



# Announcements



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sundays at 7:00pm: **Senior High Youth**
- Sundays at 1:00pm: **Middle School & Sr. Hi Futsal (begins 12/12/21)**
- Tuesdays at 7:00am: **Men's Bible Study (Top of the Viaduct)**
- Wednesdays at 7:00pm: **ProTeens and Middle School Youth**
- Wednesdays at 8:00pm: **Senior High Youth**
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 1st: Young Adults (6:30pm at Joel & Abby Bankert's house)**
- ◆ **Saturday, December 4th: Ladies' Old Fashioned Christmas Tea (10:30am-12:00pm at JFC)**
- ◆ **Sunday, December 12th: Children's Birthday Party for Jesus (4:00-7:00pm at JFC)**
- ◆ **Sunday, December 12th: Sr Hi Youth Christmas Party (7:00pm)**
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 15th: ProTeens & Middle School Christmas Party (6:00pm)**
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 15th: Young Adults (6:30pm at Joel & Abby Bankert's house)**
- ◆ **Saturday, December 18th: Christmas Caroling (3:00pm)**
- ◆ **Saturday, December 18th: ProTeens and Middle School Youth Overnighter (at JFC beginning at 8:00pm)**
- ◆ **Friday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Services (5:00 and 6:30pm)**
- ◆ **Sunday, December 26th: Combined Worship Service (10:00am)**
- ◆ **Christmas Break: Office is closed the week of December 27th**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving meal fund. We were able to help 65 local and JFC families with the means to have a nice Thanksgiving dinner! Thank you for all of your generosity and donations!



If you previously donated to Feed My Sheep and still want to continue to help those in need, you can now donate to the Canton Free Store through Crossroads United Methodist Church (120 Cleveland Ave SW, Canton OH 44702). You can also give through JFC; just be sure to mark your check/tithing envelope "Canton Free Store". This ministry provides free food, clothing, hygiene products, as well as indoor restrooms and shower facilities for those in need in downtown Canton.

### Our Pavilion

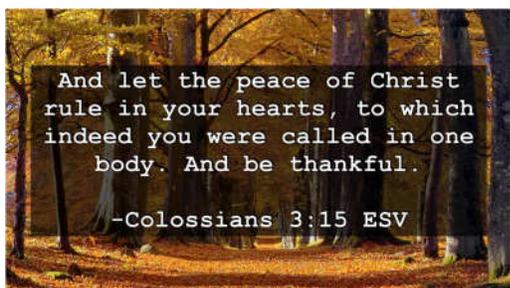
As you can see, we have a wonderful new edition to our facility. Many, many thanks to all who have given of their time, talents, and treasures to accomplish this!



It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night!  
**Psalm 21:1-2**

God has been especially close these last few weeks! Thank you church family for your thoughts, prayers and encouragement! Todd and I both felt them and God was so near. What a wonderful family we belong to. Be encouraged. Proclaim his love in the morning, and remember his faithfulness at night.

Lori and Todd Osugi



As we come out of Thanksgiving and look towards Christmas, I want to encourage you to pause.

A few weeks ago, I was walking into a store on November 1st and noticed that Christmas decorations and displays were already out in the aisles. It dawned on me that we love "moving on". Halloween candy had just been passed out and here I was maneuvering around yuletide presentations and goods. I remember chuckling to myself and wondering, "What happened to turkey day?"

But it's true, isn't it? We move pretty quickly from one thing to the next, barely done processing one thing before we're ready to set our eyes on the next thing. I could go on and on about the danger of seeing

Christmas with consumers' eyes, or bemoaning materialism. But instead I want to encourage us to hang out a moment longer in that space of gratitude. As Christ-followers, we should be people to whom being grateful isn't just on a Thursday at the end of November but an attitude that exudes from our hearts all year round. Can I encourage you to make space for intentionally being grateful as we head towards celebrating the birth of Jesus this year? Paul, Silas, and Timothy wrote for us to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Can we allow our gratitude for every good gift, for all of the small things, for the undeserved and unconditional love of our Heavenly Father, to be on display as we journey towards celebrating the birth of our Savior this year?

Will you join me in trying to be more intentionally grateful?

Pastor Chris King

## YOUTH GROUP

### *ProTeens (grades 5-6) and Middle School (grades 7-8):*

- ◆ **Wednesday Night Youth Group:** Doors open at 6:00 for games and hangout. Meeting is from 7:00-8:00pm. Always remember to invite your friends!
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 15th:** Christmas Party and Gag Gift Exchange! Bring a friend and a gag gift if possible. Yes, there will be food! Come at 6:00pm for games and fun. Gift exchange will begin at 7:00pm. Donations of winter gear, blankets and canned food will be accepted for local shelters.
- ◆ **Saturday, December 18th:** Overnighter at JFC! Fun to be had by all! Bring a friend and a snack to share. Cost is \$5, and canned goods or a blanket to donate. Meet at 8:00pm and be picked up at 9:00am.

### *Senior High (grades 9-12):*

- ◆ **Sunday Night Youth Group:** 7:00-8:30pm. Always remember to invite your friends!
- ◆ **Wednesday Night Youth Group:** 8:00pm
- ◆ **December 12th:** Christmas Party and Gag Gift Exchange! Bring a friend and a gag gift if possible. Yes, there will be food! Donations of winter gear, blankets and canned food will be accepted for local shelters.

**Futsal:** The Middle School and Senior High Youth will playing Futsal (gym soccer) on Sunday afternoons beginning Sunday, December 12th. Join us from 1:00-4:00pm and bring a friend!

Winter break activities info is available from Moby, or find out more when you come to regular events.

Mission and service opportunities are available! Online and small group Bible studies are also happening! Details available from Moby.

Moby's contact info: [moby@jacksonfriends.org](mailto:moby@jacksonfriends.org); office 330-966-0616; or cell 330-224-0695

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Check out the website for current updated info and details.  
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>"For unto you is born ... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."</i></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS</b></p> <p><i>Luke 2:11</i></p>	<p>Please remember to pray for those listed each day.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>6:30p Young Adults (meet at Joel &amp; Abby Bankert's house) 7:00p ProTeens and Middle School Youth 8:00p Senior High Youth</p> <p>Eric &amp; Stephanie Boylan</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Bruce &amp; Sandy Bracken</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Carol Bradley</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30a Ladies' Christmas Tea</p> <p>Michele Bradley Family</p>
<p>9:00a Blended Service 10:00a Life Groups 11:00a Blended Service</p> <p>5</p> <p>7:00p Sr Hi Youth</p> <p><b>Pastors &amp; Families</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bob &amp; Amy Breazeal Family</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00a Men's Bible Study-T.O.V.</p> <p>Tim Brechbuhler</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00p ProTeens and Middle School Youth 8:00p Senior High Youth</p> <p>David &amp; Lucretia Brenner Family</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Jennifer &amp; Rudy Bresiger Family</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Mark &amp; Libby Brinkman Family</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Anna Jane Broderick Family</p>
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<p>10:00a Blended Service</p> <p>1:00p Futsal (Middle School and Sr High Youth)</p> <p>7:00p Sr. High Youth</p> <p><b>William &amp; Marie Bertrand Missionaries in Haiti &amp; D.R.</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p>Maureen Charles Family</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00a Men's Bible Study-T.O.V.</p> <p>Beth Cioca</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30p Young Adults (meet at Joel &amp; Abby Bankert's) 7:00p ProTeens &amp; Middle School Youth 8:00p Senior High Youth</p> <p>Ben &amp; Rebekah Cole Family</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Todd &amp; Kay Cole</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Jon &amp; Kimberly Compson Family</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p><i>Begin the new year with God</i></p>

## Sports and Recreation:

Winter basketball and cheerleading is kicking off here at Jackson Friends! While it may be too late to sign a player up, it's not too late for anyone looking to volunteer with us this season! This is our busiest sports season of the year and we would love to have some extra help with our various programs. Please email [jbankert@jacksonfriends.org](mailto:jbankert@jacksonfriends.org) if you have an interest in helping out. We also appreciate any prayers for a smooth and safe season and for God's help in our ability to lead kids to Christ! We are here to make an impact!



## Children's Ministries:

We are having a **Birth Party for Jesus** on December 12th from 4:00-7:00pm and you are invited! We will have food, cake, music and games. Since this is a birthday party, we ask that the children bring a "gift" of a donation of food for our pantry or a monetary donation for Children's Bibles. Parents, you may drop your children off or stay. This is open to any family, so please invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors! You must RSVP by December 8th by calling the office, or you can complete the bulletin tear-off and place it in the offering plate. Knowing in advance how many children are coming and what age they are will help us prepare an awesome birthday party!



We are also excited to announce that the Children's Department is going to be running the food pantry. Our kids will not only be able to bring in donations, they will also help with cleaning, packaging, and organizing the pantry. This will be a great year-round way for the children to serve.

We are still in need of 2 helpers during the 9:00am service. If you have thought about it before, please pray and re-consider it...we could sure use your help! The age group is kindergarten through 5th grade, and the rotation is one month on, followed by two months off.

Please note: On Sunday, December 26th, we will have all of our normal classes (during the morning service at 10:00am). With times still being so different, we would like to encourage all of our families to slow down and enjoy spending time together.

It's Christmas time! Praise God for loving us so much that he sent his one and only son, Jesus, to save all mankind. He truly is the best gift anyone could ever receive. Even though times are hard, do not give up helping those in need. I challenge you to find a way to make a difference in a family's life this Christmas. God will bless you for it!

We are in dire need of help in our nursery. It would be such a blessing if you could consider helping us out just one hour a month. Please see me in the kids' check-in before or after service or call the church office.

Christmas Eve service times are 5:00 and 6:30pm. Nursery will be available for children 3 and under for both services.

May God richly bless you as we close out 2021 and prepare for a new year.

In His Service,

Marty Shomali, Director of Nursery Ministries



**Small Groups:** Many of our JFC small groups will be taking a break to make more space for loved ones and reflection this December. If you aren't a part of a small group and would like to grow in your faith alongside others, we would love to help you find a group where you fit right in. Some Small Groups will continue meeting and some will be restarting in January, but we are always looking to help you connect with others to grow as a disciple. Feel free to see the Small Group display in the main hallway here at JFC for all of the opportunities, or reach out to Pastor Chris King directly at [cking@jacksonfriends.org](mailto:cking@jacksonfriends.org) or 330-966-0616.

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#### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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