

The Chimes

Dates to re-member:

- Prayer Seminar, Sunday, Sept 11th 2 pm
- Rethink Church, Saturday, September 24th, 10 am

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September 2016

REMEMBER, GOD IS IN CONTROL

The month of August, 2016 has been a rough one for me and the church. I have been extremely ill and First United Methodist endured the loss of two staff members.

- I spent three nights in the hospital trying to recover from dehydration and feeling nauseous – complications from my Aug 8 gastric bypass surgery. I am still in the battle as I write these words. I am praying that by the time you read this I will be much improved.
- A few days before, and a few days after my surgery, I learned that Paige and Andy resigned. Paige Livesay, our director of Children's Ministry, was hired as a teacher at our Rainbows & Rhymes Preschool. She also agreed to help us with her Sunday morning duties for several weeks. Andy is now the director of Student Ministries at Castleton United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. It is shocking to me how much I am going to miss them both. Doing ministry is hard work and it is rare for me to be able to share the load as I did with them. I want to thank them, Paige & Andy, publicly for their work with our children, student and volunteers.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your many expressions of love for me and my wife, Jenny. People often say: "Let me know if there is anything you need." You folks really mean it.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find out how we plan to move forward with Children's and Youth Ministries. Please be patient as this consulting process unfolds.

When you are sick it is amazing how closer you are to God. When I had to walk into the operating room on Aug 8, my thoughts turned directly toward Jesus. And when I thought for sure that emergency surgery would be needed, all I could think about is being with God in heaven.

Now, do not misunderstand. I am grateful to God for the life I have remaining. I want to close with these words that tells us God is in control even when life seems to be spinning the opposite way:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

**Our new
Mission
Statement:**

**To make
Disciples
of Jesus
Christ for
the trans-
formation
of the
world**

**Food for the
FISH Pantry
Current Needs:**

Soups
Canned Fruit
Crackers
Spaghetti Sauce
Potatoes
Rice
Juice

**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: Mickey Clifton, Gary Lewis, Barbara Odle, Mary Hunt, Melba Riv-enbark, Ola Mae Mikesell, Blake Ratcliff (overseas), Janet March, **Our missionaries:** Chris & Anna Pratt, Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) in Orlando, FL

Our Sympathies to Maggie Bryant, Nicholas, Gavin & Dylan on the passing of Greg Bryant

Congratulations to Andy & Karen Biddle on the birth of a granddaughter, Adelle Liana Pratt, born to Chris & Anna (Biddle) Pratt of Orlando FL, on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016.

RETHINK CHURCH 'THANK YOU'

On behalf of the trustees of the General Lew Wallace Study & museum, I wanted to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful help you and members of your congregation offered the Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society last Saturday (July 30). This is a very kind and thoughtful gesture that is quite special and it surely helped us get some projects done in short order—a big help this time of years when we are gearing up for the TASTE of Montgomery County.

Gifts of time and effort such as this are especially meaningful and remind us just how special the museum is as we work to preserve and protect this important landmark, its history and its collections. Please extend our thanks to those who helped.

Take care and best wishes,
Larry S Paarlberg, Director

Dates to remember:

Sunday, October 30th

Annual Charge Conference at 2 pm
Fall Harvest Party at 4 pm





The school year is underway and we are off to a great start. We've made some much needed updates to the classrooms thanks to a donation from the UMW. The rooms also got a facelift with fresh paint on the walls and cabinets. Thank you to Phil Wray for getting that taken care of. I also would like to personally thank Deb Zurawski for her beautiful artistry on the new Rainbows & Rhymes sign outside. We've received many compliments already. Also many thanks to Peggy & Tobey Herzog, Mike Zurawski, Ed Stuffle and John Tidd for their

collaborative efforts in painting & installing the new sign.

We start this year with 39 children and their families. We were able to add a new class for children ages 1-3 while continuing to host a classroom of 4 & 5 year olds. We have four amazing teachers this year – three of which have returned from last year: Steffanie Brumett, Amber West and Amanda Boyd. We've been blessed to have Paige Livesay join our staff this year.

I look forward to introducing the families of preschoolers to our church and hope you will, too. Please contact me if you are interested in reading to the children this year. A few parishioners have done this in the past and the children love it! I also encourage any of you to stop in to see the classrooms and see God at work with the little ones!

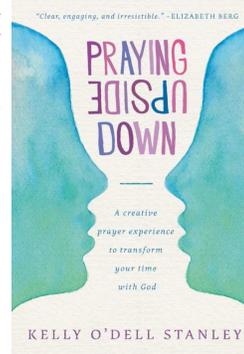
Blessings!
Leslie

SEPTEMBER'S MISSION GIVING

Each month, the Missions Committee of FUMC invites you to help us reach out beyond our church with special giving opportunities. Our Mission Monthly for September is missionary Abby Twarek with New Day Foster Home. Perhaps you heard Abby speak in church on August 14 and were touched by her stories of the children she has worked with at New Day Foster Home in China. New Day's core mission is providing life-saving surgeries and a loving home to orphans with special needs from around China. The Missions Committee of FUMC currently supports Abby with a monthly donation from the Mission Endowment Fund. Abby grew up in Crawfordsville and has been serving in China at New Day for over a year now. If you would like to help us support Abby with a special gift, please use the special offering envelopes or note "Abby Twarek" on your check made out to FUMC and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you so much.

PRAYER SEMINAR, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Author Kelly O'Dell Stanley will be leading us in a whole new way to explore the importance of prayer on Sunday, Sept. 11, in Fellowship Hall. The teaching begins at 2 pm. Bring your questions from the book or your own questions about the topic of prayer. Be prepared for some creative hands on ideas as Kelly described in her book.



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP AT WNL

SEPTEMBER 7
&
SEPTEMBER 21

5-6 PM

ADULTS \$4
CHILDREN \$3

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

RETHINK CHURCH

WHEN:

Saturday, Sept 24
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 office at
362-4817

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...

School is back in full swing and Sunday school has been kicked off! We have 2 new Sunday school teachers this year. Cathy Kelsey, who has been our nursery/childcare provider has taken on the roll of Sunday school teacher to the preschool aged children and kindergarten age group. She is so great with these little youngsters and they love their Miss Caffy! Our new 3rd - 5th grade Sunday School teacher is Alicia Maxwell. She has two grandchildren that she brings to Sunday school each Sunday and she is great with our older elementary aged kids! They were all thrilled when I announced to them that she would be their new teacher! Marilyn Myers is our 1st -2nd grader teacher. She has been teaching this age group as far back as I can remember, when I started bringing my children to church! She is so patient with the kids and is they all show her great respect! WE LOVE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!!! Whether you have a child in their class or not, be sure to thank these ladies and just appreciate the time and effort that goes into preparing and making sure they are here EACH and EVERY Sunday! It means so much to our church and to our future leaders. I cannot say enough great things about these ladies! So please be sure to bring your children to Sunday school each Sunday and on time.

WNL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

Wednesday Night Life will begin again Wednesday, September 7, and the kids are going to love their new head teacher for Faithweaver Friends! Angie Petroski-Bentley will be the new teacher! The kiddos already know her as a teacher in that room and she is so much fun! She is another lady that we all need to recognize! She is very busy with life and still, she finds the time to show up and pour into our kids and spend the time it takes to be prepared and just loves on them! I am excited for the kids! They are going to love it! Wednesday nights will be so much fun in room 211 from 6:00-7:30PM. There will also be bible studies held for adults in other locations in the church building. Come get involved in the life of our church!



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Last big reminder: Food & Fellowship! Meals will be served on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights of each month from 5-6PM, beginning Wednesday, September 7th. Bring your family for a home cooked meal for several dollars less than it would be at a restaurant AND you don't have to cook it or clean it up!!!! This is open to ALL! Even if you are not in a bible study, you are still invited to have Dinner with your fellow church mates. We are one big family and we have lost touch with each other. Come get back in touch! Please call to let Sherrie know if you plan to be there (at least for the first couple, so we can make sure we have enough food). The cost of the meals are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. If money is an issue, please don't let that stop you!



WNL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7TH

You are invited! Seven Realities for Experiencing God Bible Studies

Many who have done the Experiencing God Bible Study will tell you that it had a significant impact on their spiritual growth. Now this comprehensive study is available in a shorter version, which makes it feasible for more people to also learn from authors Henry and Richard Blackaby as they teach seven scriptural realities that Moses experienced in Exodus 3. The study teaches believers how to develop a love relationship with God, and to recognize a biblical pattern by which God reveals His will so that believers can join His activity in the world.

This is an 8-week study, with about an hour and 15 minutes of homework a week, divided into 5 daily lessons. The study is being offered on Wednesday evenings as part of Wednesday Night Life – our church night with programs for all ages. In addition, there is a daytime women's study of the book on Thursday mornings.

PLEASE RSVP to Sherrie Lacy at 362-4817 to reserve your book! Questions can be directed to Sherrie Lacy or Suzanne Thompson at 765.376.7450.

5:00-6:00 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, dinner in Fellowship Hall. \$4 adult/\$3 child

6:00-7:30 Small Groups

- Faith Weaver Friends is a faith-nurturing, fun-filled time for children ages K-5th grade to learn about Jesus.
- Seven Realities for Experiencing God, facilitated by Pastor Gary Lewis, for men and women, meets in the Library
- Seven Realities for Experiencing God, facilitated by Suzanne Thompson, for women, meets in the Parlor.

6:30-7:30 Choir Practice

Thursday Women's Study begins September 8th

9:00-11:00 am Cornerstone Classroom, 2nd floor First United Methodist Church, Crawfordsville

FROM PAIGE...

I have truly enjoyed my position as Director of Children's Ministry and plan to continue to help out on Sunday mornings, as needed. Scott and I prayerfully and thoughtfully considered my decision, and believe me when I say it was not an easy one, to move into another role of serving in our church. This is just, what we feel, is the best decision for our family at this time. As some or all of you may know, I am now back in the preschool classroom here at Rainbows and Rhymes! I will still see you all around here at church on Sundays and still love my church family! Thank you for your support, prayers and love. I also really appreciated the cards that I received and hope you all know that I feel appreciated!

Spaghetti Supper

Proceeds go toward the
Church & Community needs

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE

CALL: 362-4817

Thurs, Sept 15, 2016

Time: 5 - 7 pm

Tickets available

Adult: \$8.00

Child: \$3.50 (K-5th Grade)

First United Methodist Church
212 E Wabash Ave
Crawfordsville, IN 47933



Spaghetti Supper

THE MOST GLORIOUS NATURAL WONDER YOU HAVE SEEN? By Pastor Patty

The word glorious is used to describe something magnificent, splendid, or breadth taking. Often I think of the word glorious when I am describing a sunset, a panoramic view from the mountain top of the Rockies or a rainbow. It is something that has great beauty but hard to describe to someone unless they were actually there to see the beauty.

As I read I Chronicles 16: 1-36 one morning in August, I felt the word “glorious” should have the meaning of “something spectacular”. I remember one time I was high above the rocky mountains in an airplane looking down at the sights while the pilot was looking for a clearance to head for the Denver, CO airport. And there, appearing through my small window, was a double rainbow that seemed to go on forever. I remember thinking that all of this glory was created by God, all the heavens and the earth. It was a reminder that God is glorious as a creator.

The devotional booklet, *Today In The Word*, reminds me that I Chronicles, chapter 16, describes a worship ceremony following the installation of the Ark of the Covenant. God’s people were given this visual object, the ark. Under King David’s leadership they praised God and made their sacrifices. At this time, David gave the verses 8 through 36 as a psalm of thanks to the Lord. The verses focus on glory, splendor and majesty of God. All the wonders of our everyday world should continue to be our reminder that we worship a grand and glorious God – blessed is His name!

2016 MISSIONS GIVING

Our church has given \$43,774.72 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 - \$1,200
 Trinity Life Ministry - \$4,000
 South Carolina Mission Team - \$8,275
 Rural Mission South Carolina - \$2,800
 Imagine No Malaria - \$400
 Africa University - \$1,600
 Lucille Raines Home - \$510.00
 UM Children’s Home - \$565.68
 VBS Special Offering - \$179.67

FISH Financial - \$1,200
 Discretionary Fund - \$4,050
 Heifer International - \$400
 Food BackPack Ministry - \$800
 Cru - \$2,000
 New Day Charities - \$800
 Half Way Home - \$4,305.66
 FISH Food Pantry - \$950
 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
 Women’s Resource - \$345.68
 Fletcher Place - \$300
 Table of Grace - \$3,570
 Coins for Camp - \$357.71

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting these missions! You are the hands and feet of Christ!



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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**

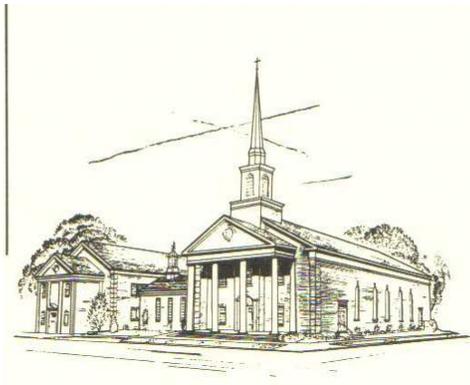
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YOUTH NEWS

Dear First United Methodist Church,

The words thank you fall short in revealing my true feelings when thinking about the last 5 years. You all have shown Chelsea and I complete support and we can't thank you enough for adopting us into the family. We are truly grateful for you caring for us so well. I think back 5 years ago and it was truly God calling me to this place. It's hard to imagine that it's been 5 years, but they have been a good 5 years. I've grown so much because of your love and support and I appreciate the impact that you have made in my life.

During the transition, the awesome youth ministry team has agreed to keep Sunday night youth group going as well as Sunday school. The leaders are fully equipped to maintain the program as the church leadership works the process of hiring the next person to lead the youth of First United Methodist Church. I have no doubt that God will fully supply and that He will do great things through the next director. Please join me in prayer for God to work mightily in the lives of the students, leaders, church leadership and the next director.

Thank you again for all that you've done.

With much love,
Andy