

# THE TORCH

ST PETER'S UCC YOUTH NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>CONFIRMATION 10AM</b>	<b>4/1</b>
<b>IPSEITY 11AM</b>	
<b>QUEST 6:30PM</b>	
<b>EASTER BREAKFAST PREP 10AM-NOON</b>	<b>4/7</b>
<b>EASTER WORSHIP 6:30 &amp; 10AM</b>	<b>4/8</b>
<b>BREAKFAST 7:30AM</b>	
<b>FAMILY CHURCH SUNDAY</b>	<b>4/15</b>
<b>IPSEITY DANCE 7-9PM</b>	<b>4/20</b>
<b>(GRADES 5 &amp; 6)</b>	
<b>LOST &amp; FOUND CONCERT</b>	<b>4/27</b>
<b>FUSION LOCKIN (7TH &amp; 8TH GRADES)</b>	<b>5/4 TO</b>
<b>BEGINNING AT 8PM ENDING AT 10AM</b>	<b>5/5</b>

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Faith in Community 6pm on May 2
- Quest Meeting at 6:30 on May 6
- Sunday School Teacher's Recognition Dinner May 6
- May 20 is Youth Sunday, the last day of Sunday School and also the All Church Picnic

## FAITH IN COMMUNITY FOCUSES ON SECOND MILE GIVING

In September, Faith in Community (confirmation students) began a new mission to focus on the benevolent second mile giving opportunities within the United Church of Christ. From October through December plans for the newly renamed Christmas Fund (formerly Veterans of the Cross) were planned and were promoted. **Offerings received increased 42% from the previous year.**

During the month of March FIC (Faith in Community) drew their attention to the national One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. We

presented Mission Moments in worship, distributed flyers, added a bulletin insert, tie dyed tee shirts to promote the offering, and sponsored coffee hour treats to inspire giving. The offerings were dedicated on March 18. We look forward to hearing soon how generous the church was in supporting this benevolent ministry.

Despite our 2nd year confirmation students confirmation on April 1 we will continue to focus on **these benevolent offerings.... 'It's our way of contributing to the church'**, says one confirmand.

The next scheduled second mile giving from the United Church of Christ is Strengthen the Church. Through our gifts to Strengthen the Church, we strengthen and renew existing congregations. We fund leadership for new congregations and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. Your generous gifts are used, half by the Conference and half by Local Church Ministries for these purposes.

Benevolence is an important part of the church. We will continue to bring our ideas to promote these offerings to help us recognize our connection to the United Church of Christ.

## QUEST CONTINUES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR MISSION

Quest continues to raise the funds necessary to get our 14 travelers to Boston from June 24 to July 1.

There are many expenses involved in any trip and this is also true of mission trips. We have partnered with Youth Works as we did in San Diego

to facilitate the mission portion of our trip and have committed to this mission to help the homeless and working poor population in the Boston area by providing 'Kids Club' for children in needing care and meals while school is out of session. The need is so great in that area that Youth Works has

stayed in the community throughout the school year to continue to provide their services to help families. So our arrival in June will be to relieve some of the year round staff. There rescue missions and homeless shelters that we may have the opportunity to help with.

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**QUEST'S MISSION (CONTINUED)**

Really, what Youth Works needs most is willingness to do what they ask of us.

They provide the experience and we pay per participant for room and board, our airfare and transportation to and from the mission site each day.

Since we are traveling across the country we plan to stay through the weekend to see the city (funds permitting)

and before you know it everything adds up.

This is a weeklong trip that St Peter's youth will experience for \$300 per participant, but the actual cost per participant is more like \$1000 per participant. We do our best to search out the best deals to keep trips affordable and fundraise until we are blue in the face.

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mingo game, luncheons, Easter breakfast... our account slowly grows throughout the year and by the end of the year we have a nest egg to get us where we feel God calling us.

We have approximately \$4000 left to raise. With a successful Fish Boil on March 30 and a few more fundraisers we'll be on our way..... to Boston.

**IPSEITY LOOKS FORWARD TO UPCOMING EVENTS**

A couple weeks ago on a sunny Sunday afternoon, Ipseity had their 1st sledding party in years! It's not that we haven't tried, there just isn't usually enough snow and our sledding party quickly turns into a movie party. Everyone had a chance down the hill.

Before sledding we had tacos for lunch and made posters for the upcoming dance for

5th & 6th graders on April 20 from 7-9pm. Direct Affex DJ service (Patrick Dederling and Seth Walsdorf) is donating their time and DJ service for the dance. We will charge admission and offer refreshments. Ipseity will donate \$1 to the Kiel Community Food Pantry for every 5th & 6th grader at the dance on April 20.

There will be a communion

class offered on May 16 at 6:30pm for children and adults interested in learning more about the sacrament and what it means in our faith.

Also in May we are planning a day for Ipseity to visit an area nursing home to play bingo with the residents.

Youth Sunday is on May 20 in the park along with the All Church Picnic.

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**YOUTH SUNDAY SET FOR MAY 20 IN THE PARK**

Every year the youth of St Peter's are asked to lead the congregation in worship and it is an eye opening experience.

St Peter's (and its youth) have so much to celebrate this year! A new way of doing Sunday School, the addition of Family Church

Sundays, another Pastor added to the church, etc. The list of our blessings never ends.

Youth Sunday 2007 will be held during the 10 o'clock worship service on May 20 in the park to celebrate our blessings. Immediately following wor-

ship everyone will be invited to 'walk down the hill' to our annual All Church Picnic/Potluck.

The youth will lead worship, ....As One.... Will lead the congregation in song, and we will celebrate God's love for us, His children.

## LIFE PROMOTIONS' TIFFANY THOMPSON TO SPEAK ON TEEN ISSUES AT NEW HOLSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL

Tiffany will be sharing with youth and adults her love of life, and with an artist's heart hopes to encourage others to embrace all the mystery of both joy and pain to paint a positive future. Teens listen to Tiffany because she is real. She shares from her own mistakes, victories and daily struggles on topics students can relate to. Tiffany helps students grasp difficult concepts through

the use of strong visuals that students remember long after the presentation is over. She is consistently challenges youth to take their faith to the next level.

Her presentation will be held in the Thomas Lynch Auditorium located at the New Holstein High School, Monday April 30 from 7 to 8:30pm, along with special guests Second Adam, a Christian

youth band.

Come join us with your family, friends and/or youth group for an awesome night. One minute Tiffany will fill you with laughter and the next you will be deeply touched by her inspirational stories, which are complemented by great music and free pizza. This is a free presentation welcoming to all surrounding communities and families.

## LOST AND FOUND CONCERT SCHEDULED APRIL 27

### LOST AND FOUND is Michael Bridges and George Baum.

George plays piano, and Michael plays guitar. Stylistically, the music of LOST AND FOUND is not easy to describe. Some have simply labeled it "speedwood" or "acoustic thrash." Others, upon hearing the unique blend of folk and screaming, played without drums or stacks of keyboards, and including the occasional ballad, have just said, "I've never heard anything like that before." One person said the music is, "the intersection of the Ramones and John Denver." This is, as you might imagine, a relatively deserted intersection.

LOST AND FOUND concerts involve the audiences. Michael and George developed an interactive style as they introduced themselves to audiences throughout the United States and, in turn, made hundreds of friends on their first concert tour. On this first tour, LOST AND FOUND traveled from New York to St. Louis, to Miami, to San Diego, to Seattle and back to New York on BICYCLES. During those 340 days, they sang more than 260 times at schools, camps, churches, and colleges. With no support vehicle and no particular training regimen, the year truly proved to be a journey of faith.

To this day, their concerts include stories of their lives and their travels along with their songs. The concerts are a bit like having Michael and George over to your living room for conversation and music it's more like a dialogue than a presentation.

LOST AND FOUND concerts can feel like gatherings of friends. All are welcome and all are included. Consequently, their concerts are usually promoted by word-of-mouth and here on this website. People who have heard and liked LOST AND FOUND simply tell their friends about upcoming concerts and invite their friends to come see LOST AND FOUND play. Once in a while people who have heard LOST AND FOUND decide to play LOST AND FOUND songs on the radio too.

The songs Michael and George write are notable for the catchy tunes and they also communicate quite a lot in under three minutes. The music is organic and fun, and the lyrics comment on life, faith, travel, friends and relationships. Some of their songs of faith have been tapped by publishers, from Augsburg-Fortress to Concordia to Zondervan, for use in teaching and aiding group discussion.

Michael and George fell into playing music full time pretty much by accident. One concert simply led to another and people heard them and asked them to come back and sing again. Now, they have been at it for over ten years during and after college and graduate school. It has never been the mission of LOST AND FOUND to sell out arenas, or to become staples of the radio. It has always been their mission to be honest and natural in concerts, to model a way of being an independent band, and to meet lots of people—communicating with them about faith and life.

Michael and George grew up a few blocks from each other in Niagara Falls, New York. Currently, George lives in New York City, and Michael lives in Los Angeles, California. LOST AND FOUND records and releases their own CDs on their own independent label called LIMB Records. While LOST AND FOUND cannot afford the production quality that a major record label can bring to an album, they are able to produce freely what they believe to be true and to offer CDs of their songs to remind people of the live concert experience. Lots of people have said, "You really have to see these guys in concert to 'get it.' "

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For more information about how to get involved in the youth programs at St Peter's please contact:

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