

# Joining Hands

Connecting people to Jesus, to God's Word  
and each other.

Family of Faith Newsletter  
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We have created a title for our  
Family of Faith Food Collections!

## Bushel Basket Ministry

The Bushel Basket Ministry has started with a WOW! The love just keeps on pouring out of you, the blessed Family of Faith members. For the rest of the Lent season (most of April) we will add to our food collection the following needed items: cans of tuna, chicken, beef stew, or pasta with beef. If you have a request, or if you yourself are in need, due to difficult circumstances, please notify Pastor or Julie Nye. As of right now, the bushel basket gifts will be distributed to locations in Tiffin, Fostoria and Findlay. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" Matthew 7:7

## Giving is meaningful

and we **thank you** for being in the spirit of commitment to Jesus Christ. For in the book of Phillipians 2:7 it says Jesus took "the very nature of a servant" Thank you for signing up to serve on our various ministry teams. Thank you for offerings which sustain many things. Sometimes we get "Surprise" donations for other needed items, that do not come from Sunday offerings. The Vision Team occasionally has "wish list" items if your servant heart seeks to do more.

## Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday, April 21**

Worship with Communion 7:00 P.M.

**Good Friday, April 22**

Service of Darkness 7:00 P.M.

**Easter Celebration Worship**

Sunday, April 24 10:15 A.M.

## No Small Thing...THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR MARK

*It is no small thing that Jesus was put on a cross and died for us, so that we might have eternal life. It is no small thing that the same love Jesus felt for Peter, Paul and his early disciples, He feels that love for us. It is no small thing to let Good Friday pass us by, without recognizing the extreme agony our Lord felt when He had his last breaths on that cross. Jesus crucifixion is no small thing!*

*I have always believed we must literally experience the Good Friday "death of Christ" before we can truly feel the overwhelming joy of the Easter resurrection! We do want to shout and sing of this wondrous, amazing gift of forgiveness, and the victory over death. From a hymn, the text by Philip Bliss, the refrain reads:*

*"Sing O sing of my Redeemer, With His blood He purchased me. On the cross He sealed my pardon, Paid the debt and made me free."*

*Jesus was triumphant over the sting of death! Jesus died, and rose again! These are no small things! Our response to Jesus love is no small thing either! We love Jesus more than anyone, anything and above all that we have. We set aside the small things of this world, and say "GIVE ME JESUS".*



## What's been happening for our younger kids at Sunday School?

Sunday School got off to a great start in November with about 20 kids attending in the Pre-School- 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. We decided to try some new concepts this year, and have created some fun incentives that the students can each earn. For continued attendance, they have been earning Bible trading cards. If they bring back "take home" work, have memorized a verse, or bring a Bible to S.S., they can earn a Christ's Kids Coupon (CKC). They can redeem their coupons at the Sunday School store or use them for "stewardship". If the students donate 20 CKC's that would be enough to buy a goose from Heifer International. **We are happy** to say that the students have accomplished their goal and the Family of Faith kids will be purchasing a goose from Heifer to send to a family in need. (Great job, kids!) Now they are on to saving enough CKC's to purchase a "chick". Another concept we are trying is our "Building Blocks" program. Our goal is to have each student accomplish their classroom building block by the end of the year, and get their "block" on their wall. Some of the goals are memorizing verses, learning the Lord's Prayer, the 10 Commandments and more. The students are learning about serving God and others and what "love" means. Take a walk through the Sunday School rooms sometime and see the joy and giggles coming from those classrooms. (Thanks Lisa Kissell for doing this article for heading the Sunday School)

The Word of God is the bread that has kept me from starvation and the water of life that refreshes my soul.  
Read your Bible for daily bread.

**Map It Class!** Saturday, April 9 from 9 to 2 p.m.  
Location: Sheriff's Office in Findlay. Since we serve the region, we are offering this class at a different location in April. Sign up to join us! Get to know the ministry of Family of Faith in Map It. We guarantee this class is helpful!



**April Adult Choir Practices:**  
Sundays, April 3, 10 and 17  
(After worship, we practice)  
Thursday, April 14- 7:00 to 8:00  
Maundy Thurs. April 21  
(Practice after worship that evening)  
**We sing at our Easter worship!**

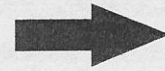
## Vacation Bible School

2011

Sun. - Thurs. Evenings

**June 12-16**

Ministry Team Leader  
for VBS is Teresa Traxler



Looking Ahead to  
May...

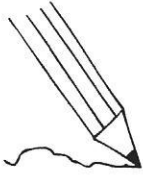
Wed., May 4<sup>th</sup> a weekly  
Bible Study begins! Every  
Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 9, a new  
**Sewing Group** will start  
up. They will meet on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
at 9:00 a.m. Questions?  
See Barb Egbert or  
Millie Heyman.

Our financial gifts to the  
work of God's Kingdom.

Balance	
on 12.31.10	\$17,286.42
First Quarter	
Income	\$34,802.44
First Quarter	
Expenses	\$33,165.82
Current	
Balance	\$18,923.04

**REMINDER:** Please  
contact Pastor if you are  
going to be admitted to the  
hospital, or if you have any  
important need. Thanks.



**Take note:**

No Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday.

No Spiritual Wednesday Workshops on April 27 and May 4. The workshops will begin again on Wednesday, May 11.

The church office will be closed the day after Easter, Monday, April 25.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

What Seminary Schools are working with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)? The two Seminary locations (close to us) that are working with LCMC are:  
Ashland Theological Seminary (OHIO)  
Trinity Theological Seminary (INDIANA)

**Our Worship is on Internet Radio!**

Check us out on the internet radio WTSC (Tiffin-Seneca County).

Thank you to Rex Bibler for handling the weekly recordings.

Help sponsor a weekly recording with a gift of \$25.00. You can choose the week you wish to sponsor! See the sign-up sheet for this. Thank-you!

"The Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot"  
Augustine (430 A.D.)

A One liner...

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.  
He also accepteth from the grouch."  
(Ca. Hall)

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Are you new to visiting Family of Faith Lutheran Church? We have a Vision Team which helps organize the congregational work and purpose. Currently serving on our 2011 Vision Team, along with Pastor Mark are:

Eric Kissell	Shirley Smith
Dawn Egbert	Don Weller
Zo Redman	Rex Bibler
Heath Heldman	

May God lead this Team, through the will of the Holy Spirit.



I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10

**SOUP SUPPERS....**

We still have two soup suppers for you to enjoy. April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>, both beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Thanks to all who have provided food, and thanks to our soup makers, Diana Blem and Teresa Traxler!