



First Federated Church



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I’ve been thinking about journeys quite a bit recently. We journeyed with our youth this summer to welcome families who have journeyed very far from their homes. Anne & I took a journey to see our oldest son in Iowa and while she drove I read part of a book for my continuing education requirement that talked about the Book of Exodus and the Israelites’ journey from the grips of Pharaoh into the wilderness.

It oversimplifies it just a bit but the people of Israel became enslaved because they wanted the sure thing of being fed food from Pharaoh’s silos. All it cost them was their children’s freedom.

What is your life journey like? Do you feel enslaved to “Pharaoh?” Have you sold your children into the slavery of a life of over-organized hyperactivity?

When the Israelites found out they had to journey through the wilderness to get to the Promised Land they were very disappointed, afraid, even angry. What they didn’t yet realize was that God was already there and in the scarcity of the wilderness was everything they needed to survive.

There are many people who wander alone through Pharaoh’s city. Let’s invite them on our journey though the wilderness. “I will bless you with a future filled with hope—a future of success, not of suffering.” Jeremiah 29:11 Contemporary English Version.

Pastor Jack

"MAZE CRAZE" Corn Maze

Come get lost with us **Oct 16!** Rt. 165 New Springfield, OH. Meet at church @ 2 pm. There's plenty to do! Mazes, corn hole, straw pyramid for climbing, swing set & straw maze for the little ones. Ages 5-11 \$8, 12 and up \$10. \$2 off per person for groups of 20. Military ID & children under 5 **FREE. WEATHER PERMITTING.**

You can also find more information at:

<http://getlostatmazecraze.com/index.html>



**First Federated Church
10786 Mahoning Ave
Sunday, Oct. 30th 4 – 5:30 PM**

This is a **FREE** Event for the whole community!!



Trunk or Treat

**Invite
A
Friend!**

Come Trick or Treating in our parking lot!!!
We will also have **FREE** hot dogs, chips, cider & coffee!!
Feel free to invite your friends!!!
We can't wait to see you all!!!

Kidz Church "Kidz Church"

All Children are welcome in Kidz Church! We have three age groups:
Preschool-Kindergarten
1st-3rd grade, and the
4th-6th graders. Every Sunday morning following the Children's Message (about 9:40 a.m.) the fun of Kidz Church begins and lasts right thru 10:30 a.m.



Payton Henderson of the Jackson-Milton Livestock Club has sent First Federated Church a really nice thank you card for purchasing her hog for Second Harvest Food Bank. She is grateful to be a part of helping so many people. We are proud of you Payton!



GOBBLE, GOBBLE ITEMS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING IN MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

- Boxed Stuffing
- Gravy (jars preferred)
- Boxed cereal
- Cake Mixes & Frosting
- Muffin Mixes
- Canned Soups
- Bread **



You may be thinking it's only October but it takes time to prepare for a Holiday Pantry. The above are items that can be used for Thanksgiving. Monetary donations are always accepted but if you would like to buy any of the above items they can be brought to church. *All items must be non-perishable

Bagging will be November 17, 2016 at 6pm in the Sanctuary

******If you would like to donate a loaf of bread or more we are asking that you bring it to the church the night we are bagging or during the day to church office. Let us know below so we know if we have enough.

I will donate _____ loaf/loaves of bread for Thanksgiving bagging on Nov 17.

Name _____

Phone _____



If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office 330-538-3936.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Pantry Dates 2016

These dates are for the 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month except for
November & December
Open 10am – Noon

October 8 and 22
****November 12 and 19****
****December 10 and 17****

In emergencies you can call Help Hotline Crisis Center 1-800-427-3606 or 211
2nd Harvest Food Bank 330-792-5522

Anyone in need is welcome to our food pantry. We serve North Jackson, Lake Milton, Berlin Center, Ellsworth, the west side of Austintown & Lordstown. If you are outside of this area we suggest you call Second Harvest to see who is closest to you.

Orange Day, Sept 18, 2016
Showing our support for "Hunger Action Month"



CONFIRMATION CLASS

We have six terrific, enthusiastic students enrolled who have begun their journeys of figuring out what GDSNWHR means. Our next class is Sunday, October 23rd @ 5pm in the parlor.

THANK YOU

to Michael Repula for all of the things big and small you have done at FFC. Michael helps regularly with the pantry and he stops by occasionally to weed the flowerbeds, which seems like a never-ending job. Michael does this because he recognizes the importance of making this a welcoming place. If you see it needs done – please do it!

If you've been thinking about joining our church family just call 330-538-3936 or Email: ffcpastor@neo.rr.com



Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is open the 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month from **10am to Noon;** (Sept 10 & 24). Extra help is always needed on pantry days, please consider giving a little of your time if you are able.

Help Needed Unloading Truck

Our next truck will be Oct 20 at 9:30am. Help is always needed!



Kids Kupboard



Thank you to everyone who donated to "Kids Kupboard". Thank you to Mrs. Fisk, JM Elementary Principal for joining us!

Upcoming Meeting/Events

- Oct 12 – 18 church secretary on vacation
 - Oct 16 Maze Craze 2:00pm
 - Oct 17 Brewing Faith in the Parlor Noon
 - Oct 17 Worship Board Meets 1:00pm
 - Oct 22 Mother Hubbard's Cupboard 10am to Noon
 - Oct 23 Confirmation Class Meets 5:00pm
 - Oct 24 Brewing Faith in the Parlor Noon
 - Oct 25 Lunch Bunch @ Nese's in Lordstown 11:30am
 - Oct 25 Friendship Ops in the church parlor 1:00pm
 - Oct 26 Brewing Faith (location TBD) 7:00pm
 - Oct 30 Trunk or Treat 4 to 5:30pm
- AA** every Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall @ 8pm
NA meet Monday Nights at 7pm basement.
Cub Scouts Meet weekly on Mondays at 6:00pm
Boy Scouts Meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm

Sunday Morning Goodies

Thank you to those that bring in cookies, fruit and treats for Sunday Mornings! They are so appreciated by everyone. Baked goods are always welcome & if there's too many it's ok because we can always put some in the freezer for another Sunday!



FINANCE TEAM REPORT:

Year to Date through September 30, 2016:

Income	\$78,352.67
Expense	\$75,627.73
Positive Balance	\$ 2,724.94

Travelers, keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, our church relies upon your regular contributions. First Federated Church deeply appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year, especially during popular winter and summer travel periods. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions. Please sign up at www.firstfederatedchurch.net

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God is still speaking,

*"To Be for the World, the Body
of Christ,
Reaching Out, Welcoming All,
and Growing Together
in Faith, Hope & Love"*



In Our Prayers.....

Lois Andrews, Tom Andrews, Marian Booth, Dewey Clark, Dorothy Clark, Sandy Clark, Bob Clover, Bill Colwell, Charles Evans, Art Figinsky, Dean Figinsky, Luv Hahn, Lucas Haus, James Hagan, Marti Hallas, Lester Handwork, Blanche Jones, Liz Jones, Elizabeth Lelo, Bill Lesho, Mike Markel, Jim Mosier, Tanner Noble, Lucas Persing, Bonnie Pittman, Cheryl Sandberg, Bill Sanders, Stephanie Schaffner, Tim Setree, Tim Sickle, Mary Wagner, Cheryl Whaley, Ethan Wood. (You may add anyone to the prayer list by calling or emailing the church.)

Lunch Bunch will be gathering again on Tuesday, October 25, 11:30am at Nese's Cafe in Lordstown, If you plan on attending please let Phoebe Dickerhoof know 330-538-3126.

Friendship Ops will meet again also on October 25 after Lunch Bunch in the church parlor.

Pastor Jack's office hours
Mondays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
and
Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
His mobile phone number is 330-770-2786 or reach
him via email at ffcpastor@neo.rr.com