



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

CHIME NOTES

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I love the seasons: winter, spring, summer, and fall...but most of all, fall. There is something special that touches the depth of my heart and stirs my soul as the leaves begin to magically change color...red, orange, yellow, burgundy, and even brown. I love to sit back and take in this glorious, God orchestrated, change in creation. Wow! God is the best artist in the world. Only God can create such beauty that unfolds as the seasons change...beauty that takes one's breath away. I have seen many artists try to capture the seasons in their paintings... and they are gorgeous. However, neither picture nor paint can ever replace the real thing that God splashes across the sky and spills over the earth. God's creativity is unmatched. Every day of every season is different...just like every snowflake in winter and every child that is born...all beautiful and uniquely different.

As I watch the colors of fall slowly appear and then burst forth in their splendor, I can't help but think of God. Psalm 147 says that God determines the number of stars and calls them each by name. He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow. Our God continues to create day after day, year after year. How can anyone say that there is no God when God's handiwork is all around them? I guess they just do not see with eyes like mine. I see God's fingerprints on everything around me. They must only see a plain canvas and not the blue skies that give way to the spellbinding color changes of a sunrise or sunset. And they must not see the flowers that no paint on an artist's palate could attempt to match or the trees that were given a certain color leaf to change into when autumn arrives...like the bright yellow leaf of the Ginkgo tree, the orange, purple, and red leaf of the Sweet Gum tree, or the red, yellow, and orange leaves of a Sugar Maple.

Some say, "There is no God." I say to them, "Look deeper...look much deeper...beyond what you see...and you will see God's fingerprints on everything around you." It is like looking at the pictures in a 3-D book... it takes a while for one's eyes to look past the printed page and deep into the picture, to actually see the 3-D image. There are some who simply can't see it. Pray for those who are not able see God in their midst. These people just do not know the Master of the seasons, the One who has created such magnificent displays of perfect art for our enjoyment. I will pray that God will give them eyes to see, and I will enjoy the beauty of God that surrounds me each and every day, and I will give God thanks and praise for giving me eyes to see him in the splendor of his creation. How about you?



Friends,

Prayer brings us near to God. It is a vital part of our personal relationship with God. It's where we give the Lord thanks and praise, seek the will of God, present our requests, release our concerns, receive the Lord's gracious forgiveness, and channel His power in order to forgive others. Prayer is also an opportunity to draw close to God, affirm our faith, and strengthen our relationship with the God we serve. May we always be grateful for the privilege of spending time this way with God, the Creator of the universe.

Sometimes it is not easy to pray. One of the many superb quotes of Oswald Chambers is, "Prayer is not preparation for the battle, it is the battle." We do not know what goes on in the spiritual realm when we pray. We do know, however, that when we pray according to God's will we receive access, through Jesus Christ, into the very presence of God who has authority over all enemies; visible and invisible. Let us put our trust in our Victorious Warrior and go to God in prayer, spending time with Him, and seek His will.

Isaiah 55:8-9 tells us that God's ways and thoughts are higher than our ways and thoughts. Let us turn our ear to listen for God's voice and then pray boldly, in Jesus' name.

[Commission on a Way Forward](#) was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the Church.

The worldwide United Methodist Church is in prayer for this effort. **Our Indiana Conference has been assigned the week of October 15th to focus our prayers on the Commission on a Way Forward.** Let us set aside our personal thoughts and agendas, and join together seeking God's hand in prayer.

Each church can decide on their own plan of individual and corporate prayer and fasting during this designated week. Please inform prayer coordinators and prayer warriors in your congregations. **Also, please announce this request during your services the weekend of October 7 and 8, as well as October 14 and 15.**

May we cover this mission in prayer during the entire week, starting October 15.

Thank you for your faithfulness to pray.

Darlene Neckers

Conference Prayer Coordinator

**First United
Methodist Church
Annual Coal Supper
Saturday, October 7
Serving 4:30—7:-00 PM
207 E. Second St.
Sheridan**



**Free Will
Offering**



We are handicap
accessible from the west
side parking lot.

Take-out available.

Menu
Home Cooking
Chicken Pot Pie
Roast Turkey
Baked Ham
Homemade Chicken & Noodles
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Turkey Dressing
Sweet Potatoes
Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes
Macaroni & Cheese
Various Casseroles
Various Salads
Homemade Rolls
Fruit Pies
Cream Pies
Brownies & Cookies
Cakes



An Evening of Jazz!

with the Bloomerangs

Saturday, October 14, 2017

7:00 p.m.

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207 E. Second St., Sheridan, IN 46069

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

Join us for another of our Fall Concert Series

A Better Day

Mike Haemmerle
and Kerry Davis



Free to
Public

Saturday, November 18

7:00 p.m.

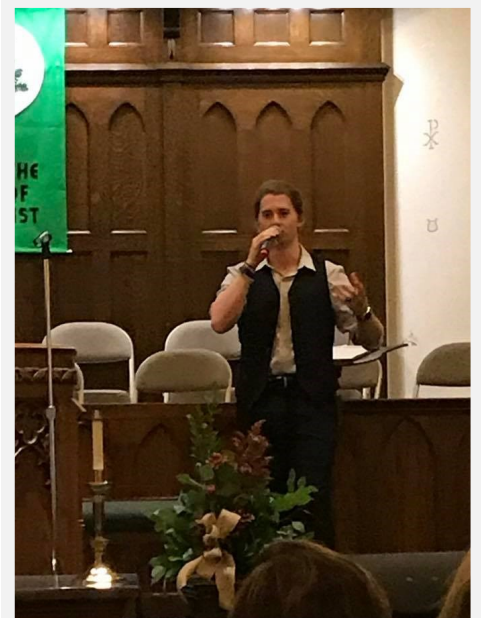
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A Love Offering will be taken to benefit
the Sheridan Fire Department
(John Pickett Memorial Fund).



BRYCE NELSON CONCERT

We enjoyed a
fantastic concert on
September 23rd
with Bryce Nelson!

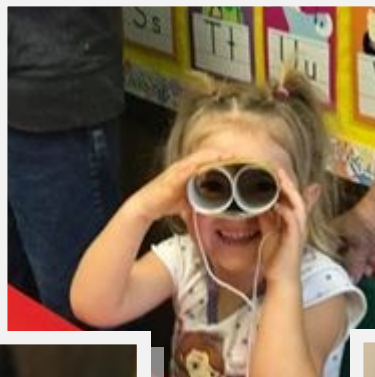


LEARN AND PLAY PRESCHOOL

A new and exciting year for Learn and Play Preschool began on September 7th. We have a full enrollment with 16 children. Special thanks to Lisa Gipson and Nita Sweeney who are helping Cathy Good and Brenda Davis this year,



We learned about Bugs, made binoculars, and went on a bug hunt.



Finding bugs in our sensory bin.



We learn the Pledge of Allegiance

LEARN AND PLAY (CONTINUED)

Our letter was A, so we got to make applesauce.



In our centers we did activities with the apples and our shape for the day, a triangle.



LEARN AND PLAY (CONTINUED)



We are learning about Autumn and squirrels. Squirrels hide nuts to have food in the winter. We even got to be squirrels and hide nuts. We are learning shapes, writing our names, patterns.



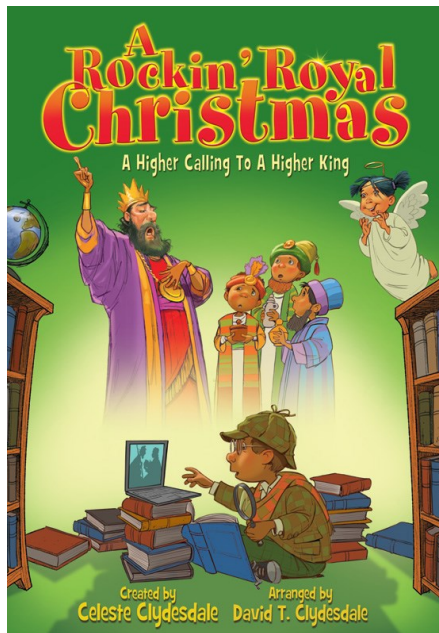
Magnets — our STEM activity



Free Play where we learn to play together.



Education News



Practice to begin for A Rockin' Royal Christmas

We will begin practicing for this year's Christmas program, A Rockin' Royal Christmas, on Sunday, October 29th. We will practice during the Sunday School hour from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. We hope your children will be available to practice most Sundays.

The program will be presented on Sunday, December 10 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This will be a fun program with some catchy songs! Special thanks to Nikki Davis and Amanda Summers for leading the program again this year.

All Saints Family Halloween Party
Saturday, October 28
4:00—6:00 p.m.

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207 E. Second St., Sheridan

Join us for a different party this year! Dress up like an angel, Mary, Peter, Mark, Luke or one of the other saints, or just join us for a time of games and food!

We plan on having a lot of fun!!



Prizes for the 3 best saint costumes!



Bible Sunday
November 19, 2017
Mark your calendars and

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalms 119:105

watch for details on how we will be celebrating Bible Sunday

Enrichment

In Enrichment, we have been continuing our study of Moses. We learned how Moses got the 10 Commandments, how God led the Israelites through the desert and fed manna each day. We also learned that Moses told the people to remember all that God had done and to pass it on through the generations.



We made Mt. Sinai and Moses on the mountain as he got the 10 Commandments from God.



We gathered "manna" and made sand bottles to help us remember that the Israelites were in the desert for 40 years.



We learned about the Shema and made Mazuzahs to help us remember: "Hear, O Israel: God is our Lord, God is one."






Happy Anniversary


Byron Fritz	10/2
Bob Hamilton	10/2
Chandler Lauterbach	10/2
Emily Dennison	10/4
Leon Strawn	10/5
Jacob Fritz	10/7
Bart Grinstead	10/7
Denny Pickard	10/8
Lilly Kinkead	10/9
Steven Pickett	10/12
Kathy Small	10/12
Larry Eidson	10/14
Bill Smith	10/16
Sara Jo Raison	10/17
Garrett Davis	10/19
Valri Fox	10/19
Neil Thompson	10/19
Glen Bougher	10/20
Don Gipson	10/21
Bob Fox (Sr.)	10/22
Richard Strawn	10/24
Trish Kinkead	10/29
Bess Coppess	10/30

Rex Nesbit & Jeanna Pearson	10/10
Brian & Stacey Harwood	10/12
Brian & Christine Smith	10/17

Sunflower items needed for October.



Hand soap
 Multi-purpose cleaner
 Razors (women)
 Toilet cleaner
 Trash bags
 (kitchen 13 gallon)


Remembering Our Homebound Members

Mark Blessing 5029 Skipping Stone Drive Indianapolis, IN 46237	Mary Walker 925 West 236th St. Sheridan, In 46069	Kate Pickedt Room 118 803 S. Hamilton Ave Sheridan, In 46069
Mary Grace Pickett Room 132 334 S. Cherry St Westfield, IN 46075	Tresa Ann Waitt 334 S. Cherry St. Apt. 230 Westfield, In 46074	William Oberthur Room 12 1667 Sheridan Rd. Noblesville, In 46062
Helen Pickard 22398 Mulebarn Road Sheridan, In 46069	Betty Rohrer Room 101 776 N. Union St. Westfield, In 46074	Mary Anne Ogle Room 19 1667 Sheridan Rd. Noblesville, In 46062
Melba Stephenson 22490 Mulebarn Rd. Sheridan, In 46069		Robert Fox (Sr.) 937 E. 186th Street Room # 210 Westfield, In 46074

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.</p> <p>Choir 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Preschool Outing to Dull's Tree Farm 8:40</p> <p>Lunch Club 12:00p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Coal Supper 4:30-7:00p.m.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Lydia Circle 1:30p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.</p> <p>Choir 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m.</p> <p>Lunch Club 12:00p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>UMM Breakfast 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Bloomerangs Concert 7:00p.m.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Lunch club 11:30-1:00</p> <p>Gleaners Food @SHS 3:00-6:00p.m.</p> <p>Trustee 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Lunch club 11:30-1:00</p> <p>Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Lunch Club 11:30-1:00</p> <p>Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.</p> <p>Choir 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Lunch Club 11:30-1:00</p> <p>Koinonia Circle 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Lunch club 11:30-1:00</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship Choir back in the Loft</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Finance Mt. 7:30p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.</p> <p>Choir 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m.</p> <p>Lunch Club 12:00p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>All Saints Day Party 4:00-6:00p.m.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		<p>Poinsettia orders due by Sunday October 29th.</p>	<p>United Methodist North Central Charge Conference @ Noblesville November 5th 3:00pm.-5p.m.</p>	