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Camera Two

New Video Equipment Shines Spotlight on North Campus Events

■ Story and Photo Illustration by Michael Barber

It is well accepted that most parents accumulate significantly more still photos and home video of their first child than their second or third. The novelty of capturing one's first step or spoken word often wears off as the family grows. This oversight turns to regret over time, events passing without proper documentation.

North Campus could very well be viewed as a sibling to South, just as vibrant and active but without the moving images upon which to reflect.

Until now.

The media team has recently acquired video equipment to help share and preserve precious memories. Beginning with *MorningSong* on June 3, events at the North Campus will be broadcast online and on television regularly, a change seen as positive and necessary by Dr. Richard Wing.

"The new equipment will allow us to televise activities at both campuses, rather than be limited just to South," Dr. Wing said. "In addition to televising special musical worship services, we will be able to have *Spiritual Searchers* and Youth Sunday televised and streamed, which we were not able to provide before. We are now unlimited in getting the word out, letting people experience a "journey church" instead of an "answer church."

This new broadcasting capacity is not lost on Rev. David Hett, who now looks forward to sharing special events such as adult learning lectures and *Spiritual Searcher* workshops with those who would otherwise not have the opportunity to participate. "Sadly, so much of those experiences have been lost except to memory," Rev. Hett said. "Having the ability for our media team to produce live webcasting and DVDs of our events will enable our own members and the national audience to engage with these brilliant speakers and retreat leaders."

“ Now we can open a window into the North Campus as well, adding its uniqueness and special programs to our largest outreach. ”

— Randall Rocke

Ronald Jenkins, Minister of Music and Liturgy, is also energized by the new capabilities. "Most of the large services of music like *Soli Deo Gloria*, *WinterSong*, *MorningSong* are held at the North Campus, because of the greater space for choir and orchestra the better acoustical environment," Ronald said. "With the ability to televise from Grace Hall, we increase our reach to a larger congregation."

Scott Binder, Director of Worship Technologies, gives credit to eBay

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June 3 through September 9 Summer Worship

We will have many opportunities this summer "To be all together in One Place"
(Acts 2:1)

June 3 9 and 11 am *MorningSong*
All worship at North Campus
The Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Dr. Richard Wing, *homilist*

The worship time to remember for the rest of the summer is 10:30 am.
For the remaining three Sundays of June there will be one service at each campus at 10:30 am.

June 10 10:30 am at North Campus, Rev. Katherine Shaner preaching
10:30 am at South Campus, Rev. David Hett preaching

June 17 10:30 am at North Campus, Rev. Katherine Shaner preaching
10:30 am at South Campus, Rev. James Long preaching

June 24 10:30 am at North Campus, Rev. Katherine Shaner preaching
10:30 am at South Campus, Dr. Richard Wing preaching

Then for July and August we will have the opportunity to combine the campus' worship and celebrate being "all together in one place".

- One service for our entire church community at 10:30 am.
- First 5 weeks at South Campus and the second 5 weeks at North Campus.

July at South Campus

July 1 10:30 am at South Campus, Rev. Deborah Lindsay preaching
July 8 10:30 am at South Campus, Rev. Deborah Lindsay preaching
July 15 10:30 am at South Campus, Rev. Deborah Lindsay preaching
July 22 10:30 am at South Campus, Rev. Deborah Lindsay preaching
July 29 10:30 am at South Campus, Dr. Richard Wing preaching

As August begins we move Sunday worship for 5 weeks to our North Campus

August at North Campus

August 5 10:30 am at North Campus, Dr. Richard Wing preaching
with the Sacrament of Communion
August 12 10:30 am at North Campus, Dr. Richard Wing preaching
August 19 10:30 am at North Campus, Rev. Katherine Shaner preaching
August 26 10:30 am at North Campus, Rev. Katherine Shaner preaching
September 2 10:30 am at North Campus, Dr. Richard Wing preaching

September 9 AKITA SUNDAY, two services at North Campus,
9:15 and 10:25 am

September 16 We will resume our regular worship schedule
9:15 and 10:25 am at North Campus
8:30 and 11 am at South Campus



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An Invitation to Membership
Summer New Member Seminar

Saturday, June 9, 2012
 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

If you are interested in learning more about membership at First Community Church or are ready to become a member, please join us for our summer New Member Seminar. To register or for more information contact Paula Russell, Director of Membership at prussell@FCchurch.com or 614 488.0681 ext 228.

Please note, if you have wanted to join for some time, but have not been able to attend a seminar, please contact us so that other arrangements can be made.

Looking ahead

Dr. Wing is preparing the following sermons:

June 3 - MorningSong
 Trinity Sunday
Stuck in Reverse
 John 3:1-17

June 24 - Membership Sunday
It Was A Dark & Stormy Night
 Mark 4:35-41



Soundings
Never Enough

— The Reverend Dr. Richard A. Wing, *Senior Minister*



I was at a retreat where the spiritual director asked, "How many of you ever feel like you do enough?" Not a single hand went up.

"How about with your spouse? Your children? Your work?" Not a single hand went up with each of these questions including mine.

So, what about you? Do you ever feel you do enough? Of course not, because you and I both have been born and bred into the Protestant work ethic. We have been taught that we have no value unless we are accomplishing something and the something we do accomplish is never enough to be acceptable by God or culture. Ouch.

Richard Rohr the Catholic priest said, "God always entices us through love. Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we (accomplish enough). In fact, God loves you" (in spite of what you do or do not accomplish).

What empowers us is the experience of love. It is that inherent experience of love that empowers us to do what we can do in the spirit of Jesus always knowing that that will be enough.

Bookkeeping religion (ie. Moralism), makes it so that you are "never holy enough, pure enough, refined enough, or loving enough." Whereas, when you fall into God's mercy, you find seemingly from nowhere, this capacity to change (your thoughts about yourself). No one is more surprised than you are. You know it is a gift. The gift is that you are loved as is, not because of what you accomplish.

Life begins when we see ourselves through the eyes of God, who always sees us as enough to merit his eternal love.

Peace to you,

Watch First Edition

First Edition features the previous week's service on ONN and WBNS 10.2 via digital outlets each Sunday at 9 am.

For online



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 go to FCchurch.com.

The Foundation Corner

A Spring Bouquet of Activities

— Donald Jameson, Director of Foundation Development



On April 25, The Foundation and Mellon Wealth Management, our investment portfolio manager, held a delightful luncheon at Brookside Golf & Country Club for members of the Foundation Heritage Society and volunteer leaders of First Community Church.

The attendees heard Dr. Wing and Foundation Board Chair Herb Johnston discuss the important role of the Foundation in the future of the Church. The primary entertainment was a very enjoyable 35 minute concert by QUBE, the Artist in Residence

String Quartet comprised of faculty members at Otterbein University. The event was truly enjoyed by all.

The Foundation has approved six grants in 2012, totaling \$33,500. These include \$7,246 for needed equipment at Camp Akita, (in 2011 Akita grants totaled \$44,500), and \$15,000 to support the Rafiki project in Kenya.

The Foundation is beginning work on a new website which we hope will be simple to navigate, educational and interesting. Michael Barber is helping us with this project.

We are pleased with our investment portfolio results for the first quarter of 2012. At the end of December, 2011, our total Foundation funds were \$6,965,242. As of March 31, 2012 our total Foundation funds were \$7,518,752. A balanced portfolio and a rising stock market were very helpful in achieving this increase.

We hope as we sail into June that you will hit the brake pedal and slow down a bit and really take time to enjoy the season and keep your fingers limber enough to be able to quickly hit the "mute" button frequently on your TV between now and November 6.



Photo by Michael Barber

Foundation Member Scott McLaughlin mingles with participants of the annual Foundation Heritage Society Luncheon held this year at Brookside Country Club.

First Community Foundation Gifts

In Memory of:

Dr. Robert Bohl

Jane Stone

Robert Harr

The Harr Family

Dolly, David & Jeff Dew

Jeff & Linda Reasinger

John A. Bogen

Marlene Berwanger

Sue & Norval Goss

Bill Judy

Louise Hoag

Thomas Daye

Molly Rudy

Lola Hasson

Lynne & Tim Ayres

Bettenelle Miller

Guild X

Alex Fayne

Marilyn Cordle

Carrie Wallace

Patti Link

Vi Sanders

Lynn Gutches Snowden

Don & Jackie Cherry

Deb Lindsay

Jeanne Blair

Bob & Sally Wandel

Kate Haddox

Marjorie Bohl

Guild X

Lynne & Tim Goslee

Kathryn Sanders Smith & Dan Smith

Carol & Pat Doyle

Nelson & Emme French

Suebeth Zartman

Betty O'Neill

Pamela Gartin

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Joseph & Emma Astman

Dorothy Selda

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Mr. & Mrs. Barney Fitton

The O'Brochta Family

Gary & Bobye Anderson

Martha Kohr

Bob & Sally Wandel

Dick & Margaret Wood

Jenny Lou Renkert

Terry Jo & David Williamson

In Honor of:

Katy Greenhill

Guild Group 7

Miriam Clark

Terry Jo & David Williamson

Missy Obergefell

Guild Y

First Community Church Gifts

In Honor of:

The baptisms of Mia & Luke Agbunag

Kate Shaner
Charlie Nichols
John Hoberg

In Memory of:

Ruth Smart
J. Thomas and Kathleen Jones

Friends of Music

In Memory of:

Martha Kohr

Ruth Gingrich
Jane Ellis
Sandi & Jim Hess
Bonnie & John Birath
Dale & Julia Armstrong
Barbara Goldman
Elizabeth Maresca
Michelle McClure
Chester Hawley
Mary Nack
Susan Vining Brooks
Lynn Gutches Snowden
Pam, Carol, Sue & Mary Downey
Wendy & Chris Johnson

Dottie Peppe

Susan Vining Brooks

In Honor of:

Martha Davidek

Elizabeth Davidek

In Celebration of:

Annalise Esmond

Claire Esmond

Psychological-Spiritual Development Fund

In Honor of:

Kathy Cleveland Bull

Janice Monks

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We invite you to submit story ideas, completed stories and photographs for consideration. Contact Michael Barber, *firstnews* Editor, at mbarber@FCchurch.com.



Take Heart

Do You Have An Older Model?

— The Reverend Ms. Deborah Countiss Lindsay, *Minister of Spiritual Care*



A few weeks ago I was having some trouble with my iPad so I went to the Apple store for help. The salesperson's first question was, "Which one do you have? Is it an older model?" I was stunned; how on earth could I have an "older model" when the iPad has only been in existence since spring of 2010? That's how fast things are moving these days in the world of computers and communication.

Contrast the iPad moment with my visit to Philadelphia for Mother's Day, where my son is attending college. We spent our Sunday afternoon at the Franklin Institute viewing an exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The scrolls are about 2,000 years old and contain the oldest versions in existence of many sections of the Old or Hebrew Testament. They were discovered in 1947 in a cave near the Dead Sea and became the archaeological sensation of the 20th century.

I had read about the scrolls and studied them in seminary, but I surely never expected to actually see them. To see with my own eyes the fragile papyrus fragments with tiny, precise lettering in Hebrew and Aramaic. It was breathtaking and I returned again and again to the display cases. They are maintained in a temperature and humidity controlled environment and held in place by special archival mesh. The scrolls that are displayed are rotated to limit their exposure to light. They contain the meticulously documented stories of the Jewish people, their understanding of God and creation and their words of praise and prayer.

The contrast between visiting the Apple store and viewing the Dead Sea Scrolls left me thinking about the barrage of words we are exposed to in our daily lives. The deluge of data and information is both life enhancing and energy draining. We are talk - talk - talking, but are we saying anything?

I left the Franklin Institute wondering with all the texts and tweets and emails, is a word of importance or significance being spoken? Is any of this communication worth being preserved for an hour, let alone two thousand years? It's a question that deserves serious reflection, particularly when technology often seems to move us further away from face-to-face conversation.

On the other hand...

It was almost midnight when I arrived back in Columbus that Sunday night. I had promised William I would text him when I was home safe and sound. I also used the late night text to say I'm proud of you son and I love you.

The next time you are confronted with the dizzying speed of technology, take heart. Just when I thought I could not take any more of the newest and fastest, technology helped me to say the most important thing of all, a message that I hope will be inscribed on his heart forever.

Blessings,

The exhibition Dead Sea Scrolls: Life & Faith in Biblical Times is one of the largest collections of the Dead Sea Scrolls ever displayed in North America. It is at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia through October 14, 2012.

Women's Guild

■ By Jill Eliot

In celebrating the Women's Guild 100th anniversary, we have continued our giving of good gifts. The centennial year is drawing to a close with a forward look to the years ahead. This writer feels that to look to the future, we need to learn about our history. First Community Church has benefited from the Women's Guild friendships since July 27, 1910 when seventeen friends met to form the Ladies Aid Society; the forerunner organization to the Women's Guild of First Community Church. The object of the group was to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of the church.

In 1912, the First Community Church Women's Guild was born as its own entity. When the 1918-1919 influenza epidemic occurred, the friends were there; when Italian immigrants came to work in Marble Cliff, they were there to help with the learning of the English language; when a community library was desired, the friends were there.

In 1937, the Women's Guild was the largest organization in the Tri-Village area. Today, the Women's Guild is the largest organized group of lay workers within First Community Church with approximately three hundred members in twelve groups. The groups combine to form The Women's Guild. Estelle Scott and Rose Kandel have led the group through this 100th anniversary of gifts given and gifts received.

— *Based on the First Community Church History by Jackie Cherry.*

Save The Date:

August 29 is the date for the beginning of our 101st year. We will celebrate with a potluck dinner in Grace Hall at North Campus and continue our gifts with a "Baby Shower" for the Church Women United Layette Program. The focus of the evening will be the installation of new officers to the Women's Guild Board and new group chairpersons.

As we continue our anniversary of 100 years of good works, we invite you to join us, become our friend and travel along with us in our faith journey.

Cornerstone Contents Returned

■ By Jackie Cherry, *Church Historian*

On April 23, slightly more than three years after it was first opened, the copper box containing treasured mementoes of First Community Church was returned to the cornerstone located on the southwest corner of the narthex. As the church historian, I have high hopes that the contents will be found well preserved when the box is again opened in 2059 during sesquicentennial festivities. With the materials encased in plastic, the box was soldered shut by Fortin Welding, then tied with cords to help in easing it out of the niche in the cornerstone fifty years hence. In order to retrieve the box at that time, it will be necessary for the mason to remove the stones above the cornerstone itself and lift the box out—something learned the hard way by our mason, Jim Gadrim.



Upon initial examination of the contents on April 16, 2009, we were thrilled to find everything in amazingly pristine condition. Unfortunately this was not true for the cornerstone of Lincoln Road Chapel. Nearly everything in that box had crumbled and rotted into a pulpy mass. The only salvageable items were three coins that we added to the 1320 Cambridge box. Fortunately when that cornerstone was opened in 1959, all the documents had been duplicated. Therefore, those records are preserved in a fireproof safe even though the originals succumbed to decay. Nothing was returned to Lincoln Road Chapel.

Original materials returned to the cornerstone include blueprints of 1320 Cambridge church, 1924 membership roll, list of church staff and committees, Oliver Weist pamphlets *On Being Spiritual* and *Church of the Open Door*, 1923 *Grandview* and *Upper Arlington High School* annuals, photo of groundbreaking ceremony, 1923 *Church Calendar*, *Women's Guild* booklet, coins, copy of *Ohio State Journal* editorial about First Community Church and *Building Fund Talley*.

New materials include proclamations from the Ohio Senate, Franklin County Commissioners, Ohio House of Representatives and Upper Arlington Mayor; invitation and program from

Centennial Dinner; current membership book; *Women's Guild Yearbook* and letters; musical scores for hymn *Arms Open Wide* and anthem *O Day of Joy and Gladness* commissioned for Centennial; copy of church history *Reflections on Our Heritage*; photo of the church festooned with a centennial banner; bulletins and DVD's from April 19, April 26 and May 3 special worship services, letters from 30 high school youth and 70 children outlining their hopes for the church in 50 years; Centennial Medallion and Christmas ornament; proposed plans for North Campus Expansion *Honoring Our Heritage, Building Our Future*; news articles from *The Columbus Dispatch*, *This Week Newspapers* and *First Community Church Firstnews*; five-track commemorative DVD of *Centennial Conversations Celebrating Our Legacy*, commissioned children's musical, cornerstone opening. Centennial Memories Project and *First Community Church Legacy* shown at Centennial Dinner; *Reflections of Past Senior Ministers* DVD; and a proclamation signed by all members of the 2009 Governing Board.

As co-chairs of our centennial celebration, Diana Arthur and I can finally say that our responsibilities have ended and the job is finished! We wish to thank all those who worked so



tirelessly for so long to create such a memorable celebration for our entire congregation. We are indebted to Sandy Pfening who was in charge of all events pertaining to the cornerstone and meticulously oversaw every detail. In her opinion the most important item that we replaced in the box is the small pamphlet by Oliver Weist titled, *The Church of the Open Door*, which she believes truly expresses the spirit of who we are as a church.

Stewardship Corner

Happy 200th Anniversary!

— The Reverend Mr. Paul E. Baumer, *Minister to the Staff*



August, 1806, Williamstown, Massachusetts. That's where it all began. Five students, Francis Robbins, Harvey Loomis, Byram Green, Samuel Mills and James Richards met in a field. They weren't sure what others would think of them so they got together in Sloan's Meadow and talked about - taking a cue from St. Paul - the theology and possibility of evangelistic missionary service.

While talking, they got hit with a thunderstorm and took shelter under a haystack. From that came the name of their historical discussion, "The Haystack Meeting." It was the beginning of American Protestant missions.

They got excited about their idea, talked with others and decided to organize. In 1810 they made it official, establishing "the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions" (ABCFM), organized to "effect, in the person of its members," a mission to those who were not Christians.

In 1812, the ABCFM sent its first missionaries to India. In the following years it would send missionaries to Hawaii, China and other stations in southeast Asia. Their primary strategy in order to make a positive contact with non-Christians was to establish hospitals and schools. The schools had to develop their own teaching materials and in many areas the missionaries were the first to construct written forms of the indigenous languages. In its first fifty years, the ABCFM sent out over 1,250 missionaries.

While their theology, sociology and strategy were not always helpful, at least from hindsight (check out James Michener's book, *Hawaii*, and others), the missionaries did their best and were effective in education, medical services and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

They sometimes were asked to be advisors to the governments of the countries in which they worked. Through the ABCFM magazine, *Missionary Herald*, the missionaries told the folks at home about the life, history, geography and economy of the lands where they were stationed.

The missionaries trained local persons to take part in, lead and continue the work of their missions. In nearly all instances, the overseas work of the Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ (today's name for the continuing AMCFM) is now done by indigenous people.

So it worked. Missions begun, caring work shared, congregations formed, Christian education and worship informing it all. Those overseas missions have become local missions. We continue to support many of them with financial gifts and volunteer service. But that's what we do, isn't it. As well as doing our own local missions.

Congratulations on our 200th anniversary of mission work!

Red Cross Blood Drive



"When my parents began volunteering many, many hours at a blood donation center, I decided I could do my part and donate regularly. More recently, my husband was given 6 units after surgery... we were very, very thankful it was available."

— Kathleen Beatty, 2011

In the past or future, a loved one will be in need of a blood transfusion. When a medical need strikes suddenly in someone's life, we so often wish we could help. Donating a pint of your blood every 56 days keeps a much needed blood supply available for that loved one or another loved one, whom you haven't met yet and maybe never will. Change your own life by giving another a chance at life when needed most - donate blood.

When: Thursday, June 14, 2-7pm

Where: Brownlee Hall, Cambridge Blvd.

Email: carashary@columbus.rr.com

Phone: 614 459.3691 for Cara Shary or 614 253.2740 local Red Cross office

Website: redcrossblood.org, click on 'Make Blood Donation Appointment' blue box, enter sponsor code: fchurchsouth, then follow prompts

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*Hiring Update***Director of Stewardship and Development and Executive Director**

■ By Michael Schoedinger, *Governing Board Chair*

We are excited to share an update on the initiatives of the Governing Board.

For the last decade, our church has been planning ways to maximize our ministry in the world. We have created a strategic plan, a vision for a North Campus Sanctuary and have discussed ideas that will enhance our ministries with South Campus, Camp Akita, Missions and Media.

From our own study and research and the recommendations of a number of outside consultants, it is clear that further organizational leadership and support is needed to realize our goals.

With this in mind, a search committee has been assembled to hire a Director of Stewardship and Development. By the time you read this we will have interviewed candidates. Our goal is to bring a person on board in July. The hiring of an Executive Director has been delayed.

First Community Church has been ambitious in its ministry for more than 100 years. We believe the following efforts are needed to achieve our future goals.

1. We desire excellent programs.
2. We want to maximize the impact of our ministry.
3. We need a North Campus sanctuary to help with our realization. The majority of our congregation indicated they want this as well.
4. We need to allow Dr. Wing to focus on his priorities and strengths of preaching, public face of church and pastoral oversight.
5. We need additional leadership support for church programs and staff.
6. We need additional funds to support the growth of the church and staff.
7. The Governing Board considers a sustainable operating budget to be its highest priority, without the need for special fundraising to cover certain deficits.
8. The new Stewardship Director will build relationships with members of the congregation and facilitate their increased engagement with the church.

Investing in our own infrastructure and day-to-day operations will allow us to better equip and support our talented staff, intentionally cultivate resources and amplify our mission in the world.



Austin Binder, 15, volunteers his time building camera platforms for the North Campus video equipment installation.

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for being able to acquire the proper equipment at a savings. "We were fortunate to find everything we needed online," Scott said. "This equipment will permit us to expand our focus North. Many North programs have never been televised."

To prepare for the installation of the equipment, Scott turned to Worship Technologies member Ned Timmons for assistance. Scott also called on his 15-year-old son Austin, who serves as a cameraman each Sunday. Austin was instrumental in building platforms upon which the cameras and operators will stand. "I am proud that Austin is not only following in my footsteps, but at a high level of excellence," Scott said.

The history of televising worship is long, dating back to 1985. Randall Rocke, Director of Mission Through Media, is pleased to see continuing progress. "We are in our 27th year of broadcasting a message of hope and grace to Columbus, to Ohio and to the world," he said. "Now we can open a window into the North Campus as well, adding its uniqueness and special programs to our largest outreach."

Worship services at North Campus will be broadcast during the month of August, then once each month beginning this September. Visit our website at FCchurch.com and read firstnews for updated information.

A Month of Sundays

3	MORNINGSONG	(B)
<p>9 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Choir & Orchestra</p> <p>11 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Choir & Orchestra</p>		
10	SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS	(C)
<p>10:30 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching</p> <p>10:30 am • Sanctuary, SC - Rev. Hett preaching Chancel Choir</p>		
17		(A)
<p>10:30 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching Whitechapel Ringers</p> <p>10:30 am • Sanctuary, SC - Rev. Long preaching Chancel Choir</p>		
24	MEMBERSHP SUNDAY	(B)
<p>10:30 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching</p> <p>10:30 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Choir</p>		
<p><i>Check the website for the most up-to-date information.</i></p> <p>For additional information: Click: FCchurch.com Email: info@FCchurch.com Call: 614 488.0681 Visit: The Welcome Center at North or South Campus</p>		

(A) indicates Usher assignments.

"Albert Schweitzer did not think everyone should serve in the same manner he did. However, he did believe that everyone needs to 'find their Lambaréné,' where your passion meets the world's great need. That place is where life is found."

– Rev. Richard A. Wing

This is My Father's World

■ By Ann Eliot-Naille

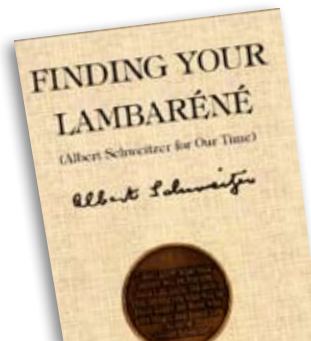
Many of you know my father, Don Eliot. Two of his greatest passions are Golden Retrievers and the Telemissions Program at First Community.

A love of photography led him to his involvement in media. He has served in various capacities in the Telemissions Program since its inception in 1985 moving from cameraman to technical director to video and directing. He absolutely loves it and even hates to go away for a weekend because it will mean he misses a Sunday in the control room. When he has the opportunity, he works on recruiting more volunteers; usually by meeting someone new to the church and discovering a photography or broadcasting interest that he uses to persuade the person to volunteer.

His other love is the furry kind. He has owned a total of 5 Golden Retrievers with my mother over the past 33 years. Occasionally, they had two dogs in the house at the same time. Once, when faced with having no dog in the house for the first time in 16 years, he drove in a blinding rainstorm to St. Clairsville, Ohio to pick up a puppy. The last 14 years he has had the great joy of adopting rescued Golden Retrievers and his involvement with that organization blossomed into becoming editor of the newsletter for *Golden Endings: Golden Retriever Rescue*. He even came up with a collective noun for the breed: an "affection" of Golden Retrievers is supplanted only by his love for his family (most of the time).

After reading Dr. Wing's book, *Finding Your Own Lambarene*, I have the perfect gift for my dad. He may not realize it but this book illustrates how his passions meet the great needs in his world.

Has the father in your world found his "Lambaréné"?



This item and more available at our online store: Shop.FCchurch.com

In Support of Heart to Heart Jones Middle School, Huffman's Market Share the Love

■ By Angie Weber



Photos by Michael Barber

This past month, Jones Middle School sixth-graders wanted to raise awareness of the food insecurity issues in central Ohio and in their own neighborhood. They held a food drive and walked from Jones to the Heart to Heart Food Pantry. A parade of more than 100 students, all dressed in pink, collected food at school and along the route. The students stocked more than 500 items for our pantry.

They learned about the families that visit the pantry as well as how easy it is for a family in need to use a pantry. These same sixth-graders help Heart to Heart all year by providing sack lunches twice a month for our homeless friends. We wish to thank Molly Miely for organizing this event to support Heart to Heart.

Tim Huffman of Huffman's Market has gone over and above to support the food pantry. Tim helps provide dignity by the items he donates on a weekly basis. Our families are so thankful.

Tim also hosted a fundraiser for Heart to Heart where a family from St. Agatha and a family from Tremont Elementary had each bid on a 2-minute shopping spree at Huffman's Market. The winner got to do another 2-minute shopping spree where all the food they chose was donated to the pantry. The winner earned \$673.06 in groceries for our pantry.

The donations from this shopping spree will provide food for our families that they don't typically find in a food pantry. These donations will give them choices of fruits, vegetables and pastas that we can't purchase from Mid Ohio Foodbank.



ABOVE: Students from Jones Middle School listen as Heart to Heart Coordinator Angie Weber expresses her thanks for food donations. TOP: Parents and students make their way from Jones to Cambridge Boulevard carrying donations and signs of support.

New Ways to Give

We are pleased to provide two new, convenient methods for donating to First Community Church.

You can now support your favorite programs and ministries using Giving Kiosks and an easy-to-use mobile app.

Kiosks are available at North and South Campuses; Outside Brownlee Hall at South and outside Grace Hall at North.

Each accepts all major credit cards and allows those who donate to specify a chosen cause.

In addition, our new mobile giving app is available through your iPhone or Android app store. Simply search for the SecureGive app, download, install and type 'First Community Church' in the location field. You will be asked to create an account during your first visit.

Save The Date Summer Cookout and Campout

August 4 - 5
North Campus

Enjoy a cookout much like we provide for our homeless friends. Bring a tent and prepare to spend an evening listening to stories from those who benefit from Heart to Heart's services.

We will have a campfire and spend the night. In the morning, we will make gifts to be given to our pantry and homeless friends.

Contact Angie at 614 488.0681 ext. 203 or aweber@FCchurch.com for more information.

Care and Spirit

Everything Belongs

— The Reverend Mr. James M. Long, Minister of Pastoral Care



*Therefore prayer must spill into all of life, and all of life must get into our prayers.
There must be no holding back.
Everything belongs.
Our nervousness.
Our aggression.
Our sexuality.
Everything.
God can handle it. We needn't fear to be honest before the eternal one.*

Beginning Prayer by John Killinger

Sometimes I find myself spending more time reading “about” prayer than I spend actually praying. When I become conscious of this, I employ the old Nike slogan: “Just do it!” It is important simply to engage in the practice, no matter what doubts or concerns plague us.

One reason we shy away from prayer is our self-judgment about “doing it right.” We are concerned about our technique or time or place. We also are concerned that somehow we are unacceptable to God in some way and that we need to hide certain aspects of ourselves from the “Eternal One.”

John Killinger’s book, *Beginning Prayer*, reminds us that there is nothing to hide. We come as we are. God can handle anything we bring. Killinger even uses the phrase “everything belongs” which is the title of a book by Richard Rohr on contemplative prayer. Rohr says: “Prayer lives in pure open moments of right here, right now.” (*Everything Belongs*, p. 90.)

One of our early spiritual searchers, Ann Ulanov, wrote a book on prayer called *Primary Speech*. Her background as a Jungian analyst and theologian brought her to the belief that everything needs to be brought to God, especially those thoughts and feelings we deem to be most unacceptable. If not, who are we kidding? Most probably, ourselves!

Killinger says just this. Don’t hold back. Be “all in.” Everything belongs.

Peace and blessings,

Parish Register

We share the joys and sorrows of our church family in our prayers.

BAPTISMS

Maggie Cecilia Janowicz 4/22/12
daughter of Aimee Janowicz & Taylor Lucy
Jane Louise Webster 5/6/12
daughter of Dianna & Raif Webster
Jude Bojrab Blazer 5/13/12
son of Stephanie & Marlo Blazer Lucy
Ray Caskie 5/13/12
daughter of Amy & Jared Caskie
Oliver James Clark 5/13/12
son of Shelli & Erik Clark
William Jason Conley 5/13/12
son of Sarah & William Conley
Leah Christine Herrold 5/13/12
daughter of Lyndsay & Brad Herrold
Jacob Palmer Jones 5/13/12
son of Angie & Kevin Jones
Sawyer Caroline Lee 5/13/12
daughter of Whitney & John Lee
Maria Grace Stock 5/13/12
daughter of Christy & John Stock

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Marie Jerencsik
Haden DeRoberts
Jim Turner
Sharon Puterbaugh
Mary Ann Krauss
Bonney Sprafka
Tom Norman
Mark Stull

WEDDINGS

Ryan Steele & Scot Nicoll 4/21/12
Debbie Bower & George Richards 4/28/12
Lauren Bigham & Brad Howe 5/12/12

DEATHS

John “Jack” Sisto 4/16/12
father of Jaime Sisto
Penny Abbot 4/26/12
Dwight Miller 4/26/12
father of Doug Miller
Maxine Meagher 5/1/12
Martha Kohr 5/3/12
Bettenell Miller 5/7/12
Louise Hoag 5/8/12
Dan Worth 5/8/12
brother-in-law of Sally Wandel
Alfred Wolf 5/08/12
father of Allison Kingsley

Call the Pastoral Care Office at 614 488.0681 ext 239, for family births, deaths, weddings, hospitalizations and birthdays of 100 years or more.

June Special Offering The Tandana Foundation

■ By Susan Napier



The Tandana Foundation is a non-profit organization with strong ties to First Community Church. Founded and directed by First Community member Anna Taft, the organization offers cross-cultural volunteer opportunities and provides support for scholarships and community projects in highland Ecuador and in Dogon country in Mali, West Africa.

The accomplishments of Tandana since the first of this year are extremely important to the people of these two regions.

In Ecuador this spring, five different volunteer groups have completed the following projects in several rural communities in the highlands:

- built a retaining wall to protect a village water source from erosion and pollution
- planted trees to provide extra protection from erosion
- replaced the roof of a community center
- constructed a greenhouse for a native tree nursery
- set up basic health clinics in five villages, seeing 134 patients in five days

Additionally, Tandana provides scholarships to allow rural Ecuadorian students to continue their secondary and university education.

Several villages in Mali are the beneficiaries of Tandana supported community projects selected by the village leaders:

- funding for the restoration of a traditional well in Sal Dimi
- building a village grain bank and supplying grain in Sal Dimi
- expanding a savings and micro-credit program in eight villages
- funding a soap-making training class for the women in Kansangho, helping them diversify their sources of income
- building a latrine (the first in their village) at the women's cotton bank in Kansangho
- assisting a group of villages with agricultural innovations such as the natural regeneration of trees in the fields and short-cycle cowpeas
- printing books for the first time in the local dialect and continuing literacy classes

Special Fundraising Request

The villages in Mali are having a very difficult time right now with the combination of a very dry year, a poor harvest and an unstable political environment that has resulted in very high prices for grain. Many families have already had to sell livestock to buy millet, the staple of their diet. In response to this crisis, The Tandana Foundation is making a special fundraising request for additional funds to buy millet for the villages of Kansangho and Sal Dimi.

Please give consideration to this request when making your special offering for Tandana on Sunday, June 17.

If you have questions about Tandana or their volunteer opportunities, contact info@tandanafoundation.org or Rev. Kate Shaner at kshaner@FCchurch.com.



Second Annual A Taste for Rafiki

Friday, June 22, 6 - 8 pm
Grace Hall, North Campus

Please join Mission Council for A Taste of Rafiki, an evening wine tasting event. All proceeds benefit the Education Fund at the Rafiki Children's Center in Kikuyu Town, Kenya.

During the event, you will learn about the Marafiki Global AIDS Ministry and how you can get involved.

- Donate to Education Fund
- Sponsor a child
- Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry
- Request trip information
- Learn other ways to help Rafiki

Recent travelers to Rafiki will share their stories and experiences. A selection of wines will be paired with a variety of hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the tables following Sunday services at both campuses and at the South Campus switchboard during business hours. Tickets are also available online at FCchurch.com or can be purchased at the door.



The Infinite Quest

The Oneness before the Number One

— The Reverend Mr. David S. Hett, *Minister of Religious Life and Learning*



The higher levels of consciousness are more and more able to deal with contradictions, paradoxes, and all Mystery. This is spiritual maturity...that mind is called contemplative, or nondual thinking.

— Richard Rohr

The path of Jesus is a nondual one that most of us mistake for duality. We keep trying to “get” to God rather than getting our *selves* out of the way so that the true Reality—God—can simply *be*. We believe we are separate from God, and that there are all these separate pieces of reality, like other people,

rocks and birds, cars and iPhones, planets and galaxies, when really, every visible manifestation is *all God all the time*.

“All of it—not just chocolate and summer days, but cancer and prisons too,” emphasizes contemplative scholar Jay Michaelson in *Everything is God: The Radical Path of Nondual Judaism*. “‘All in one’ may sound like a bromide,” he adds, ‘but in fact it is a challenge.’”

The challenge of nondual consciousness is to hold in our awareness as much of Reality as is possible in each moment—the good, the bad, and the ugly...and the beautiful, too. For this endeavor, another challenge arises: to “cleanse the doors of perception”—to remove from our consciousness all the barriers to seeing Reality as it truly is. This is the hard (but joyful) work of spiritual practice.

So what do we do?

“Any good contemplative practice quickly greases the wheels of the mind toward nondual consciousness,” says Rohr. And in the following description of his own practice of meditation, Rohr’s contemplative colleague (and our 2013 *Spiritual Searcher*), James Finley, provides us a helpful—and hopeful—way of remembering the moment by moment Divine Nondual Reality of our existence:

When I first sit in meditation I renew my faith-awareness that in some manner I can’t grasp or understand, God is already perfectly present, all about me and within me. I remind myself that God is not dualistically present, as if God were invisibly here alongside me. Rather, God is here as the reality of my very reality; God is loving me into the present moment; my very being is flowing from God as a gift of God...It’s flowing from God as the concreteness of this very moment that I am sitting here. It’s not a theoretical abstraction; it’s the ultimate nature of the very concreteness of this moment of me sitting here.

Nonduality is the “oneness before even the number one.”

Shalom,

Bible Basics for Novices and Experts



**Wednesdays, June 6 – 27
7 – 8:15 pm**

Wicker Room, South Campus

Walter Watkins, Facilitator

Who wrote the Bible? What’s with all those translations? How did the different “books” make it into the Old and New Testaments? Why do Protestant and Catholic Bibles differ? Did you know that there is a book in the Bible in which God is never mentioned? Did you know that what was considered scripture changed during the first centuries of the church? In what language was the Bible written?

Our resident scholar Walter Watkins brings the latest learnings from his Master of Theological Studies classes about the sacred texts of Christianity and Judaism. Join us for four Wednesday evenings in June from 7 – 8:15 pm in the Wicker Room at South Campus, for a short introduction to our foundational text. This won’t make you an expert, and you won’t be memorizing verses, but it may be a chance to ask some of the questions you’ve carried around for a few years.

Free and open to the public. Prior registration is requested online, or by emailing Natalia at njones@FCchurch.com in order to help determine class size. Registration at the door also accepted.

Weekly Adult Learning Groups

Classes are free except where noted and open to the public. Books for most classes are available at the Furber Book Corner. For information on registration or financial aid, contact the Adult Learning Office at 614 488.0681 ext 113 or njones@FCchurch.com.

For more details on specific classes, go to FCchurch.com, search: adult learning.

<p>Sunday Morning Seminar Does not meet in June. For July Sundays: <i>A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years</i> The story of the world's most successful religion by one of the leading historians of the Church. This six-part DVD series, co-produced by the BBC, the Open University and Jerusalem Productions, is hosted and narrated by Diarmaid MacCulloch, Professor of the History of the Church at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of St. John Cross College in Oxford. Hosted by Cathie and Bruce Hickin.</p>	<p>Sundays, 9 - 10:30 am July 1 - 29 <i>Wicker Room, South Campus</i></p>
<p>Tuesday at Ten Is finished meeting for the program year, and will begin again Tuesday, September 11. Summer brunches at Cambridge Tea House tentatively planned for 10 am on June 12, July 17, and August 14. Current attendees will receive email before each event for reservations.</p>	<p>Begins again Sept. 11 Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30 am <i>Wicker Room, South Campus</i></p>
<p>Men's Study Group Join us for weekly discussions on a variety of biblical and spiritual topics. The group began a study of Richard Rohr's, <i>Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life</i> at the end of May. Contact Price Finley at 614 488.7978 or pfinley@bricker.com, or Craig Sturtz at 614 481.9060 or csturtz@squiresandders.com.</p>	<p>Wednesdays, 7 - 8 am <i>Wicker Room, South Campus</i></p>
<p>Men's Wednesday Fellowship Members and invited speakers discuss a wide range of topics.</p>	<p>Wednesdays, 7 - 8 am <i>Brownlee Hall, South Campus</i></p>
<p>Women Living the Questions Open to all women interested in the spiritual search in all of its forms. Summer Wednesdays will focus discussions on personal transformation based on the Richard Rohr Enneagram series and Rohr's daily meditations from CAC (cac@cacradicalgrace.org). The group will use these meditations as a base from which to begin shared contemplation and how it affects our daily lives</p>	<p>Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am <i>Wicker Room, South Campus</i></p>
<p>Wednesday Evening Bible Study A time of study of scripture and prayer. Led by Rev. Jim Long. Open to all.</p>	<p>Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 pm <i>Conference Room, North Campus</i></p>
<p>Saturdays with Richard Rohr & Friends - Regular series resumes in fall. Special Richard Rohr Webcast Saturday June 9: <i>The Creation Mysticism of St. Francis: Franciscan Mysticism and Why It is Unique</i> This re-broadcast of an April live webcast by Richard Rohr is the first of a series hosted by the Spiritual Searcher Committee. Open to the public, a free-will offering will be taken. A reception time follows the webcast and discussion time.</p>	<p>Saturday, June 9 9 - 10:30 am <i>Room 130, North Campus</i></p>

Richard Rohr Webcast Series
St. Francis' Creation-Centered Spirituality

Franciscan Mysticism: Why is it Unique?
With Contemplative Teacher Richard Rohr
Saturday, June 9, 9 – 11:30 am
Room 130, North Campus
 Free-will Offering supports *Spiritual Searcher*

Spiritual Searcher begins its 2012 Richard Rohr webcast series with this rebroadcast of this April 21 teaching, focusing on Father Richard Rohr's background as a Franciscan, and how the order's founder, St. Francis, created a path for meeting God that differed from other mystical pathways to the divine. Fr. Richard sees his Franciscan mystical tradition as "the incarnation taken to its logical conclusion, and to a sometimes shocking world view."

There will be time for discussion following the event as well as a reception hosted by the *Spiritual Searcher* committee for all participants. Registration is requested online at the FCchurch.com or by contacting Natalia at njones@FCchurch.com, or by calling 614 488.0681 ext. 113. There is no fee for this event however a free-will offering will be taken to support this and other *Spiritual Searcher* programs.

The live Father Rohr webcasts to be shown at First Community Church the rest of 2012 all take place on Saturdays from Noon – 2 pm. The dates and times for their showing may be altered so please check the website for exact date, time and location. The dates and themes for the remaining three live broadcasts from Richard Rohr's *Center for Action and Contemplation* are:

July 21
Lineage: Fr. Richard's Seven Spiritual Themes
 Fr. Richard will present what he has summarized as his seven underlying themes: the spiritual assumptions and lineage that allow him to teach as he teaches. How does he know that these are not just "his" thoughts? These themes provide the basis of the curriculum for *The Rohr Institute: A Living School for Action and Contemplation*, opening Spring 2013.

September 15
Practicing Contemplation and Facing Paradox
 Could contemplation be described as an ability to hold and absorb seeming contradictions? Is paradoxical thinking at the heart of faith? Fr. Richard thinks so, and will illustrate why and how.

December 8
Immortal Diamond: the True Self and the Risen Christ
 The metaphor "immortal diamond" is taken from Gerard Manley Hopkins, and is used in Fr. Richard's next book as an ideal image for the soul, the true self, and the risen Christ - all at once.

Coming in July
A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years

Special Summer Sunday Morning Seminar at South
Sundays, July 1 – 29
 9 am – 10:30 am
 Wicker Room, South Campus
 Cathie & Bruce Hickin, Facilitators

Subtitled, "The story of the world's most successful religion by one of the leading historians of the Church," this six-part DVD series co-produced by the BBC, the Open University and Jerusalem Productions is hosted and narrated by Diarmaid MacCulloch, Professor of the History of the Church at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of St. John Cross College in Oxford.

Professor MacCulloch takes viewers through ancient structures and landmarks around the world. Ever the explorer, he searches for meaning in places that hold clues to the past, interviewing local experts and people who provide a diversity of thought.

MacCulloch is not only a well-respected historian, but an excellent narrator and a likeable guide. Over the course of the six episodes shown below he gives equal coverage to each of the major branches of the church.

1. The First Christianity
2. Catholicism: The Unpredictable Rise of Rome
3. Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire
4. Reformation: The Individual Before God
5. Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion
6. God in the Dock

Church members Cathie and Bruce Hickin will host these DVD sessions and facilitate discussion following each week's presentation. This series is free and open to all. No registration required.

Dr. Terry and Barbara Davis

Marafiki Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 14, 7:30 am
Fox Fire Golf Club, Lockbourne

Four person, 18-hole scramble format
 \$100 person/\$400 foursome
 Sponsorship packages available

For more information or to register, contact Connie Heatt at chieatt@aol.com or 614 804.2264.
 Deadline to register is July 9.

June Daily Readings



These Bible readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings. In general, readings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday are selected to prepare for the Sunday reading; readings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are selected to reflect the Sunday lectionary.

1	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 8:9-11
2	Isaiah 5:15-24	John 15:18-20, 26-27
3 (Trinity Sunday)	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
4	Numbers 9:15-23	Revelation 4:1-8
5	Exodus 25:1-22	1 Corinthians 2:1-10
6	Numbers 6:22-27	Mark 4:21-25
7	1 Samuel 4:1-22	1 Peter 4:7-19
8	1 Samuel 5:1-12	2 Corinthians 5:1-5
9	1 Samuel 6:1-18	Luke 8:4-15
10 (Sunday)	1 Samuel 8:4-20 Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 Mark 3:20-35
11	1 Samuel 7:3-15	Revelation 20:1-6
12	1 Samuel 8:1-22	Revelation 20:7-15
13	1 Samuel 9:1-14	Luke 11:14-28
14	1 Samuel 9:15-27	Hebrews 2:5-9
15	1 Samuel 10:1-8	Hebrews 11:4-7
16	1 Samuel 13:13:1-15a	Mark 4:1-20
17 (Sunday)	1 Samuel 15:34--16:13 Psalm 20	2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34
18	1 Samuel 13:23—14:23	Galatians 6:11-18
19	1 Samuel 15:10-23	Revelation 21:22—22:5
20	1 Samuel 15:24-31	Luke 6:43-45
21	1 Samuel 16:14-23	Acts 20:1-16
22	1 Samuel 17:55—18:5	Acts 21:1-16
23	1 Samuel 18:1-4	Luke 21:25-28
24 (Sunday)	1 Samuel 17:32-49 Psalm 9:9-20	2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41
25	1 Samuel 18:6-30	Acts 27:13-18
26	1 Samuel 19:1-7	Acts 27:39-44
27	1 Samuel 19:8-17	Mark 6:45-52
28	1 Samuel 19:18-24	2 Corinthians 7:2-16
29	1 Samuel 20:1-25	2 Corinthians 8:1-7
30	1 Samuel 20:27-42	Luke 41:4:31-37

Save the Date Women's Retreat

October 5 - 7
Camp Akita

Please mark your calendars for the next ladies getaway. While the speaker and specifics are still being determined, we know the autumn colors will be fantastic. Plan to stay for the entire weekend, one night or simply attend the events on Saturday. More information will be available next month.



Heart to Heart

Food Pantry Totals

For April 2012

Households served	437
Individuals served.....	749
Children served	194
Adults served	496
Seniors served	194
Meals provided.....	6,741

Year-to-Date

Households served	1,804
Individuals served.....	3,926
Meals provided.....	32,337

Heart to Heart offers a helping hand and caring heart in times of need.



Kindergarten Class Openings

Families seeking an excellent full day kindergarten experience, with optional care before and after the full school day, can still find an opening at the Mary Evans Center kindergarten housed at our North Campus.

Small class size, beautiful indoor and outdoor classrooms and an award-winning teacher make this a wonderful choice for kindergarten children.

Contact Jamy Zambito at 614 777.4099 or jzambito@FCchurch.com.

June Parent Groups

For Dads Only will meet Tuesday, June 12, 7-8:30 pm in the Guild Room, South Campus.

For Moms Only will meet Monday, June 18, 7-8:30 pm in the Guild Room, South Campus.

Both groups will be continuing a discussion of managing conflict and difficulties, focusing on:

- the most helpful kinds of positive reinforcement, and the kinds that don't work as well
- some strategies to use when you want to target a specific behavior to either reinforce or lessen

All parents are welcome to come to these groups led by Donice Wooster. For more information contact Donice at 614 488.0681 ext. 244 or donicew@FCchurch.com.

WISDOM from our CHILDREN

Profound statements are made in our Sunday school. This feature offers insight from our youth.

When the K-5 children heard the parable of the mustard seed, they compared the idea of growing God's Kingdom to watering a plant. Instead of watering a real plant, we "water" people with love, peace and kindness. When asked, "What are some ways we could water people with kindness" the second-graders shared some terrific ideas.

Dylan said, "Give them hugs and kisses. Or a muffin!"

Skylar replied, "Cheer them on at their games."

Amy added, "Hold doors open for people."

Teacher MaryAnn included, "Respond with kindness, even if you're upset or frustrated."

Fourth of July Parade

Wednesday, July 4, 10 am
Hilliard

The Mary Evans Child Development Center will be represented in the Hilliard 4th of July Parade!

Come and cheer us on in our 1947 vintage fire truck, donated by the Pond Family.



Midweek Missions

■ By Torre Summers, *Sunday School and Midweek Missions Coordinator*

Each Wednesday night since September we have been meeting in our classroom at North Campus. We have pizza and fellowship and complete a mission project every week.

Our projects this year included creating recipe books, collecting food and delivering Thanksgiving food baskets to Gladden Community House, and making bean soup, casseroles, toiletry bags and blankets for Heart to Heart.

We collected enough quarters during Sunday morning donut sales to sponsor a child at the Deep Griha Society in Puné, India.

We made prayer flags and painted small wood crosses for the families receiving homes built by our high school ministry in Mexico.

We have also had some very special speakers come and join us including Dr. Neela Onawale, Paula Russell, Dawn Costin, Cindy Harsney, Angie Weber, Ray Bostic and Scott Walker.

We wish to thank April Howe for giving her heart and time to this program as well as Dawn Costin for her great support and guidance. Thanks also to our volunteers Amy and Jamey Gray, Cat Hiller, Laura Helland and Claire Esmond.

For more information on Midweek Missions contact Torre Summers at tsummers@fcchurch.com



Registration is now open for the Music and Arts Festival at Akita held August 24-26.

The festival was reintroduced to Akita last summer after a 27-year break.

As our Mission Statement explains, "Our mission is to reunite Camp Akita Alumni and raise money for the benefit of Camp Akita and the Camp Akita Scholarship Fund. By hosting a yearly festival of music, art and entertainment we reunite alumni who have shared with us their music, spirit and much more."

We are also seeking additional musicians to perform and artisans to sell their wares. For more information, visit our website at musicandartsfestivalatakita.org or contact Tom White at twhite57@yahoo.com.

Cigar Boxes Needed



Camp Akita is in need of empty cigar boxes to be used in the craft cabin.



This summer, campers will decorate them and then take them home and use them as memory boxes from their experiences at Akita.

Donations can be brought to the North Campus reception desk any time.

Dated Material: Do Not Delay

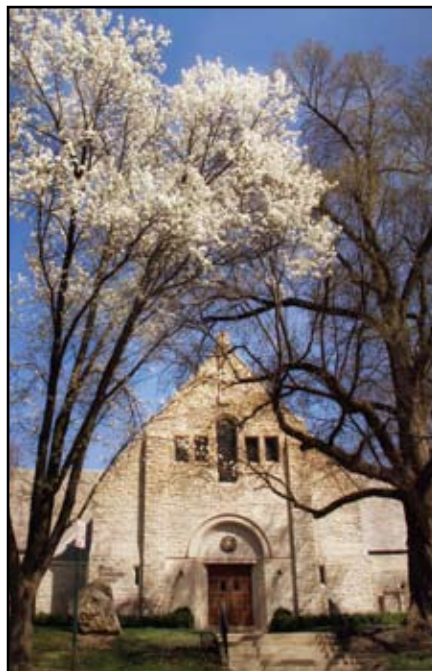
firstnews Submission Information

All news articles and photos for *firstnews* must be submitted to news@FCchurch.com by the published deadline (see page 2). Direct questions to Michael Barber at mbarber@FCchurch.com.

FEATURED NEXT MONTH

First Community Church is fortunate to host a wealth of talented members who graciously gift us with their God-given talents.

In our July issue, we'll identify a few of them and provide insight into what makes them tick.



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No matter who you
are or where you are
on life's journey, you
are welcome here.