

THE CHIMES

Dates to remember:

- Back to School Bash, Saturday August 8th, 2 pm
- Rethink Church, Saturday, August 27th, 10 am
- Prayer Seminar, Sunday, Sept 11th 2 pm

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August 2016

A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I am writing with three important items for your attention:

First, On Sunday, Sept. 11, the "Praying Upside Down" workshop is slated to begin at 2 p.m. I hope you have picked up a copy of the book. Author Kelly O'Dell Stanley will be leading this prayer workshop. Please make every effort to participate in this tremendous opportunity to grow in your faith. On Aug. 14, we will be distributing a reading guide to assist you in preparing for the workshop.

Second, Bishop Julius Trimble has been assigned to the Indiana Conference as our new bishop, effective Sept. 1. Bishop Trimble is a native of Chicago, and has served local churches in Illinois, east Ohio and as a district superintendent. For the past eight years he has served as bishop of the Iowa Annual Conference. He is married to Racelder Grandberry-Trimble and they have three adult children.

Third, the United Methodist Western Jurisdictional Conference (California, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Hawaii) recently consecrated a married lesbian as bishop. The Judicial Council (the supreme court for the church) will rule on its validity this fall. Many persons, including our current bishop Mike Coyner, are upset about the actions of the Western Jurisdiction. We in Indiana intend to remain faithful to our Book of Discipline and to the Gospel.

Bishop Bruce Ough, president of the Council of Bishops, writes these words about the future of our denomination: "Our differences are real and cannot be glossed over, but they are also reconcilable. We are confident God is with us, especially in uncharted times and places. There is a future with hope. We invite your constant and ardent prayers for the witness and unity of The United Methodist Church. May God guide us as we seek to maintain unity in the bond of peace."

In this increasingly secular and changing world, may we remain faithful in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We must continue to call people to repentance and new life in Christ. We must live as faithful disciples. Let us focus on our mission: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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Food for the FISH Pantry

Current Needs:

Cereal
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Canned vegetables
Soaps
Boxed Meals

**Donations can
be left at any of
the FISH Food
containers or
grocery carts
throughout the
church.**

**Thank you for
your generosity!**

PRAYER MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Please remember to pray:

- For all persons connected to our church family who are confined to their home or nursing homes
- For our TV Audience (9 am Worship)
- For veterans, public servants, police/fire/medical personnel
- For the Rainbows & Rhymes Preschool families
- For our nation, Christ's Church universal, the United Methodist Church, the Sugar Creek Cluster, our congregation, our pastor and staff

Prayer concerns: Pat Hearson, Lois Hybarger, Margaret Bonebrake, Eleanor Young, Melba Rivenbark, Ola Mae Mikesell, Joanne Schlosser, Brandan Hindman, Maxine Dreyer, Blake Ratcliff (overseas), Cheryl Young, Gary Meek, Janet March, **Our missionaries:** Chris & Anna Pratt, Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) in Orlando, FL **Our Sympathy** to Mary Lynn Harris and the family on the passing of Terry Harris. **Our Sympathy** to Ola Mae Mikesell and family on the passing of Bob Mikesell.

WNL BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

WNL is starting up again in September! We will have classes for all ages, 0-101!! Come and join us for some fellowship, learning and a chance to draw closer to God. Classes will begin at 6:00 and end by 7:30.

This year we'll also be offering Food & Fellowship on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday's of every month along with WNL. This will be before WNL starts. Meals will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for kids.

More information will following in the next few weeks so be on the look out!



EMMAUS GATHERING'S COMING UP...

The Walk to Emmaus offers today's disciples a parallel opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and to form friendships that foster faith and support spiritual maturity. While Emmaus provides a pathway to the mountaintop of God's love, it also supports pilgrims' return to the world in the power of the Spirit to share the love they have received with a hurtful and hurting world. There are two walks coming up: **Men's Walk** – Sept 29-Oct 2, 2016; **Women's Walk** – Oct 6-9, 2016. If interested, please contact Gary Lewis at 765-363-0655 or gary.lewis@inumc.org.

School starts this month and we are excited! We've been blessed with the opportunity to open an additional section of preschool for children ages 1-3. So we are back to having students from one up to five years old! Although similar to our old program, this new class will be more than just daycare for these children!

We will be using our HighScope curriculum that is specifically designed for children 1-3 years old. This is unique because it's much more than just social interaction for your kiddo. We will focus on emotional & physical development, communication, language, literacy, cognitive development and creative arts. It's never too early to introduce these skills to children!

We are looking forward to our old & new families and so many fun opportunities planned for them. Check back next month and see what all we've done in the first few weeks!!

Blessings!
Leslie



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD?

If you could ask God any one question, what would you like to know? At some point everyone wonders about God. Even Christians struggle to find the right answers when neighbors and friends ask.

What is the toughest question you've ever been asked about God? Were you confident in your answer? Do you struggle with life's great questions? If so, you're not alone.

Pastor Gary is planning a new sermon series in September and he needs your questions. Please send him an e-mail at gary.lewis@inumc.org or write it on the Communication Slip at worship on Sunday. He will be compiling and sorting these questions and use them as the topic for the series.

The purpose of this series is to shore up faith among believer and lead unchurched people into a relationship with Christ. This would be a great time to invite a neighbor, friend or family member who does not have a relationship with Christ or a church home.

The series title is "Tough Questions." Please prayerfully consider submitting a question. Also, if you have a testimony about fielding such questions, then let Pastor Gary know so you can share your story.

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REGISTRATION
STILL GOING ON

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FORMATION

PRESCHOOL

1 - 5 YEAR OLDS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 - 11:30 AM &
12:30 - 3:30 PM

RETHINK CHURCH

WHEN:

*Saturday, Aug 27
10 am - 12:30 pm*

Outdoor and Indoor
projects will be
available.

TO HELP:

Contact the church
office at 362-4817

NEED HELP?

If you have a project
you need help with,
call the church of-
fice at 362-4817

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...

Sunday school Kick-Off! **PLEASE READ!!!**

I have missed many of you this summer and am really looking forward to seeing you at our Sunday school Kick-off. All kiddos, kindergarten through 5th grade, meet on August 28, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary. This is a special time of year when we gather together in our new Sunday school classes, meet the teacher and classmates that we will be spending the next year learning and growing with. Even if your child does not change teachers, there will be new classmates to bond with, class "rules" to learn and projects to hear about. Children going into the third grade will receive their Bible. I hope that every family makes this a priority for their children, and attends our Kick-off.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

We will hold our Back-to-School Bash on SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 at Lake Holiday. Bring your bathing suits and towels, a bag of chips, and lawn chairs! We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. We will be having water sports beginning at 2:00 and blessings of the backpacks at 5:30, with dinner to follow at 6:00. This will be fun for **everyone!** All are welcome. This is an event for the WHOLE church. You can just show up for Dinner at 6:00 if you'd like. Wouldn't it be AWESOME to get the whole church together for a meal and to send all of the kiddos off to school surrounded in prayer?

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP/ WNL

This Fall we will be having Food and Fellowship on the first and third Wednesday nights of each month. We will Not have a meal on the nights that we are not having Wednesday Night Life Bible Study. The first planned meal is September 7th. We will be announcing the menus and asking for RSVP's so that we will have plenty of food. Meals will be \$4/adult and \$3/child. Children's meals will be hot dogs, mac 'n' cheese with carrots and ranch, or something similar.

We are starting our Wednesday Night Programming for Faithweaver Friends on September 7th. We welcome children Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will meet in room 211 across from the Cornerstone room. I am still in need of small group leaders, so if you are interested in helping, let Paige know. We begin our time together at 6:00 and end at 7:30 PM. Faithweaver Friends is a lot of fun for all of us; I am looking forward to it starting again.

Children in sixth grade and older will be attending their own small groups, information can be obtained from our youth pastor, Andy Hayward, at ahayward@cvfumc.org. There are also adult bible studies available!

I will be praying for all of our kiddos and a happy back-to-school experience, with as little anxiety and stress as possible and for it to be an easy and smooth transition for each and every one of them. We've got kids moving to new schools, learning a whole new routine and meeting all new people and I hope you all will join me in praying for these kids! Here's to a wonderful year at school!!!

THANK YOU!!!!



In other news, Cave Quest VBS was a HUGE success!!!! We partnered with Darlington United Methodist Church and served 65 children with the help of 35-plus volunteers and a FANTASTIC donation from the Wesley Thrift Shop to help pay for so many extras that made VBS even more special! So I personally want to say, "Way to go FUMC and Darlington UMC!!!! And a giant THANK YOU to the Wesley Thrift shop and for all of the volunteers that were a part of making the Cave Quest VBS a success. A lot of fun was had by all!!!!

ENVY DOES NOT GET YOU AHEAD—IT ONLY SLOWS YOU DOWN by Pastor Patty

James 3:16 (NIV) states, “For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.” It is easy for us to be drawn into wrong desires by the pressures of society. We should give a second thought when we hear the words: Assert yourself, set high goals, and always be on top! These words can push us into a greed attitude.

When I was in grade school I watched my older brother take the overall county track meet. He won the big trophy. He was an excellent track person whether it was jumping hurdles or running relays or where the coach most needed him to participate. As I grew a little older and entered high school, I was in band, a cheerleader, and found things that I could achieve. But, I could not participate in track because there was no girl’s track! Can you believe that? I was always a little envious because I was sure I was the fastest runner and of course he was my brother, so I could maybe, possibly, not sure, have beaten him. That was something I never got to do and probably a good thing. Sometimes our wishes are not meant to be. That was a long time ago and of course now as I sit here typing these words, I realize I could never have beaten my brother’s track times. As a little sister of two big brothers I always thought that I should be able to do whatever they were doing. I can now respectfully agree that my ambitions were just selfish and envious.

Seeking God’s wisdom as we grow in faith delivers us from the need to compare ourselves to others. Life is too valuable to waste by wanting what others have. And, I attribute my envy to do with sibling competition. John Mason wrote a book titled, “Let Go Of Whatever Makes You Stop”. He tells about a runner in full stride. He speeds through a pack of contenders, but he begins to look at who he’s running against. What is the inevitable conclusion to that scene? The runner will slow down and probably stumble. A runner knows you never look back. See, I did learn something from brother. The same thing will happen to us if we allow the distraction of envy to turn our head as we run the race God has set before us.

2016 MISSIONS GIVING

Our church has given \$39,874.04 to support mission efforts so far in 2016. This giving comes from our Missions Endowment, Special offerings and individual donations. Below is a breakdown of those disbursements:

Montgomery County Free Clinic - \$1,050

Trinity Life Ministry - \$3,500

South Carolina Mission Team - \$7,775

Rural Mission South Carolina - \$2,450

Imagine No Malaria - \$350

Africa University - \$1,400

Lucille Raines Home - \$510.00

Fletcher Place - \$300

FISH Food Pantry - \$850

VBS Special Offering - \$179.67

Coins for Camp - \$357.71

FISH Financial - \$1,050

Discretionary Fund - \$3,540

Heifer International - \$350

Food BackPack Ministry - \$700

Cru - \$1,750

New Day Charities - \$700

Half Way Home - \$3,805.66

UM Children’s Home - \$520.68

Table of Grace - \$3,570

UMYF Mission Trips - \$961.66

Brightwood Community - \$568

Back to School Backpacks - \$500

Rainbows & Rhymes Sch - \$135

FISH General - 2,500.66

Midwest Mission - \$500



AND THE CHURCH GOES ON by Bishop Mike Coyner

Last month was a series of reminders about transitions, change, and life journeys. It was also a time of being reminded that the church goes on. God is faithful. We are blessed with the "continuity" of God's leadership, care, and direction. Here is what happened:

- four bishops were retired at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in Peoria, Illinois: Bishops John Hopkins, Jonathan Keaton, Deb Kiesey, and myself. The actual motion voting us into retirement (as of Sept. 1) said we are "released" from our responsibilities. I have to admit that word "released" sounded and felt pretty good.
- four new bishops were elected, including our own Frank Beard who was elected and then assigned to serve the Illinois Area (which includes the Great Rivers Conference headquartered in Springfield, Illinois). It was a great celebration, especially for our Indiana delegation and friends, and Frank will be a terrific bishop.
- the Indiana Area received news that Bishop Julius Trimble is assigned to be our new bishop, effective Sept. 1. Bishop Trimble was elected eight years ago, and he has been serving the Iowa Conference. He is my friend and colleague, so I am pleased to help him make this transition. Because he is an experienced bishop, he will have to learn about Indiana, but he won't have to learn how to be a bishop. This continues our usual trend in Indiana of receiving experienced bishops to serve our large and complex area.

Other news happened last month that has many persons upset and concerned, namely that the Western Jurisdiction elected as bishop a person who is a married lesbian. For many persons this is an obvious violation of our Book of Discipline, and action was taken by the South Central Jurisdiction to ask the Judicial Council of our UMC (which is our "supreme court") to rule upon whether her election and consecration is valid.

While I understand the many concerns I am hearing about the situation in the Western Jurisdiction, my own counsel is to wait and allow our judicial processes to deal with this case. In the meantime, God is faithful, the church goes on, and the Holy Spirit leads us through times of change and transition.

At the Installation Service for Rev. Steve Beutler as our new Superintendent of the Southwest District, I shared a "Word from the Bishop" and I chose the word "Continuity." We can trust in God's faithfulness (even when our own efforts seem disjointed) to lead us forward. Our "continuity" is not dependent upon human actions, but rather we can trust in God's faithfulness. So let us congratulate Bishop Frank Beard, let us welcome Bishop Julius Trimble, and let us trust God to provide the continuity that our church needs.



RETHINK CHURCH AUGUST 27

Our monthly Rethink Church service day is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Both indoor and outdoor projects are planned, including outreach to the nearby Green Street neighborhood.

MAN DOWN; MAN UP...*7th Annual Montgomery County Men's Conference*

All men are invited to two special events in Montgomery County on Aug. 12-13. A co-ed event is planned at 7 p.m. Friday Aug. 12 at our church, 212 E. Wabash Ave., led by speaker Brock Graham. Childcare will be provided. On Saturday, Aug. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the men's only event is at 867 N. Walnut Hills, Crawfordsville. Worship is led by Trent O'Brien. The speakers are Greg Anderson and Petie Kinder.

The theme of the annual men's conference this year is inspired by James 4:10: *"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you."*

Anderson is the campus pastor for Traders Point Christian Church's north location at Creekside Middle School in Carmel. He provides leadership and oversight for all campus ministries. He has a bachelor's degree from Bethel College. Prior to local church ministry, he worked in the pharmaceutical industry – the last four years in management roles. He and his wife, Katie, have three children – Elijah, Jude, and Naomi.

Kinder is the campus pastor for Trader Point Christian Church's downtown location. He has a bachelor of arts in biblical studies from Cincinnati Christian University and a master of Arts in religion from Liberty University. Prior to coming to Traders Point, he served in ministry in Seattle and Lexington, Kentucky. He and his wife, Brittany, have two sons – Emmit and Solomon.

Graham launched Harvest Bible Chapel Indy South in 2015 and serves as lead pastor. A graduate of Wabash College, he earned a Master of Divinity from Faith Bible Seminary. He also graduated from the Harvest Training Center. For five years, he oversaw outreach ministries at Rock Point Church, Crawfordsville. Knowing God wanted him to plant a church, in 2014 he joined with a group of people who had been prayerfully asking the Lord for a Harvest Bible Chapel on Indianapolis' south side. He and his wife, Arica, have one child – Casen.

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Cindy McCormick, Organist
Randy Neideffer, Maint
Sunny Lollar, Custodian

Service Times

9:00 a.m.

**Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary**

&

11:10 a.m.

**The Gathering in the
Fellowship Hall**

10:00 a.m.

**Sunday School with
classes for all ages!**

9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Take-Up-A-Cup in the
Library & Narthex**

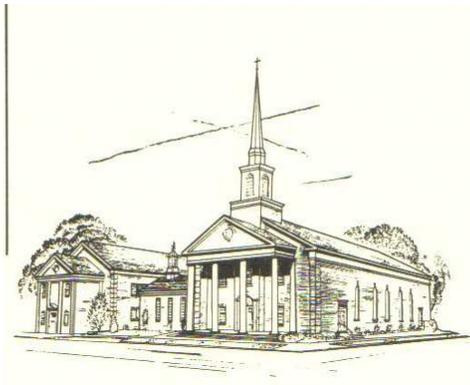
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YOUTH NEWS

Here we go again! Ready or not, school is just about to start and that means, Sunday night youth group is getting ready to kick off as well! We've had a great summer of exploring questions about Christianity and learning about how to defend our faith. A BIG thank you to our host's this summer for opening your homes to us and feeding us!

Here are some big dates coming up that you need to be aware of.

August 6-Back to School Bash, 2-9pm

August 7-Parent Lunch Meeting, 1-2pm

August 7-Unite Cville, 6-8pm

August 14-First Youth Group, 6-8pm

The Back to School bash is a church wide day of fun at the Lake Holiday Club House. We'll have water sports from 2-5pm, blessing of the back packs at 5:30pm, dinner at 6pm, and leisure boat rides to follow. Come out for the whole day or just for dinner, but come out!

Our parent meeting will be in the fellowship hall and we'll go over what and why we do ministry the way we do here at FUMC. We'll also go over the calendar with some very exciting trips planned for this year!

Unite Cville will be at Harvest Fellowship Church and will be a night of GREAT fellowship. We're planning to play games together for the night, enjoy some food trucks for dinner and hear a message about using our schools as our mission field. Come out and enjoy! Last but not least, our first official Sunday night youth group will be on August 14th at the church in the youth room!