

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. <http://mcindianaumc.org/>, Look for us on Facebook

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Nancy's Notes

Sometimes it's hard to believe that I moved to Michigan City just over 2 years ago (by a few days) and began my appointment with Michigan City First UMC on July 1, 2017. It seems as if I have always been here - loving the lake, loving the community, and most of all loving all of you.

Our denomination and our congregation have weathered changes and losses during that time, as both continue to grow into what it means to be a church for 2019. This is what is called the Wesley Quadrilateral comes in. The Quadrilateral is a way of looking at the world through the lenses of scripture, tradition, history and Christian reason. This approach to practical theology keeps us grounded in scripture and yet flexible enough to face whatever challenges we are faced with.

As we work together to understand where we need to go as a congregation and a denomination may we also remember Wesley's 3 Simple Rules: Do no harm, Do good, stay in love with God.

We have a wonderful future ahead of us.

Shalom,
Pastor Nancy



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Sponsoring The Crossbeams

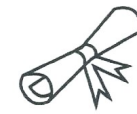
***Karen Lyness Thank You for Sponsoring this month's Crossbeams!
In Honor of a Celebration of Birthday's in July!***



**Karen Lyness , Kris Prohl , Ruth Lyness , Beth Lyness ,
Stephanie Safirt , Jack Lyness , and tag along Bobby Lee,
in August .**

It's like Christmas in July!

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.



Scholarship Sunday 2019

June 2, the Higher Education Committee presented scholarships to nine individuals pursuing a post-secondary education. A total of \$4,000 was awarded, funded by investments in the Endowment Fund and through donations given by the congregation. **Meet the scholars...**



L to R: Thomas Cross, Lauren Skeeen, Jacob Kiser, Devon Glenn, Amelia Black, Alexander Kuiken, Preston Krause (Not pictured: Thomas Krause, Marguerite Thomas)

Ernest & Mildred Delco Scholarship

DEVIN GLENN
Valparaiso University
Mechanical Engineering

1st UMC Endowment Scholarship

AMELIA BLACK
Purdue University Northwest
Biology/Ecology concentration

Mabel Rhoades Memorial Scholarships

JACOB KISER
Indiana University
Biology/Pre-Med path

MARGUERITE THOMAS
Purdue University
Psychological Sciences/Pre-Med path

1st UMC Member Attendee Scholarship

THOMAS CROSS
Purdue University Northwest – Hammond
Computer Graphic Technologies

M.D. & Russell Gardner Scholarship

ALEXANDER KUIKEN
Bradley University
Chemistry/Pre-Med path

United Methodist Women's Scholarship

LAUREN SKEEN
Purdue University Northwest
Business Management/Finance

Richard Presser Scholarships

PRESTON KRAUSE
Indiana University
Kinesiology

THOMAS KRAUSE
IUPUI
Human Resources Management

Congratulations

Did you know?
Service Opportunities

All God's Children Have a Place Here

Do you see something new in the Gathering Room? This collection of music stands is more than just decoration. Its is a reminder that being the church on this corner means working together on all kinds of projects. How can you help? Drop by and take a look at all the ways you have a place here!



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 service 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.

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm Cross & Flame 6pm	2	3 AA 7pm	4 Office Closed No Soup Kitchen Happy 4th of July!!!	5 Office Closed Overeaters Anonymous 9am First Friday 5pm-8pm	6
7 Worship 8:30am/10:30am Bible Study 9:30am God's Club 9:45am	8 Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm Michiana Clowns 6pm Cross & Flame 6pm Ad Council Meeting 7pm	9	10 AA 7pm	11 Soup Kitchen 11am	12 Overeaters Anonymous 9am	13
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21 Worship 8:30am/10:30am Bible Study 9:30am God's Club 9:45am	22 Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm	23 Trustee Meeting 6pm	24 Finance Meeting 1:15pm AA 7pm	25 Soup Kitchen 11am	26 Overeaters Anonymous 9am	27
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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 month of July we will continue focusing being sent out by Jesus. Reading these texts reminds us that these stories are not just about Jesus but are about us as well. How do we lavish love on Jesus by lavishing love on others? Where is the intersection between being workers in the harvest and ministries of peace and justice? As we work our way through the 10th and 11th chapters of the Gospel of Luke please come along and let us find out together!

July 7

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Focus theme: Being Missional Sermon Title: Going out.

July 14

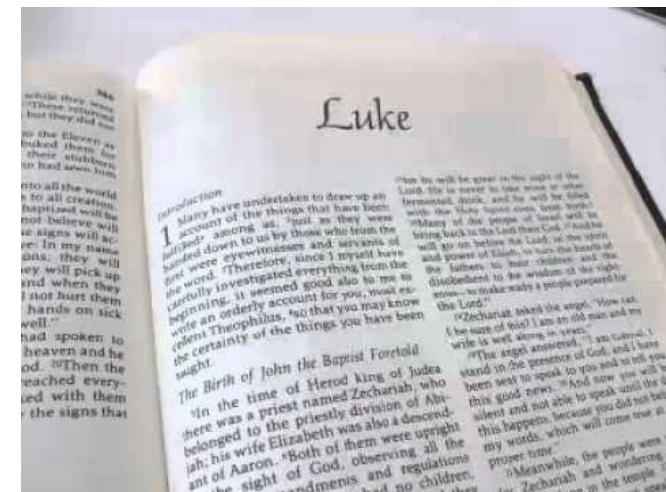
Luke 10: 25-37 Focus Theme: Doing Likewise Sermon Title: Stopping Along the Road

July 21

Luke 10:38-42 Focus Theme: Focusing on Jesus. Sermon Title: Sibling Rivalry

July 28

Luke 11: 1-13 Focus Theme: Prayer Sermon Title: The Time the Train Came Through



June 5, 2019

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 the our General Fund	\$200
On February 21 at Galveston's we raised \$210 for Keys to Hope	\$210
On March 21 at Galveston's we raised \$190 for our First Friday events	\$190
On April 25 at Galveston's we raised \$190 for our Soup Kitchen	\$190
On May 16 at Galveston's we raised \$120 for the Higher Education Fund	\$120
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 \$910

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 year,
Karen Vander Wagen

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:

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!

Tribute To Meredith

Some eleven years ago as we planned our first Madrigal Dinner, we needed people with special skills to help put it all together. Someone said "We need to have Meredith". When we asked for volunteers, she was one of the first to respond, with her signature enthusiasm and her contagious smile.

Along with her crew, she dyed wedding dresses, designed and built (yes, BUILT!) the most elaborate Renaissance costumes ever - over 50 of them!

For these last ten years, she continued to create, adorn and embellish, tuck, redecorate and fit to make each and everyone wearing one look like royalty. Our Madrigal Dinners would not have happened without her.

And so, now we'll make do with safety pins and duct tape while you clothe the angels. We're forever in your debt.



Thank you, Meredith!

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



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.



When posting on social^{media}, make sure to use the hashtag **#flatjesus** and tag Sparkhouse to join in the Flat Jesus community!

NOTE: If you have a private account Sparkhouse will be unable to view your images.

Checklist

- Volunteering in the community
- Participating in a sporting event
- Going to camp
- Reading
- Visiting a historic landmark
- Playing at the park
- In a boat
- Enjoying a rainy day
- Roasting marshmallows
- Camping
- Attending a concert or play
- Visiting family



Flat Jesus around town!

The farthest distance Flat Jesus has traveled so far!

Flat Jesus can go EVERYWHERE!

FIRST FRIDAY FUN COMING TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!!

JOIN US FOR A FABULOUSLY FUN FIRST FRIDAY

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 5th and meet us at the corner of Franklin and 7th as we once again present **KIDS KREATE**, our annual summer offering where kids try their hands at making their own original art. Come meet our neighbors, make a few new friends and help us spread the word that First United Methodist is an awesome downtown church with lots to share with our community. It promises to be a great time!

We'll be there from 5:00 - 8:00 pm, but remember to come early if you'd like a Methodist brownie - they go fast!

See you there-

The First Friday Team



Homebound Ministry
July 2019 Edition

As I write this message for the Crossbeams I am sad because we have lost so many remarkable people and now the newest person to pass is Bruce Gilbert who was home bound.

What I have learned in visiting our home bound is that my life is enriched when the individual(s) I have visited share their life with me. I love how Carol and Bruce blended their families together, and how Carol's daughter, Beth felt so close to Bruce. You might be thinking that when kids are young it is probably easy - but they were teenagers when they married, and accepting another parent when you are in high school isn't easy. Plus they moved here to Michigan City and I think about all the stress that added to the entire family.

When I visited I was shown a picture of children with Carol and Bruce, two of them all dressed up in wedding attire at the age of 5. I believe they were at a church performance. How wonderful that they had known each other that long.

Another church member told me she missed Bruce singing a specific solo in church. I apologize but I don't remember the song, but I do remember that deep voice and what a wonderful voice it was. I told him we missed him singing and he appreciated knowing we knew he wasn't able to worship with us.

Probably in most cases the first question the home bound ask is "How is the church?" If you have time to adopt one of the home bound and visit with them; please email me at judycommers@gmail.com or call me at 219-363-0103 (my cell phone number).

My prayers are for the entire church to stay healthy.

God's love to all,

Judy



Flat Jesus



You haven't colored your Flat Jesus yet? Color this one, bring it to church and let Ms. Trish laminate it for you so you can take Jesus with you on all your summer adventures! Grown ups- join in and color your own!



We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting a Regional Training Event for Messy Church, USA right here at 1st UMC! This is one of only two training events in the entire Midwest. If you are unfamiliar with Messy Church, I encourage you to check out their website at messychurchusa.org to find out why we are so excited. Messy Church has found great success in the UK, where it's proven to be a unique way to bring church to the families in your community.

Saturday, August 10, 2019 9:00- 3:30

We will need volunteers to help serve coffee and treats in the morning, help with serving our catered lunch, provide desserts, and to host throughout the day.

If you want to join the team that is attending the training, or would be willing to volunteer during the day- **please see Trish Johnsen.**

Trish Johnsen, Children and Youth Ministry Director,
765-490-1994 trishatchurch@gmail.com

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of Meredith Gulstrom

Rick, Judy, Christy & Courtney
Commers

Clyde & Margaret Zeek
Richard & Dorothy Sparks

Shirley Kelly
Pam & Rick Voss

Kevin & Marijo Novinger
Tami Jedinak

Gary & Cyndy Downey & Family
Wallace & Sylvia Hook

Norm & Wanda Jones
Joyce Dalton

Jeffrey D. Peckat, PC
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Susan Cassler

Ted & Marlene Woodfield
Will & Joan Brill

Gene & Katie Gielow
David & Jacqueline Miller

Judy Stark & Kristi Inderrieden
Alan Coan

John & Karen VanderWagen



In Loving Memory of Brigitte Coan

Ralph & Jenny Coan
Joel & Sandra DeKoekkoek

Jon & Nancy Bausback
Randy & Heidi Carter

Shaelyn & Mike Tym
Ruth & Karen Lyness

In Loving Memory of Phyllis Chambers

Wallace & Sylvia Hook
Arvilla Maier

Alan Coan

In Loving Memory of Bruce Gilbert

Sue Cassler