



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

CHIME NOTES

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Where Has Time Gone?

Read: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 2 Peter 3:8-9, Ephesians 5:15-20

It is hard to believe that summer is almost here. April is history...where has time gone? It seems like yesterday that Jacob and Lori were just little children. Now, Jacob is married with a child of his own and Lori is married and living in Seattle. Where has time gone? As I stop to reflect, I pull myself away from my "busy-ness"... that which eats up my minutes and hours and sometimes my days and months and years. Sometimes I am so busy that I don't even see life passing me by so quickly. I always try to stop for a moment each day to look, to listen, and observe the activities going on around me. However, I must admit that sometimes I can't step out of the "busy-ness" and I miss the sunrise, the sunset, the birds singing, the children laughing, the warmth of the sun, the sound of the rain, the cool breeze... How about you? Do you ever go to bed wondering where the day went? Do you ever wish that you would have spent your time differently?

Time is our gift from God. What we do with that time is our gift to God. I try to tithe my time to God, giving him a portion of each day. That would be 2 hours and 40 minutes. Oh yes, I hear you saying, "Where am I going to find the time to give God 2 hours and 40 minutes of each day?" Stop for a minute. Think about how you used your time today or yesterday. How much time did you spend in your car? In front of the Television? Listening to music? Playing video games? Sitting in front of your computer? Waiting in a doctor's office? Washing dishes? Mowing the grass? Cleaning the house, the car, the yard? I often pray when I am driving. I can pray when I am listening to music, when I am cooking dinner, when I am eating...I think you get the point. There is so much time that slips away from us that we could give to God, but don't. In order to give God a tithe of our time we must be intentional about finding the time, making the time, and using the time for that purpose...looking and longing for it just as we would if we were searching for a great treasure. It is said that people find time for what they really want to do. That is true. If you want to have time with God, you will find or make the time to do so.

I encourage you to make time for God in your life, every day...after all, isn't that why we were created...to fellowship with God? Our "busy-ness" will not bring us peace or joy. Our "busy-ness" will not sustain us in hard times, our "busy-ness" will not comfort us in times of sadness, or encourage us when we are weak, or empower us to face the challenges of the day... but God can and our time with God will give us peace and joy, comfort and courage, and empower us for the trials of each new day. So, how will you spend your time today?

Education News — Coming Activities

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

MAY 7

On Sunday we will have a special recognition of our graduates — preschool, kindergarten, high school, college and graduate school. If you have someone graduation, please let the church office know at 317-758-4195 so we can have them recognized. There will be a reception in the Dining Room following the 10:00 Worship Service. As a special, Mackenzie Pickard will be singing “Jesus Loves Me”. We hope you will join us!



CHILDREN TO SING ON MOTHER'S DAY

Plan to join us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. Our children will be singing that morning. They are practicing during Enrichment each Sunday as they plan this special program for mothers and all the ladies of the church.

LEARN AND PLAY ENROLLMENT 2017-2018

We are currently accepting registering students for the 2017-2018 Academic Year for ages 2 through 5. Registration forms are available at the church and on the church web site.

We are also pleased to have received a \$1000 grant from the Bishop's Children's Fund Offering to help with this mission.



Happy
Anniversary



Tom & Jean English	5/5
Leon & Pam Brandenburg	5/7
Steve & Anita Leonard	5/25
Clifford & Carolyn Biddle	5/29
Bart & Eva Grinstead	5/31

Helen Hamilton	5/1
Gale Young	5/5
Betty Lynn Ayers	5/8
Kate Pickett	5/9
Darren Wilson	5/9
Jennifer Guttman	5/10
Linda Stephenson	5/10
Pam Brandenburg	5/11
Raegan McMullan	5/11
Rylan McMullan	5/11
Kyle Fox	5/13
Nathan Smith	5/13
Michael Wilson	5/14
Ron Dennison	5/15
Matt Dollard	5/15
Carolyn Biddle	5/16
Jeanna Pearson	5/17
Judy Whicker	5/19
Jim Pickett	5/24
Chris Adams	5/29
Allie Ringer	5/29
Shalyn Burwell	5/30



Sunflower Pantry
Items needed for May

Denture Adhesive (Fixodent)
Denture Cleaning Tablets
Kleenes
Toilet Paper


**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
Joanne Norman
Mary Anne Ogle
William Oberthur
Robert Peterson
Helen Pickard

Robert (Bob) Fox
Mary Grace Pickett
Betty Rohrer
Melba Stephenson
Tresa Ann Waitt
Mary Walker

Lunch Club and Easter Egg Hunt—Spring Break



The faces of learning at Learn and Play!



Lisa Gipson brought in some baby chicks for us to see and hold.



For Easter, we made the empty tomb form donuts, we dyed eggs, we made large bunnies as a group, and did a STEM project building with eggs. We also hunted eggs and got our Easter gifts



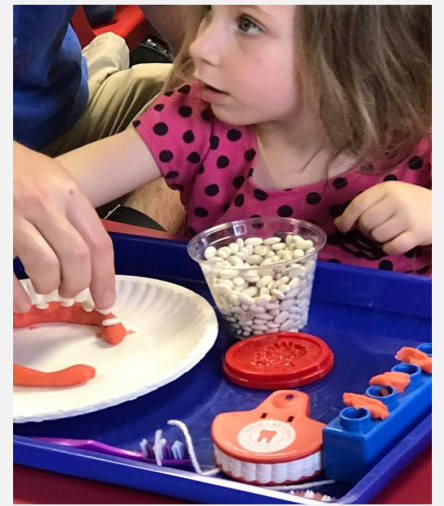
Learn and Play Preschool (continued)



We were excited to have Dr. Natalie Roy come to Learn and Play and show us how to take care of our teeth. We had fun at our centers as we learned more about teeth.



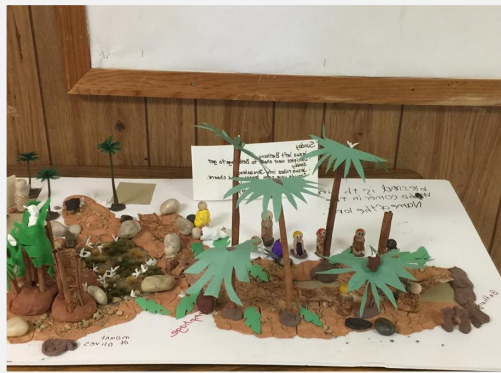
We always begin our day with a pledge to the flag.



We will be graduating 6 of our students this year as they move on to kindergarten next year. We are excited that they are ready.



Education News



During Lent, the kids worked as a group to create 3D maps of each day of Holy Week.



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING

Those going on the mission trip to Redbird will meet on Sunday, May 21, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. All team member must be present.



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Denture Adhesive (Fixodent)
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150th ANNIVERSARY COOK BOOK

We are collecting recipes to be included in our 150th Anniversary Cookbook!

Please include your name, who it was passed down from, a picture of them if you have one, and of course all necessary info for the recipe itself with a picture of the finished product!

There will be boxes marked:

Main-Dishes/Casseroles

Appetizers/Drinks/Desserts

Church History/Stories/Devotions/Fun-Facts



Please place your recipe in the corresponding box. You may also e-mail the church. Also, if you have an inspiring story of how God has worked in your life or that of a loved one, please share it so it may be included in our Anniversary Cookbook, as well as fun facts, devotions, church history, and recipes for fun things to make, i.e. playdough.

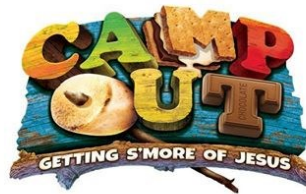
Thank you,

Yvonne Pickett

Education News — VBS is June 9

CAMP OUT VBS JUNE 9

We are doing Vacation Bible School a little differently this year. We will have the VBS Camp Out adventure from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9. From 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. we will have a movie and games and then from 6:00—8:00 p.m. we will conclude VBS with a Block Party. VBS kids can invite their parents and enjoy the Indiana Jim Reptile Experience and also the Kona Ice Truck. We will have grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and a fun time. VBS registration forms are available at the church and on the church web site. It will be a fun afternoon — we promise!



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Friday, June 9

VBS Adventure: 1:00— 5:00 p.m.

Movie: 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Block Party: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

with "Indiana Jim's Reptile Experience"



Invite your
parents to join us
after VBS!

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Hamburgers
Hot dogs! And
The Kona Ice
Truck



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1:00-3:00p.m. Sunflower Pantry	3 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies 7:00 p.m. Choir	4 10:00 a.m. Preschool 12:00p.m. Lunch club	5	6
7 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 12:00-2:00p.m. Youth meeting Graduation Sunday	8 7:00p.m. Church Council	9 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle 7:00 p.m. Sunflower Pantry Board	10 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies 7:00 p.m. Choir	11 10:00 a.m. Preschool 12:00 p.m. Lunch Club	12	13 7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast
14 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship Special music from the children!	15 7:00 p.m. Trustees	16 1:00—3:00p.m. Sunflower Pantry	17 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies 7:00 p.m. Choir	18 10:00 a.m. Preschool 12:00 p.m. Lunch Club 7:00p.m. Koinonia Cir- cle	19	20
21 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 12:00-1:00p.m. Mis- sions (All team members need to be present)	22	23 7:00p.m. Education Committee 7:30 p.m. Finance Com	24 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies 7:00 p.m. Choir	25	26 11:30a.m.– 1:00p.m. Lunch Club	27
28 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	29 Memorial Day	30 11:30a.m.– 1:00p.m. Lunch Club	31 11:30a.m.– 1:00p.m. Lunch Club		<u>Upcoming in</u> Annual Confer- ence on the 8th,9th, & 10th.	<u>June</u> Red Bird Mis- sion trip the week of the 25th.