

March-April, 2010

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Weekend
“I Will Rise” Easter Musical
Sat. & Sun. March 27 & 28
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Communion Service
April 2nd—7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services
Sanctuary
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

MAC
11:00

PRAYER EMPHASIS

We have divided the year 2010 into six themes as we move to become disciples of Jesus. Thanks for sharing in January-February with our theme of “Sharing Our Lives.” You shared your faith, your food, clothing and a vision for our church.

For March and April our emphasis is on Prayer. We are calling you to pray like never before in these challenging days. We will emphasize prayer in our worship and give special opportunities to be involved in action as we wait upon the Lord.

A starting place could be to spend time each day in personal prayer to God. Ask Him to guide you and lead you as we prepare for even greater things He is yet to do.

In Mark 11:17 Jesus said “My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Let’s be a people of prayer so that God’s house will be what Jesus wants it to be.

—Pastor Dave

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Spring into a Fellowship Bible Study Class

Spring is a wonderful time to join one of our Sunday morning (10 am) classes for adults. We now have taken over the lower area of the church with five classes meeting in the lower level each Sunday morning. The lower level Java House is available for coffee and a tasty goody to take to class with you. What a great way to see others on your way to class and to have a chance to say good morning. Five classes for adults on the lower level, Single Vision and the Generations class on the main floor and four classes for adults on the second floor. Check the list on our website and come and see. Kids are not the only ones having a good time at JFC. We adults love studying God's Word together and growing in Him. Join us!

JFC WOMEN'S RETREAT
March 19-21
"Loving Well"
With Beth Moore
A "Retreat in a Box"

Come and enjoy a relaxing weekend in beautiful Amish Country with old friends and new as we learn more about "Loving Well" with Beth Moore. We'll worship together, learn together and grow together as we enjoy the beautiful facilities of Berlin Hotel & Suites.

Be sure to fill out a registration form (available at the Welcome Center). Deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 3rd. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due with each registration.

I WILL RISE

I Will Rise will be presented as our Easter Musical on **Saturday, March 27** and **Sunday, March 28**. This is Palm Sunday weekend and the program will begin at **7:00 p.m.** each evening.

Featuring the JFC Adult Choir, JFC Orchestra, Youth Ensemble, Puppet Ministry and the combined leadership of our celebration and contemporary service praise teams, this presentation is a worship event celebrating God's resurrection power!

It will truly bring each of us into the presence of God and will be a musically inspired event you will not want to miss.


Invite friends and family to celebrate the Easter season in this special presentation of I Will Rise.

A love offering will be received each evening and a time of fellowship with refreshments will be held in the Atrium following each performance.

Variety Night/Talent Show & Dinner


Sunday, April 25—5:30 p.m.

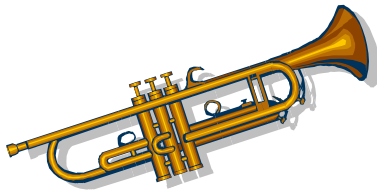
It's here again! Come out and enjoy the talent of our church family at Jackson Friends Church: singing, dancing, puppets, musical performances, juggling, and whatever else you can imagine!



The youth group will serve dinner at 5:30pm and the show will begin shortly thereafter. All proceeds will benefit youth missions.

All acts and performances must pre-register with Pastor Zach by **April 21, 2010**. Mandatory auditions will also be held on the evening of the 21st in the Hospitality Room. Call Pastor Zach at 330-966-0616 to register.





JFC ORCHESTRA STORIES

You may be wondering “How did Jackson Friends get an orchestra?” I am witness to this being another blessing from God to our church. It started about six years ago. There were several attendees who had played instruments in band in “their past life” and it occurred to me that we might have the right instrumentation to put together a small ensemble.

As time went by, others were drawn to the group where we now have just about every part filled to make an orchestra. I would like to feature the trumpet section in this newsletter:

Rich Grisak came to Jackson Friends as a Worship Leader on guitar and what a pleasant surprise to find out he also is a fine trumpet player. Barb Miller is like the Energizer Bunny—she just keeps on goin! Barb has played trumpet in previous church praise bands and it was a natural to include her in ours. So, when orchestra started, she was ready to go! Gary Busby joined the orchestra just this year. He was overheard talking about playing in the alumni band down in Cadiz, Ohio and now he comes faithfully to orchestra rehearsals and adds a big sound to the section. Amanda Fulton, a new attendee, approached Rich and I after the orchestra played in February and explained how she had played in the Carrollton Band about five years ago and really missed playing her trumpet. Well, guess what? She is now playing in our orchestra. Rounding out the trumpet section is Cameron Entwistle, who joins us as an 8th-grader in the Canton City Schools. He is doing a great job!

God does the recruiting, we just get the music ready and serve as worship leaders through our instruments. More orchestra stories will be coming in future articles. Enjoy what God has blessed us with and, if you’re a “player,” come and join us!

—Denny Herris
Director, Music Ministries

GREETINGS FROM OUR NURSERY!

As most of our nursery parents are already aware, we were in desperate need of a working pager system. After researching various pager systems that would work in all areas of our building, we were finally able to purchase a new one. Parents, please be assured that if your child is crying, we will be able to page you promptly. As always, we never let a child cry for more than 5-10 minutes without notifying you. Our new pagers will light up and shake vigorously when you are needed. Our goal here in the nursery is to provide our children with a healthy environment to learn about Jesus. Praise God for His many blessings!



—Marty Shomali
Director of Nursery Ministries

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Church office hours are Monday-Friday
 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Crossroads is monthly newsletter of Jackson Friends Church. Activities to be put on the calendar must be submitted to Lori Miller before being published. All articles and calendar events for publication must be turned in by the 15th of every month to Ginny Curran (gcurran@jacksonfriends.org).

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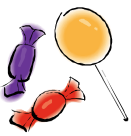
PRE-SCHOOL &
ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN

NO KIDZONE?! We will not have KidZone in March. Children in grades 1-5 will remain in the service on the first Sunday in March.

Children's Choir Musical:

Our Children's Choir will present the Musical GPS on Sunday evening, March 14. Dinner will be served at 5:00 and the program will begin at 6:00. Come enjoy and support our children!

Prizes and Candy Needed for the Easter Egg



Hunt! Once again it is time to begin collecting prizes and candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring small candy items and prizes, such as bubbles, small toys, cars, sidewalk chalk, etc., to the bin in the foyer of the church. Thanks for your help!

Easter Egg Hunt: All children from preschoolers to fifth graders are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will have it, rain or shine, on Saturday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. Invite a friend or neighbor!



Easter Offering Contest: The elementary study hour classes will be having an offering contest during the month of March. The class that raises the most offering will win a doughnut/chocolate milk party on Sunday, April 11. All of the offering will go towards our Easter offering.



Children's Choir Musical

Our Children's Choir will present the Musical GPS on Sunday evening, March 14. Dinner will be prepared and served by our Sr. High Youth at 5:00 and the program will begin at 6:00. All donations from the dinner will go toward youth missions. Come enjoy a wonderful program and support our children!

GENERATIONS



MARCH

Thursday, March 4th—Join us at "The Bear's Den" at Jackson High School for lunch at 12:00 noon.

Sunday, March 14th—Undershepherds in the Hospitality Room at 12:00 noon. Bob and Bonnie Hardy will be sharing with us.

Thursday, March 25th—It's "South of the Border" down Mexico Way! Join us at El Campesino at 34th St. NW & Cleveland Avenue in Canton at 12:00 noon.



APRIL

Thursday, April 8th—Meet us for lunch at Devore's Hopocan Gardens (4396 Hopocan Ave. Ext.—Barberton, OH) at 12:00 noon. Go to hopocangardens.com for coupons. "Best chicken this side of the West Virginia border!"

Sunday, April 18th—Undershepherds in the Hospitality Room at 12:00 noon. As Dean Martin would sing, "Ah! Pizza pie, that's Amore!" We'll finish off with apple pie made for you by "Chef Lorenzo." We'll be joined by a special guest; Julie and her two children as she shares with us.



Thursday, April 29th—We'll meet at Denny's on Everhard Road for lunch at Noon!

Sign up at the Welcome Center or Let Larry Werstler know if you're attending the lunches so he can make the reservations!

CAMP GIDEON 2010

Grades 2-4	June 13-15/June 16-18
Grades 4-6	June 20-25
Grades K-6	June 25-27
Grades 7-9	June 28-July 1
K-Grade 2	July 5-8
Family Camp	July 9-11
Grades 3-5	July 11-16
Grades 6-8	July 17-22
Mother/Daughter	July 23-25
Grades 3-5	July 25-30

Brochures/registrations are available at the Welcome Center.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Friday, March 5th - Service Project:

We'll be volunteering at the Johnson Center at Malone for the Crisis Pregnancy Center for a concert and movie event. Rebecca St. James and a movie "Sarah's Choice" will be the event and we will help set up, greet, tear down and do whatever else they need. Plan to meet at the Johnson Center at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 14—Fundraiser:

We're preparing dinner for the Children's Choir performance. All money we make will be divided between those who volunteer and put towards your next mission trip. Be here at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 21st—Undershepherds:

Bring something to eat or drink to share and join us for a time of fellowship, study and encountering God together.

Saturday, March 27th—Game Night:

Meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. and let the madness begin. We might have to bring back Grog and the trash can game!

Friday, April 2nd—Prayer Night!

Meet here at 6:30 p.m. to seek the face of the Lord together.



Saturday, April 10th—Soup Kitchen:

More details to come.

Friday, April 16th—Ultimate Frisbee (glow in the dark):

Meet here at 6:30 p.m. Unless it's absolutely freezing, we'll have some worship around a bonfire and play ultimate Frisbee with a glow-in-the-dark Frisbee. If weather doesn't permit, we'll play inside.

Sunday, April 18th—Undershepherds:

Bring something to eat or drink to share and join us for a time of fellowship, study and encountering God together.

Sunday, April 25th—Talent Show and Fundraising Dinner:

Prior to the talent we will host a fundraising dinner to benefit Sr. High mission trips. All those who help will get money toward their next mission trip. Put an act together and sign up to perform as well.

Middle School (Grades 6-8)



Wednesday Nights - "10:10"

every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Join Moby and the gang for Bible study and fellowship.

Saturday, March 6th—Paint Night for new room decorations from 7:00-9:00p.

Saturday, March 20—Surprise Event at JFC from 7:00-9:00p.

Saturday, March 27—Cornerstone informational meeting for Youth & Parents 7:00-10:00p.

Saturday, April 17th—Join us at JFC from 7:00-9:00p.

Saturday, April 24—Cornerstone from 7:00-9:00p.

Watch the bulletin for other events in the works!



Youth Christmas Party 2009

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

We have everything from last week's bulletin to this month's newsletter. You'll also be able to find out if church services/events have been cancelled or changed. Greeters schedules, nursery schedules, choir & orchestra — it's all there! Go to www.jacksonfriends.org.