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June 2019



Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

This is what I wrote in 2006:

What is Natural Church Development? To answer that question we have to look at what we want to accomplish. I would like us to be a healthy congregation. I truly believe that if we are healthy and we are doing what God is calling us to do then God will bless us with growth. God will send people here to be nurtured and fed. What do growing churches really do differently? After a research project which studied at least 1000 different churches on five continents and in 32 countries, large and small churches, growing and declining ones, with a least 30 members filling out a questionnaire, the result were black and white. Christian Schwarz and his team had principles that were proven to be used universally by God to build his church. He came up with eight quality characteristics of growing churches. The research taught them that no church that wants to grow can neglect even a single one of these quality characteristics.

The first characteristic is Empowering Leadership:

The leader does not become a guru-leader while the lay people follow the great vision of one person. The leader considers one of their most important tasks is to help Christians develop greater degrees of empowerment, which according to God's plan already belongs to them. The leaders equip, support, motivate and mentor individuals to become all that God wants them to be.

The second characteristic is Gift-oriented Ministry: This characteristic is the conviction that God has already determined which Christian should best assume which ministries in the church. The role of the leaders is to help members identify their gifts and integrate them into ministries. When you live according to your spiritual giftedness you are no longer working in your own strength, but the Holy Spirit works in you. Therefore, even though you are "just an ordinary person" you can accomplish, in the true sense of the word, extraordinary things.

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The third characteristic is Passionate Spirituality: It is not the way spirituality is expressed, but the fact that faith is actually lived out with commitment, fire, and enthusiasm. The degree of spiritual passion is demonstrably the point that sets growing churches apart from non-growing ones. A church that lives its faith with passionate fervor will experience success with many a method.

The fourth characteristic is Functional Structures: Church structures are never an end in themselves, but only a means to an end. Do they fulfill their purpose or not? If not, are they are changed or laid to rest. (E.g. programs that don't reach their audience effectively, inconvenient worship service times) Through the process of self-renewal, traditionalistic ruts can be avoided to a large extent. (We have always done it that way vs. trying something different to see if that works)

The fifth characteristic is Inspiring Worship Service: People who attend inspiring worship services unanimously declare that the church service is - and for some Christians this is almost a heretical word - "fun."

The Sixth is Holistic Small Groups: A system of small groups where individual Christians can find an intimate community, practical help, and intensive spiritual interaction. These are exactly the elements of the biblical concept of holism. In these groups, people do not only discuss Bible texts or listen to interesting explanations by experts, but they apply biblical insights to the everyday issues of the participants. Christian small groups are not a nice, yet dispensable hobby. No, it is the very essence of the true life of the church of Jesus Christ that is worked out in small groups.

The seventh is Need-Oriented Evangelism: Share the gospel in a way that meets the question and needs of non-Christians.

The eighth quality Characteristic is Loving Relationships: To get this "love quotient" we need to ask questions to find out how loving the relationships are between Christians. For instance, how much time do members spend with one another outside of the official church-sponsored events? How often do they invite one another over for meals or a cup of coffee? How generous is the church in doling out compliments? To what extent is the pastor aware of the personal problems of the lay workers in the church? How much laughter is there in the church? All the characteristic must be there for a church to growth spiritually as well as numerically. In Mark 4:26-29 (NIV) Jesus tells us the following parable: "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts, and grows; though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain-first the stalk, then the head, and then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." Church growth is something that we human beings cannot make. Our job is merely to stimulate the growth God himself uses to build his church. One of the most important conclusions coming from the research project is the insight that, whenever we think about the subject of church growth, the key is the quality of the church. Quality (as measured in the form of eight quality characteristics) is the root; quantity (increased church attendance) is the fruit. What we do now is work at finding which of the eight characteristic we are the weakest in and then work on improving that quality. The Health team will be starting to look at who we are and what our God given purpose is. Then they will do a survey to find out our weakest characteristic, and come up with ways to improve the quality of that characteristic. Which in turn, will then improve our overall quality. God's peace. This is what the congregation came up with:

Long Term Goals

- 1. Complete new buildings, including an Education Wing, to better accommodate our vision for Good Hope by 2013
- 2. Purchase adjacent properties when available
- 3. Open the church (air conditioned) for elderly and persons with respiratory problems during summer by 2008
- 4. Host or support dinners for those in need in the community by 2008
- 5. Investigate transportation options to assist our elderly and others to attend worship and other functions by 2010
- 6. Increase worship attendance by at least 75-100 people by 2013
- 7. Increase staff by adding a Deaconess or Associate in Ministry by 2011
- 8. Expand youth and children's programs to meet the needs of a growing youth population by 2008

We are going to do this again. I will keep you informed. We need to reevaluate who we are and we need to step back and see what a visitor sees through a visitor's eyes. Please look.



Vision Team Report

MISSION STATEMENT

Through Christ we put God first by teaching, reaching and loving all.

1. We feed the "Body and Soul"

- 2. Community involvement/outreach programs
- 3. Strong commitment to family and children
- 4. Christian education
- 5. Inviting and welcoming all people into our fellowship with the Lord
- 6. Responsible stewards of our resources

Vision Statement:

Good Hope Lutheran Church is a Christ centered, vibrant, and growing congregation that is the heart and soul of our community; linked to all through its members and their faith in action.

Growing Congregation Characteristics

- 1. Empowering Leadership Gift-oriented Ministry
- 2. Passionate Spirituality
- 3. Functional Structures
- 4. Inspiring Worship Service
- 5. Holistic Small Groups
- 6. Need-oriented Evangelism
- 7. Loving Relationships

Empowering Leadership

- 1. Increase the number of lay ministers to 6 in 2007.
- 2. Develop Health Team who then empowers others in 2007.

Gift – Oriented Ministry

- 1. Get 8 people involved in study of "The Three Colors of Ministry" by March 2007 and half the congregation involved by fall of 2008.
- 2. Yearly, new members will go through a class which teaches spiritual gifts.

Passionate Spirituality

- 1. Increase attendance in Adult Sunday school by 20 people by 2009
- 2. Increase prayers led by laity every year

Functional Structures

Assess functionality of our leadership structure and determine a plan for a new structure that follows our vision by the end of 2007.

Inspiring Worship Service

Investigate and plan a weekly worship "Conversational Coffee Night" by 2008

Holistic Small Group

Develop at least 8 new small groups, by interest in 2008 that follow these components:

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Study
- 3. Fellowship
- 4. Action service

Loving Relationships

Develop 4 lay ministers to care for and take communion to our shut-ins by 2009

Need-oriented Evangelism

Assess the spiritual gifts of the congregation and match those gifts that serve a need in the community by 2010



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Worship 5:00pm
2 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Graduation Sunday	3 Office open 9am-2pm	4	5 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study-4 7pm	6	7 Office open 9am-2pm	8 Worship 5:00pm 5k run at Camp Frederick
9 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Affirmation of Baptism	10 Office open 9am-2pm	11 Worship at Teen Challenge 5pm	12 Office open 9am-2pm Discipleship training 6pm Bible study-5 7pm	13	14 Office closed Synod assembly	15 Worship 5:00 pm Synod assembly
16 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	17 Office open 9am-2pm	18 Council Meeting 7pm	19 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study-6 7pm	20	21 Office open 9am-2pm	22 Worship 5:00pm
23 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	24 Office open 9am-2pm	25	26 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study-7 7pm	27	28 Office open 9am-2pm	29 Worship 5:00pm
30 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am						

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
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June 2nd	Seventh Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 16: 16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17: 20-26	It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history—to our day— and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy bap- tism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.
June 9th	Day of Pentecost	red	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b Romans 8: 14-17 John 14: 8-17, 25-27	Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.
June 16th	First Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Trinity	white	Proverbs 8: 1-4. 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15	"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church's year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
June 23rd	Second Sunday after Pentecost	green	Isaiah65: 1-9 Psalm 22: 19-28 Galatians 3: 23-39 Luke 8: 26-39	This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."
June 30th	Third Sunday after Pentecost	green	1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62	We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.

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Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	June 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter	June 9 Day of Pentecost	June 16 First Sunday after Pentecost	June 23 Second Sunday after Pentecost	June 30 Third Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild	Donna Haller	Jean Ohlin	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Alice Haller
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Stephen Coss Ashlyn Elford	Lauren Coss Nick Haines	Stephen Coss Barry Pitzer	Lauren Coss Grace Pavkovich	Stephen Coss Kara Haskin
Communion 8:00 Assistant 10:30	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller	Penny Felger Kathy Kramer	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger	Penny Felger Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller
Lector 8:00 10:30	Stephen Coss Don Manning	Peggy Manchester Leslie Warren	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Greg Razo Loetta Haller	Stephen Coss Sarah Deiger
Liturgy	Kathy Kramer	Pam Nock	N/A	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz
Ushers 10:30 am	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller
Fellowship after 10:30 am worship	Hannah Circle	Leslie Warren	Stephanie Razo	Art & Barb Gray	Jean & Ed Ohlin
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Rachel Montgomery	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Sarah Deiger Ruth McMurray
Anointers	8:00 am Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester Jen Razo Greg Razo Heath Lude	10:30 am Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	5 pm Diane D'Amico Joyce Herubin Chris Herubin	Any service Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards	
Communion Bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich
Pew restocking	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk
Recycling	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE <u>AFTER</u> you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we many change the office calendar. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list. Thank you!

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle met at the church May 14th with 6 members present.

We expressed gratitude to the Pannetons for a donation to our cookie project.

Hannah Circle members discussed names for our Card Ministry Outreach. Next month we will exchange names again.

Graduation Sunday is June 2nd and Hannah Circle will supply the refreshments. Tracey Byler updated members on the ornaments we plan to make for the Christmas Eve services.

An interesting Bible Study 5, "The Rabbi," was received and discussed by members. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Members enjoyed food and fellowship at Pizza Joe's after Loetta Haller asked the blessing.

Our next meeting will be at 10:00am, June 11th at the church. Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle. We genuinely appreciate it.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle met at Shepherd of the Valley on May 8th. The meeting opened with prayer. Bible research was a report on who Dorcas was, what is Nard Oil, and what was the crown of thorns made of. We will continue with more history and information in June. Meeting closed with prayer.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The stewardship team met on May 14th. The focus was on God's work, Our hands day which is September 8. Information was obtained to contact A Place to Call Home. Our next meeting will be September 10th at 7pm.

DINNER TEAM

The team provided a wonderful cherrywood smoked meal on May 18th. Thank you to all who helped and to all who donated cookies for dessert! There will be pop-up bbq this summer and a new dinner schedule starting in the Fall.

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Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Pastor Kirk Jack Crouse Nancy Crouse Mike McMurray Charles Mohn Carol Coleman Gerald Hostetter

Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Lyndsey Liberty, Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

<u>June 2</u>

Jeremy Heck Jessica Heck Shirley Heck Chris Herubin Sr. June 9

Chris Herubin Jr. Joyce Herubin Lauren Herubin Layla Hill

<u>June 16</u>

Jerry Hoefert Laurie Hoefert Carol Horst Eugene Hostetter

<u>June 23</u>

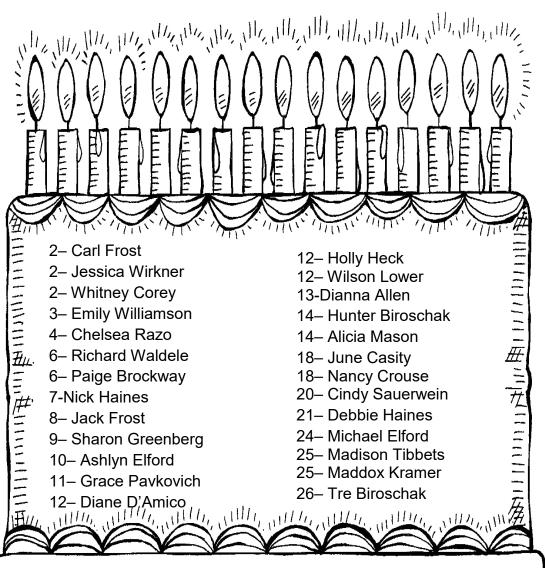
Karly Hostetter Bryan Hum Gloria Hum Jeff Hum

<u>June 30</u>

Karen Hum Joan Keggy William Keggy Kathy Kramer



22– Bill & Joan Keggy 23– Kim & Nancy MacFarland 30– Jim & Amber Powell



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MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2019

The meeting opened with prayer led by Pastor Ralph.

present: Pastor Ralph, Sarah, Peggy, Jeff W., Kelsie, Greg, and Wendy excused: Jeff H., Andy, Stephanie, and Kelly

Treasurer's report: Greg states that the church has received a bit more income lately.

Pastor's report: Ar<u>ea of Focus Last Month</u>

I had 12 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

Funerals 1 Joan Mayberry

Hospital Visits 1 Jared Razo

We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services

Over the past month, I have presided at 10 worship services and prepared 4 sermons.

- April 2 SBIRT and Motivational Interviewing
- April 3, 4 Went into Youngstown Mercy Hospital
- April10 Lenten Worship 7pm
- April 6 Dinner Dance for Camp Frederick
- April 9 We are hosting Action Clergy Breakfast
- April 10 Discipleship Training
- April 13 Soup and Sandwich Dinner
- April 16 Blessing of oil and Renew of Vows Worship
- April 17 Discipleship Training
- April 18 Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm
- April 19 Good Friday Worship 7pm
- April 20 Vigil of Easter Worship 5pm
- April 21 Resurrection of Our Lord 8am and 10:30am
- April 21 to April 28 Pastor on VACTION Loetta Haller Preaching Apr 27 & 28
- April 21 to April 28 Pastor Kari Langford will cover all emergencies 330-831-0919
- May 5 8am service Jenny Razo Preached
- May 8 Discipleship Training
- May 11 Pulled pork Sandwiches
- May 13 Taste OF Faiths (MVAC)
- May 14 -17 EMDR Training
- May 18 Rummage Sale
- May 18 Chicken Dinner and Pulled pork sandwiches
- May 19 Youth Sunday

Secretary's Report:

Attended council and stewardship meetings Cleaned up and organized office and distributed mail Handled incoming calls and answering machine messages Answered email and handled correspondence Helped with 3 c's phone calls Updated our website weekly- sermons and calendar Prepared 8 regular bulletins Prepared and distributed the April Reachout Prepared 3 Sunday school lessons Prepared bulletins for Holy week Attended Holy week worship services Updated Red book and Realm Changed outdoor sign and ordered office supplies Prepared packet for council meeting Attended Grief camp meeting

(council minutes cont.)

Old Business:

-Pastor Ralph will call the insurance company to get a letter of approval for the bell tower.

-Greg will contact RT Vernal to set a paving date and waterproof the wall so it can be back-filled. The wall at the bell tower will be put back as soon as the wiring is completed.

-Jeff will figure out the wiring for the outside lights and install a timer.

-Greg and Jeff H. pulled out the old bushes and will plant the new ones.

-Peggy will post the fire evacuation plan. Pastor Ralph will give instructions in the case of severe weather during a worship service.

-Pastor Ralph spoke to Pastor Julianne and asked for notification for the next church meeting so our council can attend.

-Peggy provided a supply list for the church picnic. She suggested an ice cream bar instead of our traditional desserts, more activities and singing, and putting out signs to invite the community.

New Business:

-Peggy presented information on church growth. The articles and websites will be in the Reachout for June. -Kelsie states that she will not be up for reelection this Fall due to moving and finishing her schooling. Council will be looking for several new members.

-Pastor Ralph motions to accept Lauren Coss, Stephen Coss, Ashlyn Elford, Nick Haines, Kara Haskin, Grace Pavkovich and Barry Pitzer as confirmed members of Good Hope on June 9, 2019. Peggy seconds. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.

*Please visit the following websites for more information on church growth: churchleader.com careyniewhof.com

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining	
Income	\$19,577.97	\$53,611.50	\$139,888.50	
Expense	\$16,331.05	\$65,817.10	\$127,238.18	
Total	\$3,246.92	(\$12,205.60)	\$12,650.32	

Treasurer's Report Ending April 30, 2018

Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00 Current Balance = \$31,708.00 Thank you for your donations!

* Mark Your Calendar *

June 2– Come celebrate our 2019 graduates at the 10:30 worship. Thank you Hannah Circle for providing the fellowship meal for Graduation Sunday.

June 9– The confirmation class will Affirm their Baptism at the 10:30 worship. Come and celebrate these new adult members of Good Hope.

June 9– The Strawberry Social at Mount Olivet from 11am-1pm. The cost is by donation and the proceeds will benefit the community day camp.

June 11– Pastor Ralph will lead the worship at Teen Challenge at 5pm. Please let the office know if you plan to attend or have any questions.

August 4– Good Hope's annual church picnic at noon. Please feel free to invite friends and other community members. If you are able, please bring lawn chairs and lawn games.

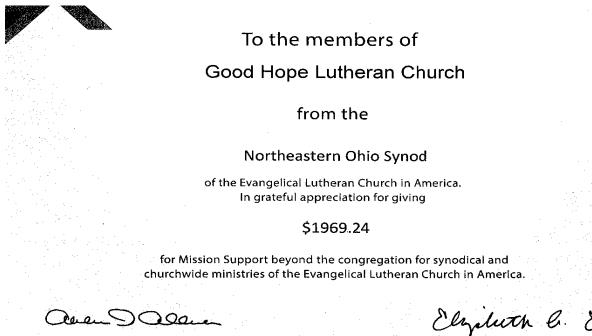
* Thank You*

Youth Sunday: On May 19th, the confirmation class led the 10:30 worship and served the fellowship meal. They did an amazing job with the readings and the sermons. Thank you all!

Rummage sale: Our annual rummage sale, along with the basket raffle and BBQ dinner, earned \$3,607.00. Thank you to all who helped set up, clean up, donated items and baskets, and gave time to run these events. Thank you especially: Jack and Nancy Crouse for donating the grill, Tammy and John Chuey for all of your hard work getting everything organized, and Michael Elford and dinner team for the amazing dinner!

Raffle baskets: Thank you to all who provided an item to bid on! The raffle winners are as follows: Jeff Waldele– shadow box

David Schneider– Milsek David Schneider– dessert basket Karly Hostetter– bird feeder Lyndsey Guy– grill



Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Synod Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES

Jamie Coburn Tara Detchon Kyle Keenan Lauren Lindquist Nick Matos Molly MacFarland Baylee Mohr Mackenna Renforth Jeremy Schneider Madison Tibbets



We live in the BEST Community- Beaver Township!

Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

Everyday our residents are served by people just like you.

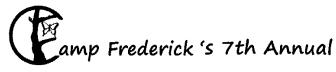
Our Fire and EMS Volunteer Department is asking township residents to consider volunteering to serve as EMT's and/or firefighters. Like many other departments in our area, we are experiencing a shortage of personnel. The only skill you need is a willingness to serve and protect our community.

We ask you to consider serving, and we will supply the training needed to become an EMT and/or firefighter. If you are even slightly interested in helping, join us for an informational meeting – June 9th 5-6:30 pm at the Fire Station -601 W. South Range Rd, North Lima. This is an open house for you to stop and talk to your neighbors that are already serving our community.

Our Department is part-paid volunteer. Once training is completed, you will receive a \$20 per call stipend. Higher stipends are available for advanced training.

In 2018, our department responded to over 900 calls. These are your friends and neighbors that respond when they are needed. If you can help by responding to just a few calls per month, our department and community can become even safer and better!

> Please Consider Serving with Us! Stop in and talk: June 9th 5:00pm - 6:30pm Beaver Township Fire/EMS Station



Wilderness 5k Trail Run & 1 Mile Fun Walk



Timing By: Second Sole

Awards: There will be

female participants.

awards for both male and

Every Dollar Raised Helps Send Kids to Camp

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Time: Registration opens - 7:30AM. Race and Fun Walk - 9AM.

 5k timed race
 \$20
 \$25

 Fun Walk
 \$10
 \$15

The first 100 people to register for either event will receive a free T-shirt

Cost:

Location: Camp Frederick 6996 Millrock Rd. Rogers, OH 44455

Pre Register At Event



Questions please contact the camp office Phone: 330.227.3633 Fax 330.227.9005 Email: info@campfrederickohio.com Website: www.campfrederickohio.com

Register online at www.active.com or fill out the form and return to camp office.

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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