



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

# CHIME NOTES

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“The Healing Touch of Jesus” read Luke 4:18

The doctor asked, “What kind of trauma did you have to your foot?”

I was perplexed and stuttered, “I don’t know, nothing that I can remember.”

“Well, you have a fractured foot and will need to be fitted for a walking boot.”

I spent hours thinking about what I had done to injure my foot. It had been hurting for several months. I wondered, “Did I stump my big toe...umm...not that I could remember. I vaguely remember dropping something on it...but that was months ago.” I finally decided that it wasn’t as important to know ‘what’ I had done as it was to know what to do, so that it would heal well. I had tried to make a doctor’s appointment when my foot was hurting so badly but could not fit my schedule into the doctor’s schedule...so I waited and finally when life had slowed down a little I made an appointment with my G.P. She referred me to a podiatrist...and it was another month before I found out that my foot was fractured. So, for several months now I have been hobbling around thinking it was my bunion that was hurting so badly when in reality it was a broken foot.

I began to think of all the aches and pains people carry with them for days, months, and years.

Some of these aches and pains are physical. I know what it is to hurt each and every day because I live with fibromyalgia. For the most part, I have learned to put mind over pain by keeping busy. But at night when I lay down...I hurt. There are days that my pain overtakes my attitude...you know what I mean... I am less patient, less kind with my tongue, and just simply want to be left alone.

Sometimes pain controls us and we simply are just not who we really want to be...it is so frustrating emotionally and spiritually. People also have emotional heartaches that have resulted in broken and ruined lives. These were all due to circumstances or choices that they or someone else made that affected their lives. Perhaps it was abandonment, neglect, abuse, bullying, poverty, racism... and on and on we could go... sometimes people are just simply unkind, thoughtless, and cruel. I remember being made fun of for being fat when I was a child. I was called lots of names like pig, fat ox, and fatty, fatty, two by four. My heart was bruised by family, friends, teachers, and even people I didn’t know. I carried that hurt and brokenness for many years, it affected everything I did and the choices I would make. There are so many others, perhaps some reading this right now, who know the pain about which I am writing. This kind of emotional pain can lead to a deeper spiritual pain...

a pain feeling worthless, less than you really are, or unworthy, or not good enough, or pretty enough or handsome enough... Leaving one to wonder why God created you... and if God could ever love you. I have come to accept with “who” I am. I know that God loves me because he created me just for that purpose, to love and be loved. Jesus has brought healing into my life. I may still have the pain of Fibromyalgia, but God gives me comfort that some day I will no longer feel that pain. Also, I find comfort in knowing that I can feel pain when there are some who have no feeling at all...nor can they walk and do the things that I can do in my pain. So I am thankful to God for the feeling of my pain. Jesus has healed my wounded heart. He has helped me to realize that I am who I am...not what others want me to be. Yes, I would love to be a size 12 or less... but I am not. I no longer stress over my size...there are enough other people doing that for me! LOL! I no longer struggle with the

emotional pain of being as one doctor said, “obese.” I love me for who God created me to be. I just wish others could get past their own prejudices and love people...all people...for who God created them to be. Jesus did. And Jesus still loves each and every one of us today!

In fact that is why Jesus died on the cross...he knew the effect of sin on humanity. Sin causes all sorts of pain...physical, emotional, and spiritual. Isaiah 53:5 speaks of Jesus’ death: He was wounded for transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Jesus knew all the pain we would endure because of the consequences of sin...ours and others. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for us...for the sins of the world and he offers us forgiveness, healing, and wholeness... and restores our lives. We all long for the healing touch of Jesus and it is ours for the asking. Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS –Angela Heiser, Leilani & Mike Reef



### GLEANERS TRUCK COMING :

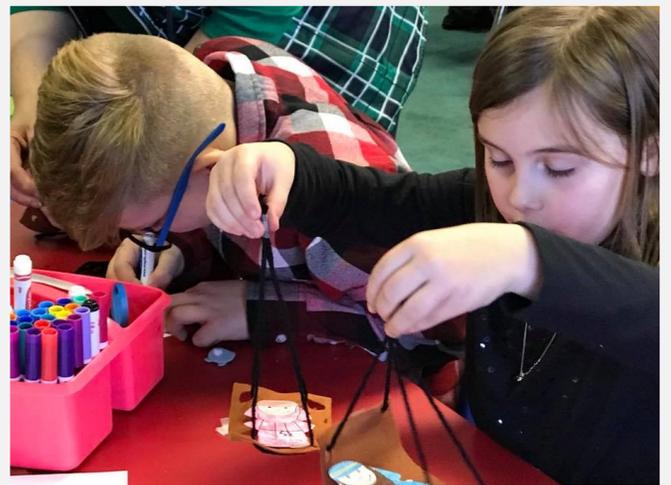
The Gleaners Truck will be at the High School Parking lot in Sheridan on Monday April 9th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will need volunteers to help. If you can help, please call the church office or Rev. Fritz.

# Education News

In Enrichment we have been learning about the life of Jesus from the time he entered his ministry up to his resurrection. We have learned about the miracles, the healings, the entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, and the Resurrection.



We learned about Jesus healing the man let down through the roof by making a mat of graham crackers. We also had a craft showing how he was let down through the roof.



## EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

We learned how Jesus healed the blind man and how he raised Lazarus from the dead.

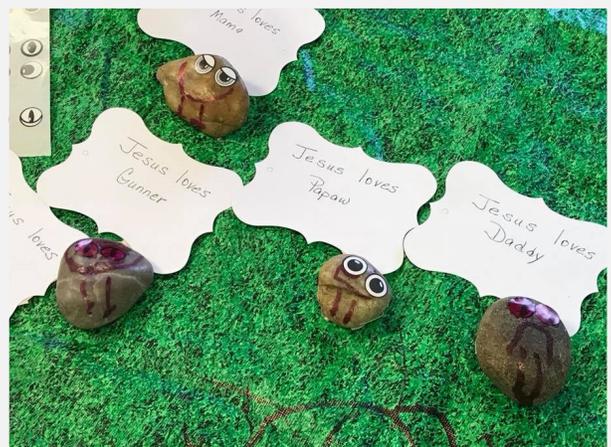


We got to act out what it was like to be blind and then be able to see.

We called forth Lazarus from the grave!

## EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

We learned that when Jesus entered Jerusalem he said that if the people did not praise him, the rocks would cry out.



As always, we got to help with the Procession of the Palms as we learned more about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

## EDUCATION (CONTINUED)



We learned about Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and how he told them to remember him. The bread is his body broken for us and the wine is his blood spilled for us.



# EDUCATION—EASTER SUNDAY



We read the Easter story and learned how the tomb was empty. For our snack, we had donuts that represented the tomb with a donut hole for the rock that was rolled away



# LUNCH CLUB SPRING BREAK & EASTER EGG HUNT





# LEARN AND PLAY PRESCHOOL

During the month of March, we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday, St. Patrick's Day, had a visit from the dentist, and had our Easter Party.



Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2, and of course Oobleck!



LEARN AND PLAY (CONTINUED)



Mrs. Gipson brought her baby chicks for us to see!



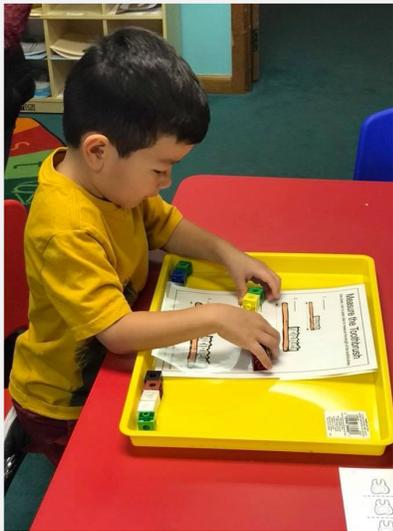
LEARN AND PLAY (continued)



On St. Patrick's Day, the leprechauns had messed up our rooms!



# LEARN AND PLAY (continued)



Dr. Natalie Roy came and showed us how to care for our teeth. We had some fun centers.



## LEARN AND PLAY (continued)



We were excited to get to see Beauty and the Beast at the school. Special thanks to the school for letting us come on Thursday afternoon.



# LEARN AND PLAY (continued)

Our Easter Party was a lot of fun! We colored eggs, made an Easter puppet, had an egg hunt, and even got to see the Easter bunny.





# Happy Anniversary

Chris Bourdon	4/1
MacKenzie Kinkead	4/3
Robin Lindenmayer	4/4
Jennifer Adams	4/6
Rex Nesbitt	4/7
JoEllen Flynn	4/12
Brittini Elliott	4/13
Pat Franklin	4/17
Alexandria Heiser	4/18
Martha Pence	4/18
Ralph Stephenson	4/21
Norman Strawn	4/23
Cathy Good	4/24
Mackenzie Pickard	4/26
Clifford Biddle	4/28
Missy Bourdon	4/28

Ronald & Justine Downard	4/9
Frank & Helen Leo	4/12
Tim Critser & Suzanne Montgomery	4/20
Jim & Donna Pickett	4/24

Sunflower items needed for April



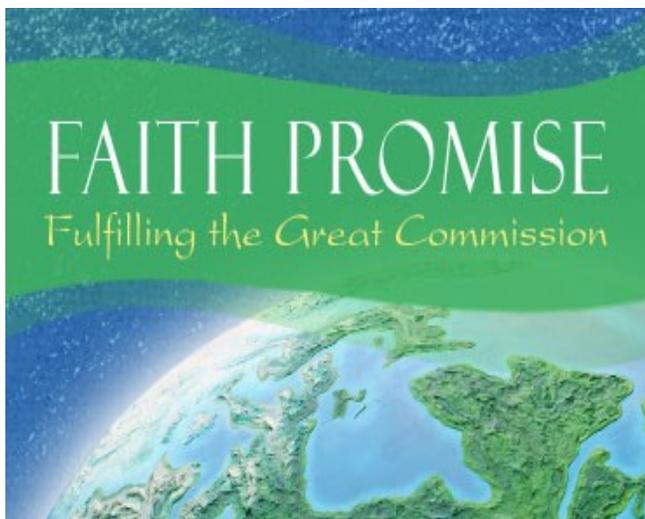
Denture Adhesive (Fixodent)  
 Denture cleaning tablets  
 Kleenex  
 Toilet paper



## POLAR BLAST

Our VBS, Polar Blast, will be held on June 8th this year. Our VBS staff has started planning this wonderful event.

Watch for further details!



FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH

Please be in prayer for the upcoming Faith Promise Sunday. We will be asking the congregation to make their yearly pledge for the ministries that we help support through Faith Promise giving. Currently we support: Vida Nueva Hispanic Ministry in Indianapolis, Brightwood Community Center in Indianapolis, Ministerial Emergency Relief Fund in Sheridan, Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

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Remembering  
Our Homebound Members

# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>EASTER</b>  7:00a.m. Sunrise Service Breakfast following 10:00a.m. Worship	<b>2</b> <b>Lunch Club</b> 11:30-1:00	<b>3</b> <b>Lunch Club</b> 11:30-1:00  <b>Sunflower Pantry</b> 1:00-3:00p.m.	<b>4</b> <b>Lunch Club</b> 1Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.  <b>Bible Studies</b> 6:00p.m-7:00p.m  <b>Choir</b> 7:00p.m.	<b>5</b> <b>Lunch Club</b> 11:30-1:00	<b>6</b> <b>Lunch Club</b> 11:30-1:00	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship	<b>9</b>  <b>Church Council</b> 7:00p.m.	<b>10</b>  <b>Lydia Circle</b> 1:30p.m.  <b>Greenhouse Board Mt.</b> 7:00p.m.	<b>11</b>  <b>Bible Studies</b> 6:00-7:00p.m.  <b>Choir</b> 7:00p.m	<b>12</b>  <b>Learn &amp; Play Preschool</b> 10:00a.m.  <b>Lunch Club</b> 12:00p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>UMM Breakfast</b> 7:30a.m.
<b>15</b>  8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	<b>16</b>  <b>Trustee Mt.</b> 7:00p.m.	<b>17</b>  <b>Lydia Circle</b> 1:30p.m.  <b>Sunflower Pantry</b> 1:00-3:00p.m.	<b>18</b>  <b>Bible Studies</b> 6:00-7:00p.m.  <b>Choir</b> 7:00p.m.	<b>19</b>  <b>Learn &amp; Play Preschool</b> 10:00a.m.  <b>Lunch Club</b> 12:00p.m.  <b>Koinonia Circle</b> 7:00p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Finance Meeting</b> 7:30p.m.	<b>25</b>  <b>Bible Studies</b> 6:00-7:00p.m.  <b>Choir</b> 7:00p.m.	<b>26</b>  <b>Learn &amp; Play Preschool</b> 10:00a.m.  <b>Lunch Club</b> 12:00p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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