



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

CHIME NOTES

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“What ‘LOVE’ Is”

Read John 21:15-17 1st Corinthians 13:4-7 1st John 4:7-21

How do you define love? ...A feeling? An emotion? An action? Spoken words? Even the dictionary is vague on defining love: love is a fond or tender feeling, a warm liking, affection, attachment. Now I have a warm liking for Rocky Road ice cream (yum!) ...and tender feelings for new born animals (they are so cute)...and affection for children (they make me laugh), and a strong attachment to the home I grew up in (wonderful memories of days gone by)...but to say that is love?...No ...true love is more than all those things put together.

The apostle Paul tries to define love for us in 1st Corinthians 13, telling us the many things that love is: patient, kind, humble, selfless, forgiving, honest, protective, trusting...a blend of character traits and social skills... ultimately how we choose to live our lives around and with others... how we choose to relate to others...so, love is... relationship. But that too does not pin-point what love IS!

We have to turn to 1st John 4:7-21 to find out what love IS. It says in verses 8 – 10: “God is love...Why? It goes on to say: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins...” (verse 8-10). Love is putting others first (God putting us above himself), love is giving sacrificially ...until it hurts (Jesus dying on the cross for us), but you give anyway because that’s what love (God) does...it is unwavering commitment (God not giving up on us), even when it is undeserved (we have all missed the mark and made wrong choices and mistakes)... it is giving everything for the sake of the other... so the other can reap the benefits of our life-giving love (God’s gift of eternal life). “For God so loved the world (YOU), that He gave his one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in him shall not perish (die) but have eternal life (live with God forever).

Peter’s responses to Jesus’ question, “Do you love me?” goes from yes Lord, I have a fondness, a tender feeling, an affection, a great liking, a warm attachment for you to an acknowledgement of Jesus as the Living God in verse 17:“...you know all things, you know I love you.” Peter had to come to that point of knowing completely, free of doubt, who Jesus truly was, and acknowledge that his life would never be the same because of God’s love for him... that is when Peter could move forward and do as Jesus asked, “Feed my sheep.”

Jesus summed up the commandments and law in this simple phrase: “Love God with all you heart, with all your strength, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.” That is how God wants us to live...to simply love God and neighbor...to love as we are loved by God. In doing so, not only will our lives be changed...but the world will be changed too! Love never fails! God’s love led Jesus to the cross... where will it lead you?



Vacation Bible School: YEE HAW!

Looking for Volunteers! We need a Director and Leaders for: Moo-sic and More, Saddle-Up Sports, Bible Adventures, and Projects With A Purpose. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Rev. Fritz or the church office. Thank You!

THANK YOU !!

We shout out a big “THANK YOU!” to Kathy Bray for serving as the Director of “The Lunch Club” for the past five years. Kathy is stepping down from that position but will continue to volunteer as one of our cooks. She has been an amazing director who has loved and ministered to our Lunch Club families in ways too numerous to count. She is truly loved and appreciated by both young and old alike. Kathy, thank you for your service, your unconditional love, and your support to our community and our church’s ministry. You are awesome!!

VOLUNTEER POSITION OPEN: Lunch Club Director

Serving our Lunch Club families during spring, fall, summer, and winter breaks and serving our Learn and Play Preschool on Thursdays during the school year. Involves meal planning and grocery shopping, scheduling and working with volunteer staff (prep, cooks, clean-up), administrative duties (scheduling, writing thank you letters for donations, grant writing, keeping number counts and statistics, Board and Council meetings, etc.),

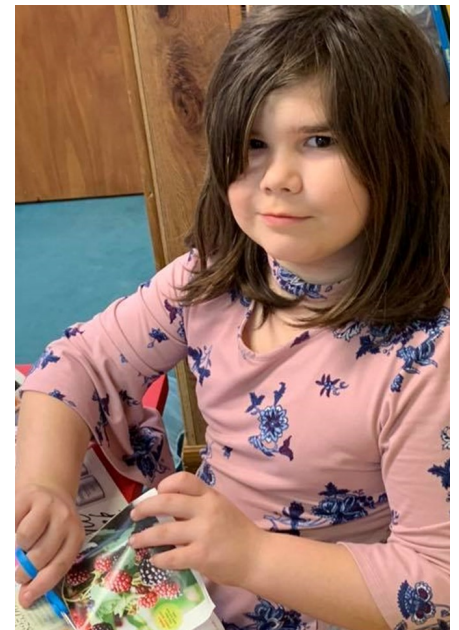
If interested please contact Rev. Fritz (317-626-9315) for more information.

Thank You!

We would like to thank Jim Godby for his donation to the Learn and Play Preschool of two new rocking chairs!

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS AND ENRICHMENT

Sunday School, Children's Moments, and Enrichment. Today we talked about how God takes care of us by providing for our needs. We talked about God creating the world with all the things we need to grow. We talked about learning to keep God with us all day. We made a food collage to show God provides food and water for us to grow. We created from clay as we learned God created the world from nothing and the world has everything we need to grow.



2019 Hamilton Co. UMM Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Theme: "WHO is your neighbor?"

Scripture: James 2:8 - "If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, you shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing right."

Offering: Metro Ministries

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Dates:

Sat., March 23, First UMC, 2051 E. Monument St., Noblesville
Speaker: Mr. Dennis Schrupf, Certified Lay Servant

Sat., March 30, The Promise UMC, 12648 E. 116th St., Fishers
Speaker: Ms. Emily Reece, Director of Church Development

Sat., April 6, St. Mark's UMC, 4780 E. 126th St., Carmel
Speaker: Mr. Craig Wood, Certified Lay Servant

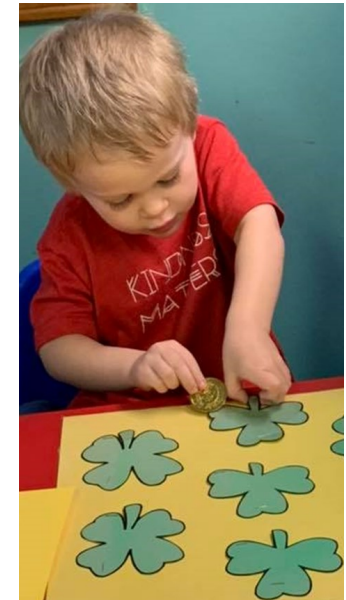
Sat., April 13, Sheridan UMC, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan
Speaker: Rev. Adriane Curtis, Associate Pastor, Carmel UMC

Community Lenten Services 2019

March 6th	Kirklin Assembly of God	7:00 p.m.
March 13th	Sheridan Church of God	7:00 p.m.
March 20th	Christ tabernacle	7:00 p.m.
March 27th	Terhune UMC	7:00 p.m.
April 3rd	Kirklin Wesleyan	7:00 p.m.
April 10th	TBA	
April 19th	Good Friday	
	Sheridan First Christian	12:00 p.m.
April 21st	Sunrise	
	Sheridan FUMC	7:00 a.m.
	Breakfast following	

Learn and Play Preschool

We had a visitors to preschool. The Leprechauns! They made a mess but we had a great time celebrating St. Patrick's Day.



More from Learn and Play Preschool

We learned about the letter W and got to play in the water.





Happy Anniversary

Chris Bourdon	4/1
MacKenzie Kinhead	4/3
Robin Lindenmayer	4/4
Jennifer Adams	4/6
Rex Nesbitt	4/7
JoEllen Flynn	4/12
Evan Krupp	4/12
Brittni Elliot	4/13
Pat Franklin	4/13
Alexandria Heiser	4/18
Martha Pence	4/18
Kyle bensen	4/19
Samantha Smith	4/21
Ralph Stephenson	4/21
Kristin McClain	4/22
Martha Leonard	4/23
Norman Strawn	4/23
Cathy Good	4/24
Mackenzie Pickard	4/26
Erica Knuckles	4/27
Clifford Biddle	4/28
Missy Bourdon	4/28

Ronald & Justine Downard	4/9
Tim Critser & Suzanne Montgomery	4/20

Sunflower items needed for April, May, and June.

- Denture Adhesive
- Denture cleaning tablets
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper



The Sunflower pantry is opened the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.

Faith Promise Sunday

April 28th

UMW Spring Bake Sale
 After Worship Services on Sunday
 April 14th
 Chicken & Noodles
 Rolls
 Other baked goods

Happy Easter !



James Arthur
Don Mendenhall
Kate Pickett
Renate Ridge
Tresa Ann Waitt
Jackie Pickett

Mark Blessing
William Oberthur
Janet Butcher
Ruth Sanders
Mary Walker

LeeAnn Bridwell
Mary Anne Ogle
Beverly Frederick
Melba Stephens

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. Contact information is available in the church office. The church number is 317-758-4195.

Things happening this Month You don't want to miss.

April 1-5	Lunch Club	11:30a.m.– 1:00p.m.
April 14	Palm Sunday	
April 18	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 p.m.
April 19	Good Friday Service	7:00 p.m.
April 21	Easter—Early Service	
	BELIEVE	7:00 a.m.
	Breakfast Following Service	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lunch Club 11:30– 1:00	2 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	3 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	4 Lunch Club 11:30—1:00	5 Lunch Club 11:30 - 1:00	6 UMM Lenten Service @ Carmel St. Marks UMC 7:30 a.m.
7 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship 2:00p.m. Easter Rehearsal	8	9 Lydia Circle 1:30p.m	10 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	11 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m.	12	13 UMM Lenten Service @ Sheridan 7:30 a.m.
14 - Palm Sunday 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship UMW Bake Sale 2:00p.m. Easter Rehearsal	15 Trustee Meeting 7:00p.m.	16 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	17 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	18 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00p.m. Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.	19 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.	20
21—Easter 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service—Believe Breakfast following 10:00 a.m. Worship	22	23	24 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	25 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00 p.m.	26	27
28—Faith Promise 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship	29	30 Finance 7:30 p.m.				