

FAITHNews

The Newsletter of Faith United Church of God

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April 2018

Kids Hope USA



April is the last full month of mentoring and the lead-in to our Kids Hope Kids most anticipated event: the Annual First Friday in May Pizza Party. It's a great opportunity to bring our kids, mentors and volunteers together for a time of food, games and the joy of being together. If you are free to join us on Friday, May 4th between 11:30 and 1:00 pm, we could really use your help. You've seen the pictures, you've heard the buzz, now come and experience for yourselves what all the excitement is about. I hope to hear from you soon!

Judy Kerwin, Kids Hope Director

Children's Church



Time: 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Ages: 4 thru completion of the 3rd grade

Children's Church will be offered at 10:30 AM on our Lower Level on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month. Each week we will be doing hands-on worship where kids encounter God, so we always encourage your children to attend!

Children's Church Volunteers:

April 1 = No Children's Church

April 8 = No Children's Church

April 15 = Tim & Jodi Stanton

April 22 = No Children's Church (Concert)

April 29 = Chad & Jenny Morris

Volunteers, if you are unable to be here on the date that you are scheduled, please contact Carol Cutter or Wendy Shick.

Youth News!

Join us for
Wednesday Night



6:00 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday Evenings
(Grades: 6th - 12th)*

***Come and bring your friends!**

(Youth Schedule is available in narthex)

April 4 – No Youth Group (*Spring Break*)

April 11 – “Generation Z”

April 18 – “Go-Kart Racing”

April 25 – “How Are We Alike?”

Questions? Please contact Daniel at (616) 914-5460,
or przybylskijdaniel@gmail.com

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Our Mission Statement

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Holy Week Service



Easter Sunday, April 1

- Easter Breakfast, 9-9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- Morning Service, 10 AM in the Sanctuary

Easter Breakfast, April 1

On Easter Sunday, April 1 from 9-9:45 we'll be having an Easter Sunrise Breakfast. We are looking for donations of food, and help with the set-up and cleanup. If you are interested in participating, please see the sign-up sheet on the information desk. Thank you!

Celebration of Ministry, April 8



Sunday, April 8 will be Pastor Steve and Lisa's final day serving in their ministry at Faith United Church of God. Please join us in a special service of gratitude and celebration of their 23 years of leadership, service and friendship with our church family. There will be refreshments and a time of fellowship in the narthex following the service. You won't want to miss this opportunity to once more express your love and appreciation to them!

Loose Change Sunday, April 15



On Sunday, April 15, we will have a "Loose Change" fund raiser for our youth as they prepare for upcoming Youth Events. At the close of the service, students will be in the narthex with buckets to receive any loose change or donations you'd like to give to help them out. Thank you!

Northwest Food Pantry

We continue to collect items for the Northwest Food Pantry. For the month of April, Faith United is collecting **tuna and other canned meats; personal items and cleaning products are also needed.**

Thank you for your continued support!

Readers Anonymous, April 16



The women's Book Group meets the 3rd Monday of each month from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** at Erika Irving's for good reads and great conversation! Won't you join us?

The next meeting is **Monday, May 21.**

Health Corner

In this life, change is inevitable and, at times, overwhelming, which can lead to stress. There is an article on the Health Corner board with a number of excellent ways to deal with stress, both for ourselves and those around us. Please be sure to take a look. Wishing you peace!

Your Parish Nurse, Judy

Beef Jerky (Fundraiser), March 28 – April 18

The Youth Group will be selling Buffalo Bob's Beef Jerky to raise monies for upcoming youth events. More information will be available soon. Thank you for your continued support of Faith United's Youth Group!

CWC Convention, April 27-28

Christian Women Connection Michigan State Convention that will be held April 27-28, at the Holiday Inn, 810 Cinema Drive, Midland. The speaker is Rev. Mary Stephens, Senior Pastor at South Side ChoG, South Bend, IN. Tonja Henry from the Hoseph Campau Church in Detroit will lead worship. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex with information about the different packages available.



The Trustee Board is planning a Spring Work Day for **Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9:00 AM to Noon.**

There will be opportunities both indoor and outdoor and much help is needed!

Give just a few Saturday hours to help keep our church building and grounds attractive and well maintained. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

Cochren & Co. – April 21 & 22

April 21 – The group, Cochren & Co., will be in concert at Sunset Park Church of God at 7 pm.

Sunset Park Church of God
3450 Michael SW
Wyoming, MI 49509
616-532-3005

April 22 – Cochren & Co. will be in concert and leading worship here at **Faith United** on Sunday morning, April 22 at 10 am. This is a great opportunity to bring guests!

Bio



Michael Cochren is a twenty-four year old singer/songwriter and worship leader from southern Indiana. His music tells stories of hope, grace, and second chances. A large variety of artists such as Billy Joel, Needtobreathe, and Ray Charles have impacted his American piano rock-n-blues pop sound.

In the summer of 2011, Michael began writing and touring both solo and with a band of his musician friends. With the release of his first EP, and the help of some regional radio play in southern Indiana, Michael found himself performing across the Midwest; further developing his piano-driven soul sound. In 2014, Michael Cochren began touring with his band under the name Cochren & Company (stylized Cochren & Co.).

Michael and his band Cochren & Company have released 2 EPs and have opened for artists such as Newsboys, Crowder, Jeremy Camp, Tenth Avenue North, Sidewalk Prophets, City Harmonic, Chris August, NF, We Are Messengers and more. Current group members are: Michael Cochren, his beautiful wife Leah Cochren, Tanner Brooks, Jake Headley and Michael Mathis. Cochren & Co. is currently working on new music to be released in 2018.

<https://michaelcochren.com/>

Join us for these great worship experiences!

1st Sunday Fellowship, May 6



Please mark your calendars for

Sunday, May 6

as we worship together during a Fellowship time.

We will gather in the narthex immediately following the morning service for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

It's a great opportunity to get to know your Friends at Faith better.

Join us in this fun event!

*There is no Sunday School on this day
so parents are encouraged to bring
their children upstairs to join in the fun!*

Save The Date!



May 24 - 26, 2018 – The youth will be having a garage sale at Orchard View. They'll be collecting items to sell. If you have any items you'd like to donate, let Daniel know.

Any monies raised will help off-set the cost for future youth events!

Children, Youth and Adult Classes



CHILDREN

- **Infant** (Newborn up to 2 year olds)
Teachers: Mary Irving and Jean Estebez
Substitute: Connie Evans
- **Toddlers** (2 - 3 year olds)
Teachers: Erika Irving and Velvet Lerch
- **Pre-K - 3rd Grade** (4 years - 3rd grade)
Teachers: Carol Cutter and Heather Bessinger
Class meets in room #2 on the lower level

YOUTH

- **Ted's Tweens** (4th - 7th grades)
Teacher: Ted Evans
Sub: Tonya Mashue
Class meets in room #3 on the lower level
- **Youth Class** (8th - 12th grades)
Teacher: Daniel Przybylski
Sub: Tonya Mashue
Class meets in room #4 on the lower level

ADULT

- **Foundations Class**
Teachers: Ryan and Becki Simpson,
and Steve Shick
Studying: *The Gratitude Diaries*
by Janice Kaplan
Class meets in the Narthex
- **Adult Pulpit Class**
Teachers: Marcia and Garrett Holleman
Sub: Janice Ertle
Studying: *"New Testament Characters"*
By Carolyn Nystrom
Class meets on the Sanctuary Platform
- **Bridges Class**
Teachers: Lou Van Dyke and Millard Knapp
Studying: Adult *Bridges* Curriculum
Class meets in the west end of the Fellowship Hall
- **Elective Class I**
Teachers: Mark Peterson & Judy Kerwin
Studying: *Lies We Believe About God*
by William Paul Young
Class is meeting in the center of the Fellowship Hall
- **Elective Class II**
Teachers: Michele Paulin and Esther Hickerty
Studying: *NIV Standard Lesson Commentary*
2017-2018, edited by Ronald L. Nickelson
Class meets in the east end of the Fellowship Hall

April Nursery Volunteers



Infant

- 1 – Carol Cutter & Patti Cutter
- 8 – Heidi Przybylski & helper
- 15 – Janice Ertle & Becki Simpson
- 22 – Jill Oswalt & Rhonda Plants
- 29 – Amy Blauw & Judy Kerwin

Toddler

- 1 – Connie Evans & Jolie Stanton
- 8 – Chad & Jenny Morris
- 15 – Erika Irving
- 22 – Mary Irving
- 29 – Tonya Mashue

Please contact Rhonda Plants if you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for articles to be turned into the church office for the May 2018 edition of FAITHNews is Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Thank you!

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Living Link Missionaries

Alfonso & Elizabeth Ayala (Belize)

Daniel & Christy Kihm (Netherlands)

Sundays

10:00 AM Celebration of Worship

11:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesdays

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Youth

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