

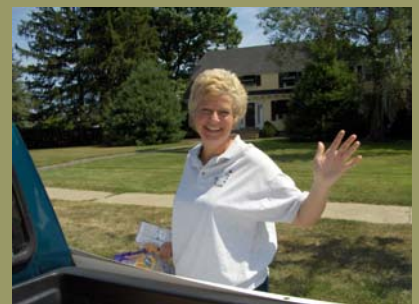
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SUMMER SNAPSHOTS...

Rockside Church sponsors a cotton candy booth at the 4th of July Celebration.



For the fifth year in a row, Rockside participated in the Independence Hometowns Parade.



Jazz Concert Musician David Welles accompanied by our own Jason Winkler.



School Assemblies in Independence



Rockside Church partnered together with Twenty-five and Alive, Youth for Christ and the 4 other churches in Independence to invest in the students of Independence. With Pastor Dan Smith as speaker and the band from Momentum Church providing music, a school assembly was provided for

Independence High School and Independence Middle School. That evening, the churches sponsored a come-back event with Dan, the band, free pizza and Books of Hope for those in attendance. We also helped co-sponsor an assembly and come-back event at one of the Middle Schools in Parma. We are thankful for the chance to present good news to students.



Annual Christmas Party at the Chalet



On Wednesday, December 19 Rockside Church celebrated Christmas at the Metroparks Chalet. This has become an annual tradition highlighted with the inviting of neighbors and friends. We enjoyed warm food, homemade cookies, tobogganing, Christmas music, hot chocolate, two warm fireplaces, and great food. Hold Wednesday, December 17, 2008 for next year's beloved tradition.

Independence Fall Fest



Pastor Donna serving cotton candy.

John Sekanic headed up the team that represented Rockside Church at the Fall Festival sponsored by the city of Independence. We sold cotton candy and had the opportunity to connect with friends from the city. Participating were Darian Sekanic, Ryan Potelicki, Vaso Suhodolsky and Pastor Donna.

rockside's fourth anniversary celebration



On SEPTEMBER 9, 2007 we commemorated our fourth anniversary of being open to the public. Bringing a challenging message about elements needed for a successful future was Rev. Doug Clay, Superintendent for Assemblies of God in Ohio. We look forward to what God has for Rockside in the next year!

Prayer Gatherings

In September, we shifted our prayer initiatives away from VERTICAL Tuesdays from 6-8 at the church to monthly gatherings hosted at different homes. Dan O'Keefe leads these times together with his guitar, his cappuccino machine, his Bible and his heart for prayer. Dan also leads a season of prayer each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary 45 minutes prior to service simply called "PRESERVICE PRAYER!"

Journey Group on John

Paul Mosher led a group through the Gospel of John each Monday evening at the home of Cherie and Brian Mosher in Seven Hills. Those a part of the group commented on what a good Bible teacher Paul was, what great hosts Cherie and Brian were and how they enjoyed making friends with people while learning to study the Bible. This group will resume on February 4, 2008. You are welcome there.

Farewell to Lydia Suhodolsky



Pastor Donna and Lydia

Rockside Church bid farewell to Team Pastor Lydia Suhodolsky on August 19, 2007 celebrating a huge investment made while serving at Rockside for nearly five years. The day was marked with gifts, a proclamation from the City of Independence declaring it "Lydia Suhodolsky Day," cake and punch and a message by Lydia. Lydia married Matt Travnik on September 8, 2007 and has since relocated to Columbus, Ohio to pursue a Master's of Public Health in Environmental Health Sciences. She hopes to pursue a future in preventive medicine, and has a heart for global health. She also assists Matt with youth ministry at Polaris Assembly of God. Rockside Church will forever be grateful for the huge investment Lydia made in the foundational fibers of this church. We love you Lydia!



Missions Focus

Every six months, our church family is invited to make a faith promise of what they will give financially toward the missionaries we support. During our series entitled God's Extreme Make-over, (focused on the fruit of the Spirit), Pastor

D o n n a addressed the topic of Love w h i l e interspersing our four special guests into her talk. Jan Cepulo shared how

"Love, INC." shows Christ's love helping those in need in our county.

Doug Roth ministers to students in the inner city of Cleveland through Youth for Christ. Rachel DeRubertis was a great example of a local young person preparing to team up with Book of Hope to take God's Word around the world. Jeff Thompson and his family, Independence residents, are ministering in the public schools through Youth for Christ. Our newly assembled missions committee led by Jacquie Potelicki, did a great job heightening awareness through decorating the sanctuary, serving as ushers and coordinating a dinner to follow the service so that relationships could be forged with those serving throughout the greater Cleveland area.



Lunch with Missionary Jay Rostorfer on Dec. 9