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Nancy's Notes

I found a new cousin last week. Again. Well, in reality, she found me... or....well it's a long story. My first day of college I met Barry. We immediately became fast friends. He was the brother I'd never had, and I became yet another of his many sisters. Several years later, when he told me about his girlfriend (who later became his wife) I mentioned I thought that she and I were related... she shared my grandmother's maiden name and lived in the same community. Anyway, for the past 35 years I've considered them distant cousins, even though we've rarely seen one another. In fact, I'm not sure I've seen his wife since the day of the wedding..

Last week I received a phone call:

. "Nancy, did you tell me once that you and my wife are cousins?"

"Yes, I did, why?"

"Well, we found another cousin and figured out he's related to you..."

And, as simply as that, my sisters and I have new cousins. Two of them are meeting them as I write this! All this time I assumed that Barry remembered what I told him 35 years ago. Apparently, he did not!

How often do we assume that because we know something that other people do to? Or, because we remember something, others remember the same story in the same way? How often do we forget to invite others into our lives because we did it once before and they didn't respond (why did it take Barry 35 years to 'get it')?

It's the same way with church. We assume because we made the invitation once that people know they are invited. We assume that because church is holy space for us it is for others. And we don't understand why 'they don't get it.'

As a congregation we are being challenged to become missional. But what does that mean?

A missional church is a community that works to be salt and light for the world. It is a people who are being formed in a way that compels them to be channels of grace for the world. Because of their living witness to God's love for the world in Jesus Christ, their neighborhood, city, or town is changed for the good of all. And, because the people are witnesses and workers of God's love and justice in the world, others will be drawn to God. (retrieved from <https://blog.umcdiscipleship.org/missional/> July 17, 2019). Missional means going out and meeting people where they are with no intent other than getting to know them, hearing what is important to them, and sharing what is important to us. It means moving the ministry of the church OUT of the building and gathering in coffee shops, restaurants and (gasp) possibly even breweries, as we share and study with one another. It means doing things in ways that are different, even if we've never done it that way before, it means engaging with folks in such ways that they want to know us, and to know this Jesus whom we love. It's risky, exciting, and our future.

During the next few months expect to hear more about what it means to be a missional church. The goal of the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church is that by 2020 every congregation will be fully missional. Let's discover together what that means.

Shalom,
Pastor Nancy



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Sponsoring The Crossbeams

*Karen Burnside Thank You for Sponsoring this month's Crossbeams!
In honor of her daughters 15th Wedding Anniversary*



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.

Did you know?


We have a newly formed Children and Youth Ministry Council (CYM Council) that has been a HUGE help in advising and assisting Trish Johnsen with all things Children's and Youth Ministry related. This team began meeting in April, and has been meeting every month on the last Sunday of the month, between services. This team of ten people includes Ashley Bitter, Joyce Dalton, Katie Gielow, Bev Griffith, Pastor Nancy, Carol Skeen, Joe Stewart, Tracy Wilkins, Marlene Woodfield, and Trish Johnsen. This council serves such an important function in the life of our church as we are constantly working to build our Children's and Youth programming. With events like Summer Try- It (Vacation Bible School) and Messy Church in the works as well as the constantly evolving God's Club, Try- It, and an all new Youth Group up and running, the role of this council is invaluable in the life of First United Methodist. If you would like to know how you can get involved, feel free to talk to Trish Johnsen. Try- It and Youth Group kick off again the week of August 18 and we will be in need of volunteers!



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.

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Soup Kitchen 11am	2 Overeaters Anonymous 9am First Friday 5pm-8pm	3
4 Worship 8:30am/10:30am Bible Study 9:30am God's Club 9:45am	5 Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm Cross & Flame 6pm	6	7 AA 7pm	8 Soup Kitchen 11am	9 Overeaters Anonymous 9am	10 Messy Church 9am-3:30pm
11 Worship 8:30am/10:30am Bible Study 9:30am God's Club 9:45am	12 Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm Cross & Flame 6pm	13	14 AA 7pm First Day of School for Michigan City	15 Soup Kitchen 11am Galveston Give Back at 4pm-Close	16 Overeaters Anonymous 9am	17 Amarillo Stars Line Dancing 6pm
18 Worship Together Blessing of the backpacks 9:30am	19 Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm Cross & Flame 6pm	20 S.S. Camera Club 6pm	21 Fall Kickoff for Try It, You'll Love It 4:45pm-6pm AA 7pm	22 Soup Kitchen 11am	23 Overeaters Anonymous 9am	24 Wedding Shower 2pm-4pm
25 Worship 8:30am/10:30am Bible Study 9:30am God's Club 9:45am	26 Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm Cross & Flame 6pm UMW Board Meeting 9:30am	27 Trustee Meeting 6pm	28 Finance Meeting 1:15pm Try It, You'll Love It 4:45pm-6pm AA 7pm	29 Soup Kitchen 11am	30 Overeaters Anonymous 9am	31

Give+ Church

Making Donations Using The GivePlus Mobile App

Worship Notes

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

We say it every week. Many of us learned it at our mother’s knees. And yet, how many of us really take time to examine what the Lord’s Prayer really means? Beginning on July 29 and moving through September 1, we will pray, sing, sign, and perhaps even dance The Lord’s Prayer as we spend several weeks looking at The Prayer of Jesus

August 4 Luke 11: 1-4; Romans 8: 14-17 “Abba”

Abba is the name for God that Jesus used in teaching the disciples to pray. This intimate term, referring to God as family, was radical in Jesus’ day. How do we address God in prayer?

August 11 Luke 11: 1-4; Matthew 16:19 “On Earth As It Is In Heaven”

Jesus showed us tangible, visible signs of how we should live in right relationships with God and one another. What does it mean to pray ‘thy Kingdom (or Kin-dom) come? How do our prayers become prayers of action every day? On this Sunday we will bless the supplies and backpacks we will donate to the Michigan City Schools. You will also get to choose some of the hymns we will sing on this day.

August 18 Luke 11: 1-4; 9-10 “Give Us This Day

Jesus assures us that asking God to act in the world is not a waste of breath. An important part of prayer is petitioning the Holy One, naming needs – not just our own needs but the needs of the world. Most of all, we are called to remember our own need to remember the Source of All Gifts. On this day we will **Worship Together** as we bless our children (and teachers and other adults who work in the schools) that they may have a good year. Can we imagine what God’s world would be like if we all live into this prayer that we pray together each week.

August 25 Luke 11:1-4 Colossians 3: 12-14 “As We Forgive”

Forgiveness is our focus this Sunday. God is ready to forgive just as we have been made to forgive each other. What holds us back? Right relationship involves getting honest with God and with each other.

September 1 Luke 11: 1-4; Psalm 121 “Deliver Us”

Jesus draws on the Psalms of lament as he calls on God to come, to stand with, and to offer strength in time of trouble. The Christian tradition as closed this prayer with assurances that God’s reign is at hand. ‘For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever.’ How do we show we mean that as we live our lives?

July 1, 2019

5th Sundays Replaced with Worship Together!

Dear Friends in Christ:

Wow, half the year has passed us by already. 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 activities is greatly appreciated and so important in helping us help others in our community through our church sponsored events. As such, bringing your friends helps to support our church's outreach mission and may bring them to a closer relationship with Christ. Tell them of some of our activities as 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
On June 20, at Galveston's we raised \$210 for the Children's Ministry Fund	\$210
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 \$1,120

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

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!

Calling All Non Used 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.



Preview of Coming Attractions: It's a Wonder-Full Life!

JOIN US AND SUPPORT OUR HOOSIER STAR JOE STEWART, FINALIST



- Joe is a finalist in the Adult Division of Hoosier Star
 - Five contestants remain
 - Each sing with LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra
 - The adult winner receives \$1,000
 - Joe needs our support to win this event!
 - You will cast your vote at the event...for Joe!
- When: Saturday, September 7th, 2019 at 7PM
 - Doors open at 6:00....don't be late.
- Where: La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge Street, LaPorte
- Ticket Price: \$15, Cash or Check (payable 1st UMC)
 - Tickets will be available at the church.
 - See Cindy Jackson to purchase tickets
- Transportation:
 - Car Pooling organized from church parking lot....
 - Joyce Dalton & Karen Durnell will coordinate drivers and riders
 - Call them to arrange your ride or to provide a car
 - Church phone is 219-872-7200.

Do you remember back in December when the Worship Team asked you to trust us? We were going to 'do Advent' in a different way, focusing on Silent Night, playing with lights, and even constructing a different kind of Advent Wreath. By most accounts it was a great Advent season. Then, in Lent, we brought out the Prayer Chair and focused on making time for an unhurried God. Again, there were many positive responses to our Lenten worship.

Well, once again, the Worship Team is asking you to trust as we prepare to spend much of September's worship (along with study opportunities) focusing on what it means to live a Wonder-Full life.

Spiritual practice feeds that part of ourselves that is oriented toward serenity, harmony, truth, compassion, gratitude, love and joy. But these are not always words we use to describe the role of money in our lives. In the classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life," a crisis of money creates vastly diverse reactions from several characters that can hold up a mirror to our own relationships with money. In this four week series, we will "look" squarely in the face of our money issues in compassionate ways that can offer more depth of meaning, healing, and wholeness and a whole new "outlook" on what constitutes a wonderful life.

Why did we choose this series? Well, it's a long story. Stay tuned and I'll share more of it next month!

In the meantime, plan on joining us for a Wonder-Full life, beginning the 3rd week of September!



**FIRST FRIDAY FUN COMING TO FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH!!**

MC 1st
kids

It's August!

Which means its time for all kinds of new stuff for the MC1st Kids! Happy 2019- 2020 School Year!

Try- It Back -To- School Kick Off Party!

Wednesday, August 21

4:45- 6:00

Come and celebrate the start of another great school year with music, games, treats, and fun giveaways!

Bring your friends!



Sunday, August 18, is one combined service at 9:30 AM

to celebrate the start of the 2019- 2020 school year!

Join us as we bless backpacks and supplies for the Michigan City High School Caring Closet and join in as we prayerfully encourage students, teachers, and school personnel as they begin a new promise- filled school year.

YOUTH GROUP STARTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 23!

@1st UMC in the Youth Room

Time: TBD- keep an eye on the church website, mcindianaumc.org for updated information

Led by Joe Stewart

Junior and Senior High Students!

MC1st Youth group will feature IRL meetings combined with virtual and online experiences. So, please plan to attend this first meeting with a parent or guardian to get all of the information about what's happening for this group!

Questions? Talk to Ms. Trish



Pat Herman will be sharing water colors, Wendy Kerman will be sharing pastel colors & our very own Linda Mills will be sharing photo's from her group Shore Shooters Camera Club!

Don't forget to get a Methodist brownie!!

Blessings,

Your First Friday Team



Homebound Ministry
August 2019 Edition

This summer we have lost too many of our church members and friends. I find myself sadden by my lack of visiting these individuals who now are no longer with us. If you have the time to even visit one of our members who are unable to come to church please do, or if you can't visit think about sending a card. Most of us love to know someone is thinking about us so we know cards work wonders.

Our list of Home Bound is always changing and if you learn of others who should be added to the list please let the church or myself know by emailing me at judycommers@gmail.com or call me on my cell phone at: 219-363-0103.

The new list can be found on the counter in the Gathering room. We are missing some of the individuals birthdays so if you know their birthday please let me know.

I know I have never had a job in a medical capacity or have played one on TV, but please take care of yourself by drinking plenty of water. The weather is extremely hot so we need to be careful and possibly also checking on each other might be a good thing to do.

God be with each and everyone!

Judy



A hand-drawn poster on a light-colored background. The text 'VOTE FOR JOE' is written in large, bold, black letters at the top, slanted upwards. Below it is a large, five-pointed gold star with a glittery texture. A small photograph of a man in a white suit is placed over the bottom right of the star. Below the star, the words 'HOOSIER STAR' are written in very large, bold, black letters, also slanted upwards. In the bottom right corner, there is a white rectangular box containing the following text: 'La Porte Civic Auditorium', '1010 Ridge Street, La Porte', 'Saturday, September 7th, 7:00pm', '\$15.00 per person', and 'Get tickets from church office'. There are also several small gold circles scattered around the star.

Clothes Line

The 2018-2019 school year was a very busy one for the Clothes Line. It was especially busy during late February and early March when a family's home flooded with broken pipes due to the extreme cold weather. Joyce, Pastor Nancy, Trish and many from the congregation came to the rescue with new shirts, pants, shoes, undies, etc. A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped.

Here is a list of the clothing items we provided during the last school year:

Coats:	4
Shirts:	26
Jumpers:	1
Pants:	20
Shoes:	23
Socks:	12
Undies:	2



Almost all items purchased by Joyce or by me were with Scrip cards.

Thank you again to everyone who takes a card and fills a need, donates money to the Clothes Line fund, or prays for these children.

Sincerely,
Dottie Evett



MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of Meredith Gulstrom

*Debra Krause
Betty Staples
Don & Dottie Evett
Adrienne & Norbert Milzarek
John & Marilyn Ruoff
Kay Wheeler
Dick & Carol Wilson
Carol Keim
Harry & Rose Hoener
Martin & Toni Morse
Frederick & Janet Woodruff
Joan Jarka
James & Julie Gloy
Crystal Domke
Jane Spang
Thomas & Nancy Vangilder
Ruth Lyness
Priscilla Ladwig
Miriam Kobos
Stephen & Lauren Hahn*

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of Brigitte Coan Linda McLean

In Loving Memory of Bruce Gilbert

*Will & Joan Brill
Dave Noel
Terri Fry
Judy Commers
Ted Marlene Woodfield
Tom & Ann Berg
Gail Leffew
Diane Novitzke
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Joe & Toni Ruhe
Tiff & Jim
Don, Tommy & Nick Gilbert*

In Loving Memory of Jeanette Leonard

Norm & Wanda Jones

