

# FAITH NEWS

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## MINISTRIES AROUND

From the Editor...

Wow! June was a full month. We have had such an awesome time with so many things happening this past month. Two concerts, a cookout and fireworks!

There have been several new Christians come to the faith, as well as many baptisms this past month. We pray for many more over the coming months!

As for our own baptisms, we are still planning to have ours soon! We are also planning an outdoor service and a service at Vesper Hills in the future. So, be on the lookout for those events!

July sounds as if it will be a bit quieter month.

**Celebrate Recovery Note** - We continue to see growth in the people who attend the Celebrate Recovery ministry. Several of our participants have recently received Christ and been Baptized. Also, we have almost 20 female participants who have signed up to go through a step study where they will work through the Christ centered I2 steps as part of a group and that number could grow. We are in the process of raising up new leaders and we just took 3 of our women through the testimony workshop and they will be sharing their story on a Tuesday night coming up soon. - Trey

**Turning Point Note** - June has been a big month for Turning Point, we held two events highlighted by the "Party in the Parking Lot" on the 23rd. In total we saw somewhere around 300 people attend and we had the privilege of baptizing 13 people and praying with several others to receive Christ! It was an amazing experience! Please be in prayer for those who are new to the faith as we hope to take them through a path of discipleship to help them grow in the faith and their understanding of God. - Trey

**Licking County Champions Network Note** - The Champions Family are extremely grateful for what the Lord is doing in Newark and Licking County. With a strategy from the Lord, set forth in late 2022, we moved to the east side of Newark. The Champions Network and along with Sunner Bloom and Health Progress Detox, local churches and other recovery organizations have witnessed a 47% drop in Overdose deaths from 2022 to 2023! We went from 58 deaths in 2022 to 31 in 2023. We give all the glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In May we sent 5 individuals to treatment and as of the first of May 67% of the men and 71% of the Champions women that we work with are sustaining their sobriety and learning more how to lean on the Holy Spirit when we struggle.

The Champions Network Workforce Development was super busy in May. 14 individuals worked for 12 days totalling 110 paid work hours.

In May we served over 341 meals and delivered 700 lbs of produce to 15 families in need, delivered 24 meal packs to the homeless.

Over the past few months we have received several pictures and newspaper clippings. Most are now in the Library for those who wish to look at them.

One such clipping is an article from the Newark Advocate dated Friday, February 19, 1980. The title of the article is: "Sweetheart Dinner" Is Held By First EUB Church Class. Going on the say, Upstreamers Class of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church entertained with a "sweetheart" dinner for members of the class, their families, and friends at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Madison Grange Hall.

Pastel colors were used in the decorative motif adding candles in yellow, white, pink, and green to supplement an arrangement of valentine hearts.

The program followed dinner with a group singing of old-time favorites. They were led by Mrs. Phillip Watts, and accompanied by Mrs. Dean Lucas, pianist.

A humorous skit "The Courtship of Ima Bugsky" was presented in three scenes: "In The Park", "Bicycle Ride and Proposal" and "Wedding Day". Taking part in the skit were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Priest, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. William Richey, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Conrad, Messers, Phillip Watts, and Arthur Trager.

Following the "Wedding Day" scene a mythical reception was held with the entire group participating. The next class meeting will be held March 18 in the church.

- There was a listing of all those who attended following the article... The article in it's entirety will be in the library with the other articles.