (real or costume) that they no longer use to the cause by handing it to one of the four committee members: Lynn Hoff, Ginny Hoffman, Lynn Matson, or Janet Sellers.. They will organize the pieces collected, price them and then hold a sale the evening of the UMW Christmas program. We hope you will stay and join us for an evening of dessert and caroling.

Thank you to all who join us in this challenge.

Notes

After hearing two of the Lost Boys of the Sudan speak at the School of Missions this summer, it was decided that we would support their building of a clinic in their home land. The basket was passed at the last unit meeting and a check for \$100 has been forwarded to this project.

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After the October board meeting 29 health kits and 16 school kits were checked and packed for delivery to the Festival of Sharing. A check for \$90 was sent along to cover postage.

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The Goodwill Industries Guild sent a note of thanks for the baked goods that we contributed to their Fall Festival. They have also invited the UMW women to submit favorite recipes for the cook book that they are publishing.

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Many of our UMW women have baked cookies this month for the Twin Towers annual tea. This is another of our local, annual mission projects.

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November 4, will be a joint UMW/Chapel Creations day. Many of the ladies will bring baked goods to the monthly meeting, they will be passed to the Chapel Creations ladies. After a full business meeting the unit will adjourn to Fellowship Hall for a time of shopping and lunch with these "crafty ladies."

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The 10 Days, 10 Projects program was explained to the unit and we will support this project with our e-mails.

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January 15, 2011

Ohio River Valley District
Leadership training
For
Local Unit Officers.

November 2010

2 Executive Board, 9:30 a.m., in the parlor

2 Election Day

4 General Meeting, 9:30 a.m., in the parlor

Program: Officer Installation, World Thank Offering,
and Pledge Services
Hostess: General membership, Continental breakfast,
\$2.00

8 Wesley Women in Library at 11:00 a.m.

Program: *Response Magazine* study
Assembly of Hygiene kits for Tavie Gunnason
Lunch out afterwards.

8 MCAuley High School will present a concert to benefit the Peaslee Neighborhood Center's Arts and Music Programs at 7:00 p.m.

11 Veteran's Day

11 "The Girls" in the parlor at 11:30 a.m.

Program: Thanksgiving program
Hostesses: Wesley Women

13 WOC Annual Celebration

Worthington UMC
Speaker: Harriet Olsen
Deputy General Secretary of Women's Division

15 Elizabeth Circle; Parlor at 7:00 p.m.

Program: "Giving Thanks"
Hostesses: Emilie Freeland and Sally Stahlgren

16 Anna Circle; Parlor at 10:00 a.m.

Program: Cathy Craft
Hostess: Mary Jane Booth
Soul item of the month: Thanksgiving Dinner item

16 Mary & Martha Circle; Parlor at 12:30

Program: Carol Kell speaker
Helen Hutchenson and Marilyn Syfert

25 Thanksgiving

Prayers

Presence

Service Gifts

Witness

Prayers and Praises

Give Myself Utterly

Jane Hirshfield

I want to give myself
utterly
as this maple
that burned and burned
for three days without stinging
and then in two more
dropped off every leaf...

As we prepare this month to make our
financial pledge of support for the church in
2011, this prayer ought to constantly be on
our lips!



Please keep in your prayers:

- ☞ Barb Evans awaiting surgery
- ☞ Chris McManus recuperating from a fall
- ☞ Dolly Johansen recovering from leg injury
- ☞ Friends/family of our members: Chris Barlow, Mary Chandler, Sara Clyburn, Ann Ehlers, Peggy Fritz, Charlie Hutchinson, Ray Irwin, Larry and Linda Jones, Del and Lois Kauffman, Jimmie Lawrence, Lenora, Cecilia and Harlan Lee, Sharon Bonecutter Lowman, Camron McCormick, Mike Sellers, Patricia Tarter, Cynthia Towne, Sonja Hester Wheeler, Jane Zollo

☞ All those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

Please keep our home-bound and nursing home residents in your prayers:

At home:

Lillian Brooks, Sue Green, Mary Halpin, Dolly and Vern Johanson, Carole Lee, John Monday

Brookwood Retirement Community

JC Williams

Tri-County Extended Care:

Bessie Hammons

Heartland at Mt. Airy

Lucius Hall

Heartland at Woodridge:

Joan Spencer

Triple Creek Retirement Village

Maxine Hall



Judy Miller writes, "Thank you to Kevin Foster for all his visits and all those who sent cards and well wishes while I was in rehab and at home during my recovery from surgery."

Evelyn Moore writes, "Just wanted to tell you how much my family and I appreciated your [Pastor Stover's] presence as well as some of your members at Don's funeral. I shall

always remember the wonderful words you spoke about him. It makes me feel really good to know that he was well thought of at Forest Chapel. I know Forest Chapel will miss him, especially at the door where he greeted the people of God as they entered into the house of God. May God bless all of you in my prayer."

SOUL

Our November "Extra Dollar Sunday" will benefit our SOUL Ministries. We will have our annual \$15.00 Gift Card collection to distribute to needy families in the Forest Park, Greenhills and Springdale areas.

There are more families this year than ever so we pray you will take this opportunity to again share the Christmas spirit. A "reverse" collection plate will be passed on November 21 and you may either donate money or take a gift card slip(s) to return with the gift card on November 28 or December 5.

39ers

For people who are still 39 in their hearts!

39ers will meet Saturday, November 13 in the Activity Room at 5:30 pm. Debbie Vaughn and Margaret Davisson will host the meeting. They have invited the GOOD NEWS BOYS to have a program for us. We will have a potluck meal. Bring a dish to share and join us. You will enjoy the evening.



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To know Christ and to Make Christ Known

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OUR SERVICES

Traditional Service
9:30 am

Sunday School 10:30 am

Contemporary Service
ConneXion 11:30 am

OUR STAFF

Sr. Minister: Sam Stover

Contemp Worship Leader:
Kevin Foster

Contemp Music Director:
Brenda Hartman

Office Staff:
Melissa Rawlings*
Ann Ingle

Youth Ministry Leader:
Rich House

Children's Ministry Leader:
Melinda Boyd

Director of Music: Judy Voyles

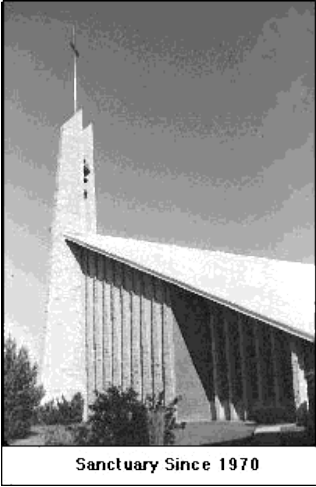
Organist: Roberta Fischesser

Preschool Director:
Brenda Pantalone

*Newsletter Editor

November 2010 at Forest Chapel United Methodist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Halloween 9:30am - Traditional Worship 10:30am - Church School For All 10:30am - Littlest Angels 11:30am - The ConneXion 5:30pm - Youth Social	1 6am - Election Day Setup 12pm - Wings @ Parlor 7pm - AA Meeting	2 Election Day 6:30am - Election Day 9:30am - UMW Executive Board 1pm - Fenster Painting Group 6pm - Homework Help	3 Chapel Creations Sale Setup 9:30am - Chapel Creations 6pm - Chapel Bells Rehearsal 7:30pm - Brass Ensemble 7:30pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - ConneXion Band 7pm - Youth Disciple	4 CHAPEL CREATIONS SALE 10-2 AND LUNCH 12-2 9:30am - UMW Unit Meeting 7:30pm - Journey Bible Study	5 CHAPEL CREATIONS SALE 10-7 AND DINNER 5-7 10am - Women's Ens	6 CHAPEL CREATIONS SALE 10-2 PM 7pm - Bridge
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30am - Traditional Worship 10:30am - Church School For All 10:30am - Littlest Angels 11:30am - The ConneXion 5pm - Charge Conference 5:30pm - Youth Social 7pm - Youth Disciple	8 11am - Wesley Women @ Library 7pm - AA Meeting @ Activity 7pm - Finance Committee Mtg @ 7pm - Mission Committee @	9 1pm - Fenster Painting Group 6pm - Homework Help	10 9:30am - Chapel Creations @ FH 6pm - Chapel Bells Rehearsal 7:30pm - Brass Ensemble 7:30pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - ConneXion Band	11 Veterans Day 11:30am - The Girls @ Parlor 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Activity 6:30pm - IGNITE @ Fellowship 7:30pm - Journey Bible Study	12 10am - Women's Ens 7pm - Euchre @ Parlor	13 4:30pm - 39ers @ Activity Room
14 9:30am - Traditional Worship 10:30am - Church School For All 10:30am - Littlest Angels 10:35am - Blood Pressure 11:30am - The ConneXion 4pm - Concert @ Fellowship Hall 5:30pm - Youth Social 7pm - Youth Disciple	15 6pm - FP Garden Club 7pm - AA Meeting 7pm - Elizabeth Circle @ Parlor 7pm - Staff Parish Relations 7pm - Trustees Meeting	16 10am - Anna Circle @ Parlor 11:30am - FCPS Lunch Bunch 12:30pm - Mary and Martha 1pm - Fenster Painting Group 6pm - Homework Help @	17 9:30am - Chapel Creations @ FH 6pm - Chapel Bells Rehearsal 7:30pm - Brass Ensemble 7:30pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - ConneXion Band	18 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Activity 6:30pm - Healing Service @ 6:30pm - IGNITE @ Fellowship 7:30pm - Journey Bible Study @	19 10am - Women's Ens	20
21 9:30am - Traditional Worship 10:30am - Church School For All 10:30am - Littlest Angels 11:30am - The ConneXion 5:30pm - Youth Social 7pm - Youth Disciple	22 7pm - AA Meeting 7pm - Bible Storytelling 7pm - Leadership Council/Admin	23 1pm - Fenster Painting Group 6pm - Homework Help	24 9:30am - Chapel Creations 6pm - Chapel Bells Rehearsal 7:30pm - Brass Ensemble 7:30pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - ConneXion Band	25 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving	26 OFFICE CLOSED 10am - Women's Ens	27
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