



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

CHIME NOTES

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Read 1st John 3:2-3 “In the Image of God”

There comes a time in life when we realize that no one is perfect... not even our selves. No matter how hard we try, we will never be “perfect”... at least not by God’s standards. Why is it, then, that Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:48, “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”? How can we be perfect when we are so-o-o human? Truly, on our own it’s impossible. However, with God’s help we can aspire to be as much like Christ as is possible. We must separate ourselves from the world’s values and be devoted to God’s desires rather than to our own... being “God” focused rather than “self” focused. No one can achieve a Christ-like character or a holy lifestyle overnight...it takes time...a lifetime of growth in Christian maturity. God understands human nature and he extends his grace to cover our imperfections. As we grow in our faith we will become more Christ-like in character. We should never let our tendency to sin deter us from striving to be more like Jesus. The devil would like to see nothing more than someone giving up or spending one’s life on an unnecessary guilt trip. God does not expect us to be perfect overnight... remember, God is gracious! At each stage of maturity God has expectations of us to fulfill, just like we do with babies as they become toddlers, teens, and young adults. Babies grow up and so must we. God has a way of refining us to mirror his own image to the world around us. And that is exactly what God expects of mature Christians...we are to be the image of Christ to the world around us. Jesus calls us to excel, to rise above mediocrity, and to mature in every area, becoming like him.

Malachi 3:3 says: ‘He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.’ If you have ever watched a silversmith you will know that the silversmith will take a piece of silver and hold it in the middle of the fire where the flames are the hottest so that all the impurities in the silver will burn away. Like the silversmith, God holds us in a spiritual hot spot to help burn away our spiritual impurities...it is not easy for anyone to become Christ-like in character! The Silversmith must sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver is being refined because he has to keep his eyes on the silver so that when it is purified it can be removed immediately. The silver would be destroyed if it were to stay in the fire too long. Like the silversmith God never takes his eyes off of us as he refines our spirits. How does the silversmith know when the silver is refined? It’s very simple. He will see his image in it... God will continue to refine...to make perfect our spirits...until he sees his image in us. If you feel the heat of God’s refining fire in your life, remember that God is watching you carefully ...waiting to see his image shine in you.

GLEANER'S TRUCK:

I want to thank all of my volunteers for helping with the Gleaner Truck food distribution. Your help is immensely appreciated. Gleaners and Good Samaritan could not do it without your help. Thank you for giving of your time and being a blessing to so many others! Pastor Carol

The Gleaners Truck will be in Sheridan on Monday, July 17th from 4:00 – 6:00 in the High School Parking Lot. We will need volunteers to set up, distribute, and help tear down. Volunteers willing to help set up need to be there at 3:00. If you want to help distribute the items you need to be there by 3:30. Please let Rev. Fritz or the Office know that you will be volunteering. Thank you!

Boxley Annual Fish Fry **Saturday, July 8, 2017** **4:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

Boxley United Methodist Church
26121 Six Points Rd., Sheridan, IN 46069



Fried perch, two (2) sides, dessert, and drinks. Eat-in dinner \$10.00 for adults \$5.00 child (age 12 and under.)

Serving your favorites: fried perch, onion rings, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, desserts, and drinks.



Education News



The children sang “When I Grow Up” for Father’s Day. They were asked to wear something that reminds them of their father — cap, clothing, color, etc. They did an excellent job. Then, during Enrichment they made special gifts for their fathers.



Education News — VBS

We had a fantastic time at “Camp Out” VBS. We had 51 children and a total of 72 with teachers and teen helpers. It was busy, chaotic, and wonderful. The Block Party with Indiana Jim Reptile Experience and the Kona Ice Truck was so much fun following a day of VBS!



Some more pictures from VBS



Block Party after VBS with Indiana Jim Reptile Experience and the Kona Ice Truck — so much fun!



Education News — Enrichment



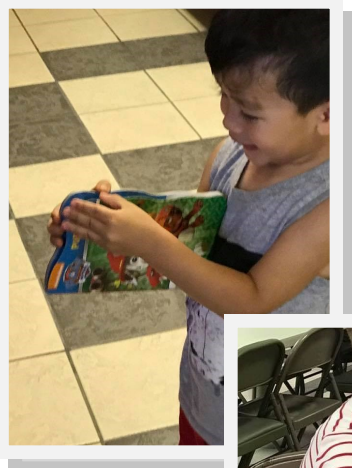
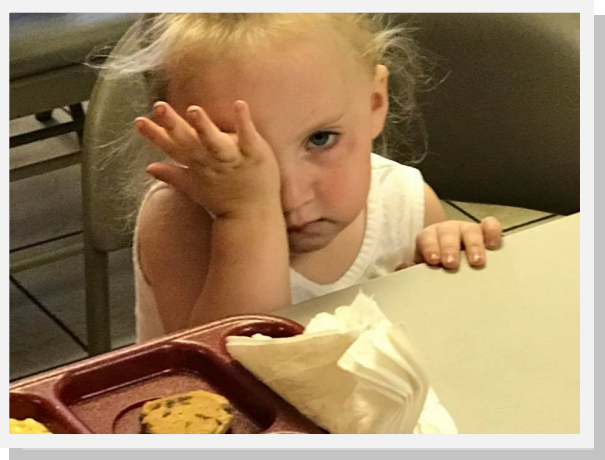
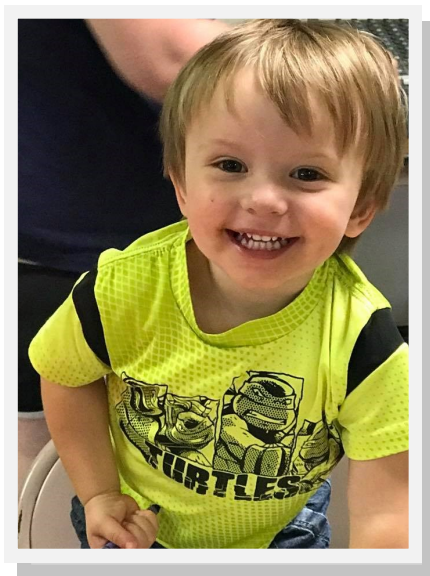
LEARN AND PLAY ENROLLMENT 2017-2018

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.



Summer Lunch Club

Summer Lunch Club has been very busy! We have served many meals — one day 120 were served. The kids have been busy and the joy with getting a book is wonderful. God is definitely at work with this mission. These are a few of the faces of Lunch Club!



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS



Sunflower Pantry Items Needed for July

- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Shower Cleaner
- Window Cleaner



Remembering Our Homebound Members

Please remember our homebound this week.

Mark Blessing
5029 Skipping Stone Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46237

Mary Grace Pickett
Room 132
334 S. Cherry St
Westfield, IN 46075

William J. Smith
1524 St. Rd. 38 West
Sheridan, In 46069

Melba Stephenson
22490 Mulebarn Rd.
Sheridan, In 46069

Helen Pickard
22398 Mulebarn Rd.
Sheridan, In 46069

Mary Walker
925 West 236th St.
Sheridan, In 46069

Tresa Ann Waitt
334 S. Cherry St.
Apt. 230
Westfield, In 46074

Betty Rohrer
Room 101
776 N. Union St.
Westfield, In 46074

Kate Pickett
Room 118
803 S. Hamilton Ave.
Sheridan, In 46069

Joanne Norman
200 West 3rd St.
Sheridan, In 46069

William Oberthur
Room 12
1667 Sheridan Rd.
Noblesville, In 46062

Mary Anne Ogle
Room 19
1667 Sheridan Rd
Noblesville, In 46062

Robert Fox (Sr.)
Room 309 B
776 N. Union St.
Westfield, In 46074

If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please let us know.



Happy Anniversary

Gordon Pickett	7/12		
Dan Whicker	7/12	Dan & Judy Whicker	7/6
Rachel Krupp	7/14	John & Brenda Davis	7/10
Adam Kerr	7/17	Ron & Joan Perkins	7/15
Ross Perkins	7/18	Greg & Kathy Bray	7/22
Warren Kuhn	7/19	Robert & Valri Fox	7/27
Anna Critser	7/20	Glen & Margaret Bougher	7/30
Ron Perkins	7/21		
Dick Pickett	7/23		
Betty Rohrer	7/25		
Joan Perkins	7/26		
Jada Neff	7/29		
Dave Urban	7/30		

150th ANNIVERSARY COOK BOOK

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

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	3 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	4 Happy 4th of July	5 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies Women's Study Dinner	6 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	7 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	8 7:30a.m. UMM Breakfast Boxley Fish Fry
9 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	10 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Council Mt. 7:00p.m.	11 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Lydia Circle 1:30p.m.	12 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies Women begin a new series	13 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	14 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	15
16 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship	17 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Gleaner's Food Truck 4:00-6:00p.m. Trustee Mt. 7:00p.m.	18 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	19 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.	20 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Koinonia Circle 7:00p.m.	21 Lunch Club 11:30- 1:00	22
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