



# Flu Shot Clinic!!!

There will be a Flu Shot Clinic on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1pm here at the church. The cost for the Flu shot is \$30 and there will be a Pneumonia shot available for \$40. If you have any questions, please contact Emily @ the church office.

## Faith Promise

Rick Wolford of the Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism will lead our Faith Promise commitments Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Rick will tell us of the current work of FAME in a combined bible school class. He will deliver a missions message in the worship service. We encourage every family to prayerfully consider what God would have them promise for missions in the new fiscal year. There is no limit to what God can supply, only a limit in what we believe he can do.

\* **Reminder:** Anyone who has given donations to missions on top of the weekly offering, please call the church office so we can get an exact amount for the year.

**There will be a soup and sandwich luncheon directly after the service on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> for the Faith Promise Rally. Sign-up sheets are in the Foyer.**

Sunday School: 9:30am;  
Morning Worship: 10:30am  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Youth Group Activities:

### Regular Meetings

October 21: 5:30 – 7:00pm @ the Church

October 28: Bowling Night

Scrapbooking night is Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at the church.

Minister Resigns: Dave Dahlstein resigned his ministry with the Dover First Christian Church on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We pray that God will guide and bless Dave and his family in their continued service.

## Our Best Effort

In this time when we are searching for a minister for our congregation we all need to give our best effort in filling the gaps. Be alert to areas where you can help serve in the programs of the church and in individual lives. Every member is a minister in God's sight and we need to respond to his call for serving. Let each of us pull together and pray together for the strength and work of our congregation. Pray that God will lead our search committee to the man that will be the best fit for our church.

## Car Show a Big Hit!!!

Ahhhhhh...picture-perfect weather, good food, amazing classic cars and great fellowship – what more could you want? We had a terrific turnout for our second annual car show, and the drivers have asked that we plan another one for next year. Thanks to “The Cathys”, Dave Schwarm, Tricia Long, Ouna Goins, Emily Keith, Carlene Swinderman, Gerri Newell and Judy Thomas for all of their help. The drivers donated \$181 which we put into the Fleming Family Fund.

## We're blown away!!!

We knew that we had a generous congregation, but we were blown away by the results of our lasagna dinner on Sunday. The total offering for the dinner was \$1276. When we added it to the \$181 donated by last week's car show participants, we had a total of \$1457 for the Kolsen Fleming Family.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. Thanks to Dave and Cathy Schwarm, Sherry Stutzman, and Deb Fuller for helping prep, cook, and serve; thanks to Catherine Fuller and Joyce Parrott for doing the dirty work(dishes!); and most of all, thanks to all of you who donated so generously to this worthwhile cause.

If you missed the dinner and would like to donate, you can give directly to the family or send your money via the church. 100% of all donations will go straight to the Fleming family to help with future expenses.

-Cathy Marker





***Nursing Care Centers:***

Winona Gilbertson – Park Village  
Laura Eames-Luyster – Park Village  
Janet Welch – Amberwood  
Lydia Page – Park Village  
Bob Coffee – Park Village  
Glen Griffith – Schoenbrunn Med. Center  
Edgar Evans – Park Village

***Shut-Ins:***

Annabelle Vandevort – home  
Velda Kistner - home

***Special Prayer Concerns:***

Please pray for the family of **Raymond Reed** – (Maureen Wenger's uncle) who passed away 10-10-07  
**Tammy Diehl** – severe headaches and high blood pressure  
**Timmy Beal** (Ray Beals grandson) hospitalized at Cleveland Clinic due to heart failure, pneumonia, and peritonitis  
**Dan Wasko** – Heart Catherization 10-17  
**Kay McClelland** - @ home awaiting another surgery  
**Barry Oiler** – surgery postponed/ he will be wearing a special boot for 8 mos.  
**Hanna Ricer** (friend of Shirley Homan) home with healthcare nurses twice a day  
**Mary Perry** –health issues  
**Polly Marks** – health issues  
**Gary Pulley** –Health Issues  
**Cinda Eaton** – medical condition caused by a medication  
**Margaret Lamb** –Health Issues

***Praises:***

**Rick Powell** (friend of Homan's) tests results came back negative

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**Our Elders:**

Ray Beal  
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Charles Raffle

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# Faith – Promise: 45 Years and Still Going Strong

BY DEBBIE LEGG

1962 – 10 AM Sunday at First Christian Church in Fairfield, Illinois. The worship leader sings from a hymnal, accompanied by a pipe organ and piano. A senior minister, youth minister, secretary, and custodian make up the staff. Average attendance is more than 400. The missions program, with a budget of \$7,000, sends support to two missionary families and answers the occasional minor request. But such a budget doesn't go far.

Then minister Robert E. Reeves and the missions committee introduce the idea of a faith-promise conference as a means of supporting missions worldwide. Nellie Milner, former church secretary and missions committee member, wrote this in her book *The First Decade*:

We think the best explanation of the term Faith-Promise is that it means just what it implies. It necessitates going to God, and having the faith that He will provide the means whereby we can fulfill that promise. Often it includes promising that which we do not have, and always it means committing to God that which we do have... A faith-promise commitment is not a pledge. It is simply a covenant between man and God. If for any reason this promise cannot be kept, it is still a matter between man and God.

The fact that the faith-promise fund is completely separate from the general fund is one key to the program's success. The missions team sets each year's budget based on commitment cards from the congregation. Money is not transferred from the general fund should there be a shortfall at the end of the year. Likewise, if money is needed in the general fund, it is not "borrowed" from the faith-promise fund.

For all of the changes the faith-promise program has undergone over the last 45 years, it has never wavered from the original calling. At the second faith-promise conference in 1964, Woodrow Phillips, then head of the missions department at Ozark Bible College, encouraged the congregation to embrace the full meaning of the great commission.

Milner recalled "Brother Phillips told us that we must go or we must send to fulfill the will of Christ and to preserve the heritage of faith for our own children. Isolation is impossible and unthinkable. If the only concern of the Jerusalem church had been its own preservation, the gospel would never have reached us.

"We took these thoughts into our hearts and searched them out, knowing they were true. We must go, or we must send. There is no alternative. We cannot all go- but we can all send."

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