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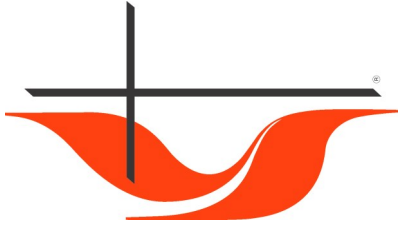
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Nancy's Notes

I didn't know how much I needed to reset my frame of mind until I made myself get out of the house and do more than come into the office during the week and on Sundays. I have seen family (masked and distanced), gone on long walks (accompanied by my new companion Licorice Nichols, a hound/lab puppy), visited with folks on their front or back porches, and even picked up my camera and taken a few shots.

While I support and practice the need to be safe (masked, distanced, no symptoms, etc), I also know it is important to be in community with one another. God designed up to be together.

So, keep your eyes open, there will be a few face-to-face activities coming up.

Tuesday morning walk abouts at Friendship Botanical Gardens

Meet at 9 am at the front gate for a masked and distanced walk, weather permitting. We may choose other times and locations as well.

Messy Church – September 4th at 5:30 in the church parking lot. More info to come.

Distanced Communion (is that an oxymoron) in the church parking lot – date to be set.

Additionally, those of you with internet access will be invited to a zoom Bible Study beginning on Wednesday August 12 at 10 AM. We will discuss the biblical texts for the coming Sundays and include other study materials as needed.

Even while keeping distance we can safely see one another. Blessings on you all.

Pastor Nancy

Please meet Licorice Scholastica Nichols, adopted on the feast day of Saint Scholastica. She may be a bass a door which basically means Bassett in lab but who knows. She came from a kill shelter in Hazard KY and was rescued by Heartland Small Animal Rescue.



Cindy's Office Hours Until Noted Otherwise

Tuesday's 9 am - 11 am

Wednesday's 1 pm - 3 pm

Thursday's 2:30 pm - 4:15 pm

If you need to come into the office, make sure that you call the office first. 219-872-7200

Study Group

We will be having a study group via Zoom starting August 12th at 10 am in the morning. The Zoom address will be sent out via email. For those who don't use the internet you may call the church or the Pastor for the phone number to Zoom in via telephone. We are looking forward to seeing your faces and sharing this time together.

Worship Series:

When you want to know the stories of the Bible you begin at the Beginning – with the book of Genesis. For the next several weeks we will be visiting with the founding mothers and fathers of our faith as we explore the stories that help shape us. As we enter into our worship series, Faith Founders, we read the stories of Genesis to remind us how our mothers and fathers in faith taught us to live with God, ourselves, and one another, and how to lift up our voices in praise.

August 2: The Beginning: Genesis overview

Focus text: Genesis 3:22-23

August 9: The Saga Begins: Gen 29::15-28; Genesis 32: 22-31

August 16 – Jacob's Ladder: Gen 32:22-31

August 23: Restoration: Genesis 45:1-15

August 30: Love Feast: Family Restored:

Focus texts: Ephesians 4: 1-6, Galatians 3: 26-29

For this service you are invited to have once again something to eat with you. We will be using a service prepared by Pastor Nancy for this year's Epworth Forest Choir School so we can give our worship leadership team a well-deserved break. This will be a combination of zoom, pre-videoed, and livestream, and will be moderated by Pastor Nancy.

NEWS

The Coan Family has canceled Carl's Celebration of Life scheduled for August 16th because of the pandemic. They did request when you hear some good music you grab your kazoo and play along.

Higher Education Scholarships

The Higher Education Committee is pleased to announce that scholarships totaling \$5,500.00 have been awarded to eleven individuals pursuing a post-secondary education. Given annually, the scholarships are funded through investments in the Endowment Fund, plus generous donations given by congregation members. Due to restrictions imposed by the pandemic, all committee work was conducted remotely. Honorees were then invited to receive their awards on the church lawn, with the first group arriving June 28 and the second, July 5. The following scholarships were awarded:

Ernest & Mildred Delco Scholarship

DEVIN GLENN
Valparaiso University
Mechanical Engineering

1st UMC Endowment Scholarship

CADEN GLENN
Purdue University Physics

M.D. & Russell Gardner Scholarship

ALEXANDER KUIKEN
Bradley University
Chemistry/Pre-Med path

Jean DeMass Kruse Scholarship

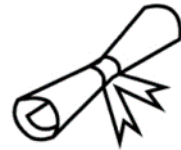
SARAH POULIN
Purdue University Elementary Education

Mabel Rhoades Memorial Scholarships

HANNAH CHAMBERS
Valparaiso University
Nursing

Swinehart/Bartholomew Scholarship

GRACE TARNOW
Bethel University
Music Education



Back-To-School Blessing Parade!

MC1st kids and MC1st teachers- join us!

You're Invited to a Back- To- School Blessing Parade!

MC1st Kids and their families get to stay in their car as they drive through a line- up of church family members (masked and social distancing) who will be there to clap, cheer, and share their blessings to start the school year!

Every student and teacher will receive a special blessing bag at the end of the parade (while supplies last)!

Let us send you into the 2020-2021 school year with extra special blessings!

Sunday, August 23rd 2:00- 3:00 PM
in the church parking lot (across 7th Street from the church)

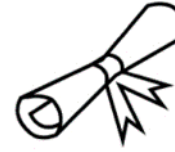
In order to make sure we have enough gifts to share, please RSVP to Ms. Trish by Friday, August 21. Invite your friends to join us! Just let me know how many to expect, please.

Trish Johnsen ... trishatchurch@gmail.com or call or text 765-490-1994



Dear Church family,

Higher Education Scholarships cont.



On Sunday, August 23, we are inviting students and teachers to join us for a “Back- To- School Blessing Parade”. We need your help with this fun event! Come out and pick a spot to cheer and shout your blessings to our kids and teachers getting ready to start the new school year! Bring a lawn chair if you’d like! Bring fun signs for families to see! Bring your smiles and your blessings! Please park in either the small parking lot or the street and come and sit in the larger church parking lot (we’ll have it marked and be there to point you in the right direction). We will be lining the parking lot and inviting families to drive through our “parade” and receive a blessing bag at the end. Masks and social distancing are required at this outdoor event.

Sunday, August 23 in the church parking lot, from 2:00- 3:00 PM- see you then!

Let Ms. Trish know if you have any questions

United Methodist Women’s Scholarship

LAUREN SKEEN

Purdue University Northwest
Business Management

Richard Presser Scholarship

ELLIOT JASICKI

Purdue University
Finance

1st UMC Member/Attendee Scholarship

AMELIA BLACK

Purdue University Northwest Biology

1st UMC Member/Attendee Scholarship

THOMAS CROSS

Purdue University Northwest Computer Graphic
Technology

1st UMC Member/Attendee Scholarship

BAILEY HOLKAN

Purdue University Northwest Marketing

Congratulations



← Amelia Black



← Tom Cross

Devin & Caden Glenn →



Greetings,

We know how frustrating this is for all of you, but the task force charged with determining when we should go back to face to face worship has decided to wait until September 13th before we meet for Sanctuary Worship or our 8:30 Courtyard Worship. The task force will meet 10 days before that date for any further decisions.

In the meantime, there will be some opportunities for in person (safely distanced and with masks) activities, including a September 4th Outdoor Messy Church, an as yet to be scheduled Evening Parking lot communion service, and some other options.

Who would have thought in March that our 6 week break from being in the Sanctuary would turn into 6 months. In the next few weeks we hope to add a Zoom component to our on-line worship service that may allow some of our members to phone in and at least be present via audio technology.

As always thank you for your patience as we work our way through truly uncharted territory. And as always we seek to do no harm, to do good, and most of all, to stay in love with God.

Blessings, you are all missed, loved, and prayed for.

Pastor Nancy



First Friday!

Outside, in the church
parking lot

Friday, September 4

5:30- 7:00 PM

Join us for this in- person Messy Church Worship, weather permitting.

Rain Date is Friday, September 11.

Masks and Social Distancing are required at this outdoor only event.

No meal will be served, however, feel free to bring your own picnic to enjoy! Attendees will need to eat only food that they have brought for themselves or families, and while keeping socially distanced from groups and others that don't live in their home.

Activities are planned for social distancing and cleanliness standards. Come out and enjoy time in each other's company as we worship in community!

Contact Trish Johnsen with questions or for more information at 765-490-1994 or trishatchurch@gmail.com



← Bailey Holkan



Thank you

The Higher Education Committee extends sincere thanks to all those who donated to the Scholarship Fund. Because of your generosity, every 1st UMC member or attendee who submitted an application was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Donations were given by:

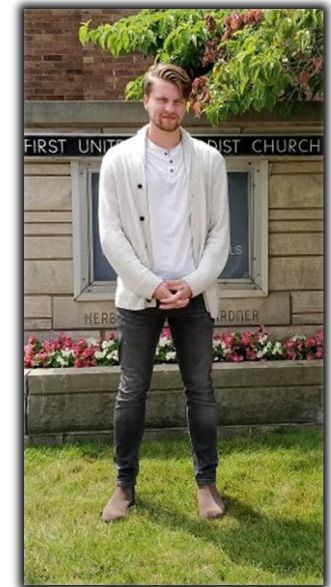
- **Susan Baldwin*
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- **Will and Joan Brill* in honor of Caden and Devin Glenn
- **Karen Burnside*
- **Sue Cassler* in memory of Meredith Gulstrom
- **Dottie Evett*
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- **The Presser Family*
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