

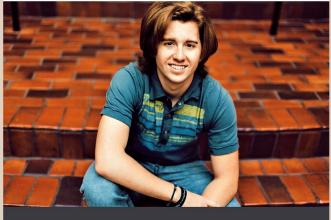
The USA will be celebrating Labor Day on the first Monday of September. It is a day to honor all workers across America both young and old. My father-in-law will be riding on the local miner's float in Princeton, IN. He is the oldest living member of their union, serving over 70 years. Dad, along with Byron's oldest brother, have worked unselfishly and tirelessly to bring about much needed changes in the coal mining industry. America is the great nation she is because of those, like Dad and Gary, who have worked diligently together across the years to make her stronger and better.

I remember both of my parents working hard every day. Dad worked as a machinist, first on the midsection of the Redstone Missile and then at Reynold's Metal Company. Mom was a school teacher. My parents taught my siblings and me how to be good hard workers. I remember standing on a chair by the sink helping my older sister wash and dry the dishes when I was only 3 years old. I probably was not much help to my sister but Mom and Dad were teaching me that I was to be a working part of the family, where everyone did their part. Every Saturday morning we would clean the house and change the bed sheets. Everything had to be moved and dusted and cleaned. By noon the inside of the house was clean...now to the outside for the yard work. We raked, pulled weeds, trimmed bushes, mowed the grass, and washed the car and truck. Once a year Mom would wax the wood floors. Our job was to buff them. We would put on six pairs of socks and slide on the wood floor like it was a skating rink! Mom always made work seem fun. We would sing or whistle or dance with the music on the radio while we worked. Whining and complaining were not allowed. There were more difficult jobs for those who did, like cleaning the stinky garbage cans outside. We got the message! Thanks to mom and dad we grew up with great work ethics. As we grew older we had more important chores, like painting the house and helping to repair the car or lawnmower. Dad always had a project with which he needed helping hands. Not only did we get to spend time with Dad, but we learned a lot too. I thank God for the hardworking parents I had, who also taught me how to work.

The scripture tells us in Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. Remember, not only our words but our actions are our witness as to who we are. We want to be known as people with integrity, people who care about our neighbors, people who are willing to go the extra mile to help a brother or sister or even a stranger in need. The workings of the church do not just happen. It takes people who are intentional in growing their faith to step out and volunteer to DO the work of the church...from administration to hands on ministry. As Christians we must always do our part and do our very best in order for those around us to see our witness for Christ. As a congregation, it takes ALL of us to make our ministries and the church, to work successfully. Each of us has differing talents and gifts and it is up to each of us to use those for the glory of God through being involved in the life of the church. I want to thank the people of Sheridan First United Methodist Church who give so faithfully of your time, talents, financial support and gifts to making the ministries and functioning of the church run so well. There is so much still to do. It will take all of us pulling together as family, doing what we are able and often sacrificing and sometimes stepping in to do things we never thought we could...or perhaps never really wanted to do. Yet, we know that one who is faithful will step out of their comfort zone and sacrifice to DO God's bidding and to do it with joy in their hearts for the Lord. Thank you for being faithful to God and to the church.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

"I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. - Psalm 146:2



## BRYCE NELSON

Join us for an evening of worship with this amazing young singer!

Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Sheridan First United Methodist Church 207 E. Second St., Sheridan, IN 46069

A "love offering" will be taken to benefit the outreach ministries of the church: Help Our Neighbor, Learn and Play Preschool, Lunch Club, and the Sunflower Pantry.

Annual
Coal Supper
Saturday
October 7, 2017
Serving 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.



LEARN AND PLAY PRESCHOOL begins September 7



## An Evening of Jazz!

with the Bloomerangs

Saturday, October 14, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Sheridan First United Methodist Church 207 E. Second St., Sheridan, IN 46069

A "love offering" will be taken to benefit the ministries of the church:

### Lunch Club Back-to-School Bash



Our Back-to-School Bash was a huge success. We served 198 meals, supplies 65 kids with school supplies, served several families with light weight coats, had balloon animals, and provided over 50 free hair cuts. The Gideons also provided New Testaments.















## Some more from Back-to-School Bash





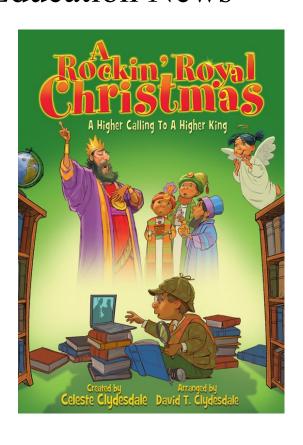








## **Education News**



## A Rockin' Royal Christmas December 10, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10, when our children will be presenting "A Rockin' Royal Christmas". The kids will begin practice in mid-October and will practice during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour. This is a fun program and the kids will enjoy sharing it with you.

Parents, we will be ordering T-Shirts for the kids. Please let Brenda Davis know the size your child wears.

Special thanks to Nikki Davis and Amanda Summers for leading the program again this year.

### Enrichment

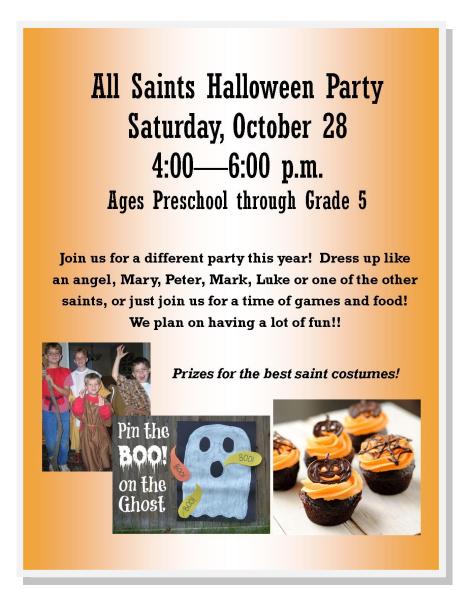
During Enrichment, we are doing a six-week study of Moses. The kids will be learning through Godly play, reading, and crafts about the life of Moses.











Bible Sunday
November 19, 2017
Mark your calendars and watch for details on how we will be celebrating
Bible Sunday







A few pictures of the future of the church! To the right is Children's Moments. Above are a couple pictures from our lesson on Jacob's ladder.

## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS



Items needed for September.

Dish soap Laundry soap Shower cleaner Window cleaner



Mark Blessing 5029 Skipping Stone Drive Indianapolis, IN 46237

Mary Grace Pickett Room132 334 S. Cherry St Westfield, IN 46075

Helen Pickard 22398 Mulebarn Road Sheridan, In 46069

Melba Stephenson 22490 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 Pickedt Room 118 803 S. Hamilton Ave 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.



Sharon Brimberry	9/2
Bill Small	9/4
Evan Bourdon	9/5
Russell Hawn	9/5
Helen Pickard	9/8
Pam Eidson	9/10
Pat Sanborn	9/13
Courtney Adams	9/15
James (Bud) Arthur	9/17
Bruce Beck	9/17
Jeff Weir	9/18
Kailey Pickard	9/19
Kathy Bray	9/21
Eric Finchum	9/24
Lisco Leonard	9/28
Nora Perkins	9/28
Jim Sweeney	9/29

# Happy Anniversary

Chris & Jennifer Adams	9/2
Ed & Janice Heffelmire	9/3
Bill & Kathy Small	9/4
Bob & Pauline Fox	9/
Chandler & Becky Lauterbach	9/14
Jeff & Shelly Weir	9/18
Mark & Kathy Evoy	9/23
Denny & Pam Pickard	9/23
Matt & Amanda Summers	9/24
John & Mary Lou Finchum	9/26

#### 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

# SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	4 Labor Day	5 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m. Lay Leadership meeting 7:30	6 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	7 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m. Staff Parish 7:30	8	9 UMM Break- fast 7:30 a.m.
10 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship 2:00p.m Nursing Home Service	11 Council Mt. 7:00p.m.	12 Lydia Circle 1:30p.m.	13 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	14 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00 a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	15	16
17 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship Choir back in the Loft	18 Trustee Mt. 7:00p.m.	Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.  Education Committee Mt. 7:00p.m.	20 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m. Koinonia Cir- cle 7:00p.m.	22	23 Bryce Nelson Concert 7:30p.m.
24 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	Gleaners Truck 3:00-6:00p.m.	26 Finance Mt. 7:30p.m.	27 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	28 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	29	30