



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

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“Thirsting for God”

As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, "Where is your God?" I will say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" As with a breaking of my bones, my enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long. "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God. Psalm 42:1-3 and 9-11

The Psalmist felt that God was remote and distant. Have you ever felt that way? I know that I have, many times. The psalmist expressed his deep longing for God as being comparable to the intense thirst of a deer for water during a time of severe drought. The poet longed to enjoy the assurance of God's presence with him, just once more. How many times have you experienced this same longing? I believe that all who belong to God experience times when God seems absent, and they long for the reassurance of His presence. Psalms 42 and 43 provide guidance in such times.

Have there been times in your life when it seemed like you had a lot more bad days than good days...when nothing seemed to be going right? Who did you blame for your troubles? Others? Yourself? God? We often blame God, don't we? We have all heard the question: *If there is a God, why does he allow bad things to happen to good people?* If you look at Psalm 43 you will find that even though the Psalmist wondered where God was...as we all do at times...he did not blame God...no, not even once! Instead, the Psalmist yearns...craves...longs more deeply for God to draw closer. Even when those around him ask, "Where is your God?" He doesn't turn away from God or get angry at God, or even complain against God. We see the Psalmist *remembering* the days that he went with the multitudes to the house of God in joy and praise! Those were the days!

What did the psalmist do? He began to count his blessings. How about you? Do you remember the days of God's blessings in your life? Or do you complain against God about how troubled your life has become? When times get tough what do you do? Do you draw closer to God or blame God and push him away? Do you respond like the psalmist who said to himself, "Why are you cast down, O my soul?...Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God." This psalmist pays no attention to those around him who tease and torment him about God forgetting him. Instead of throwing himself a pity-party and feeling sorry for himself, or getting mad at God, he looks to God and says, "I will praise Him again; He is my help and my God!"

The psalmist gave himself a pep-talk! He knew that God was with him even if he couldn't sense God's presence. God was there and by *faith* he believed that God would see him through to better days. He held to the *faith* that would eventually move mountains for him and give him strength to keep going during the most difficult of days. He knew that God was a promise keeper, God was with him.

I remember one very hot mission trip to Mountain Top in Tennessee with my youth group from Lizton. It was 106 degrees outside and we were tarring a metal roof. All the kids were complaining about the heat..."Why would they send us up here ...it's so hot...when can we go back?" and on and on they complained. Of all the weeks of the summer why did God make this one so hot? I had to find a way to turn their cries of mutiny in to cries of hope and praise. I started asking some questions: Did God say serving him would be easy? How do you suppose Paul and the other disciples felt on their mission trips? Do you think they ran into trouble? Did you ever read in Paul's writings where he complained about doing God's work? No... Paul, like the psalmist simply praises God and longs for him more! In faith he holds true to his calling.

We were all craving a tall glass of ice water...something to quench our thirsty bodies. We talked about our craving for something cold...a pool of ice water to jump in... a tall frozen slushy...a snow cone. All we had with us was a 5 gallon cooler of very warm lemonade. I turned the conversation to God again and asked, "How many of you crave God right now like you are craving for something cold to drink?" That is the longing that God craves from us! On the way home I bought everyone a large slushy to drink...and I reminded them that God's Spirit can refresh our souls like the slushy refreshes your body. God uses our circumstances to help us mature on our journey of faith. God IS with us... even when we can't see or feel his presence!
Pray today that no matter what the circumstances, you look to God in faith and say, "I will praise you again; you are my help and my God!"

YOUTH MISSION TRIP: July 7-13th

Rev. Fritz, Shelley Weir, Lisa Gipson, Cole Bales, Connor Harwood, and Presten Weir will be leaving on Saturday July 7th for the Summer Youth Mission Trip to S.I.F.A.T in Lineville, Alabama. S.I.F.A.T. is an organization that trains missionaries in technology so they can go and serve in third world countries. We are very excited about learning some of these technologies and experiencing what it is like to live in a third world country. Please keep our adults and youth in your prayers.



GLEANER'S FOOD TRUCK:

July 9th – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the High School Parking lot. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Please come at 9:00 to help set up. Also, Please let the office or Pastor Carol know that you will be volunteering. If we know you are coming we can contact you if it is cancelled by Gleaners .

Thanks again!
Pastor Carol

Boxley Annual Fish Fry
Saturday, July 14, 2018
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.

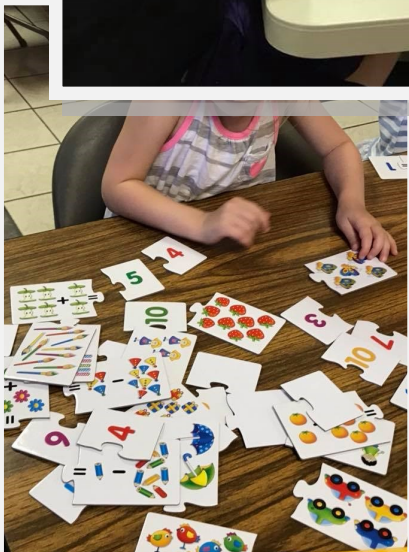
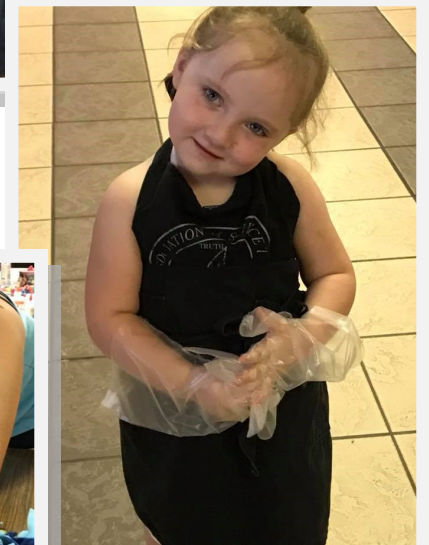


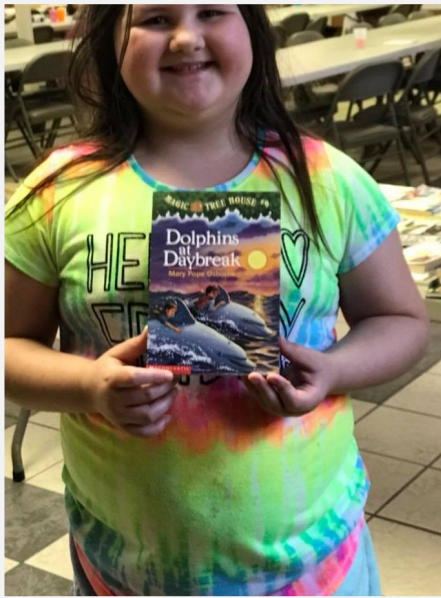
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SUMMER LUNCH CLUB



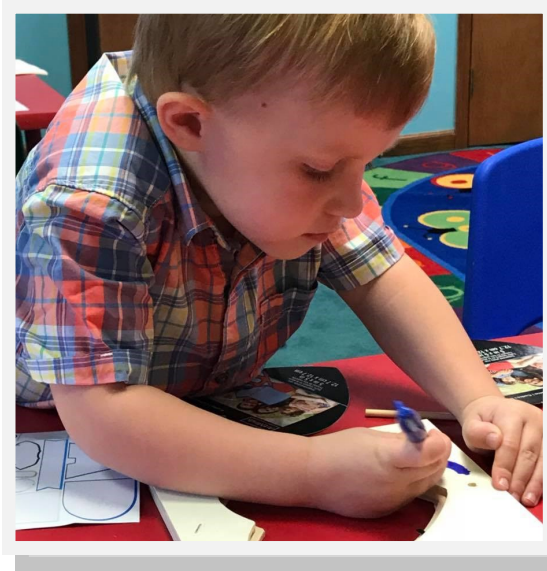


Education News

In Enrichment we learned the Parable of the Lost Sheep with our sheep balloons.

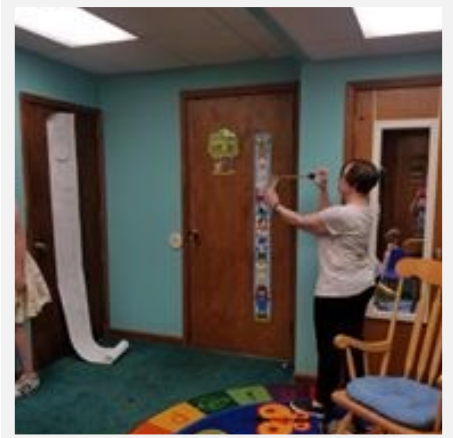


For Father's Day, we sang I See A Hero and then made presents for our fathers or grandfathers.





And we learned about David and Goliath by watching a video of the story and then making snack sling shots. We also got to try to shoot Goliath with a slingshot and pom poms.



July Schedule

- July 4 — No Bible Study
- July 11 — No Bible Study due to a memorial at the church.
- July 18 — I Can Only Imagine Movie
- July 25 — Discussion on Session 4



NEW BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 5

We will begin a new Bible study on Job by Lisa Harper on Wednesday, September 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A light supper is available.

The Women's Bible Study group will be watching the movie, I Can Only Imagine, on Wednesday July 18 at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to join us, please let the church office (317-758-4195) or Brenda Davis (317-752-0965) know so that we will have enough food available.




Happy Anniversary

Cathy Wilson	7/1
Rebekah Thompson	7/1
Hailee Floyd	7/2
Gordon Pickett	7/12
Dan Whicker	7/12
Rachel Krupp	7/14
Adam Kerr	7/17
Ross Perkins	7/18
Warren Kuhn	7/19
Anna Critser	7/20
Ron Perkins	7/21
Dick Pickett	7/23
Joan Perkins	7/26
Cameron Weitzel	7/27
Jada Neff	7/29
Joshua Baringer	7/31
Hannah Weitzel	7/31

Dan & Judy Whicker	7/6
John & Brenda Davis	7/10
Ron & Joan Perkins	7/15
Greg & Kathy Bray	7/22
Robert & Valri Fox	7/27
Glen & Margaret Bougher	7/30

Sunflower items needed for July.



- Dish soap
- Laundry soap
- Shower cleaner
- Window cleaner



Lunch Club meets Monday-Friday during the school summer break. Please join us from 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.

If you wish to help please contact the church office or Kathy Bray.

A Place where everyone matters

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610 Crownpointe Dr.
Lebanon, In 46052

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Please remember our homebound with a card, a call,
or a prayer this week. If you know of someone who
needs to be added to our list, please let us know.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship	2 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Church Council 7:00p.m.	3 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	4 Happy 4th of July	5 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	6 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	7 Youth Mission trip departs for Lineville, Al
8 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship With Rev. Leon Brandenburg	9 Gleaners Food Truck 9:30a.m.- 11:00a.m. Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	10 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	11 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	12 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	13 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	14 UMM Breakfast 7:30a.m. Boxley Fish Fry 4:30-7:00p.m.
15 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship	16 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Trustee Meeting 7:00p.m.	17 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m. Greenhouse Mt. 7:00p.m.	18 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00p.m. Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Movie "I can Only Imagine"	19 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	20 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	21
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