



# The Tower November 2007

## *Message from the Pastor:*

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Dear Friends,

I write to remind you of what is written: "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." (II Timothy 3:16-17)

May your pastor's words be a bookmark for the Book!

God bless!

Pastor Jim

## You're Invited to the Sixth Annual

### Thanksgiving Day Celebration

Nov. 22, 2007

at 1:00 p.m.

### Church Fellowship Hall

Join us, and bring a friend if you like. We will deliver dinners to those unable to come to us. Please call the office to sign up. If you need a ride, we will pick you up and take you home. Tell anyone you know that would like to join us. Again this year we will need some volunteers to help set up, serve, deliver carry-outs and pick ups. If you could help, please sign up in Fellowship Hall, or call the office.

Thank you, and may God bless.

Rick & Gail Herrilko

330-650-2642 Home      330-926-9556 Work

# Bits from Benevolence

Madeline Brookshire, chairperson of the Western Reserve Stewardship committee will be at the worship service on November 4th to present First Congregational Church with certificates of appreciation for support given Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) and for being a "5 for 5" church. In addition to giving basic support to OCWM, 5 for 5 churches participate in 4 special mission offerings including: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need (NIN) and The Christmas Fund. Thanks to the congregation for supporting these special offerings allowing first Congregational to be one of more than 1,000 churches achieving this goal.

## Trash or Treasure Items

Check your cupboards, closets, attics, etcetera for those "treasures" you've been saving but are willing to part with for the annual "trash or treasure" sale that will be held as part of the Yankee Bazaar on November 11. Items may be brought to the church beginning Sunday, November 5. You may put them in the office. Items that move at the sale include children's toys, kitchen supplies, dishes, home decorations, holiday decorations, gadgets (clean and in good condition—no clothing or furniture please). Thanks for your support!

We need names and addresses for members and friends that are unable to get out to remember during the holidays. Please call the office or drop them off as soon as possible.

# Yankee Bazaar

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**A reminder that all members/friends of the First Congregational Church are invited and encouraged to participate in the Annual Yankee Bazaar.** It takes a lot of work to make this successful. This is THE big fund raiser for the Women's Fellowship resulting in support for the church with funds for:

- Stocking the church kitchen—paper goods, beverages, cleaning supplies, etc.
- Two new stoves and a refrigerator for the kitchen.
- Alter flowers for services when flowers are not sponsored by families/friends.
- Special cleaning such as kitchen, carpeting, Fellowship Hall.
- Support of United Church Women's Verna Easley fund which offers our college students financial help with textbooks.
- Matching funds for students receiving Verna Easley funds.
- special gifts to agencies such as Bettered Women.

Things you can do to help:

**Ahead of time:** Bake for the bake sale, make a pot of soup, bring in gently used, clean items (no clothing) for the Trash and Treasure Sale.

**Set up/Clean up:** Muscle power is needed to help set up and on Saturday to help take down.

**During the event:** Many hands are needed including helping in the kitchen, cashiering, working in bake sale area, trash and treasure, etcetera.

**If possible, please sign up on the sheets available in Fellowship Hall to indicate where and when you are able to help.**

Bake sale items may be left in the church kitchen during office hours on Friday or brought to the church Saturday morning. Soup should be brought to the church kitchen Saturday morning after 9 am.

We received a letter from Azibanato Emiete. He would like people to remember him and write to him.

Bayelsa State Collage of Arts and Science  
Agudama—Epie—Yenagoa  
Dept. of Mass Communications  
Nigeria, West Africa

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
Out of sight is not out of mind. I thought much about you all at several occasions, mostly on Sundays at my church.  
On getting back to Nigeria, I wrote a general letter to appreciate all the assistance you people rendered to me during my school days in that great country of the USA.

I had waited for a reply in vain; here I considered to write again. Also I would very much appreciate you sending me all publications about the church activities mostly, mostly the Upper Room publications.

Please update me how Ms. Fiorelli is fairing. She communicates with me often. I would appreciate your sharing my letter with the adult Sunday School members. Also, I lost Ms. Brenda Adkins address and that of Ms. Louise Jackson. Enclose some more members addresses to enable me to communicate with you all. I would suggest that you remember me in the church bulletins and remember to pray for my country Nigeria and the leaders.

I now teach at the above address. There are so many reason for all living beings to praise God, but unfortunately some persons don't want to understand it. May the Almighty God continue to look after us as we continue to trust in Him.

Your Brother & sister in Jesus,  
Mr. & Mrs. Azibanato C. Emiete

## From The Church

### Library . . .



Rock in the Library—Stop in the church library and enjoy some quiet, relaxing time with a book while you try out the new rocking chair in the church library. Many thanks to the Memorial Committee for purchasing this gift' the chair will be dedicated along with other newly purchased memorial gifts at the November 18th worship service. A reminder that you are welcome to visit the library any time the church is open and meetings are not being held in the library.

The November / December issue of the **Upper Room** is available for anyone wanting a copy of the daily devotional guide. Copies are on the table in the narthex or in the church library.

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## Memorial Dedications

On Sunday, November 18th, we will be dedicating the new camera in the Sanctuary in memory of John Gary Tyson, Terry E. Tyson, Richard Frieling, Jim and Jean Hercik, and Gladys McCann. We will also be dedicating the black leather chair in the pastor's office Ruth Lambert. New Century Hymnals will be dedicated in memory of Fan & Janet Adams, Darlene Zinkan, Joyce Pacelli, Peggy Russell, Effie Venable, Ruth Towslee, Bob Wnetz, Peggy Dersch, Richard Frieling, and Raymond Davies. The library rocking chair will be dedicated in memory of Natalie Skolnk, Liliias McCloud and Robert Gay. Please plan on joining us for this occasion.

# November Schedules



November 4, 2007

**Gwen Richner**

David Schilling

November 11, 2007

**Gordon Weiss**

Anthony Pietrantozzi

November 18, 2007

**Seth Richner**

Robert Hoyt

November 25, 2007

**Joey Schultz**

Isaac Link

The families of the names in **bold** have Acolyte Coordinator Duty and should light the sticks and assist the acolytes.

*If you are unable to serve on your assigned week, please find a replacement and notify the church office of the change. Thank you!*

## November Servers

Will Adams

Kenny Prentice

Dan Richner

Judy Turk

Bonnie Williams - Bread

Ken Prentice - Greeters

Carol Zenisek - Lay Readers



Communion will be

November 4th this month

**Lockup Trustee for the month of November - Bob Hewett**

**Scrap Booking Friday**  
**November 16, 2007**

6:00 p.m.—midnight  
in the Fellowship Hall

# ATTENDANCE

	Sunday School	Worship Service
Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	66	96
Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	42	95
Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	52	96
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	39	N/A

**Church Women United World Community Day**

Friday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m.  
Western Reserve Christian Church  
516 W. Streetsboro St., Hudson

Honoring Church Women United's Most Outstanding Church Woman from each church.

This year **Ashley Bissell** will be honored from our church.

Please plan to join us.

**True giving is done without the slightest trace of expecting to receive.**  
Alice R. Pratt

## Happy Birthday to:

Eleanor Sterling

11/01/07

Betty McKnight

11/02/07

Roger Zenisek

11/02/07

Charles Crouse

11/05/07

Tom Holzwarth

11/05/07

Becky Delgado

11/09/07

Isaac Link

11/09/07

Matt Schultz

11/10/07

Marge Heston

11/11/07

Stan Jewell

11/15/07

Robert I. Davet

11/15/07

Lisa Mayer

11/16/07

Grace Fedor

11/16/07

Bob Heston

11/19/07

Bob Hewett

11/20/07

Nancy Tyson

11/25/07

Tony Roberson

11/28/07

Will Adams

11/28/07



## Happy Anniversary to:

Ron & Thelma Valentine

11/01/1975

Don & Lea Bissell

11/10/1950

Russ & Colleen Terrill

11/11/1972

Bob & Marge Heston

11/22/1951

### To My Church Family:

Bob and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during my relocation process. I know it was sudden but a wonderful job opportunity was placed before me and I needed to respond quickly. It was a very difficult decision to leave my church family but I needed to be with my husband. It is an added bonus to have my daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren just around the corner.

I want to especially thank Karen & Tom Holzwarth for the beautiful scrapbook and the heartfelt poem. I will cherish them always. I find it hard to look at and read without tears but they are tears of joy for my time spent at First Congregational Church.

Pastor Jim, thank you for the kind words during your sermon and thanks to everyone for the lovely coffee hour. I got some great pictures for my new scrapbook or should I say Yvette got some great pictures.

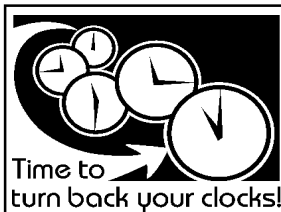
Also, thanks to Joel Pietrantozzi for his unending support and for the article in the Tower.

Our new address is: 912 Van Ave., #333, Daphne, AL 36526. I still have my Cleveland cell phone and would love to hear from everyone. My number is 216-299-2592.

Please keep Tom in your prayers. I talk to him often and he seems to be holding up quite well and really appreciates the packages he has receives.

In Christ's love,  
Janet Hanzel

If we missed your birthday or anniversary,  
please call the church office so  
we can update our records.



**Daylight  
Savings Time  
Ends 2 a.m.  
Sunday,  
11/04/2007**

# Congratulations to . . .

# NEWS from Youth Group

Angie Campese and Karl Eder who were married in our Sanctuary on Saturday, September 29th.

Emily Skoberne and Richard Depew who were married in our Sanctuary on Saturday, October 13th.

The youth group will again be doing an Angel tree to benefit Pregnancy Care, an organization to support needy pregnant women and their babies. The tags will be available mid November and items will need to be returned by Dec. 2. There will be some specific requests, but the group will happily accept any donations of baby formula, diapers, wipes, blankets, bottles, or new baby clothes, socks, coats, etc. if people want to start watching for sales.

Youth group will meet on Nov 4th to make angel ornaments for the tree and the 18th for Laserquest - more details to follow.

**A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, November 4th for CHRISTINE CHERYL EDER** (nee Kunde), age 56 of Twinsburg, beloved wife of Fred Eder; loving mother of Paul Eder and Karl (Angie) Eder; dear sister of Keith Kunde, Cynthia Kunde and Celeste (Tom) Priebe; aunt of many, passed away Monday, Oct. 1, 2007.

## . . . and help decorate the Church Sanctuary

Plants are red, 7 1/2" double stem. They may be taken home after the service on Christmas Eve. Orders are due by November 25th.

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Presented By: \_\_\_\_\_



ORDER  
YOUR  
POINSETTIAS

Please use the back of the form if you need more room to write. Please make checks payable to First Congregational Church, and place form and payment in the offering plate or drop off at the office.

# 2007

# Yankee Bazaar

## November 10th, 2007

## 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### First Congregational Church of Twinsburg

## Homemade Soups & Sandwiches

★ Homemade Soups ★

★ Pies & Desserts ★ Bakery Items ★

★ Crafts ★ Nearly New Shop ★

★ Raffle ★

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship First Congregational Church

First Congregational Church  
of Twinsburg

### Raffle Entry Form

Drawing held November 10, 2007

Complete the form and return to the church  
along with the amount of the donation.

A receipt will be mailed to you.  
You need not be present to win.

**Donation \$1.00 per chance**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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| BODY    | FAMILY    | JOHN    | MARY    | SISTER    |
| BROTHER | FATHER    | JOSEPH  | MATTHEW | WORSHIP   |

Answers are posted on the bulletin boards located in Fellowship Hall.

God is Love

*1John4.<sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

As Christians, the love of God has little meaning apart from Calvary, and Calvary has no meaning apart from the holy and just wrath of God. Jesus did not die on the cross just to give us peace and purpose in life; He died to save us from the wrath of God. Christ died to reconcile us to a Holy God who was alienated from us because of our sin. He died to ransom us from the penalty of sin – the punishment of everlasting destruction, shut out from the presence of God. Christ died that we, the just objects of Gods wrath would become, by God’s grace – the children of God. It is in this view of Calvary, that we recognize the love of God.

Our understanding of the Love of God is only complete when we realize that His love is entirely of grace that it rests completely on the work of Jesus and flows to us through our union with Him. It is because of this that God’s love for us can never change, regardless of what we do. In our daily lives, we have all sorts of spiritual ‘ups and downs’ – sin, failure, discouragement. All of these things can make us question God’s love. We feel this way because we think that God’s love is somehow conditional – we fail to recognize that His love for us is based solely on the finished work of Christ on our behalf.

As Christians, we must take hold of the wonderful truth that our spiritual failures and sins do not affect God’s love for us. We need to remember that God’s love for us does not fluctuate according to our daily experiences. We must remember the TRUTH that we are accepted by God and loved by God for the sole reason that we are united with His Son, Jesus Christ.

This is the message of the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ. We need to remind ourselves of the Gospel continually to grow in our relationship and devotion to God. As Christians, we are called to share this message of the free gift of salvation in our community and to the ends of the earth.

Please join me in prayerfully considering how we can support our church so that we can share this message. It is the ministries of the church, both local and global – that open the door for us to share this message of God’s infinite love for us all, through our Lord and Savior – Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Joel S. Pietrantozzi

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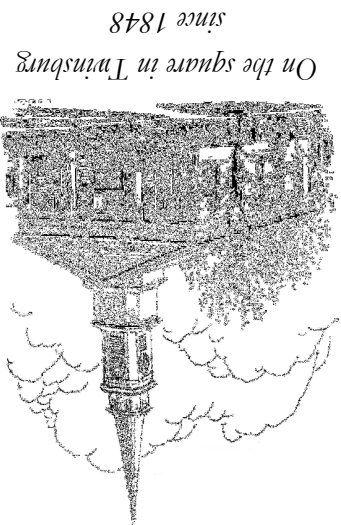
Come worship with us  
and bring a friend!  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

## Tower Submissions

Articles for the *Tower* may sent via e-mail directly to the church at [firstcongregational.church@windstream.net](mailto:firstcongregational.church@windstream.net). Hard copies, CD's, or diskettes may be dropped off at the office.

Tower deadlines are posted on the monthly calendar and in the Sunday worship bulletin. For questions, or to be added to or taken off the mailing list, please send an e-mail or call the church office at 330-425-2181.

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