



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

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Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

“Good Luck” is often spoken by well-wishers who certainly have kind intentions, but yet it seems to fall short of one overriding truth. Mere luck does not direct our lives. God does. And I’m so thankful that He does. As believers we can be assured, our days are not directed by wondering if the stars are lining up in our favor. Our future is not dictated by chance encounters, wishful thinking, or how people and life circumstances may treat us. Our success in life is not determined by the roll of a dice or a lottery number. We are children of the King. He is Sovereign and He reigns Supreme. He gives favor, guidance, and blessings to those who seek after Him. Proverbs 16:33 says this, *“The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the Lord.”* Proverbs 16:9 reminds us, *“The mind of man plans his way but the Lord directs his steps.”*

St. Patrick lived his years as a great example for us today. Whether or not one believes his life held the “luck of the Irish,” doesn't matter, for this theme shines through it all, God’s Presence and Sovereignty were powerful throughout his years. At the age of 16, St. Patrick was taken from Britain to Ireland, and sold into slavery at the hands of pirates. He spent 6 years as a shepherd, living under harsh authority and difficult conditions. In his hunger, enslavement, and loneliness, he began to find deep closeness with God. And one day, God set him free, miraculously providing a way of escape for Patrick on a ship. He made his way back home, and after some time of study, seeking direction, and much guidance by God through prayer, this dear soul traveled back to Ireland, to share Christ with the people. History tells us that thousands were saved. Revival broke out. Lives were changed.

Though God doesn’t “cause” everything that happens in our lives, we can know that God is in control. Nothing happens without first passing by Him, and if, in His Sovereignty, He allows it, even the hardest struggles and deepest pain we may experience, it’s for a deeper purpose. That can be a tough concept to grasp. It’s difficult to understand why a good God would allow us to endure such dark times.

There is yet another story of a boy sold into slavery many years before St. Patrick. Joseph was sold into slavery at the very hands of his brothers. He was taken to Egypt where he lived many years under the rule of another. He was unjustly accused of wrongs he did not do. He was thrown into prison. He was forgotten by those who he tried to help. Yet even in his darkest hours God was close to him. God never forgot Joseph, just like He didn’t forget St. Patrick, just like He will never forget you, or me. He’s there, constantly, bringing us out of our dark places, and into His light. Just as God provided a way of escape for St. Patrick, God paved the way of freedom for Joseph. Slavery and imprisonment could not keep them contained, for our Lord, in His purposes, had more in store. Joseph says in Genesis 50:20, *“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.”* God turned the toughest, darkest times, around for good for Joseph and St. Patrick. God will use the difficulty of what we walk through for greater good, to bring blessing and freedom to you and to others. His Presence is with us and His plans for us are good. May God’s hand of blessing be upon you.

CONFIRMATION 2018



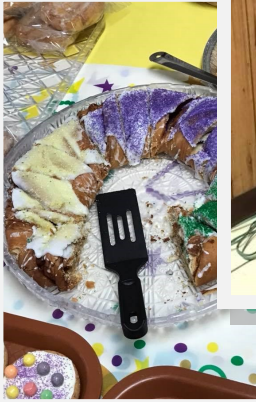
Welcome to the Confirmants 2018: Presten Weir, Evan Bourdon, Cole Bales, and Rachel Adams.

SPUD FEST – The youth will be hosting their annual mission trip fundraiser on Sunday, March 18th in the Fellowship Hall after 10:00 a.m. service. There will be baked potatoes with lots of toppings to choose from and lots of other goodies. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Thank YOU!!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP: Youth in 6th through 12th grades are invited to attend the summer youth mission trip to S.I.F.A.T. (Servants In Faith and Technology) in Lineville, Alabama on July 8th through 13th. Please contact Pastor Carol if you are interested in attending. 317-626-9315.

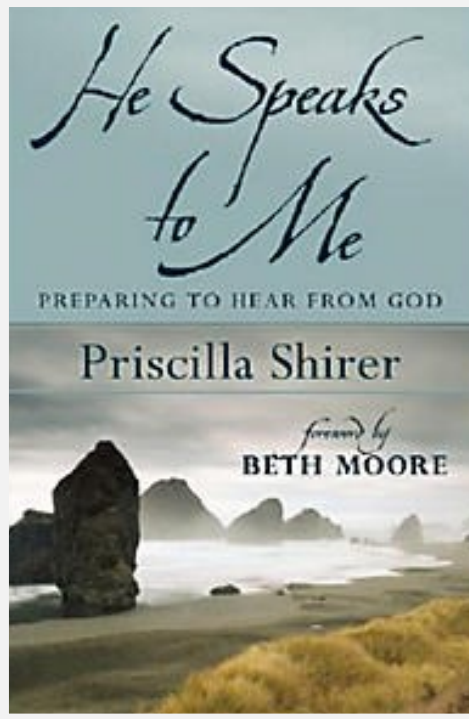
UMW SAUSAGE AND PANCAKE SUPPER

A few pictures from the UMW Sausage and Pancake Supper on February 13.



Education News

New Women's Bible Study to begin in March
Join us for Priscilla Shirer's *He Speaks to Me*



“When we approach God humbly and bow down before Him, we put ourselves in a position to hear from Him.”

Are you longing to hear God's voice, but feeling disconnected?

God wants to speak directly to each of His beloved children, not to just a few “spiritual elite.” Priscilla Shirer looks at God's call to Samuel and uncovers six characteristics essential for hearing from God:

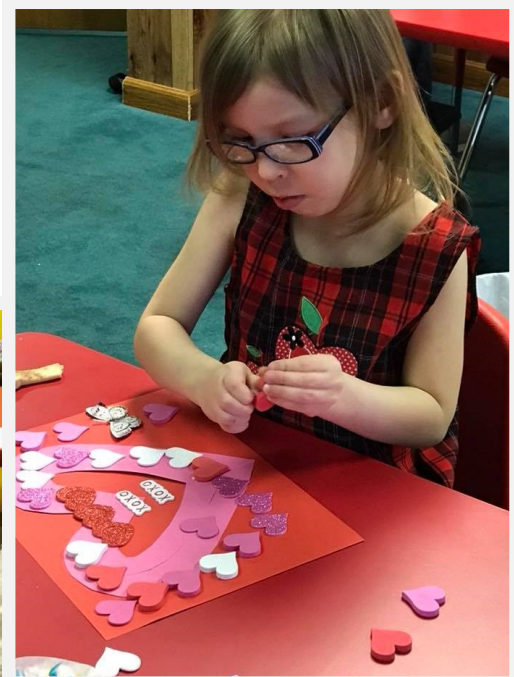
- A simple RELATIONSHIP, unfettered by sin or pride
- A single-minded WORSHIP, focused on God and His glory
- A set-apart HOLINESS, determined to live a life that honors Him
- A still ATTENTIVENESS, willing to be silent before Him
- A sold-out HUNGER, passionately pursuing God's presence
- A servant SPIRIT, submitted to God's call

Her warmth and honesty, combined with a wealth of practical help, will inspire you to cultivate these traits in your own life. By doing so, you will prepare yourself to draw closer to Him and to hear His voice

EDUCATION—ENRICHMENT VALENTINE'S DAY

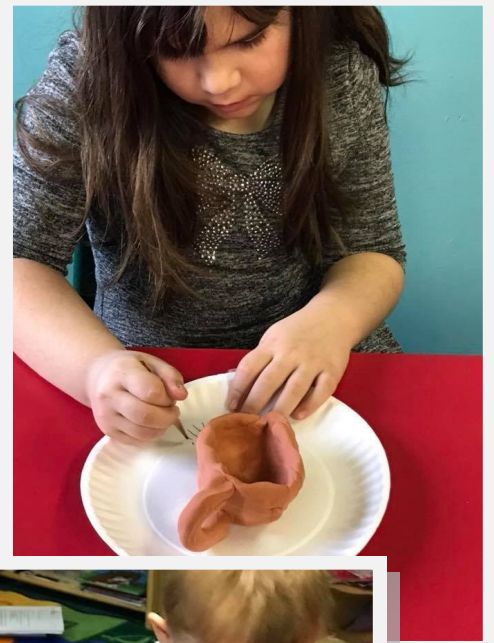
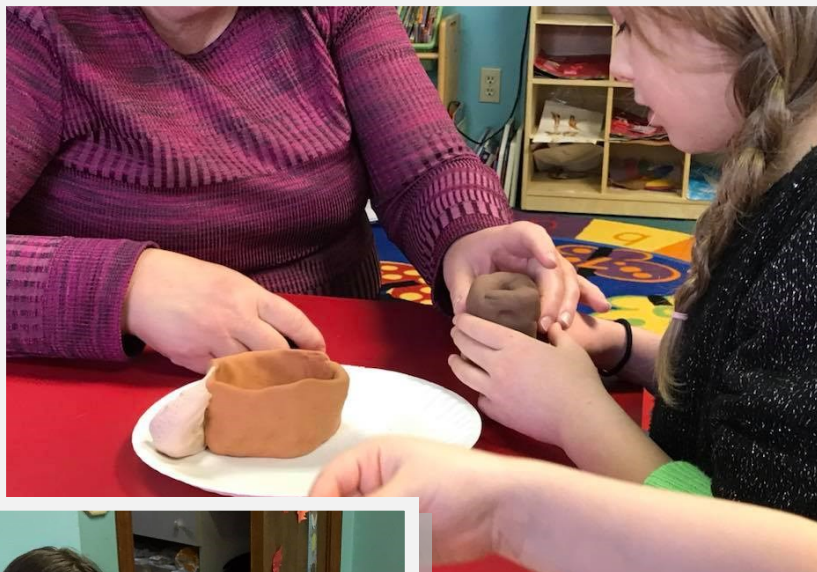


On Valentine's Day, our lesson was on learned about God's love and eternal life. Due to the flu, we only had two kids but we had a good time



EDUCATION — ENRICHMENT

In Enrichment, we are continuing our study on the Life of Jesus. We have learned about his first miracle at Cana where he turned the water into wine.



EDUCATION—ENRICHMENT (continued)

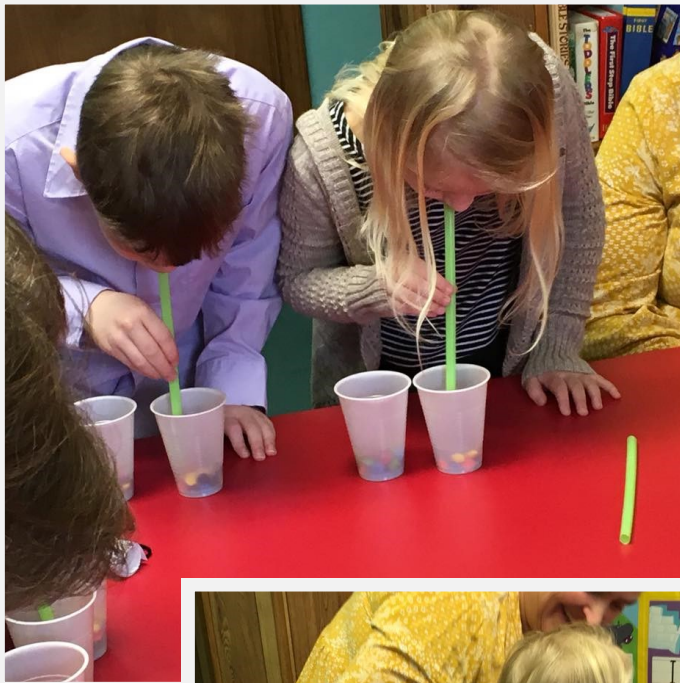


We continued our lesson on God's love and eternal life. We read a story about "The Crunching Munching Caterpillar" and how he wanted wings to fly like the birds and the bees. We learned about the life cycle of the caterpillar and talked about our own life and how we live forever when we believe in Jesus.



EDUCATION—ENRICHMENT

We learned about Jesus rejection in his hometown of Nazareth and how Jesus does not reject anyone who believes in him. We played a game moving M&Ms from one cup to another indicating that one cup indicated the Jewish people but Jesus accepted all — so we added different M&Ms to the “Jewish” cup. We also made a paper with Love in Every Language.



LEARN AND PLAY PRESCHOOL

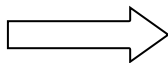


During the month of February we celebrated Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, and we learned about penguins.

We had a tunnel and Mrs. Good had a flashlight. We got to see if we saw our shadow!



Counting the dots on the butterflies we sit on.
Our morning routine in the older class.



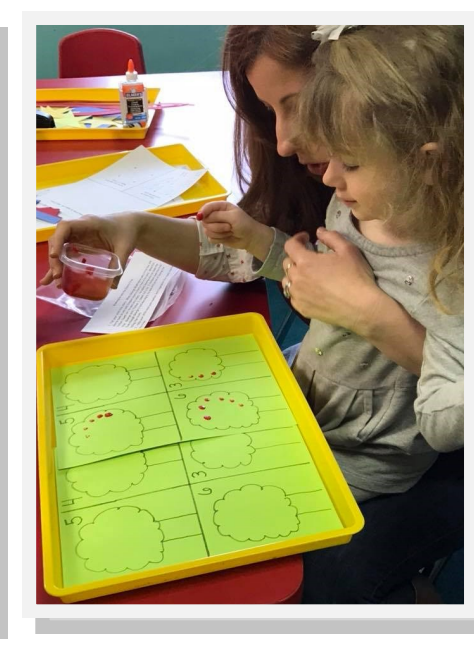
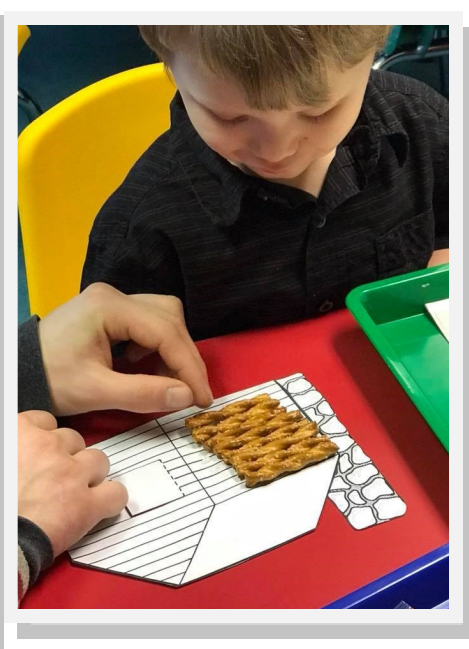
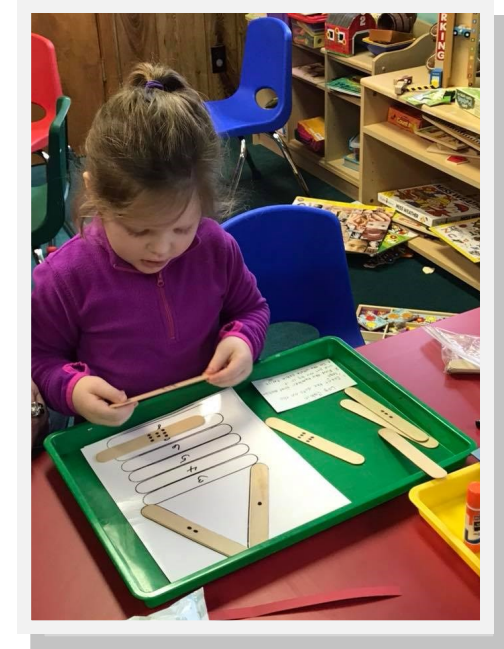
LEARN AND PLAY—PENGUINS AND PAJAMA DAY — LETTER P



LEARN AND PLAY — VALENTINE'S DAY



LEARN AND PLAY — PRESIDENTS' DAY





Happy Anniversary

Lisco & Martha Leonard 3/7

Rick & Nikki Davis 3/23

Leon Brandenburg	3/1
Laura Faherty	3/1
Brad Gipson	3/1
Marie Mosbaugh	3/3
Robert Fox	3/4
Dort Pickett	3/5
Jackie Pickett	3/5
Melanie Godby	3/7
Ed Heffelmire	3/7
Lauren Bensen	3/9
Nancy Lindenmayer	3/9
Betty Doane	3/11
John Finchum	3/11
Nancy Kerr	3/13
Yvonne Pickett	3/14
Emma Hawn	3/18
Shawn Pickard	3/19
Tony Scott	3/19
Zach Bales	3/23
Phoenix Neff	3/26
Buffy Perkins	3/27
Betty Jo Christy	3/29
Brad Fox	3/29
Renea Scott	3/30
Brenda Davis	3/31
Brian Harwood	3/31

Sunflower items needed for March

Mouthwash
Paper towel
Shampoo
Sponge & scouring pads



POLAR BLAST VBS

Our VBS, Polar Blast, will be held in June this year. Our VBS staff has started planning this wonderful event.

Watch for further details!



Holy Week

Please join us for services during Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday
March 29, 2018
7:00p.m.

Good Friday
March 30, 2018
7:00p.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	2 World Day Of Prayer	3
4 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship	5 Church Council 7:00p.m.	6 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m. Girl Scouts 5:00-6:30p.m. Worship Mt. 7:00p.m.	7 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	8 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	9	10 UMM Lenten Breakfast @ Christ Westfield UMC 7:30a.m.
11 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship UMCOR Sunday	12	13 Lydia Circle 1:30p.m. Greenhouse Board Mt. 7:00p.m.	14 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	15 Learn & Play Pre- school 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m. Koinonia Circle 7:00p.m.	16	17 UMM Lenten Breakfast @ Noblesville Emmanuel UMC 7:30a.m.
18 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship After service St. Patrick Spudfest 2:30p.m Nursing Home Service	19 Trustee Mt. 7:00p.m.	20 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	21 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	22 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	23	24 UMM Lenten Breakfast Fisher UMC 7:30a.m.
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