

THE LIGHT

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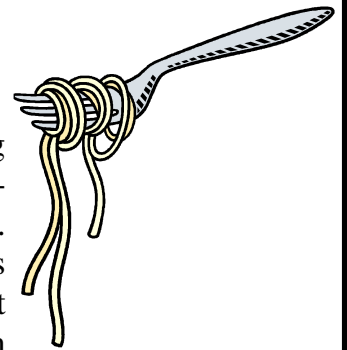
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Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, January 17



As many of you know, we have been talking with Twinsburg and Bainbridge UCC about potential to collaborate on some programming. The first activity involving our three churches is Saturday, January 17, starting at 5 p.m. at Twinsburg UCC (located right in the town square).

A short program in the sanctuary at 5 about the interesting history of that church will be followed by a spaghetti dinner at 5:30. Twinsburg is providing the main course and beverage. Bainbridge is doing desserts. SCC is responsible for salads. About 35 people from each church can be accommodated. This is a family event – children are definitely welcome.

There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. If you sign up, we will ask that you bring a salad for 8-10 people. Karen Young is coordinating for SCC.

The goal is to get everyone to meet new people and to begin to build active, on-going relationships between the three churches. There will be a sign-up sheet at SCC starting Sunday, January 4, or you can call the church office with a reservation. See you the 17th.

Davis Young

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

SERVING FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. AND 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Suggested Donation:

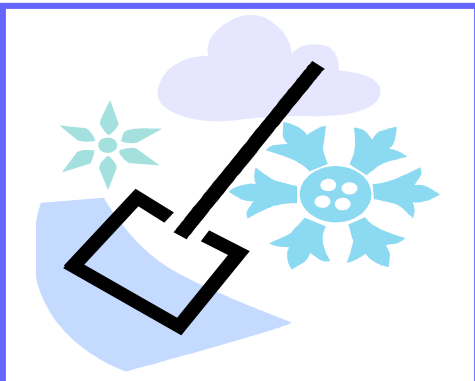
\$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for young children

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Be sure to bring a friend!

Prizes for guests!

Raffle for children bringing a guest!





From the Pastor

The beginning of a new year is a time of transition, and this year even more so, as we await the inauguration of president-elect Obama. We wait for signs that the economy is beginning to recover in lower foreclosure rates and lower unemployment. We hope for peace even as we read the news about escalating conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians, between India and Pakistan, in the Middle East and Africa.

We hope for a promising New Year – for good health and continued employment, for harmony in our families and good grades for our children in school. Though we hope for good things to come, we know that's not always the case. Yet by faith, we believe that in the midst of transition our God never changes; God's love is always a certainty and a rock upon which we may rest secure. Jesus once told a story about one who built his house upon the sand. The storms came and the wind blew, but his house could not stand on the shifting sand and toppled down. A house built on the rock is one that can withstand the storms of life, because our foundation is in God.

I pray that this year will bring you much joy, but even more, I pray that you will recommit to growing in faith, through setting aside regular times for prayer and reading a passage of scripture, and by a renewed commitment to attending worship. Do it for yourself and your family; do it for the sake of one in this fellowship who may need the gifts you have to offer. As we are bound more closely together in Christ's body, the church, through worship and service, we will be strong as individuals and strong as a church.

God's peace be with you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mary Ellen

Adult Study Class on 1 Corinthians, beginning Jan. 13

A new year is upon us, and what better time to make the resolution to learn more about God's word? It's a common misconception to think that one needs to know something about the Bible in order to be part of a Bible study, but think about it, do you need to be a fitness guru to join an exercise class? No. Do you have to be another Rachel Ray to take a cooking class? No again! Do you have to be a computer genius to take a computer class? Why would you take the class if you knew everything about the subject? The same is true of a class on the Bible. All you need is a desire to hear God's voice for you in daily life.

We begin a new adult study class on Tuesday, January 13 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. The class is approximately an hour long. We will be exploring Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. It's not cumulative like math; so don't worry if you have to miss some weeks. God will still have something to share, whenever you are able to attend. See you soon!

January Scripture Lessons and Sermon Titles

January 11	Genesis 1: 1-9, 26-29	"God Is"
January 18	John 1: 1-18	"Jesus Human and Divine"
January 25	John 16: 5-15	"God Above, Beside and Within"

From Elizabeth Goodin, Director of Christian Education

As we look ahead to a new year and the continued growth of a new Sunday School program, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members and staff of Solon Community Church for their unwavering support of my efforts thus far. It is very clear to me that the children are of the utmost importance to this congregation, and I believe that with this strong commitment to Christian education along with God's enduring guidance, we will find the right path upon which our children will thrive. Of course, this endeavor requires many hands, and I also would like to recognize those who have lent their gifts and talents as workshop leaders, teachers, and helpers this year: Joy Miller, Nancy Markle, Paul and Sue Gerber, Melissa Creamer, Veronica Gwiazdowski, Ginny Kozel, Carol Kotora, Brad and Rachel Cisar, Lisa Grimm, Anita Sedlak, Dee Baker, Joan Mitchell, Dave Hoffman, Scott Daley, Carol Stropki, Carolyn Parent, Carol Telljohann (creator of the chair covers in the Main Street Cinema), and steadfastly providing her wisdom and support, Mary Ellen Hoffman.

Our first workshop of the new year will begin on January 4th with the continuing family saga of Abraham's descendents, Jacob and Joseph. Through these stories of deception, jealousy, perseverance, forgiveness and love, we find hope that God's plan for good will ultimately triumph. Opportunities are still available to teach a workshop. A commitment of 1 or 2 weeks is all that is needed, and training is provided. Please join us, and on January 11th, bring a friend to the Pancake Breakfast!

Thank You! ...

From BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE...a sincere thank you to all those who donated food for the Christmas food baskets prepared by the Volunteers of America. Grateful thanks, also, for the money and gift cards given to make a beautiful Christmas for two needy families. Through these projects, we have been able to share not only "things" but most of all love and kindness to God's people. Happy New Year - Charlotte, Nancy, Pat and Joanne

...From CHRISTMAS DINNER COMMITTEE...a big THANK YOU to all those that attended the Annual Christmas Dinner, the food and the fellowship was great! Special thanks to Molly, Pat, Charlotte, Erin and Anita for being at church all day preparing the food. Great job by all!

Ideas for Raising Funds for our Church

Throughout the year, we have held a number of successful fund-raisers for our church – like the Spring Fling, the annual Rummage Sale, and the fall Craft Show. These events not only bring in revenue for the budget and special projects, but they also bring in folks from the community who might otherwise not enter our doors to see what we are like. We build a positive image in the community by our participation in such events as Relay for Life, as well as through such activities as the Family Fun Nights we have held.

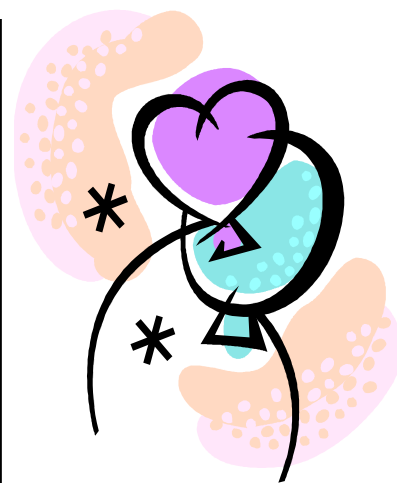
Do you have any ideas for a fund-raiser? Would you be willing to participate in getting it off the ground? We've had such ideas as a night at Max & Erma's, selling Christmas wreaths (yup, thinking ahead!), and selling food in a booth at an Indian's game, among others. For some, giving of one's time and talent is a way of giving back to the church.

Please talk with one of our council exec's or call the church office if you have some additional ideas or would be willing to help in some way. Doug and Dee Baker and Susan Daley are our current council exec's; thank them for their outstanding leadership.

On Our Extended Prayer List

Prayers for the health and well being of our older members

†Dee Varga, at Stratford Commons
†Rosie Golias
†Tom Billheimer, now living in Bryan, OH.
†Jim Byer, at home.
†Jean King, living in Beavercreek, OH.
†Evelyn Schultz, in St. Petersburg, FL.
†Virginia Fentress, at Breckenridge Village in Willoughby.
†Margaret Steele
†Gene Rust
†Lois Grant
†Anna Lou Tomola



Altar Flowers

The 2009 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board by the office. If you wish to dedicate flowers for a particular worship service, PLEASE sign-up. Let the church office (440-248-4180) know of your dedication so it can be placed in the bulletin. The donation is \$20.00

In Sincere Sympathy

Members of Solon Community Church extend their sincere prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Mary L. Grimm (mother of Richard Grimm), Michael Graham, Janie Suttle and former member Mildred Trende. May they experience the peace and joy of our Risen Lord.

Volunteers of America

Please continue to donate to the basket for Volunteers of America. Paper products and non-perishable items are needed. Special thanks to all who donated! All donations are appreciated and truly do make a difference!

Thank you

Dear friends, I would like to thank you for your generous Christmas gift to my family and me. Thank you for all your kindnesses and support throughout the year. May God's blessings be with you.

Mary Ellen

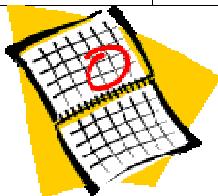
January birthday greetings to:

- 1 Carol Kotora
- 1 Kay Linton
- 5 Molly Steininger
- 7 LeAnne Stuver
- 9 David McGowan
- 11 Robin LePorte
- 12 Mary Nemes
- 15 Marie Kelley
- 16 Jessica Brown
- 17 Ginny Steininger
- 17 Dee Varga
- 18 Ryan Stuver
- 18 Chris Van Deusen
- 19 Jim Byer
- 20 Kristen Grimm
- 20 Rachel Markle
- 23 Gene Myers
- 25 David Hoffman
- 25 Evelyn Schultz
- 27 Eden Loche
- 29 David Parent
- 30 Barb Fisher

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> New Year's Day	<i>2</i> 7:30 Congregation Tree of Life	<i>3</i> 9:00 HSKYD
<i>4</i> 10:30 Worship/ Communion/ Sunday School 11:30 Benevo- lence 2:00 Trinity 3:30 SAI	<i>5</i> 9:30 Work It Out 7:00 Deacons 7:00 HSKYD	<i>6</i> 10:30 Music Together 12:30 Music Together	<i>7</i> 9:30 Work It Out 7:00 HSKYD	<i>8</i> 10:00 Solon Charity 6:30 Trinity Choir 7:00 Christian Ed. 7:30 Choir	<i>9</i> 9:30 Work It Out 7:30 Congrega- tion Tree of Life	<i>10</i> 9:00 HSKYD 10:00 CLC Rental 7:00 Hubs
<i>11</i> 9:30 Pan- cake Breakfast 10:30 Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 Confirmation 2:00 Trinity 3:30 SAI	<i>12</i> 9:30 Work It Out 7:00 Trustees 7:00 HSKYD	<i>13</i> 9:30 Adult Study 10:30 Music Together 12:30 Music Together	<i>14</i> 9:30 Work It Out 7:00 HSKYD	<i>15</i> 10:00 Solon Charity 6:30 Trinity Choir 7:30 Choir	<i>16</i> 9:30 Work It Out 7:30 Congrega- tion Tree of Life	<i>17</i> 9:00 HSKYD 5:00 Spaghetti Dinner Twins- burg UCC
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Dates to Remember:



January 11 serving at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast
 January 17 at 5 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner at Twinsburg UCC
 January 25 after worship - Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 25, 2009

Salad Bar Luncheon
Immediately after Worship

Meeting will begin after luncheon

Everyone is encouraged to
attend!

Board Annual Reports due to the
office by Wednesday, January 7th

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