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Winter Potluck & Movie

Sunday, January 14, 1:00-4:00 pm

Wanting to make the cold days of winter a little warmer, we'll be holding our traditional Winter Potluck at the Kettering Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 1-4 p.m. Bring your favorite potluck entree, salad or dessert and share in the fun and fellowship.

Following lunch, the movie "The Case for Christ," will be shown. It is based on the true story of Lee Strobel, a legal reporter for the Chicago Tribune in the '80's. Following his national recognition in award winning reporting, Lee was promoted in 1980 and his "planned" success seemed a reality: a good job, a wife and daughter, a home...Lee and his young wife Leslie were secure in their atheistic beliefs. That is until their daughter Alison nearly choked to death in a restaurant and is saved by Alfie, a conscientious Christian nurse, who tells the couple that she had a sense that she needed to have dinner at that restaurant at that time. "It wasn't luck or coincidence she was there," she says, "but Jesus' plan so that Alison might be spared." Her claim rocks Leslie's belief system to the core.

Lee laughs the incident off but Leslie tracks down Alfie and begins going to church with her. Soon she tells her hard-charging, just-the-facts-ma'am, husband, "I felt something. I talked to Jesus. I told him that I want him in my life."

Lee responds to Leslie's new faith with a toxic mixture of contempt, anger and alcohol. Then he decides that the only way to "save" his wife from drifting further into what he considers a cult-like faith is to prove to her, once and for all, that Christianity cannot possibly be supported by the facts. At the beginning of the film, he states his main principle: "The only way to truth is through facts. Facts are our greatest weapon against superstition, against ignorance, and against tyranny. "One of Lee's mentors, fellow reporter and atheist Ray Nelson, is confident Lee's efforts will yield the result he wants. "You present her with the facts," Ray says, "and I'm sure she will find her way back to the truth."

And so the award-winning investigative journalist launches into a passionate (and secret) attempt to disprove his wife's nascent faith by proving, he hopes, that the resurrection of Jesus Christ never happened. But the facts that he uncovers lead him toward an outcome altogether different than the one he expected to reach. This award winning Christian drama runs for 112 minutes. You can watch a trailer for it at —

www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhe8KhSxWGo

See you there!

This is a FREE event. But please call
Karen Caviness at 937.433.8355
by Friday, January 11, 2018 if you plan to attend.

Holiday Banquet 2017 in Review

Over 100 Golden Buckeyes and friends enjoyed the Holiday Banquet at Kettering SDA Church on Monday, December 11, 2017 - the most well attended GBF event in a long time!

Don & Carol Sleeth, Dan Stevens, and all the other planners and doers went all out to make the evening extra special. From the veggie chicken croquettes to the "imported" Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie, the cuisine was superb. But you could say the same thing about the Christmas music, the Christmas decorations, and the Christmas table conversations and activities.



Let's start with the visuals as you approached your table. You knew it was Christmas because of the mini Christmas tree centerpieces complete with tiny, bright lights and ornaments. A cupcake for each person had snowy icing with coco-

nut on top and an edible tree on a pretzel stick sitting in the snow! Each paper napkin (after 13 folds and five tucks) also was a Christmas tree! And if you grew up in England or South Africa, you knew it was Christmas because there was a "Christmas Popper" (also called a Christmas Cracker) next to your place setting. And finally you knew because others at your table wore once a year Christmas clothing, some as spectacular as Richa Stevens' Christmas blouse with colored lights flashing on and off!

It could be argued that Carol Hartloff, Sharon Frey, Dan Stevens, and Richa Stevens worked on that Christmas look for almost a year. They spotted the Christmas Poppers on sale at Pier One just days after Christmas 2016, and decided to include them at this year's GBF banquet. All the other decorations, including the printed programs designed by Gillian Fisher carried a similar color scheme as the poppers.

Dan introduced the poppers to the Americans at the banquet and invited them to snap their poppers all at the same time. John and Jean Curnow, Gillian Fisher and Barbara Neufeld needed no introduction to this tradition. They grew up enjoying Christmas Crackers at the table every year. Barbara actually said, "I'm home!" when she saw the poppers at her table. The contents of a cracker were fun for children of all ages, as demonstrated at the banquet. (A joke in each cracker traditionally created groans, e.g. "Why did the bacon laugh? Because the egg cracked a yolk!") Besides a corny joke and a tiny toy,



Carol, Sharon, & Risha

each person saw a paper crown fall out on the table. The crown is believed to represent the headgear worn by the Magi who followed the star to Bethlehem. Like children in the United Kingdom for the last 150 years, many banquet attendees donned their paper crowns and kept them on for the rest of the evening. Brian and Barb Guenterberg, Jerry Shoemaker, Paula Waller, Helen Burton, Faith Barney, Jean Curnow, Jane Grady, Julia Johnson, and others sported their brightly colored crowns. Despite her experience with paper



SVA Stage Band. See the crowns.

crowns over the years, Barbara Neufeld accidentally broke her green crown. Darlene McDougal felt extra comfortable wearing her crown, because the oral tradition in her family says that they are all related to Queen Victoria through Darlene's English great-grandmother! No joke!

Many would argue that the delectable food created by Don Sleeth and his assistants Charlotte Beebe, Janyce Shull, Janet White, Karen Caviness, Carol Sleeth, and Linda Farley-Meyer, formed the feel good foundation for all the other fun that evening. And several banquet goers said that being served each course made the food taste extra special! Servers were Karl and Cherie Haffner, Jerry and Sharon Kelly, Roger and Nannette Wright, Erin and Rachel Breakie, Jason Calvert, Michael Boddie, George Dutton, and Jean Snider. They received warm applause (and their own little banquet near the kitchen) for their cheerful service.

The featured entree was a chicken croquette shaped like a little volcano, complete with gravy "lava". The cone

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mold used was actually "inherited" by Don Sleeth when the hospital stopped serving this particular entrée. The black cherry cranberry punch was served so elegantly that a passerby in the narthex asked if GBF was serving wine at their dinner! The dessert (chocolate peanut butter pie) was from Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. It was declared "superb" and worth Marvin and Jane Grady making the 140 mile round trip to get it.

The entertainment following dinner was the SVA Stage Band playing warm weather Christmas music featuring such favorites as "Mele Kalikimaka" (with soloist Greta Shull), "Silver Bells," and "Christmas Island." A small group of GBF members were proud to see a family member play in the band: trumpet player Caleb Grizzell is married to the Grady's granddaughter; trumpet and flugelhorn player Matthew Milks is the Sleeth's grandson; and trumpet player Maxwell Shull is a nephew of Jan Shull; so Golden Buckeyes claim almost the entire trumpet section!

And the entire Starkey/Kinder table cheered for Karin Starkey Peebles on the tenor saxophone. Soloist Greta Shull is also a family member of Jan Shull. Everybody at the banquet "adopted" Jerry Mahn for his delightful dinner music on the piano.



Jerry Mahn

Like Rudolph, this memorable GBF banquet and program will go down in Christmas history. ■

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	Jan. 14, 2018	Winter Potluck
	Apr. 8, 2018	Spring Brunch
	April 25, 2018	Appvion Paper Mill Tour

Next Board Meeting
Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 4:30 pm in room S4.