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Weekend Backpacks Benefit Concert to honor our own David Shaffer

You are cordially invited to a concert honoring retiring BC School Superintendent David Shaffer, by Brown County Weekend Backpack Program. It will take place at Brown County High School Auditorium on Friday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. Free admission and voluntary donations are accepted at the door. Refreshments will follow the concert. All donations will support the Brown County Weekend Backpack Program. For any questions about the concert, please contact Clara Stanley @ 312-310-3671 or clarastanley0309@yahoo.com

Eagle Scout Court of Honor You're Invited to Celebrate with Jackson Kelp

On May 1 at 2:00 in the sanctuary you're invited to Jackson's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. A reception immediately follows the ceremony. Please RSVP by April 22 to Barb Kelp at barbkelp@sbcglobal.net.



United Methodist Women Plan Outing to Lebanon Children's Home

On May 6 you're invited to visit the United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon with a side trip to the Indiana Gourd Show! All are welcome — the group will meet at the church at 9 a.m. For more information contact Donna Marks.

Earthquakes Strike Ecuador and Japan; You Can Help

Bishop Silvio Cevallos of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Ecuador asks that people "continue to hold our country in prayer." The quake has claimed the lives of over 350 people and many more are missing or injured.

Contributions through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) make a difference. Make checks payable to NUMC with "UMCOR" on the memo line.

DARE TO FOLLOW

"WRAP YOUR CLOAK AROUND YOU AND FOLLOW ME" - ACTS 12:8

As you may know, Bishop Michael Coyner is retiring at the end of August. He has served as bishop of Indiana for 12 years, his last time to preside will be at the 2016 Annual Conference session. New bishops will be elected at the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference in July, and a new bishop will be assigned to lead the Indiana Conference. In a recent "epistle from Bishop Mike," he shared these thoughts about numbers and people and sharing our faith:

52,211 is an interesting number that should lead to a lot of rejoicing. That number is the number of "professions of faith" we have had in the Indiana Area during my tenure as bishop. A "profession of faith" is a new member who joins by making a first-time profession of Jesus Christ as Lord, or sometimes it is someone who is being restored to faith. It is not a member who simply transfers into one of our congregations from another UM congregation or from another denomination. So a "PF" is a best measurement of new Christians being welcomed and discipled into our UMC. It is a very important number....

A person who joins us by Profession of Faith is a new convert, or perhaps a person restored to faith who has allowed their church membership to lapse over the years. It includes youth being confirmed into the faith. It includes persons who have been invited, welcomed, and nurturing toward a decision for Christ and the church. It is an important number, and I was pleased to discover that is a LARGE NUMBER here in Indiana. We have a little less than 200,000 adult members in the Indiana Conference, so 52,211 new members by

Profession of Faith is great news – and it is worth celebrating.

Of course I am not claiming "credit" for that number. I have only been privileged to serve as bishop and leader for the conference, and I seldom am involved directly in helping new people come to faith (although it happens). So I am not bragging about myself, I am bragging about the pastors and churches of our Indiana Conference. Good job! 52,211 lives changed! Lots of new people brought to faith. Thousands of people discovering the love of God and the welcome of our churches.

Now here is the sobering part of that number 52,211: it was achieved by only about half of our congregations. Nearly half of our congregations did not receive a single new person by Profession of Faith during the past several years. In spite of the fact that we say our mission is "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" only about half of our churches are really doing so. Some of those churches are large, many are small. Size does not seem to matter much, it is more about FOCUS and being intentional in loving people into the faith and into our churches.

So the number 52,211 is worth celebrating, but it is also a challenge to the rest of our pastors and churches to get involved in inviting, welcoming, loving, and nurturing new persons into the faith. How do we do that? I know of one small church in our conference which decided to focus upon two new households in their community – and to "love them into our church." It took almost two years of praying for them, visiting with them (in a "listening" manner not a "selling manner"), and encouraging them to come to certain events in the life of the church (fellowship events

are a great opportunity). It took time, because many persons outside of the faith and outside of the church are not sure that we church people are "trustworthy" – they have been misled and mistreated by too many other people who supposedly were Christians. But that small congregation did it! They "loved into their church" both households over a period of two years, and that led them to discover others whom they could reach and invite.

It all starts with our focus. When our focus as a church is upon ourselves and our own comfort, then we never seem to get around to reaching others. But we become outwardly-focused, then we discover new life for ourselves and others.

I am grateful today for 52,211 people whose lives have been blessed by finding a faith and church home in our United Methodist churches of Indiana. And I pray for thousands more to be brought to faith by our UMC in Indiana. Will you join me in that prayer and in that focus?

Joys and Concerns

Betsy Kelp-Galloway
Edie and John Holm
Dottie Weir
Rob Lawless
Jean and Bob Dailey
Janis Funk (sister of J.Zimmerman)
Nel Hamilton
Kurt Von Schritztz
Nolan Combest
General Conference, meeting in Oregon in May
People of Ecuador and Japan as they recover from earthquakes
The issue of suicide

In Memoriam:

Ruby Jean Tate, 04/02/2016,
mother of Donna Marks

Dorothy Eleanor Rees, 4/12/2016,
mother of Collie Rees

Lois Claire 4/20/2016,
mother of Susie O'Donnell

Joe Thomas Avery 4/22/2016,
father of Sharon Zeigler

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

What's Next with RecycleForce?

Seven people from our church plus one guest traveled to Indianapolis to visit the RecycleForce plant and Isaiah House. Printers and other electronics are torn apart and sent off to retrieve precious metals. Leaded glass is broken down to be sent to a smelting operation in Missouri. Anything with a cord finds some use, and people reentering society from prison gain the self respect of having a job and having friends and mentors who will help them navigate the parole system, find housing and experience new hope.



Isaiah House is a house just down the street from Brookside Community Church; it's owned by the church with the purpose of providing housing for people who have found jobs after RecycleForce and are working to have a more stable life. They can live there up to a year until they find permanent housing. But they also are involved in the church and learn what it means to connect with a faith community.

So what's next as we continue to think and pray people who are reentering society after prison? We've been asked to think about hosting a Brown

County Day for some of the guys — have a cookout, fellowship time, a hike in the woods. The Church and Society group will be working on plans. If you'd like to be involved, contact Bill Todd or Gloria Berryman.

Continue to pray for Charles Neal who preached here and for the ministry of RecycleForce; pray for Pastor Dave and Brookside Community Church and for the men of Isaiah House who are discovering a new life.

Missions Reminders

• Shopping Lists

Be sure to pick up your shopping list for our Brown County hunger ministries! It will be in the May 1 bulletin; keep it handy!

• Faith in Action Buttons

New "Faith in Action" buttons are available in the church. Our supply had been depleted and the Missions Committee has provided new ones. Use these whenever you serve at Mother's Cupboard or for loading backpacks or any other place that you want to let people know that the church has left the building and is serving in the community!



Congratulations!

- New Eagle Scout Jackson Kelp
- New Eagle Scout Abe Oliver
- Barb Kelp named Brown County Teacher of the Year

David the Outlaw Praise Party Taught God's Strength and Courage

Lunch at high noon, games, crafts



and the stories of David as he fought Goliath and then dealt with King Saul on the run — all of these were part of the spring Praise on April 16. Thanks to all who helped in this time of nurturing children in the faith.

Next Praise Party:

Save the Date!

Mega Sports Camp
on
Saturday, June 4



Fellowship and Connection at NUMC

Watch for Signs of the Behind-the-Scenes Team

Do you ever walk into the Sanctuary and say to yourself, "Wow. All of the boxes on the backs of the pews are filled with visitor information cards and pencils. And, look, the hymnals are so neat and orderly." Yeah, I don't either.

At least, I didn't until I became chairperson of the Worship Committee. I have since learned that the decorating and upkeep of the Sanctuary as well as maintaining the Narthex is mostly the work of three dedicated church members, Ruthann Bailey, Marla Bailey and Judy Zimmerman.

In addition to refreshing the items in the pews, these three ladies make sure the candles are checked and the correct altar cloths (which are based on the liturgical year) are properly placed and arranged. They make sure banners are hung and they coordinate the various decorations for holidays.

Flowers also fall under their purview. If fresh flowers have not been provided for Sunday service, they gather an arrangement of silk flowers they have stored away in the church. Ruthann, Marla and Judy also are responsible for the information concerning the Easter and Christmas bulletin inserts for flower purchases.

All of their behind-the-scenes service adds to our worship experience. Thanks to Ruthann, Marla and Judy for all of their work.

—Norman Knight



What's New with NUMY?

Grapple Has Begun!

What's Grapple? A new Sunday morning group for 6-9th graders! David Phelps leads the group as they "grapple" with issues of faith and life and following Jesus.

Four Attend Winter Jam

Winter Jam is an annual Christian concert held at Bankers' Life Field House in Indianapolis. It was a great event.

Plans Underway for Mission Guatemala Mission Trip in 2017

The dates are set: July 22-29, 2017 youth and adults will travel to Guatemala for a mission trip. Watch for more details!

30-Hour Famine - May 14th and 15th.

Youth will fast for 30 hours to raise money for world hunger. Watch for opportunities to support this effort.

Sweeter Than Honey Class Update

The Sweeter Than Honey Class continues to focus on the delights of reading and praying the words of scripture. Following the directive of Psalm 34:8 to "taste and see that the Lord is good," we approach the Bible with the attitude of "faith seeking understanding."

During the month of March, we have been exploring "New Testament Songs" -- Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79), the Song of Mary, etc. As we did with the Old Testament texts, in April and May I will introduce members of the class to some of the many wonderful musical settings that are available for praying the Canticles (songs).

Here is what is happening in May-- "More New Testament Songs"

May 1 Canticle of Hope (I) Rev. 22:5-10 (UM Hymnal 734); Canticle of Hope (II) Isaiah 40:12-28 (Joseph Martin setting)

May 8 Singing the New Song(s) of the Revelation of St. John, chapters 4-7

May 15 Guest Speaker TBA



Holy Humor Sunday April 3

Joy is the heart of our faith — and we celebrated Holy Humor Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter — as we continue to experience the joy of the resurrection and the laughter of Jesus in his triumph over the grave!

Thanks to all those who participated by dressing up, wearing nose'n'glasses, juggling, offering special music, sharing jokes, or simply being ready to laugh!



"Once again, Lord, I come to you with this crazy, overwhelming desire to party."

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United Methodist Men to Meet

April 23

Breakfast is served! Men of the church will gather for breakfast and a time of inspiration together. Men of all ages welcome! Meeting is 8:30-9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 23. For more information contact Bruce Marks.

Fallfare time!



It is time to start making items for the We Made It! Fallfare booth. We will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 10:30 and the focus for the day will be paper projects. Tasks will include just cutting along a line to decorating gift tags—skill levels for everyone! It is an opportunity to spend time together while also helping others through Fallfare sales. Have a question or an idea for a future project? See co-chairs Kathy Roberts or Jan Greenlee.



WORSHIP AND PRAISE



Darla McFadden will Share Music and Witness on May 15

Darla's experiences have led her "to develop a ministry that is heartfelt and sincere. Her ability to speak to the broken spirit and understand their pain is a gift she shares from her heart. Darla's gift of empathy and understanding shine to all that have had the opportunity to hear her music or experience her ministry in person. Her testimony reminds us all, that God will bring us thru the toughest of life's experience's to be a living example of his peace and love."

Darla will be with us for both services on May 15; Pastor Mary will be away and Keith Fleener will lead the service. Come and welcome Darla back to NUMC.

Celebrate 5th Sunday Fellowship on June 5!

This year a Fifth Sunday falls on Memorial Day weekend. With people's travels, family visits and the 100th anniversary of the Indy 500, we thought June 5 would work better for our "5th Sunday" Fellowship Dinner. So mark your calendar now, plan to bring a dish or two to share, and all donations will go to the Guatemala Youth Mission Trip 2017 fund.

News about Choirs and Summer Music

Each year our choirs take a break — the last Sunday for the Crystal Ringers will be May 8 and the last Sunday for the Chancel Choir will be May 29. Thank you to all of those who participate in these choirs — your dedication and talents are a blessing to us all!

Tammera Lane, our Director of Music, is currently coordinating special music for the summer Sundays. If you're interested in offering special music this summer, please let her know. Her email address is: freespiritcelt@yahoo.com.



Liturgist Schedule

Liturgy, or worship, is the 'work of the people.' Pastor Mary and the Worship Committee are always searching for ways to make worship more meaningful and to give people a variety of ways to participate. We all participate as we sing, stand, praise, pray, listen, give, offer words of blessing, and share the peace of Christ. Another way to participate is to read scripture and lead other acts of worship. Thank you to all those who do serve as liturgists. If you would like to serve as a liturgist but haven't been asked, please let Pastor Mary know.

The new schedule for May— July is below (always subject to change; you'll get a reminder.)

- May 1 – Terry Beckinger
- May 8 – Rita Simon
- May 15 – Keith Fleener
- May 22 – TBD
- May 29 – Judy Zimmerman
- June 5 – Kathy Roberts
- June 12 – Ryan Harrison
- June 19 – Jan Greenlee
- June 26 – TBD
- July 3 – Bob Butts
- July 10 – Norman Knight
- July 17 – Maya Karl
- July 24 – Bill Todd
- July 31 – John Davis
- Aug. 7 — Jenny Johnson

Celebrate Pentecost

We'll celebrate Pentecost this year on **May 22 — the birthday of the church!**

When the Pentecost come they gathered place...and them were with the Holy Spirit...(Acts 2:1,4)



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Kevin West from Wabash, IN will be here — he's a classical guitarist, sings and will sing his arrangement of "All Consuming Fire." Let's all fill the sanctuary with the color of fire — wear red! Wear red shirts, shoes, slacks, skirts, hats — whatever you can find that's red!

Stuff You Need to Know



Senior Explorers - May 10

The May senior outing will be a trip to the Eiteljorg Museum in downtown Indianapolis. Lunch will be determined that day. Since it's a longer trip than usual, we will meet in the Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!



April Birthdays

4/1 Jacob Snyder
4/3 Ann Callahan
4/3 Mary Ann Woerner
4/7 Mary Cartwright
4/8 Bill Walters
4/8 David Simon
4/11 Gloria Berryman
4/16 Dottie Weir
4/16 Rhea Ellen Boley
4/16 Justin Mollo
4/16 Maddy Oliver
4/17 Linda Wescott
4/18 Clayton Fleener
4/19 Jim Callahan
4/19 Cannon Mollo
4/26 Jean Dailey
4/26 Brian Teel
4/28 Brad Karl

April Anniversaries

4/2/1965 Linda & Bill Todd
4/2/1966 Karen & Dave Richards

May Anniversaries

5/7/1988 Libby & Bob Zeigler
5/14/1984 Ann & Steve Miller
5/17/1992 Mitzi & Bob Reichmann
5/17/1997 Edie & John Holm
5/17/1997 Amanda & Scott Pardue
5/18/2007 Meme & Richard Anderson
5/20/1978 Connie & Dennis Rhodes
5/28/2011 Jenise & Brent Bohbrink
5/29/1982 Mary & Tom Quillen
5/29/1999 Sarah & Justin Cochran

May Birthdays

5/3 Austin Roush
5/4 Sally Greeno
5/4 Libby Zeigler
5/5 Jim Goodman
5/6 Beverly Kelp
5/7 Marcia Sledd
5/7 Grant Manning
5/7 Brianna Simmonds
5/7 John Harris
5/9 Amber Phelps
5/11 Donna Marks
5/12 Carl Douglas
5/13 June Logan
5/13 Kelsey Hoefling
5/15 Jay Hancock
5/15 Linda Todd
5/15 John Oliver
5/16 Rich Greeno
5/18 Deb Beckinger
5/18 Carrie Normile
5/19 Dave Woerner
5/20 Ethan Combest
5/24 Parker Scott
5/26 Bill Pruitt
5/28 Kent Taylor



Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert

Come enjoy the Community Band and help raise funds for the next Habitat build. Hear about exciting work of the Brush with Kindness section of Habitat's work.

May 7, 7:00 pm in the BC High School Auditorium.

\$4,200.00 Grant Awarded

Exciting news -- NUMC has been awarded a grant from the Center for Congregations which will pay 1/2 the cost of design work for the redevelopment of the Johnson St. Property! The Church Council approved this grant proposal in March and we should receive the money soon.

In response to the input from the congregation as well as from the Trustees as a group, the task force has identified the desire for attractive, functional space that is clearly identifiable to the community and visitors as part of NUMC. The design will support the use of the space by people of all ages, it will encourage interaction of people for recreation and fellowship, and attention will be given to the need for upkeep and maintenance, safety and security and phased construction.

The Johnson Street Property Task Force will begin meeting again shortly -- May 4 at 10:00 at the church. Thanks to Jim Goodman, chair, Kathy Roberts, Charlie Roush, Jane Huffman, Jack Wescott and Jenise Bohbrink for serving on this task force.

YOUNG DISCIPLES NEWS

Love God | Love Others | Pass It On

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3

It's Holy Humor Sunday!
Anyone need an ark built?
'Cause I "Noah" guy...

There will be no Children's Church on April 3, so kids can join in the fun!

April 16

David the Outlaw Praise Party

High Noon-2 p.m.

Life is not easy and we often find ourselves in troublesome situations where we have to make difficult decisions. This event is based on 1 Samuel 17-31- a series of difficult times in David's life and presents Saul in contrast.

This free program features stories and games and a cowboy-style lunch.

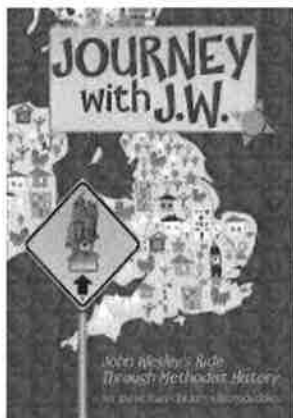
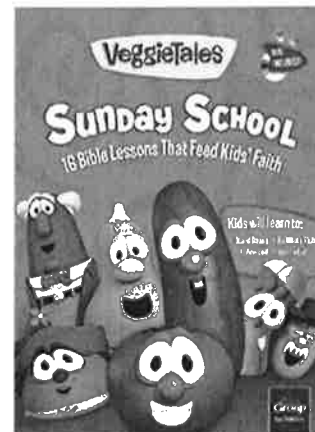
Volunteers and donations are needed- sign up in the Narthex!

Check out Young Disciples online at nashvilleumc.com!

Nursery News

In the season between Christmas and Easter, it only seems appropriate to talk about the life of Jesus. "Stories of Jesus" (Abingdon Press) chronicles the life of Jesus incorporating fun stories, music, and crafts. Each Sunday will focus on one event or theme from Jesus' amazing ministry!

After Easter, we will be starting a new unit from preschoolers' favorite vegetables- Veggie Tales!



In God's Training Center

Journey with J.W.! The children will experience life in the times of John Wesley and the Circuit Riders. Using stories, songs and an awesome craft each week, this 10 week unit will teach kids about the founding and early history of the Methodist Church.

Children's Church

During 10:30 worship, children will experience liturgy-based scripture and message, but designed just for kids!



May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> 2:00 p.m. - Jackson Kelp Eagle Scout Court of Honor	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 6:00 p.m. NUMY 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<u>5</u> 9:30 a.m. UMW 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	<u>6</u> 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Folding UMW – trip to Children’s Home Kelp/Catron Wedding Rehearsal and dinner.	<u>7</u> Spring Blossom Festival
<u>8</u> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<u>9</u> 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<u>10</u> 10:00 a.m. Senior Explorers Outing	<u>11</u> 6:00 p.m. NUMY 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<u>12</u> 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting	<u>13</u> 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Folding Set-up for Kelp/Catron Wedding	<u>14</u> All day- Kelp/Catron Wedding
<u>15</u> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<u>16</u> 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 6:00 p.m. NUMY 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<u>19</u> 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	<u>20</u> 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Folding 4:30 – 9:30 p.m. Girl Scout Babysitting Event	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<u>23</u> 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<u>24</u> 7:00 p.m. Church Council	<u>25</u> 6:00 p.m. NUMY 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<u>26</u> 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	<u>27</u> 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Folding	<u>28</u> 8:30 United Methodist Men Breakfast Habitat for Humanity Pie Auction
<u>29</u> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<u>30</u> Memorial Day Office Closed	<u>31</u>	Looking Forward >	June 5 th - Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal		

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Hospitality Teams — Thank You!

April Hospitality Team: Mariea and Mel Hoefling (coordinators), Pam and Randy Boer, Lu and Jim Brunnemer, Brenda Green, Mary and Jay Hancock, Casandra and Brad Karl, Kathryn Boer, Becky and Norman Knight, Keisha Lipscomb, Donna and Bruce Marks, Tom Persing, Collie Rees, Rod Rich, Gloria and Don Sooby.

May Hospitality Team: Keith Fleener (coordinator), Rhea Ellen Boley, Jenni and Shane Combest and sons, Penny and Mark Dixon, Lee Gray, Ryan Harrison and children, Barb and Jackson Kelp, Brenda and Roger Kelso, June Logan, Julie and Dave Miller, Nancy and Gary Manning, Heather and Steve Mollo, Donna and Bob Ormiston, Alberta Schrock, Cathy Schrock.