



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

# CHIME NOTES

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**Running the Race”**

**Read 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:24-27 and Hebrews 12:1-3**

It's that time of year again, race time! There are all sorts of races, auto races, foot races, horse races, dog races, etc. Here in Indy it is May and time to prepare for the Indy 500. I am beginning to see the black and white checkered flags popping up in stores and restaurants. I love to watch races... however, after experiencing several Indy 500 races, I truly think one can see the race better on TV than in real life. All I was ever able to see when I went to the Indy 500 was the blur of the cars passing by...I couldn't even read the numbers on the car... now that is fast! And the sound was deafening! I couldn't even talk to the person sitting next to me...and the black grit...I was covered in it! However, I still had a great time. I love watching field and track events too. The track season has begun. High schools all over the state are hosting track meets. I love to watch the runners, especially those who jump the hurdles. I am truly amazed at their agility and speed. All racers have one thing in common, they carry only what is necessary and throw off everything that might hinder them in the race.

In Hebrews 12:1 Paul uses the analogy of running a race to describe the Christian life. He paints a picture of a poor runner who has come to the starting blocks with a large heavy weight tied to him and chains wrapped around his legs. There is no way this runner is going to finish the race, let alone win. Instead Paul suggests that he first throw off everything that hinders him...things, events, habits, environments, attitudes that trigger in us the desire to do things that Christ would not want us to do, or prevent us from doing what we should. We need to throw off these things that lead us toward Spiritual apathy and complacency. And throw off the sin that entangles us and trips us up.

You might remember the NCAA Division II championship cross-country race in California in the 1990's. There were 128 of the best runners in the country battling for glory over the 10,000 meter course. About three miles into the race the leader of the race made a wrong turn and the rest of the pack followed, except Mike Delcavo. He yelled that they were going the wrong way, but they did not listen. Only four other runners followed Delcavo. Delcavo now found himself in the lead. However that lasted only about a mile, since Mike and the runners who followed him soon reunited with the larger pack who, having gone the wrong way, actually shaved about a half a mile off the course, and they were now in the lead again. The final blow came when, because so many of the runners had gone the wrong way, the officials changed the official course route to accommodate the runners' error. So when Delcavo finally crossed the finish line, he was number 103 overall. At the end of the race some of Delcavo's competitors thought that it was funny that he chose to go the right way instead of following the rest of the pack.

Isn't it strange that in our mixed up world, when everybody is wrong, then wrong becomes right. However, in the world to come there is only one Judge and he will not change the correct course regardless of how many or how few actually run it. His rewards will be based on our having stayed the true course.

It is easy to follow the pack...we convince ourselves that everyone is doing it! But it takes courage and conviction to follow wholeheartedly after God by staying on the right road. Sometimes it can get lonely running your race, wondering where the crowd is going, and even whether you, yourself are on the right road. But let me encourage you to keep running with the Lord. And when the race is over and you have finished your course, may the Lord say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

*Pastor Carol*

Gleaners Food Truck  
The first Thursday of each month from  
April thru September.  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sheridan Church of God  
707 W 2nd Street



Since the first Thursday of July will be the 4th,  
the mobile truck will be here the following Thursday, July, 11, 2019



MOTHER'S DAY  
SUNDAY MAY 12, 2019  
10:00 A.M. SERVICE  
The Children will be singing  
Mommy and Me

# CHILDREN'S MOMENTS AND ENRICHMENT

What a wonderful Easter! First we learned about the empty tomb and then had a Easter egg hunt. Last week we heard about Jesus and Doubting Thomas.



# Learn and Play Preschool

Every Thursday we get to play and learn about new things. Last week we studied the ocean!



# Learn and Play Preschool

We even had a visit from Dr. Miller to check our eyes.





# Happy Anniversary

Helen Hamilton	5/1
Shelley Weir	5/7
Betty Ayers	5/8
Kate Pickett	5/9
Linda Stephenson	5/10
Pam Brandenburg	5/11
Kyle Fox	5/13
Ron Dennison	5/15
Matt Dollard	5/15
Carolyn Biddle	5/16
Jeanna Pearson	5/17
Judy Wicker	5/19
Jim Pickett	5/24
Chris Adams	5/29
Allie Ringer	5/29

Leon & Pam Brandenburg	5/7
Robert & Kimberlee Snedaker	5/12
Clifford & Carolyn Biddle	5/29
Bart & Eva Grinstead	5/31

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



Koinonia meets the Third Thursday of each month.



Lydia Circle Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.



## LEARN AND PLAY ENROLLMENT 2019-2020

We are currently accepting registering students for the 2019-2020 Academic Year for ages 2 through 5. Registration forms are available at the church and on the church web site.



**Remembering  
Our Homebound Members**

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 Stephenson

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.



A Place where **everyone** matters

Soon school will be out for summer break. Again this year we will be offering a place for kids, and parents to have lunch, get a book, and do a craft. This takes volunteers to make it happen. What a great way to spend some time this summer getting to know the folks in our town. Please let Pastor Carol or the office know if you have some time to help.

# MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00 p.m. Choir 7:10 p.m.	2 Learn & Play Field Trip to Zoo 8:30 a.m. Gleaner Food Truck 4:00- 6:00p.m at Church of God	3	4
5 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship Graduation Recognition Reception –dining hall	6 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	7 Sunflower Pantry 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 5:00 p.m.	8 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:10p.m.	9 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	10	11
12 Mother's Day 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship Children Singing	13	14 Lydia Circle 1:30 p.m.	15 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:10 p.m.	16 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Graduation and Picnic at Park Koinonia 7:00 p.m.	17	18
19 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	20 Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21 Sunflower Pantry 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 5:00 pl.m.	22 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:10p.m.	23	24	25
26 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship	27 Memorial Day	28 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Finance 7:30 p.m.	29 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	30 Lunch Club 11:30– 1:00	31 Lunch Club 11:30– 1:00	