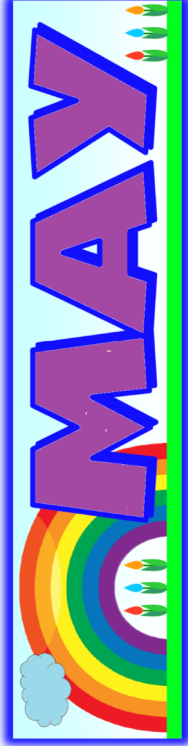


If you are hospitalized and would like Pastor Nancy or Joan Osborn, The hospital visitor coordinator to know about what is going on with you, please call the office (219-872-7200), Pastor Nancy directly on her cell phone (812-584-2418), or Joan.

If you are hospitalized



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Nancy's Notes

There are many days when Georgia the Basset Hound comes to work with me. Since we've had so much construction noise going on in the house she has been an almost constant presence in the office. Holy Week was one of those weeks. Daily she came in looking for belly rubs and hugs. Then, she slept, she snored, she stretched, she slept some more...you get the picture.

On the day when Alan Coan and his family came to plan for Brigitte's celebration of life, she was here. I had asked them if it was okay. Somehow, she just knew that they were grieving and responded appropriately. She allowed them to pet her, laugh at her, lean down into her fur when they were tearing up, and play with her ears, all the time offering unconditional love and acceptance.

We can learn from her. So often we get caught up in our own worries, about what and who is acceptable and what and who isn't, and we forget to simply be present with others in their moments of need. This ministry of presence, as simple as it might be, is the most profound gift we can offer the world.

Maybe we need to take a lesson from a smelly, old hound dog, and simply be.



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5th Sundays Replaced with Worship Together!

At January's board meeting we held an honest discussion of 2018's practice of having both services worship together whenever there was a 5th Sunday in the month. While we loved worshipping together, we weren't sure that the 5th Sunday is the right Sunday. So, in 2019, we will continue worshipping together several times a year. Here are the dates:

Pentecost and Confirmation: **June 9th,**

Children's Sunday: **June 30th,**

Back to School and Blessing of the Backpacks: **August 18th,**

All Saints Sunday: **November 3rd,**

Christmas Sing Along: **December 29th.**

Worship Together! Sundays begin at 9:30!



Sponsoring The Crossbeams

Please check the Welcome center or call the Church office if you would like to sponsor a month of the Crossbeams. The donation to the Church that covers the Crossbeams is \$100.

Higher Education Committee



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

The Higher Education Committee wishes to recognize 1st UMC members and attendees who will graduate from high school or college/university this year. If YOU are a member of the Class of 2019, or know someone who is, please notify the church office (872-7200) or any member of the Higher Ed. Committee. Thank you!

Higher Education Committee

Sue Cassler, Chair
Jon Bausback
Judy Commers
Dottie Evett
Nancy Kahn
Melissa Morse
Linda Peo



JUNE 2 IS SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

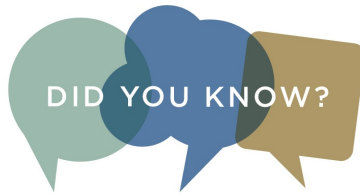
The Higher Education Committee is now accepting scholarship applications from students who are entering college or trade school for the first time, as well as those who are continuing or returning to school—NO age limit! Ten scholarships are offered to 1st UMC members. Three are also open to the community. Application forms are on display in the Gathering Room and are due in the church office on or before Thursday, May 16. Scholarships will be presented during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, June 2. A reception honoring graduates and scholarship recipients will be held between services. Please join us!

You may **co-sponsor a scholarship**, in any amount, to honor or memorialize a loved one. Funds received will be used to increase scholarship amounts and/or make additional awards available. Sponsorship envelopes can be found on the display board in the Gathering Room. Please mark your donation "Scholarship Fund".

Did you know?

Opportunities to be Missional

Did you know that since the inception of First Friday, Doris Wilson has been the main organizer, contact person, volunteer getter, and hanger/organizer of art. She has done such an amazing job that no one thinks they can replace her. But she truly wants to be replaced! If you are willing to work on a team (it will take a village to replace Doris) that will work on the details of First Friday, please let the church office know. We will meet sometime mid to late May to work on the summer programming.



Hospitality Team Needed for Funerals

Recently an opportunity for service has developed. Each time there is a funeral at the church, especially if the visitation is here as well, there is a need for folks who can serve as host/hostesses in the building, directing people to the gathering room and sanctuary, making sure there is water and perhaps even coffee available, ushering, and communicating with the kitchen crew as the services progress, and at times opening and closing the windows. This group would work with Pastor Nancy as we seek to be the body of Christ for one another during times of grief and sorrow. Please let the church office or Pastor Nancy know if you are interested in working on this team. The Funeral Dinner Crew also needs volunteers if we are to keep offering this vital ministry.

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Mary Martha 9:30am PEO 11:15am Try It 4:45pm Rejoice! 5:30pm Memorial Bells 6:15pm Chancel Choir 7pm AA 7pm	2 Soup Kitchen 11am Confirmation Class 5:30pm Ruth Circle 6:30pm	3 Overeaters Anonymous 9am First Friday 5pm-8pm	4
5 Worship 8:30am/10:30am Bible Study 9:30am God's Club 9:45am G.S. Mother & Daughter Event 1pm	6 Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm Cross & Flame 6pm Staff Parish Meeting 7pm	7 Faith By Music 6pm Clown Classes 6:30pm	8 Try It 4:45pm Rejoice! 5:30pm Memorial Bells 6:15pm Chancel Choir 7pm AA 7pm	9 Soup Kitchen 11am PEO 5:30pm Confirmation Class 5:30pm	10 Overeaters Anonymous 9am	11
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Give+ Church

Making Donations Using The GivePlus Mobile App

Where can I download the GivePlus Church App?

GivePlus Church is available through the App Store & Google Play. Search for “GivePlus Church” to download the app, then be sure to allow access to location services if you’d like to use the app’s Find Churches Near Me feature.

Is the GivePlus Church app free to use?

Yes! The app is free to download and you are not charged a fee to make donations using the app.

How do I find my church in the app?

When you open the GivePlus Church app for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the name of the church you want to give to. You can enter as much of the church name that you know, and then select the church from the list. Or, use the find churches near me feature to search for churches in your area. If you can not access this feature, go to your phone settings > GivePlus and allow the app to access your location.

Will I have to search for my church every time I want to donate?

No. After you select a church, it automatically becomes your “Home” or “Default” church. The next time you open the app, the church you last selected will already be displayed.

What Payment methods can I use to donate?

GivePlus Church donations can be made with all major debit/credit cards currently accepted by your church. Use your phone’s camera to quickly scan your card information or enter it manually. You can also give using your checking or savings account.

Thank you,

Tom O’Brien



Worship Notes

During the rest of the Easter Season we will be looking at different aspects of what it means to follow the risen Christ. Please join us as we delve deeper into what it means to be Easter people.

May 5: John 21: 1-19 Follow Me and Feed my Sheep

May 12: John 10:22-30 Follow Me and Listen

May 19: John 13: 31-35 Steve Helmken preaching

May 26: John 14: 23-29 Follow Me and Love Me

June 2: John 17: 20-26 Follow Me and Know

Higher Education and Scholarship Sunday during the second service.

Parsonage Update

In February the kitchen, downstairs bathroom, and laundry room at the parsonage were demolished in preparation for a major renovation. Bill Griffith designed a new floor plan that moves the laundry upstairs and expands the size of both the downstairs bathroom and the kitchen. Additionally, steps were taken to bring the drainage system and back steps (both garage and patio) up to current environmental and safety standards.

The trustees have been busy purchasing cabinetry, countertops, flooring, appliances, and doing some hands-on work in the basement, repairing wall board and ceiling tile throughout the space.

It is our hope to host an open house sometime in June for all of you to see.

April 6, 2019

The River



Dear Friends in Christ:

May God continue to richly bless you as you continue your walk in faith. Your continued participation at our church's give back fund raising activity is greatly appreciated. Even more so, bringing your friends helps to support our church's outreach mission. Tell them of some of our activities. It is easy to speak about our Soup Kitchen, the Madrigal, our provision of educational scholarships, the cookie walks, our children's outreach, bible studies, and the openness of our church to host groups like AA, Girl Scouts, and Quilters. You will find your invitation is spiritually uplifting as you engage others in the love of Christ. Your interaction with those you invited may provide the touch needed to re-energize their faith and strengthen their lives through the love of Christ.

Our 2019 Schedule.... PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN ON JOINING US.

On January 17, at Galveston's we raised \$200 for our General Fund	\$200
February 21, Galveston's (proceeds to Keys to Hope)	\$210
March 21, Galveston's (proceeds to First Friday events)	\$190
DATE CHANGE April 25, Galveston's (proceeds to Soup Kitchen)	
May 16, Galveston's (proceeds to Higher Education)	
June 20, Galveston's (proceeds to Children's Ministries)	
July 18, Galveston's (proceeds to Salvation Army Food Pantry)	
August 15, Galveston's (proceeds to Music Department)	
September 19, Galveston's (proceeds to the Samaritan Center)	
October 17, Galveston's (proceeds to the General Fund)	
November 21, Galveston's (proceeds to Christmas Star, children in need)	
December 19, Galveston's (join us in celebration of Christ's birth)	
Total Year to Date	<u>\$600</u>

This month the proceeds from this "GiveBack" event support the church's Soup Kitchen. Each week the church serves two soup kitchen meals to the community. We serve more than 10,000 meals annually to those who are less fortunate than we are. Please consider joining us for dinner at Galveston's. The food is always great, and we are sure you will recognize some of friends there. The coupons are attached below.

As you can see we serve a large community of those needing assistance. Hopefully you will be inspired by some of the events listed above. If so, please mark the dates on your calendar. Invite your friends, family members, service organization members and work associates to attend. Thanks.

Also, please don't forget to make reservations for parties of 6 or more. Galveston's number is 879-5555.

Have a blessed new year,
Karen Vander Wagen

My life is like a river having taken many turns
Yet coming from one source, the end as not
discerned

It seems as though predestined, someone knowing and yet not me.

Oh Lord it has to be You, the One who created the sea.

Sometimes the water is cold as are some portions of my life,
But from every different angle, You have kept me from unknown strife.
How deep is the river? How deep is your love for me?
As we travel onward, heading for the sea. I will never oh Lord, why you
Love me so, but Your love is for me, this I always know. I am passing through
The valleys of the mountains, flowing over rocks and stones.
But every time I bump my head, Your hand is my pillow cloned.

But now oh God I am looking toward the end, not of my life, but the pain,
You are finally going to rend.

It is this I thank You Lord, for guiding me this far.

For You like the river, can push me over this sand bar.

My treasure is You and in You I trust.

For unlike an earthen treasure, Your love will never rust.

God loves you and so do I.

John Jackson

Windows Windows Windows Windows Windows

The windows restoration project is becoming a reality! A year ago the trustees contracted with Rhonda Deeg, a glass artist recommended by Indiana Landmarks, to clean and restore our beautiful stained glass windows. Beginning in early to mid August. Rhonda will do as much outside work as she can and then will move inside after the Christmas holidays.

Thanks to the hard work of the Chocolate Chicks, the early years of the Madrigal, and the noisy offerings, we have raised just enough money through the years to cover the cost of the art glass repair and scaping, priming, painting, caulking and glazing the window surrounds. There will be additional costs as the storm windows have to be removed, cleaned, and replaced, so donations are still welcome!

Rhonda will be staying at the parsonage with Pastor Nancy, so that is a saving to us.

Thank you all for your hard work... it's nice to see a dream come closer to fruition.



Confirmation Notes

Please mark your calendars for June 9 as we come together to welcome our newest confirmation class when they join the church. **There will be one service that day at 9:30.** Please come and share your support with these fine young men.



Calling All Lost Keys Home

If you have a key to the church building and are no longer using it we would really love to have it come back. We are sure it's missing home! If you could drop it by the office during office hours or give it to Verne Hixon it would be appreciated. Thank you.



Pray For Longer Life

A 2016 study followed 74,534 women for 20 years; those who attended religious services more than once a week enjoyed a 33 percent lower mortality rate than those who skipped church.

I know what I am going to be doing. Do you?

Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs

2019 The Chocolate Covered Easter Egg Production Report

The Easter Egg production team would like to report that **585** eggs were produced this year, coupled with a number of donations, yielding \$ **2,029.09** for the Stained-Glass Restoration Fund. Our 10-year contribution to this fund has been \$ **18,256.59**.

The Stained-Glass Restoration Fund consists primarily of various donations, memorials, third Sunday noisy offerings and our egg production. We are excited to announce that Pastor Nancy has obtained a firm that will renovate the beautiful stained-glass windows this Autumn. Our mission is complete.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting this project. We have heard many comments about how good the eggs were. **FYI:** peanut butter was again your favorite flavor this year followed by raspberry and maple/pecan.

If you either purchased some of the eggs or acted as some of our many salespersons, we thank you. A special thanks goes to the egg committee over the years which consisted of Crystal Domke, Katie Gielow, Meredith Gulstrom, Alice Helmken, Sandra Hixon, Cheryl Tempo, Annie Trout, Nancy Trout and Marlene Woodfield. Ted Woodfield served as purchasing agent and chief financial officer.



FIRST FRIDAY FUN COMING TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!!

MAY FIRST FRIDAY

Join us on Friday, May 3rd from 5:00 - 8:00 pm for another fabulous First Friday as we welcome Michigan City's Pine School students in bringing their art and their music to share with us. This will be our last inside celebration of the arts for this season, as, beginning in June, we will once again be out on the corner of 7th & Franklin.

In May, our Gathering Room will be filled with Pines' budding artists' interesting and amazing art pieces; students are under the guidance of Art Director Holly Thomas Beedles. Fine Arts Director Julie Schmidt will lead her musicians in performances in the Sanctuary from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. They always do such a good job - don't miss it.

Looking ahead to June, we are delighted to announce that Ripple Effect, an amazing choir from the South Bend area, will be back to bring its' upbeat, inclusive, welcoming music to our city. Can't wait!

So join us as we open our doors once again to our neighbors in the community and invite them to see what a welcoming church we are. Don't forget to get a Methodist Brownie while you're here - but fyi, when the kids come, the brownies go fast!

See you there -
The First Friday Team



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
150 YEARS OLD

I am a United Methodist Women and I must say that for being 150 years old, I don't look to bad. We are a strong group of ladies that have carried on the work of the ladies that have been here before us. Sometimes, we slow down and then we remember or are reminded who we are and what we can accomplish by working together.

In 1869, Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker, wives of missionaries to India were home on furlough. They spoke to a group of eight women in Boston. Mrs. Butler told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. A male doctor could not treat women. Schooling for girls was almost non-existence. Single, trained and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work.

Those eight women called for another meeting, they wrote a constitution and organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. By November they had raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor to India.

Ms. Thoburn started a school with 6 girls. This school grew and expanded to include Isabella Thoburn College, the first women's college in Asia. Dr. Swain began her medical resulting in the establishment of the first women's hospital in Asia. Both of these institutions are still serving the people of India.

Stayed tuned for the next installment---it's about 'Persistent' Women



Have you Heard? Spread the Word!

Summer Try It is coming!

June 24- 28 5:00- 7:30

Supper served nightly!

kids 4- 14 ~ invite your friends!

Another all original production starring the MC1st Kids!

Registration forms are available on the church website mcindianaumc.org and in the church office.

The MC1st Kids are still collecting personal care items for the Michigan City High School Caring Closet. Please bring shampoo, liquid soap, and toothpaste for the month of May. There is large collection bin in the Gathering Room for these items. Thank you for your generosity!



MC 1st kids

So much to look forward to!

May... *Try- It* continues to meet every Wednesday Night from 4:45- 6:00. Mr. Rick will start visiting and teaching us the songs for the Summer Try It, Don't miss it!

June... *Try- It* continues to meet on the first three Wednesdays of June, with Mr. Rick visiting to teach us the Summer Music. June 9th is one combined 9:30 service for Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation for our older MC1st Kids!

June 24- 28 is **SUMMER TRY IT**- "Searching for the Word"!!

Try- It will not meet from June 26 - August 14... we will kick off the new year on August 21, 2019.

God's Club meets every Sunday from 9:45- 10:15 AM ALL YEAR ROUND!



Homebound Ministry
May 2019 Edition

Spring is here and with the warmer weather we see all the beautiful changes. Some changes like moving out of your home might be a huge adventure and we have a few members who are doing just that - moving out of their homes and moving into an assisted living environment. When we receive new addresses we will be adding to the list of Home bound members. The list can be found on the counter in the Gathering room.

As many of us have been sick, so have our friends at Rittenhouse, which has had the flu. Evidently it has been so bad that the dining area wasn't used. We pray that those who have been sick have a speedy recovery. At times of sickness, notes mean a lot to people so if you would like to send a note please do - we all like receiving mail.

We would like to thank the Ruth Circle for providing Easter bags for our Home bound and to the helpers who took the bags to those unable to attend church. Many thanks also to Pastor Nancy for her visits which many times include communion.

If you do learn of someone who is unable to come to church please let me know. Call my cell phone at: 219-363-0103 or email me at judycommers@gmail.com

Thanks for being a faithful church!

Sincerely,

Judy Commers



EASTER PLANT
MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of

Jan Bitter, Bernard Bitter, Paul Bitter and Dave Bitter

By: Larry & Sally Bitter

Benjamin & Marjorie Wolf

By: Larry & Sally Bitter

Our parents

By: Tom & Sue Cassler

Diana Conaway and Ray Wozniak, Jr.

By: Phillip Conaway & Ardell Wozniak

Dorothy

By: Dave Demmon

My husband, Dennis Durnell

By: Karen Durnell

Our parents, Carl & Neva Gielow and Bob & Ruth Phares

By: Gene & Katie Gielow

Docella Charles

By: Bev Griffith

Kent Gulstrom

By: Meredith Gulstrom

Bill, Daisy & Ed Helmken and Glendon & Dorothy Peterson

By: Steve & Alice Helmken

My dad, John C. Lyness

By: Karen Lyness

John Morse

By: Melissa Morse

Marian & Elwood Nichols

By: Nancy Nichols

Glenn & Phyllis Patterson and Wayne Patterson and Troy & Ellen Skeen

By: Johnie, Carol, Lauren, Tyler & Cameron Skeen

My husband, Bill Staples

By: Betty Staples

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph C. Stewart, III and Mr. & Mrs. Edward C. Casto

By: Joe Stewart

Joan and Diane Timberlake and Charles and Gary Thomas

By: Lew Timberlake

My family

By: Annie Trout

Our parents

By: Ted & Marlene Woodfield

Kris Prohl

HONORARIUMS

For the Church

By: Cheri Harrington, Logan & Lilly

Finding peace in the world!

By: George & Pam Jenks

In honor of First United Methodist Church

By: Nancy Nichols

In honor of all the happy, smiling faces and helping hands at First United Methodist Church.

For the birth of our first great grandson.

By: Ted & Marlene Woodfield