



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

If you are hospitalized

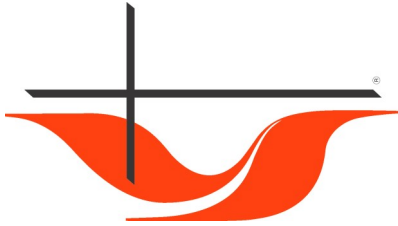


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Crossbeams

First United Methodist Church

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Nancy's Notes

The table in my childhood home sat in place of honor in the old kitchen, the scarred maple top a testament to much good cooking and thousands of lunches and suppers (the dining table was reserved for 'Sunday Dinner' and special occasions). Even when this well worn relic was retired and replaced with a skinnier model that fit into a remodeled galley kitchen, the supper table was important. While Robert Fulghum may have coined the phrase 'All I need to know I learned in kindergarten,' it was at those childhood kitchen tables that I learned the basics of what I needed to know to have a well-lived life.

We learned about our parents' day to day lives, prayed, discussed local politics, gossiped, listened to Tigers games, the Metropolitan Opera, Karl Haas' Adventures in Good Listening, and learned to cook. The one thing I don't remember talking about was money, although I think Daddy showed me how to balance a checkbook at his desk. It was as if talking about money in polite (and even family) society was as forbidden as talking about one's sex life. Other than handing me my first pledge card to the Angola United Methodist Church on the day I was confirmed and suggesting that when (oops, didn't get that one) I married living on one salary and saving the other, that was the extent of any financial education I received – at home or elsewhere.

I'm not sure things have changed that much. Recently I have attended workshops on several aspects of faith and church life. At some point or another during each session someone said, in one form another, that one of the largest failures of the church is that we don't teach one another to 'look at our history with money, evaluate how our experiences influence our current financial practices, and develop a 'courageous vision' for our lives that leads to a new understanding of what it means to live a "wonder-full" life.' Somehow, we have absorbed the idea that faith and money practices don't belong together, even though its almost alarming how much Jesus talks about money. He discussed the topic of money more often than he spoke of faith and prayer combined. Jesus typically taught in parables—and 11 of the 39 (some say 40 or 46) parables were about money or used money as a way to teach us spiritual truths. Some congregations have moved beyond this by offering courses on financial management and spirituality – perhaps at some time in the past MC First did as well.

So, at the risk of being accused of meddling, the worship team with support from our Finance Team, is bearding the lion and spending 4 weeks in September and October (beginning on September 15th) examining how our use of money and our spirituality interconnect. Frankly, I'm scared to death of doing this, but feel it is where God is leading.

Basing our worship on biblical texts, the book 'Integrating Money and Meaning' by Maggie Kulyk and Liz McGeachy, and the movie 'It's A Wonderful Life', we will examine what a full life looks like and how our attitudes toward money may or may not get in the way. There will be study opportunities on Sunday evenings at 5pm (dinner after?) beginning on the 15th and ending on the 28th) and Wednesday mornings at 11 (lunch together?) beginning on September 18th and ending on October 2nd. Additionally, there will be 24 reflection pieces available for home devotions. The September 22nd study will be at the parsonage.

Incidentally, when we first started discussing this, I looked for worship and study resources that connected and that I liked. I found nothing. Then, about a week later, the resource we will be using popped up on my newsfeed. Go figure...

Shalom,

Pastor Nancy



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Galveston's Give Back
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4PM until Closing**

Do not pass out coupons on Property
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Bells

Sponsoring The Crossbeams

With love, peace, hope & joy

To our family— (Deceased)*

**Father George Stavropoulos (Passed 09/04/2008)*

** Mother Pearl Pome Stavropoulos*

** Meredith Gulstrom (Birthday 09/23/1938)*

** Christopher Stavropoulos*

** Carlton Stavropoulos*

Susan (Susie) Keiser

Judith (Judy) Miller

Denise Barkow

Janice Rudnick

** Gary Stavropoulos*

Cynthia (Coda) Stavropoulos-Alfrey

Lisa Krause

** George Stavropoulos*

** Mom Barbara Stavropoulos*



Greetings bell ringers and potential bell ringers. I hope you had a great summer. Well, it is getting to that time of year when all the choirs will start practicing. The bell choir will start on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:15 till 7:00 in the music room. I know it is a little late, but I want to thank everyone who was in the bell choir for all the fun and hard work we put in last year. I hope this year will be better than last year and that we have a lot of fun doing it.

I would like to invite anyone that would like to learn how to play bells this year to come and join us Wednesday September 4th to give it a try. Once again I appreciate all the work we did last year and see everyone this year. If you have any question please call me at [219 879-3549](tel:2198793549).

Thank You

George Jenks



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Wednesday, September 4th is our start date for all choirs, and we're hoping that you'll all be back to join us for another wonderful year of making music for the glory of our Lord. Here's our schedule:

Rejoice!	Wednesdays 5:30 pm
Memorial Bells	Wednesdays 6:15 pm
Chancel Choir.	Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Come for one, two or stay for all three! It's always a great evening of singing and playing as we explore new pieces and review old favorites to share with the congregation and community on Sunday mornings. Come be a part of this important ministry of our church - you'll be blessed as you bless others with music.

Questions? Contact Bev Griffith at beverlyegriffith@gmail.com or 312-699-7834 for choir info; George Jenks at gjenks@sbcglobal.net or 219-873-4995 for Bell info.

Can't wait - see you soon!

The Music Department

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

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. We also need help setting up tables for funeral dinners and setting out parking cones. This group will 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.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8:30am/10:30am Bible Study 9:30am God's Club 9:45am	2 Office Closed No Soup Kitchen Girl Scouts 5:30pm Cross & Flame 6pm	3	4 <i>Mary</i> Martha 9:30am PEO DF 11:15am-2:30pm Try It 4:45pm Rejoice 5:30pm Memorial Bells 6:15pm Chancel Choir 7pm AA 7pm	5 Soup Kitchen 11am Ruth Circle 6pm	6 Overeaters Anonymous 9am First Friday 5pm-8pm	7
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15 Worship 8:30am/10:30am Bible Study 9:30am God's Club 9:45am	16 Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm Cross & Flame 6pm Elizabeth Circle meets at Ruth & Karen Lyness	17 Shore Shooters Camera Club 6pm	18 Study Group 11am Try It 4:45pm Rejoice 5:30pm Memorial Bells 6:15pm Chancel Choir 7pm AA 7pm	19 Soup Kitchen 11am Galveston 4pm Dunes Country Quilters 6pm	20 Overeaters Anonymous 9am	21 Voice Recital 2pm Amarillo Stars Line Dancing 6pm Food Pack @ Valpo 1stUMC
22 Worship 8:30am/10:30am Bible Study 9:30am God's Club 9:45am Pastors House Blessing 2pm-4pm Study Group 5pm	23 UMW Board Meeting 9:30am Soup Kitchen 11am Girl Scouts 5:30pm Cross & Flame 6pm	24 Trustee Meeting 6pm	25 Study Group 11am Finance Meeting 1:15pm Try It 4:45pm Rejoice 5:30pm Memorial Bells 6:15pm Chancel Choir 7pm AA 7pm	26 Soup Kitchen 11am PEO BR 5:30pm-8:30pm	27 Overeaters Anonymous 9am Youth Group 6:30pm	28
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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

The first week of September we will finish our series on the Lord’s Prayer. After a week of transition when Tom O’Brien preaches, our next worship series will begin on September 15th as we consider what it means that “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” — John 10:10b. Please read Nancy’s Notes for more information.

September 1

Like 11: 1-4; Psalm 121 Deliver Us

September 7

Tom O’Brien Speaking

September 15

Looking Back *Matthew 22:15-22*

September 22

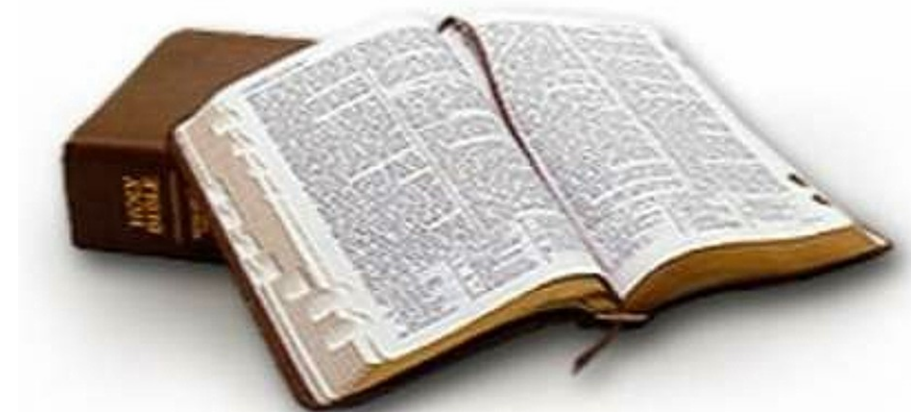
Looking In *Matthew 6: 19-24*

September 29

Looking Out *1 Timothy 6:17-19*

October 6

Looking With Gratitude *Acts 4: 32-35 (CEB)*



August 7, 2019

5th Sundays Replaced with Worship Together!

Dear Friends in Christ:

The boat races are over and Michigan City is returning to normal once again. Soon School will be starting and all of God's children will be getting prepared for their futures. May God continue to richly bless each of them as they continue in life's journey.

Remember, your 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 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 we raised \$260 for the Salvation Army Food Pantry)	\$260
August 6, at Aurelio's Pizza we raised \$51.54 for our General Fund	\$51.54
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>\$1,431.54</u>

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:

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. If you try to get into the church and your key no longer works, it is because we have changed the locks. Contact Cindy in the office for a replacement.



Sunday September 22nd Open House, House Blessing

Pastor Nancy is having an open house September 22nd from 2pm-4pm. At 5pm she will be having the Study Group session. Come by after Worshipping Together and see what beautiful changes have been made to the Parsonage.



Calling the church office

If you call the church office and no one answers and you don't get the machine, please let us know so that we can get it fixed.



I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ...

Fall is almost here. As the sound of the ice cream truck fades into the neighborhood, it's time to say Good bye to summer.

What better way to celebrate September and help summer linger a little longer than an Ice Cream Social!

The UMW invites all the ladies of the church to gather at 1:00 pm on Saturday September 14th to spend time with friends. Following a short program, there will be ice cream sundaes for everyone!

It's the perfect way for us to Top Off our summer and spend an afternoon with friends, warm fellowship and cool treats!

What's your favorite topping?

Karen Lyness

UMW Vice President



Choir School: Sue Cassler, Sister Melanie, Bev Griffith, Debora Beien, Joe Stewart & Pastor Nancy



**FIRST FRIDAY FUN COMING TO FIRST UNITED
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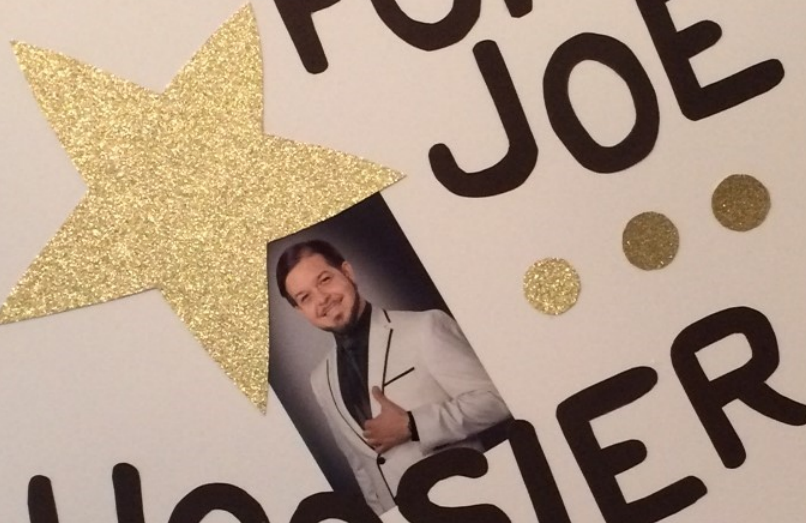
Art work for September 7th's First Friday will be Brett Maniscalco and Kristen Woodruff Maniscalco's photographs.

Their fine art photography is truly worth coming down to see-AND have a Methodist brownie. Enjoy your evening!!

Blessings,
Your First Friday Team



**VOTE
FOR
JOE**



**HOOSIER
STAR**

La Porte Civic Auditorium
1010 Ridge Street, La Porte

Saturday, September 7th, 7:00pm
\$15.00 per person

Get tickets from church office

Homebound Ministry September 2019 Edition

As the children go off to school one mother told me she was sad because her kids were off to school for the first day.

Our friends who are home bound have times of sadness also. Just like parents they miss the kids, the company of having someone to talk to or share stories with; so we need to drop them a card or if time allows - go and visit them. Our visits don't have to be long, but dropping by means a lot.

My mother is in a retirement center in Muncie, and sometimes she forgets peoples names but always recognizes a familiar face. So when June Jones has a visitor she is always excited and happy. My good friend told me she makes her feel like a queen when she visits, and that she gets more out of the visit probably then my mother does. As her daughter, it means a lot to me that people still want to visit, and care about her.

There have been a few changes to our Home Bound list so please pick up a revised list from the counter in the Gathering room.

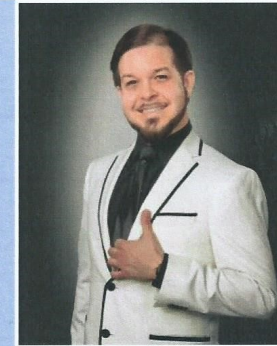
If you know of someone who needs to be added to the Home bound list please let me know, by emailing me at judycommers@gmail.com or calling my cell phone at: **219-363-0103**.

Thanks for being a caring church,

Judy



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.

Soup Kitchen Guests

We are in need of toilet paper for our soup kitchen guests.

We have soup kitchen twice a week, Monday's & Thursday's. Guests come to the office for a roll of toilet paper. It is a necessity that which some people can't afford. Consider when you are going shopping buying extra and bring it to the church during normal business hours or on Sunday when you come for worship. Thank you for your support!



Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting in the home of Karen and Ruth Lyness on the third Monday September 16th, due to Labor day

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of Harry Chapman

Jim & Carolyn Bowers
Sheryl Matzke
Rudy Nichols
Barb Wolfe
Marialice Sultes
Dan & Jane Geren
Nancy Ash
Dawn Fitzhugh
Herman & Jacqueline
Smith
Lynette Johnston
Josephine Woods
Judy Commers
Judith Whorwell
Jane Spang
Clyde & Margaret Zeek
Wallace & Sylvia Hook
Leon J. McNew

*In Loving
Memory*

In Loving Memory of Jeanette Leonard

Linda Mills
Wallace & Sylvia Hook
David & Jacqueline Miller
Austin & Sylvia Wilkins

In Loving Memory of Norman Jones

David & Jacqueline Miller
Judy Commers
Austin & Sylvia Wilkins
Ted & Marlene Woodfield
Wayne & Jean Sommer
Mary Martha Circle
Mike & Debbie Dill
John & Karen VanderWagen

