

Under the Dome Update

Winter Edition ~ 2012

Campaign to Fight Human Trafficking

On New Year's Day, the First United Methodist Church will host the 5th annual New Year's Day 5k race in Troy, the World Race for Hope. This year the event aimed to raise awareness of one of the greatest human rights challenges of our generation, human trafficking, also known as modern day slavery. A portion of the race proceeds will be provided to STOP Human Trafficking Dayton, while participants in the race will be encouraged to raise money for the Somaly Mam Foundation (<http://www.somaly.org>), a non-profit founded by trafficking survivor Somaly Mam. The Foundation's programs focus on the rescue and recovery of victims, education and global awareness.

Each year, over two million women and children are sold into slavery. Join Troy FUMC fight this crime against humanity. To donate to the campaign, which runs through February, go to <http://worldraceforhope.kintera.org>. To find out more about World Race for Hope events in other cities, go to <http://worldraceforhope.com>.

Christmas Update

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the Kyle Christmas Gala (volunteers and those who donated for the breakfast) and the Giving Trees. As we sorted and packaged the gifts for delivery, we were blown away by the generosity of our congregation. Many Kyle children will have a memorable Christmas because of your heartfelt donations. Thank you!
~Outreach Committee

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Upcoming...

Jan 1~World Race 4 Hope, 1pm
Jan 9~ Emmaus Gathering
Jan 30 & Apr 30~Faith Sharing Class
Feb 11~Marriage on the Rock
Mar 4~OSU Men's Glee Club, 2:30pm
Mar 16/17~ Heart to Heart Retreat
Apr 1~Palm Walk
Apr 8~ Easter Sunday
Apr 13/14~ UMW Rummage Sale

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YOUTH UPDATE

Hey there everyone, Pastor Mic here, and I wanted to share with you what the Youth Group is going to be up to these next few months. Every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 we meet in the Youth Room downstairs in First Place. We will play some games, worship, and have our God time.

Here are some of the bigger events to look forward to:

February 4: Ski Trip to Mad River Mountain (Costs to be announced)

February 17: Jr. High Lock-In: First Place from 9pm – 8am (Grades 6-8)

March 2: Dance Party Fundraiser to

help raise money to fight Human Trafficking! If you would like to help you can sponsor the youth who are dancing or even help donate towards the cause.

March 16: Sr. High Lock-In: First Place from 9pm – 8am(Grades 9-12)

Those are all the big events for the next few months, but remember that in **October** the Youth will be having their **Auction** to help raise money for our Missions. Now is the time to start thinking of ways you can help. Can you help by donating something to be sold at the auction? There are many ways to help us. You can contact me (Mic) for more questions!

LET'S GO!

As we start the year, deposits are due on the following dates:

January 15: \$30 deposit for the Creation Museum-March 14 trip

January 30: \$40 deposit due for Comedy-May 1 trip

February 20: \$30 deposit due for Beef & Boards-April 26 trip

March 1: \$75 deposit for Richmond, Williamsburg & DC-June trip

April 15: \$75 deposit due for Wisconsin trip-July

UMW Update

Faith Hope: 10am, 1st Tues, Social Room
(no mtg in Jan)

Cartwright: 7pm, 2nd Tues, Social Room

Susanna Wesley: 7pm, 2nd Wed, Social Room

Board Mtgs: 3rd Tues, 9:30am, Social Room

General Mtgs: 2/28-10am & 3/27-7pm, Social



Children's Update

We will be having a family dinner and mission project for children ages 3 through 5th grade once a month during the months of January through April. The dates are January 11, February 15, March 14 and April 18. The dinner will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 and the projects will be complete by 7:15 each evening. Adults are welcome to stay and assist with these projects or enjoy fellowship with each other!

UPCOMING EVENT !!!

Marriage On The Rock

February 11, 2012

Join Jimmy and Karen Evans for their Marriage on the Rock seminar recorded online broadcast at First Place Christian Center.