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A newsletter for the parents of children in the Faith Church Children's Ministry

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- September 6, 13, 20, 27 — Food Pantry collection in S.S. classes
- September 20 — Practice Evacuation Drill at 9:15 and 10:45 in S.S. classes
- September 27 — Funny Munny Store

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A Word from Miss Mary Lee

We are excited to get back in the groove with the beginning of another Sunday School year. We miss you when you are traveling during the summer!

Please take a moment to get acquainted with your child's teachers (see list of Sunday School staff on page 3). Our committed Sunday School staff want to meet you, and I know you want to meet them so you can picture their faces as you pray for them and the impact they will have on your child's life during the coming year.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter so you won't miss out on any of the great things we have planned for the next few months.

We want to partner with you as we make disciples in Children's Ministry. From growing in our faith to enjoying time together in community to being on mission with Christ, everything we have planned is designed to help us grow as Jesus' disciples. Would you pray for us as we seek to be faithful to make disciples one child at a time!

I hope you realize how deeply we love you and your children. We thank the Lord for each of one of you and count it a privilege to work with your children. What a blessing!

If I can ever be of service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to be in touch!

Mary Lee



September Mission Emphasis — Faith Church Food Pantry

During the month of September, we will be collecting items for the Faith Church Food Pantry in children's Sunday School classes each week.



Feeding the Community

A lot of families are in need right now, and the resources of our Food Pantry have been rather severely depleted in recent months because of the number of families needing

assistance with food (and with folks gone for the summer).

To restock the Food Pantry, we are asking you to help your children learn more about helping others who are less fortunate than ourselves. If you are able, we are encouraging parents to have your child bring donated items on Sunday mornings to his or her Sunday School class. By participating, your child will be able to help others in our church body and community who are struggling right now.

Thank you for your encouragement.

Items needed include:
peanut butter, jelly,
pasta and sauce,
rice, cereal, apple sauce,
instant potatoes,
dry (powdered) milk,

canned fruit,
canned vegetables,
canned meat,
boxed mac and cheese,
jiffy mix, crackers,
popcorn, coffee,
paper products,
personal care products,
paper towels,
cleaning products.

(Note: To meet health regulations, the expiration date posted on the product must not have been reached.)

Thank you for helping, if you are able. God bless you!



Praying Over Our Children



On Sunday, September 6, Bryan Bell will be praying over our school-age children as they start a new school year. Near the end of each service, we will be bringing in children from Kindergarten through 6th grade (to join the junior and senior high students) as our congregation is encouraged to pray for them. We know that the school year can be a challenging time for our kids and their families, so we want to take a few moments in our worship services to pray over our school-age children.

As your Children's Ministry staff, we also take time in each of our team meetings to pray for the families who are a part



of our ministry. It's such a joy to lift you before the Father.

We thank God for each of you, ask God to lead each child into a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, pray that God's purposes for each child will be fulfilled, and that God's blessing would be upon each of your lives as you seek to follow Him.

If you have a specific need or request that we could pray for, please do not hesitate to contact us with those requests (mgriffith@faithchurch.net).

Evacuation Drill Planned for September 20

We will be conducting an evacuation drill during both Sunday School hours on Sunday, September 20, to fulfill an insurance requirement—weather permitting. It normally only takes about 5 minutes out of the Sunday School hour.

The plan is to begin blowing the whistle 15 minutes into each Sunday School hour (9:30 for the 1st hour and 11:00 for the 2nd hour). If your child has difficulty with changes in the

routine, please help prepare them for what we will be doing.

The teacher in each class will line up the children and exit the building. Each class will proceed to the far side of the parking lot. Once all of the children's Sunday School classes have exited the building, Mary Lee, Kari, and Margo will be checking that all classes are accounted for and will then give you the signal to return to the building.

We hope the evacuation drill won't take more than 5-10 minutes since things usually go very smoothly. The children usually see it as a little field trip!



Thanks for preparing your children for this excursion.

Are You a Member of Faith Church?



In going through various records in our church database, we have noticed that many of you are shown as an "Attendee" rather than a "Member" of Faith Church. Of course, we're thrilled to have you as part of our fellowship, but I want to encourage you to consider becoming an official member of the church.

I believe there are a number of benefits to being a member:

- You have the opportunity to select leaders for the church by voting in our annual elections.
- You become eligible to serve in one of the elected roles in our church.
- You are able to vote on the church budget (which determines how we spend the offerings we receive).
- You become eligible to have a "say" in how we move forward as a congregation.

We are holding a Membership Class on Sunday, September 20, at 10:45 a.m. I believe our young families need to be involved in helping determine where we are heading as a church body. Please consider signing up to participate in this class.

Please Pray for Our 2015-2016 Sunday School Staff

9:15

3s/4s Michele Pride; Dave & Jennifer French;

5s/K Ron Healey; Becky Woodard

1st/2nd Grades Jan Chester; Brenda Wallace

3rd Grade Wendy Edwards; Theresa Chumley

4th Grade Steve Thodesen; Amy Healey

5th/6th Gr Girls Jen Marks;

5th/6th Gr Boys Mark Edwards; Bob Erdmann

10:45

3s Matt & Kim Jorden
4s Margie Nesteroff; Cindy Garman

5s/K Joe Nesteroff; Jen Adams; Marjie Metz

1st/2nd Grades Nick Adams; Despina Seward

3rd Grade Bari Watkins; Ryan Kohler

4th-6th Gr Girls Sandy Deel; Marie Gore

4th-6th Gr Boys Joe Cunningham; Patty Kameron

If you would be interested in assisting twice a month in 3s or assisting in 5th/6th Grade Girls at 9:15, please contact Mary Lee Griffith.



Jan Chester and Brenda Wallace

Harvest Picnic

This year's Harvest Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 18, from 3-6 p.m. at the Community Park on Buckwheat Road in Milford. It's open to the whole church and should be a great time for the church family to "hang out" together. Activities are provided for the children, plus there is a playground and other recreation available. Come for lots of food, fun, and fellowship!



Candy Donation

Please bring candy donations to the Children's Wing by **October 11**. One bag of individually wrapped candy should be brought for each child who participates.

Potluck

The church provides meat, chips, buns, ice, and paper/plastic goods. Everyone bring: a 2-liter of pop/juice and lawn chairs or blankets, strollers, AND a side dish to serve 8 people.

If your last name begins with:

- A-S Side dish (i.e., hot or cold veggies, salad, cole slaw, fruit, baked beans, potatoes, mac and cheese, etc.)
- T-Z Dessert (i.e., cake, cookies, pie, brownies, etc.)

Directions

Community Park
5951 Buckwheat Rd.
Milford, OH 45150



Go to www.miamitwp.org and click on link for Parks - Community for directions.

Volunteers Needed

For the Harvest Picnic, there are a number of teen and adult volunteer opportunities (set-up, food, games, clean-up) still available. Call Kari DiStefano at 453-1306, e-mail kdistefano@faithchurch.net. If you can help, please let Kari know as soon as possible. Thanks!





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This year we will be providing **AWANA Listening Sessions** on Sunday mornings twice a month between the 9:15 and 10:45 Sunday School Hours in Room I — **September 20, October 4 and 18, November 1 and 15, December 6 & 20**. Listeners will be available beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Room I for children who want to complete work in their AWANA Handbooks. If these times do not work for your family, please contact Mary Lee Griffith to make other arrangements.

Kids @ Faith — Making disciples one child at a time

We love kids at Faith Church! The mission of our Children's Ministry is to make disciples one child at a time. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with parents in this all-important responsibility.

The Children's Ministry exists to partner with parents as together we lay the spiritual foundation where real transformation takes place in the lives of the preschoolers and elementary children who attend our ministries at Faith Church. Our purpose is for children to experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and grow in that relationship as reproducing disciples of the Lord Jesus. We desire that each child come to the place where he or she chooses to imitate the whole life of Christ by being in communion with God, in community with others, and on mission with Christ.



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Upcoming Events

Evacuation Drill —
September 20, 2015, at the
9:15 and 10:45 Sunday
School Hours

This drill will only be conducted in the children's Sunday School classes.

Membership Class —
September 20, 2015, at the
10:45 Sunday School Hour

This class is for any regular attendees who know Christ personally and wish to become a member of Faith Church.



Funny Munny Store —
September 27, 2015, at the
conclusion of the 9:15 and
10:45 Sunday School Hours



All-Church Harvest Picnic —
October 18, 2015, 3-6 p.m.
at the Community Park on
Buckwheat Road

This is a great time of fellowship for the whole church family.

Funny Munny Store —
October 25, 2015, at the
conclusion of the 9:15 and
10:45 Sunday School Hours

Thanksgiving One Service —
November 22, 2015
After a tasty, filling breakfast in the MPR, we will worship together on Sunday, November 22, with a special "One Service" on the Sunday before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Childcare and classes will be provided for infants through 3rd Grade and Special Friends at 10:30 a.m.

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes — Collection on
November 22, 2015

Please consider participating in Operation Christmas Child. "Shoebbox" brochures will be available in late October, and the gift-filled shoeboxes will need to be turned in no later than noon on Sunday, November 22. More information will be provided in the month of October.



Kids Christmas Celebration
and Parents Night Out —
December 4, 2015,
6:30-9:00 p.m.
Reservations required—Please make as soon as possible (but no later than noon on Tuesday, December 1)