



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

CHIME NOTES

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“Seasons of Change” Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

As February begins we are half way through winter. So far the winter season has been a roller coaster ride of temperatures and precipitation. Cold and snowy... to warm with thunderstorms. The official start of spring will be here in 48 days...March 20th. I look forward to the change of seasons that is to come in March. Perhaps that is why Valentine’s Day is in the middle of February... it is a day to warm our hearts and take our minds off the cold wind and snow covered landscape.

We know that every season is different, yet each season holds its own difficulties for us. We will trade the snow and ice of winter for the rain and floods of spring. But we will also see the earth come to life again (yeah!) as new bright green leaves pop out on tree limbs and beautiful flowers begin to spring up from the warmed earth. February is a time of transition in the seasons...and one never knows what kind of weather we will have (especially in Indiana)... cold and snowy, or warm and sunny. However, one thing that we do know is that at some point in the near future the air will be warm again, the sun will shine, and we will no longer need our snow boots and winter coats.

Life also has its changing seasons from childhood, to adolescence, to adult and on to our later mature years. Just as we must prepare for the change of weather during earth’s seasons we must also prepare for the changes we will face during the changing seasons of our lives. Change is not easy at any age. Our diaper clad babies become children, our teens graduate and go off to school and then move on to their own careers and life with their own families. Let’s face it, our babies grow up and life changes for all of us. Each of these seasons of life comes with its own storms of difficulty, yet, with God’s help and the help of our family and friends, we make it through these seasons of life and gain wisdom in the process.

Most people don’t like change, especially when we look in the mirror and see that we now look more like our grandparents than our parents...and we wonder where time went. Many people try to live in the past, fighting against change or ignoring its advancement. But, just because we don’t want to give up the warmth of summer, winter still comes and we must be ready for it, just as we must be ready for life’s many changes. It is our choice on how we will respond or react to the change...we can embrace it with faith, knowing that God will take care of us or we can fight against it, forgetting that God is in control. Sometimes our loved ones and even our doctors have to intervene to help us through the process of change. Change will come much easier for everyone, if we will choose to live in the present and learn to flow with the change of life and find ways that will enable us to do well in our season of change. Really, it is choosing to live up to the quote, “Bloom where you are planted.”

We need to make the most of life wherever we find ourselves. We need to be the bright spot in the dark day. Each day is a gift from God and God is there to lift us up and enable us to walk with joy even when times are difficult. When we see a change coming in our life we must be wise and prepare for that change before it arrives. Paul shows his wisdom when he said that he had learned to be content in whatever situation he found himself. No day is without its blessings. It is all a matter of our focus. Honestly, no matter how much we wanted to swim, we would not go out in a swim suit if we saw a snow storm coming...no, we would need to change our thoughts to wearing a heavy winter coat, hat, gloves, and a scarf...otherwise we would freeze to death! So we too must be willing to look at different possibilities and options for living a good life as life changes come to us. We must use wisdom and listen to the advice of

friends, and doctors too...especially those who have gone through the changes we are facing. And we must remember that we are never alone, that God is always with us. We must remember just as every storm passes, that the difficult days will pass and there will be brighter days ahead...for those who have faith, the best is yet to come! Don't let the worry of life's changes make you miss the blessings to be found in each day and don't forget to be the blessing to someone else in your day. We must hold on to our faith and hope and love. For these will get us through every season of change...these will never fail us, for our God is faithful and will see us through.

If you are facing difficult changes in your life and need to talk to someone or just need encouragement please give me a call (626-9315), no one needs to go through difficult days alone.

Blessings! Pastor Carol



Chili
Cook Off

CHILI COOK OFF: Youth Mission Trip Fund Raiser!

Please Mark you calendars for February 5th for our annual Chili Cook-off. We will start right after the 10:00 worship service. See You There!!!

If you want to participate please contact the church office 317-758-4195...or simply show up at the Chili Cook-Off with your best crockpot of chili. There will be prizes awarded for the Best Overall Chili, the Best of the Hot Chili, the Best of the Mild Chili, and the Best Kid Made Chili.



YOUTH NEWS: February

February 5th: Chili Cook-off Fundraiser after the 10:00 a.m. service.

All youth who plan to go on the Summer Mission Trip must be present or have someone to volunteer to take your place if you cannot attend. Everyone is to help and must stay to help with the clean-up.

February 12th: Mission Trip Meeting - Noon to 1:00 in youth room

Happy
Anniversary



Gerald & Sally Lindenmayer 02/10
 Ross & Buffy Perkins 02/21
 Ken & Betsy Bensen 02/27

Curtis Lindenmayer 02/06
 Dorothy Bishop 02/07
 Lisa Gipson 02/07
 Janice Perry 02/08
 Arnola Pickett 02/10
 Eric Heffelmire 02/11
 Tresa Ann Waitt 02/11
 Bethany Adams 02/12
 Jewell Haskett 02/15
 Steve Faherty 02/16
 Mary Lou Finchum 02/16
 Helen Leo 02/16
 William Obethur 02/20
 Alyssa Gipson 02/21
 Kylee Dripps 02/23
 Jackie Evoy 02/25
 Julia Gossard 02/25
 Eva Grinstead 02/26



Sunflower Pantry
 Items needed for February:

Mouthwash
 Paper Towels
 Shampoos
 Sponge & Scoring Pads



**Remembering
 Our Homebound Members**

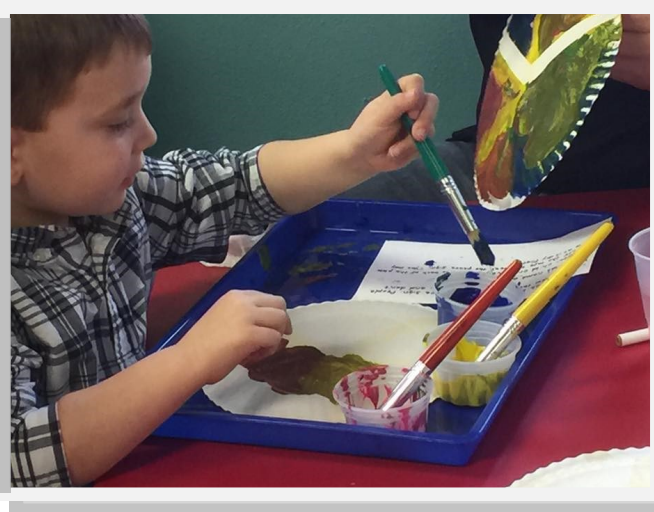
REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

Please remember our homebound with a card, a call, or a prayer this week. If you need an address, please call the church office at 317-758-4195. If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please let us know.

Mark Blessing
 Harold Nicholson
 Joanne Norman
 Mary Anne Ogle
 William Oberthur
 Robert Peterson
 Helen Pickard

Kate Pickett
 Mary Grace Pickett
 Betty Rohrer
 Melba Stephenson
 Tresa Ann Waitt
 Mary Walker

Learn and Play — January





UMM February Meeting

The United Methodist Men will meet on Saturday , February 11, at 7:30 a.m. Dr. Dave Mundy will be the speaker. He will be discussing the school referendum.

HAMILTON COUNTY UNITED METHODIST MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES

“Counting the Cost”

Scripture: Matthew 10:28, 37-39

Offering: Metro Ministries

Day and Time: Saturdays — 7:30 a.m.

- March 11 — St. Mark's UMC, 4780 E. 126th St., Carmel
Mr. David Johns, co-Lay Leader North Central District
- March 18 — First UMC, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville
Mr. John Elliott, CEO, Gleaners Food Bank
- March 25 — The Promise UMC, 12648 E. 116th St., Fishers
Ron Mann, pastor, Pleasant Grove UMC
- April 1 — Christ UMC, 318 N. Union St., Westfield
Rev. Jared Kendall, associate pastor, Fishers UMC
- April 8 — Sheridan UMC, 207 E. Second St., Sheridan
Mr. Alan Bainbridge, Lay Speaker, Christ UMC, Westfield



EASTER MUSICAL PRACTICE

Practice for the Easter Musical
“Through The Torn Curtain” will begin
on Sunday, February 19, from 2:00 -
4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.




The local UMW Circles will not meet during the month of February. They are busy preparing for the annual Fat Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper scheduled for February 28.

FAT TUESDAY SAUSAGE AND PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February
Serving 4:30—7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the
United Methodist Women



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
2017 LEGISLATIVE DAY
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF
INDIANA

CLIMATE JUSTICE FOR ALL HOOSIERS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M. EDT

NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3808 N. MERIDIAN ST. INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Possible speakers include Indiana Interfaith Power and Light, NAACP,
Hoosier Environmental Council, and Indiana Recycling Coalition.

*Reservations needed for lunch (\$10 at the door) and an optional afternoon
tour of the capitol building – contact Barb McCoy before 2/7/2017
barb.mccoy@frontier.com or (260) 637-1842*

WATCH FOR DETAILS POSTED AT WWW.INUMC.ORG/UNIW

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

APRIL 21-22, 2017

Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce,
Leader
“The Listening Heart”

Don Hall’s Guesthouse
1313 W. Washington Center Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Registration Deadline:
March 17, 2017

Registration forms available in
the church office.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS



CAMP OUT VBS

The Education Committee decided we will be doing VBS a little bit different this summer. With the busy schedule of our kids in sports, 4-H, etc., we decided to have a one day “camp out” VBS with a special “block party” finale. We have set the date for June 9th. VBS will be all afternoon with special events in the evening! Be sure to watch! If you are available to help on the 9th, please let Brenda Davis know.



Children's Moments



Enrichment— We learned about the gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Jeopardy during Enrichment to see how much we have learned.



Fishers of Men craft — we are fishers of men!



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

The Ministerial Association will be hosting the Lenten Services again this year. The theme will be the last seven phrases Jesus spoke from the cross. Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent: March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 6th, and April 14th (Good Friday). Locations will be announced soon.

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

First United Methodist will begin the Lenten Season with an Ash Wednesday Service of Remembrance on March 1st at 6:30 p.m. Also, please mark your calendars for Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service on April 13th at 7:00p.m. and the Good Friday Service on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunrise service is April 16th at 7:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Breakfast and then the 10:00 worship service. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS



MISSION TRIP TEAM BUILDING MEETINGS

As the Mission Committee prepares for the mission trip in June to Red Bird Mission, the committee has set team building dates encouraged asked to attend the meetings. Dates are as follows:

Sunday, February 26
Sunday, March 26
Sunday, April 23
Sunday, May 21



All meeting will be held in the youth room from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies 7:00 p.m. Choir	2 10:00 Preschool 12:00 Lunch Club	3	4
5 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 Chili Cook-Off	6	7 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sunflower Pantry	8 5:00 p.m. Missions 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies 7:00 p.m. Choir	9 10:00 Preschool 12:00 Lunch Club 7:00 p.m. Technology	10	11 7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast
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26 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Mission Trip Planning	27	28 7:30 p.m. Finance FAT TUESDAY				31