



the joyful noise

Vision 2014

“Asking for Greater things”

¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 14:12-14 (NIV)



October has come. Fall colors and pumpkin ice cream along with apple cider are sweet to the senses. Soon Thanksgiving and Christmas will come into view quite fast! Thoughts of family and friends will cross our minds as we think about holiday travel plans.

Christmas decorations will soon be popping up in the aisles of stores. Following fast will be the sounds of Christmas music in the air. Tapping toes and lightened hearts and thoughts turning towards....

Start thinking now how God may move through you to turn a heart towards HIM this coming Christmas!

Christmas carols entering an ear can stir a memory of a childhood long ago. Christmas trees on the corner can bring a smile from the child that has long since grown up. Then thoughts of a faith long left behind may stir in the soul. A longing for once was crosses the face and tugs in the heart.

At that moment God places you in the life of another to give a colorful card! Hope! Peace! Joy! Love! Faith! Jump off of the card and into the soul. Turning the card over, “You’re Invited! Come to Faith in Christ” God’s GRACE grabs hold to begin a new life.

The Lord can work with a simple business sized card to turn a heart toward HIM. Give out the “invite cards.” Then as you have given out the first five, come and get some more to give out. Touch a life with a simple gesture and a kind word as you give the “invite card”. Trust the Holy Spirit to turn a heart towards faith in Christ.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

This Good News of Great Joy is for All People! Give a card to your barber. Give a card to your neighbor. Give a card to a person in line at the store. Give a card to a family at the playground. Give a card to..... See it as casting seeds upon the ground. The Lord will water. The Lord will grow.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff

Prayer Moment:

"The power of prayer has never been tried to its full capacity in any church. If we want to see mighty wonders of divine grace and power wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let the whole Church answer God's standing challenged; "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knows not."

J. Hudson Taylor

**Almighty God, we call unto You!
Have mercy and hear our prayer. Show us great and mighty things! Holy Spirit rush through us like wildfire. Set our hearts ablaze!**

**Turn our desires to Kingdom things. Help us lay our lives down for Kingdom causes. Unleash Your power in our souls. We are Your Church. We need Your Power! Now show Your Mighty Hand!
We ask in Jesus' Name! Amen!**

Walking in the Word – Tuesday Night Bible Study
We will Meet October 7th, 21st, and 28th
We will meet November 4th, 18th and 25th

The southern kingdom Judah and the northern kingdom Israel are in turmoil. Will they worship the Lord God or go after Baal? Are their kings walking in the way of David or walking in the ways of the wicked? Come and Studying the Bible with your brothers and sisters in Christ Tuesdays at 7 pm. We concluded by 8:15 p.m.



Children's Sunday School

We are traveling down Route 66! Beginning at Genesis we'll work our way down the road through the 66 books of the Bible.

Moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, great-grandma and great-grandpas, these intentional times of discipling will nurture the FAITH of those entrusted to your care. Make a Sunday morning faith commitment for you and your family! Attend Sunday School and Worship together.



Sunday School

*Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Listen Online to a Sunday Sermon Message

Sunday Sermon messages are recorded and made available for listening on our Website: www.ficlc.net The link to the message archive is found on the Pastor page.

This is a great opportunity to hear again the Word Preached and also a great opportunity to share the Word Preached with a friend at work or anywhere you have access to the internet. The Lord can bring a blessing and draw another to Faith in Christ.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Wednesday Nov. 26th at 7 P.M.

The Lord provides in so many ways for our daily life. Rain drops and sunshine fall on the fields that yield the food we eat. Gifts from our Great God! Come and give thanks. Thanksgiving Eve worship will include Holy Communion.



Decorating for Advent and Christmas Sat. Nov. 29th, 10 A.M.

Come and share in the joy of preparing for Advent and Christmas. We have numerous Christmas trees that need to be assembled and then decorated. There are tasks for all ages. We will also enjoy a snack together.



REFORMATION SUNDAY: In your offering envelope booklet you will find two envelopes for October 26th. The first one has just the date on it, as usual. The second one is a Special Offering Envelope for Reformation Sunday. All giving placed in this special offering envelope is designated for the yearly mission project in Southern Ohio. Formerly this was through Lutheran Social Services, but now is handled through **H.A.R.P. (Helping Appalachian Rural People)**.

THANKSGIVING: All giving placed in this envelope will go to "Local Food Pantries".

ADVENT: All giving placed in these envelopes will go to "Local Food Pantries". These envelopes say "Advent Offering" on the bottom of the envelope. All giving placed in the regular Sunday envelopes that have the date on them (even though they do fall during Advent) will go to your regular giving - ministry or building fund, as usual.

Consecration Sunday

October 19th is Consecration Sunday, the finale of our annual stewardship campaign which calls us to give out of our commitment to Christ. The campaign focuses on the need of the giver to give rather than the need of the church to receive. Members and friends of Faith in Christ will have the opportunity to make an estimate of their giving for the coming year during the service. Estimate of giving cards will be provided prior to the service.

During the time leading up to Consecration Sunday, we will prayerfully be considering how we will respond to God's grace in the coming months. Through a series of communications ...some by mail, some by newsletter, others as personal temple talks during worship...we will foster an ever greater experience of gratitude for all the Lord has provided for us!

It is not too soon to begin praying and planning as to how you will return to the Lord a portion of what He has first given you. "God is so good!"



THANKSGIVING DINNER **@ FIC - NOVEMBER 27TH** **1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.**

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, Thanksgiving dinner will once again be prepared and served, and enjoyed here at Faith in Christ Lutheran Church. This a perfect time to gather with others looking for a special day of fellowship and giving thanks to the Lord. The meal will be served beginning at 1 p.m. and conclude around 5:00 p.m.

Please join us here at Faith in Christ and feel free to invite anyone else you know who would also enjoy spending the day with us.

Should anyone feel moved to help with the dinner in any way, such as preparing food, serving, or donating an item, please call the church office.

Sign up sheets will soon be on the Mission & Ministry Table in the Narthex of the church.



Women
in
Service

Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC)

Will meet on Friday, October 3rd and again on Friday, November 7th at 12 Noon in Bay Breeze Restaurant for fellowship, lunch and a brief business meeting. Newcomers are always welcome!

Women of Today

Will meet for their regular meetings on Monday, October 20th and again on November 17th at 3:00 in the church. Their current project is making more Crismons for the church's Christmas tree.



Attention "All" Females of Any Age...

October 18th - 11:30 a.m.

You are invited to a special program and luncheon here at FIC for all of you "Girls". Marilyn Quick will present a program called "**Quick Quilting**", followed by a

luncheon of salads and punch. There will be a hands on time during the program for all of you to try your hand at a bit of quilting. Our FIC Quilt Group will display their completed projects and they are gorgeous!

So, bring your neighbor, bring your friend, bring your mother, daughter, sister, etc. All guests are welcome. A sign-up sheet will soon be in the Narthex.

This free event is for all "girls" of FIC, plus their guests, and is put on by the WinS Board.

UNDIE SUNDAY WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS!

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful, caring congregation. Your generous donations of undies....undershirts, undershorts and socks, for the men of the Hartley House, IHN's Men's Shelter, are greatly appreciated.

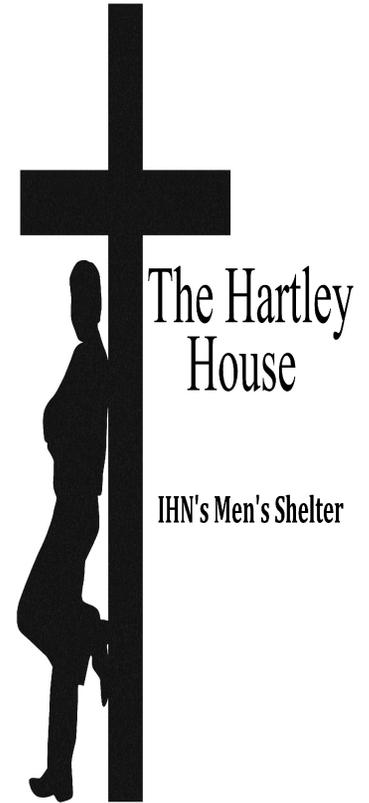
With your help we were able to collect:

64 Undershirts
148 Undershorts
76 Pairs of Socks

288 Total Items of Clothing

and 14 Leather Bags (made by the Women's Quilt Group)

A big round of applause goes out to the **WinS Board** for sponsoring this project and for providing a wonderful Fellowship time last Sunday. The ice cream sundaes and baked goods were delicious and enjoyed by all.





Heidee Ho There FIC'ers!

Greetings from your long lost Church Mouse. Oh, how I have missed chatting with you guys for a while. Howzitgoin' with you all? I'm sure that you have so much to tell me that I'll never, ever catch up on everything.

The Church Mouse Family is doing well, thank you for asking. Those little Mouselings and Grand Mouselings just keep us busy, now let me tell you. Our son and his family have now moved to Oklahoma (yes, go ahead and sing the song....I have been, at least the first line or two!) so now we'll have to travel to a land far away to visit them. But, hey...it'll be an adventure and Mr. Church Mouse is famous for his "adventures." Moving Grandma & Grandpa Church Mouse from West Virginia to Ohio has been an adventure too, but now they are only minutes away from us and that is a big blessing.

The church has been busy as well. Why, just in the last several months we have had all kinds of ministry opportunities,Blessings in a Bottle, sending the TWIGS off on their Mission Trip, School Supplies Collection, Kitchen clean-up day, the Youth Mission Trip to Caldwell, Ohio, Undie Sunday Day, The Zoo Trip and more. TNT has begun their new year as well as our Scouts - the Pack, Troop and Venture Crew, the Chancel Choir and more.

A yard sale is about to happen as I sit typing up this letter and....drum roll please....the long delayed Lenten Cookbook is finally coming out. Heather Lee put a lot of time into proof reading the recipes and now we think they are ready to be printed. Remember, this would be the result of Lent before last when we asked everyone to bring in not only their soup or dessert, but also the recipe for the delicious offering. Thank you so much to everyone who helped us out. You will notice that there are some recipes that do not have the name of the

person who made the food item. That's because there was not a name on the recipe itself. We're sorry that we couldn't acknowledge their contribution, but did include the recipe.

Consecration Sunday is coming up on October 19th and the WinS Board is putting on an event for all "girls of all ages" on October 18th. The program will be "Quick Quilting" and will be presented by Marilyn Quick. A luncheon will follow the program. This is for all females of FIC and their guests as well.

The men of the Hartley House will be well covered for a while with all of their new undershirts, undershorts and socks now let me tell you. A great big thank you goes out to all who donated to this wonderful project.

As this newsletter covers the months of October and November, it has been very hard to think ahead and include news for both of these months. Watch your Sunday morning bulletins and your e-mails for upcoming news on some events. By the way, do we have your e-mail addresses? Troop 311 is planning a Ham and Beans Dinner here at FIC on October 1st. Watch for information on tickets/costs for this delicious meal. Also, speaking of meals.....Marc & Marilyn Quick have once again graciously agreed to be in charge of organizing the Thanksgiving Dinner to be held here at FIC on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th. I'm not sure, as my brain is so small, but I think that this might be our 3rd years in a row for this dinner. It's a free dinner for anyone and everyone! Members, Guests and Strangers are all welcome! Then, two days after Thanksgiving Dinner it's time to decorate the church for Advent/Christmas. I know, I know...can you believe I'm even talking to you about this already? My goodness me!

Well, I've talked and typed myself out about now so I guess I'll close. I hope to be back with you again sometime real soon.
Later Gator.....