



Finley United Methodist Church

Dear Finley Church Family,

Last month we heard much about stewardship and how God wants us to use our resources, talents and abilities for His Kingdom's purpose. Stewardship is really understanding and acknowledging that God owns it all and we are to honor Him with everything in our lives, including our money and assets.

Stewardship is the proper management of our life in order to enhance and grow in the Kingdom of God. God has given us everything from our salvation to our homes.

Everything we have is from Him. You have just been given the responsibility and lease on it!

Our finance committee does a wonderful job of keeping our church "paid up" for ministry. Our Church budget can only be met by faithful Christians who are "sold out" to Jesus and His Church. I appreciate our committee who meets monthly and works diligently behind the scenes for God's work here at Finley. Most churches are feeling the crunch of our economy, and ours is no different.

I have kept the following

newsletter article from the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Harvard, IL.

If I give nothing, I cast my vote in favor of closing the church.

If I give only to local support, I vote to stop missionary activity in this hour of need.

If I give grudgingly, I shall find no joy nor receive the blessing of the Lord.

If I give proportionately, I shall give something, even if of necessity, mine must be small.

If I give systematically, I make it possible for my church to plan in advance and make it easier for myself.

If I give sacrificially, I shall testify to the high value I place on Christ and the Church in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of a suffering humanity.

YOU CAN TELL IT

When: Each Wednesday, April 6th thru May 18th

Time: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Learn how effectively to present the gospel of Jesus Christ in a clear, confident way to a lost world.

This DVD series and workbook, by EVANTELL, a leader in evangelism, contains biblical study on the gospel, saving faith, prayer in

evangelism, and basic theology of evangelism.

There is a sign up sheet in the hallway if you want a workbook. They are \$12.50. Please see Harold Griffith if you would like to contribute for your workbook or if you cannot attend on Wednesdays.

The Tithe is a testimony of our faithfulness, sacrifice, surrender and worship to Jesus Christ. It has been said, "When we allow God to have our pocketbook, He also has our heart."

Lastly, 2nd Corinthians 9:7 says, "*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.*"

Thank you for your faithfulness and diligence in the life of Finley Church,

Pastor Jerry Ernst

Spring Greetings from the Finley Youth! We've been pretty busy lately. Glad to be through the cold winter, even though we've not gotten to enjoy spring-like weather much. This is a wonderful time of year when we are reminded of God's love for us, that He sent his Son Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect, ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Pray that God helps us to bring this message to our youth group. We took the youth to Wheeling White Palace Ice Rink last month & had a great time skating, playing video games or just watching them skate. Some had never skated before, but learned quickly. Thanks to Bob Rush & Jim Stracken for helping chaperone with Jeff & me. We had our first Sunday Night Youth @ Finley in the fellowship hall last month. (Our plan is to have this every month on the 4th Sunday of each month.) We invited the Wintersville UMC Youth Group to our "movie night". It was a wonderful time to have fellowship with both youth groups. Thanks to the CIA SS class for spending the time with us & for the popcorn & drinks. Thanks to Tiffany Manley, Youth Pastor, Wintersville UMC & her youth group for the pizza! This Sunday night @ 6:30, we'll be in the fellowship hall again with our youth group. Looking forward to a time of worship & learning, along with some games planned for the group. Thanks to all the kids who helped with the Sunday School breakfast earlier this month. They worked so hard before, during & after the meal with preparing, serving & cleaning up. We all had a good time! We have a great group of adult volunteers who take time out of their lives to spend time helping out with our youth group. Thanks to Jeff, Pam, Flip, Bill, Terry, Bob, Arlene & Shanna for helping out @ the ministry center. Thanks to our new youth officers for all their hard work. Nathan Thomas, as our youth president is doing a great job leading the kids. Kelly Justice, as vice-president has been busy with our youth' service project- Compassion International. We are collecting offering each week for a 7 year old boy from Uganda named Isabyre Marvin. Kelly is responsible for any correspondence between he & our youth group. It was a blessing to receive a letter from him through a translator. Several of our youth have written to him also. Kelly has presented dvd presentations from Compassion International, keeping our group informed and up to date with where their contributions are going. Na'Tesha Hicks, our youth secretary keeps busy with cards & letters or updating each youth's information. Thanks to Aaron Thomas who takes care of the attendance every week. There are other youth who help with serving, taking care of prayer requests, clean up...thanks to all of those who want to be a part of our youth group; to be there every Wednesday to learn about Jesus & to have a personal relationship with Him. It's time again to count the pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. We've had the guesses from the kids, now it's time to find out how many we've collected this year. Just from looking @ the containers, my guess is that we have the most ever this year. Thanks to all the "counters"! We look forward to taking the kids to deliver them, to see & hear how they are used, & for a trip afterwards to McDonald's to eat. We'll know soon how many we have & who wins the guessing contest! Looking forward to God's leading & His Holy Spirit speaking during this time of Easter. Pray for each one of them, along with all who interact with them! I thank God for the privilege of working with each young life in our group! Keep praying for the youth of Finley United Methodist Church! Thank you, Kathy Gilkey Youth Director

I would like to take this time to personally thank everyone who kept my brother Jim Hawkins and my family in their thoughts and prayers during his fight with brain cancer. We felt the prayers and that kept us all in a much needed calm during his illness and his passing. I also want to thank everyone who sent me the lovely cards and the people who came to his memorial. That meant so much to me. The people of Finley are wonderful people and I'm so blessed to have been able to make Finley my home church. Bless all of you. Patty Felmet

FINLEY UNITED METHODIST MISSIONS CIRCLE

President Karen Montgomery headed the meeting and passed out new shut-in lists to the members to mail cards to. She stated the District Spring Meeting will be held on April 14, 2011 at the Wintersville United Methodist Church with registration starting at

9:00 A.M.. School of Missions will be held July 15-16-17 at Mt. Union College and no Lakeside this year. The Reverend Kim Anderson has retired and has been replaced by Reverend James Winkler. Karen would like our project of helping Urban Mission to be collecting jelly beans. The due date will be April 3, 2011. A Basket

is in the main lobby for this. Mary Ann Wagner presented the Call to Self Denial program following the meeting. Next unit meeting will be April 5, 2011 with Betty Alvey presenting the program.



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children/babies up to 6th grade at Kidmo, Wednesday, April 20, beginning at 5:00 P.M.. (Volunteers needed to help hide eggs. Donations of filled, plastic Easter eggs are needed.)

The United Methodist Aviation Ministry in the Congo

Finley United Methodist Church supports Steve and Gail Quigg who work with the United Methodist Aviation Ministry in the Congo. In February while the Quigg's were on leave and in the area they visited Finley and shared with the congregation the importance of aviation in the work of the Gospel **and how both the direct and indirect costs of aviation accidents effect the ministry.**

The Congolese pilots transport missionaries, patients, medicines, mail and supplies to some of the most remote parts of the Congo. When there is an accident it is vital to get the plane back in operation as soon as possible. The reason for this is that the accident causes the other pilots to have to divide the duties of the downed plane. There is also the emotional recovery and added stress for the pilot who has had the accident.

It is important to work on avoiding the accidents for the reasons mentioned above but in addition to that many times after an accident the passengers are afraid to fly and that causes the loss of good will for this very important aviation ministry.

With continued training and investigating how to avoid certain problems as well as counseling, praying with the pilots and their families fewer accidents have occurred in the last year.

It was very interesting to hear how the Love of God is working in the lives all those involved in this ministry.

Commission on Missions

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the Nursery Church , Beginner's Church and Junior Church . I have appreciated how everyone has either been in your assigned area, gotten your own substitute or contacted me so that I can get a substitute. I have really appreciated the fact that I have never had to be concerned that the children were unsupervised. Your help has been greatly appreciated by the children, their parents and especially me. I hope everyone enjoyed working in this very important ministry of the church and will continue to do so in 2011. If for some reason you cannot help or need to change when you help please let me know as soon as possible, because I am beginning to work on the 2011 schedule.

We provide a **Nursery Church** at the 10:45 and the evening service. Two people are required to be in the Nursery during each service. The Nursery helpers need to be in the Nursery by 10:30 in the morning and by 6:30 in evening.

We need at least one helper for the teacher in **Beginner's Church**. The helper is there to assist the teacher with the lesson and also help her to keep order. The teacher and helper for Beginner's Church must be in the room from 10:30 until the children are picked up at the end of the service.

We also need at least one helper for the teacher in **Junior Church**. That helper is, also, there to assist the teacher with the lesson and help her keep order. The teacher and helper for Junior Church are dismissed from the sanctuary when the choir is dismissed and must stay with the children in their room until they are picked up after the service.

If you are not already working in this ministry and think you would like to try it I would appreciate your help. I can always use more helpers. If you could volunteer one Sunday a month in one of the areas, that would be great. If you could only help occasionally or as a substitute, that would also be a great help. I appreciate whatever help I can get. If you want to volunteer or just want to know more about the work please contact Dee Whisman at church or call me at home. My phone number is 740-264-1122. I would love to hear from anyone who thinks they would like to help in this very important ministry.

Thank you,

Dee Whisman
Children's Church Coordinator