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A NOTE FROM PASTOR TONI

Dear Friends,

Though summer officially begins June 21st and ends September 21st (according to Siri), it seems to me the prime summer months are June through August. We move out of the warmth of our living rooms and into our yards sometime in May, and by Memorial Day we're ready for picnics and beach time, even if we don't

get much further than to pull the weeds out of our gardens and from around our houses. That's how



Watching a sun set

Scott and I spent this year's holiday, along with planting and transplanting. It's all

pretty satisfying to look over what's been accomplished and to think about how nice it will be to sit back on the lawn chair or the porch swing and watch it all grow.

But how often do we do that? I mean, sitting down and just watching things grow? Sometimes it's the mosquitoes that keep

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YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT NEWS BY CORRYNE WICK

Hi There!

As you may know, here at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, we are trying to get a Youth Community Service Project off the ground. It's not just meant to be service, but also something where

the youth and children get together to have some fun. This year, we've provided items at the community meal several times. Most recently we provided flower pot kits to the mothers in church on Mother's Day. That was a success and people

did seem to very much enjoy them. For June 10th, we will be taking a trip to the local Bowling Alley (Quick Lanes) after having pizza in the Education Building basement.

After doing these activi-
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us from relaxing outside and enjoying the view, but sometimes it's because we're busy being busy. Some of us have a hard time slowing down. There's always something else to do, something that needs fixed or straightened, emptied or filled, washed or fed. Sometimes we get caught into thinking that we're the only one who can do those things—or at least we're the only ones who can do those things just the way we want them to be done. So, we just keep going—and doing. And we miss some really nice things. Like sunsets. Like cicada noises. Like the sounds of little kids laughing and playing 2 yards down.

After spending 5 days at a retreat center where I was “forced” to spend some hours sitting down and listening to a speaker I enjoy with a view of Lake Tahoe in the windows behind her, Scott and I took a week of vacation exploring. I've flown to and from Califor-

nia before, but never spent time on the roads, in the woods, in the valleys or mountains. It was beautiful. We did a lot of “busy” but we took some time to breathe, too.

A week later I spent a couple of days at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center in Indy where I was oriented and then introduced to the pastors who I'll be in relationship with for the next 3 years, serving as a facilitator for the Residence in Ministry (RIM) program our Annual Conference uses to support and encourage pastors in their first few years of ministry. There was a lot going on over those 3 days, and as much as I enjoyed being there with them—one of my favorite moments was going outside and finding a place where I was alone. I laid down on a bench and looked at the sky through the trees. I watched a tiny jet draw a white line between the branches and then watched it fade away. It was the most restful thing I did all

week.

Jesus said to his disciples, “*Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile*” (Mark 6:31), and he's telling us to do that today, too. We need it. We don't think we do, but we do. Taking a few moments to breathe in the fresh air or enjoy the sun streaming through the window, taking a ride down the highway with your favorite music cranked up loud and your hair blowing all over the place, or taking a couple of weeks away from it all if you can—whatever it is that you can do—restores you and makes you better for the next round.

It seems like summer is a prime time to do that. I hope you'll take a break from your busyness and enjoy a quiet place.

O Lord, may we allow you to teach us to order our days so that we always have time for rest with and in you. Amen.

Blessings,



SUMMER MUSICAL EVENTS IN THE SANCTUARY!!

JULY 1, 2018 Marshall County Orchestra will present a Patriotic program at 5:00.

AUGUST 12, 2018 Christian Comedian, Tony Wolff, will perform in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. during The Well

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 The Dunnamen's will present a Gospel concert at 5:00.

Help make FUMC the Plymouth church with music in the air! Support our church by attending these events and bringing friends and neighbors!

LIFE IS FRAGILE, HANDLE WITH PRAYER BY DOROTHY STEINKE



Dorothy Steinke

"...never a soul need be helpless when linked with God's infinite power."

Francis

McKinnon Morton

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans we cannot express. **Romans 8:26**

When the Jesus' followers asked Him to teach them how to pray; He gave them the Lord's prayer. Sometimes we need more words for our deep concerns and I don't know what to pray for or how to pray. I don't groan, I moan. Groaning has a grr sound; moaning is more pitiful - I need help and I have to trust that my moaning is being interpreted. God loves us - we can't even comprehend how much - and He hears all our prayers whether we groan or moan.

Mission Witness:

After moving into my new home, every day I had frogs or lizards in my bathroom. I went to the street to find someone who would help to get them out since I am afraid of lizards and frogs. I had made many friends before we found the hole where the lizards and frogs were coming in. I see this was God's way to help me to break the ice in a new community. *Tsetsegdari Munkhbaatar, Global Mission Fellows International, Grenada*

The meaning of prayer

A breath of prayer in the morning means a day of blessing sure; A breath of prayer in the evening means a

night of rest secure; A breath of prayer in our weakness means a clasp of a mighty hand; A breath of prayer when we're lonely means someone to understand; A breath of prayer in our sorrows means comfort and peace and rest; A breath of prayer in our doubtings assures us the Lord knows best; A breath of prayer in rejoicing gives joy and added delight. For they that remember God's goodness go singing far into the night. There's never a year nor a season that prayer may not bless every hour, and never a soul need be helpless when linked with God's infinite power.

**Francis
McKinnon Morton**



SAVE THE DATE! CIRCLE JULY 25, 7:05P.M. ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Thanks to the generosity of US Granules, FUMC has the opportunity to attend the July 25, 2018 game of the South Bend Cubs vs. Lansing Lugnuts and view the game in a private corporate suite. Attendance is limited to 20 people, so sign up now!!!



Saturday,
June 2nd
at the

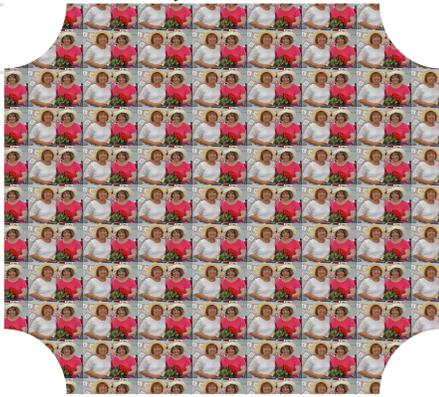
Farmer's Market
7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Invite your friends & neighbors
to purchase some goodies!*

Proceeds to benefit our 2019 Team
traveling to Mission Guatemala.

Bakers: *Please deliver baked items to
the Fellowship Hall on Friday evening,
June 1st,
between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.*

ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON "Derby Day"

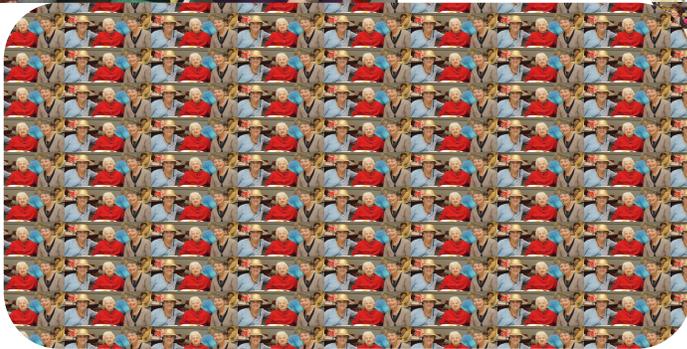
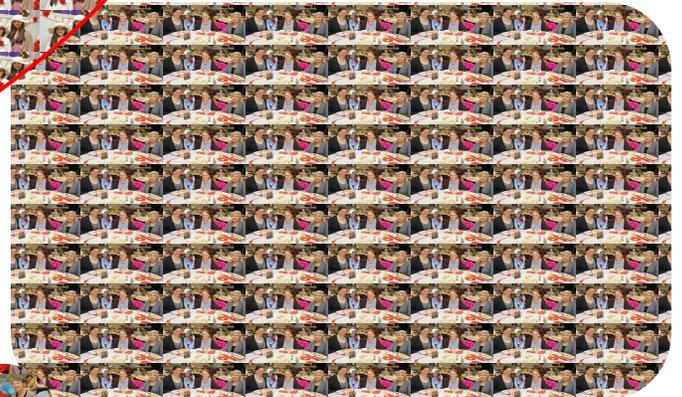


Entertainment was provided by Trista Mitchell and Lily and Eva Macey playing piano; and Abi Pickut who read a book about a pony who saved the day! All the ladies sang "My Old Kentucky Home" accompanied by Jeanne Middleton on the piano.

was held on April 29!

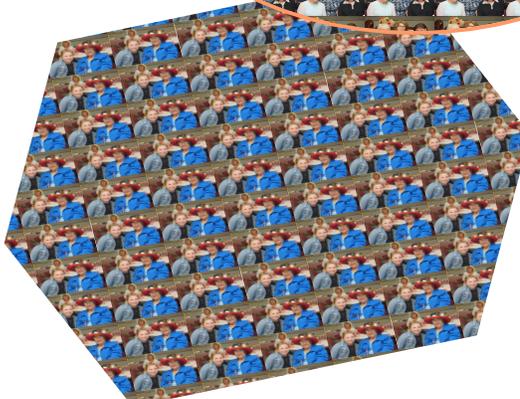
The ladies donated \$220 for the Women's Care Center in Plymouth. Delicious food and great fellowship were enjoyed by all!

Mother's Club would like to thank the ladies of WOW for furnishing salads and to Betty Kay Eley for the horseshoe of roses.



“Derby Day”

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JUNE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:30 Liturgists	June 3 Tim Hardy	June 10 Jim Easterday	June 17 David Smith	June 24 Jan Hardy
10:30 Liturgists	Judy Stump	Judy Stump	John Finlay	John Finlay
Greeters	Bert & Marilyn Rans	Betty Cleeter	Jon & Angela Ganshorn	Betty Kay Eley
Ushers	Bill & Donna Hemmig Carole Ralston Becky Liechty Woody Schinbeckler			
Sound System (10:30)	Tom Pedavoli	James Faulstich	Ralph Booker	Robin Cupka
Older Nursery	Stacey Jackson	Robin Cupka	Deb Jung	Sarah Smith
Acolytes	(none for the summer)			

SUMMER EVENTS IN THE SANCTUARY

JULY 1 AT 5:00 P.M. MARSHALL COUNTY ORCHESTRA WILL PRESENT A PATRIOTIC PROGRAM

AUGUST 12 AT 5:00 P.M. CHRISTIAN COMEDIAN, TONY WOLFF WILL BE PERFORMING

PREACHING PLAN FOR JUNE

June 3

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday, Music Sunday
Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
Title/Theme: Treasure in Plastic Bottles

June 10

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Text: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1
Title/Theme: Indestructible

June 17

4th Sunday after Pentecost
Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-17
Title/Theme: Seeing With New Eyes (Lasik For the Heart)

June 24

5th Sunday after Pentecost
Text: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Title/Theme: Do You Know What Time it Is?



Community Meal

**June 27th
5:00-7:00PM**



***HAPPY JUNE.....SUMMER IS COMING!!!
SMALL GROUPS ARE THRIVING !!!!***

Lunch Bunch: The third Friday of the month: RSVP Carol Beiter
JUNE 15 the group will be dining at Highlander Grill in Etna Green!
Meet to carpool at the church at 11:30!

HERE ARE THE RESTAURANT CHOICES FOR THE COMING FEW MONTHS:

JULY 20: RISE AND SHINE (across from LifePlex)
AUGUST 17: EVERGREEN (Rochester)
SEPTEMBER 21: LAKE HOUSE (Culver)

Dominos and Euchre will be featured on the 3rd Thursday of the month
from 2-4:00 PM. Contact Dean Luther for further details at 540-2196.

Christian Craftin' Mamas continue to meet and explore the world of
creativity. Contact Michelle Faulstich 941-2737 for further details.

Blessed Bookies: Meet the 4TH Mondays of the month at Miller's
Assisted Living at 5:30 PM. On Monday, June 25 the Bookies will be
discussing "A Life of Bright Ideas".

Bad Girls: This group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11:00. The
discussion will center around the book "31 Proverbs to Light Your Path"
by Liz Curtis Higgs. Our meeting is always followed by lunch at Opie's
and we would love to have new members. Join us for a unique Bible
study.

Do any of these small groups sound interesting? It is never too late to
connect with each other....Please contact Susan Wautelet at 936-2747 or
swautelet@aol.com for more information.

SAVE THE DATE—JULY 25, 2018

Wednesday, July 25th

South Bend Cubs at Four Winds Field

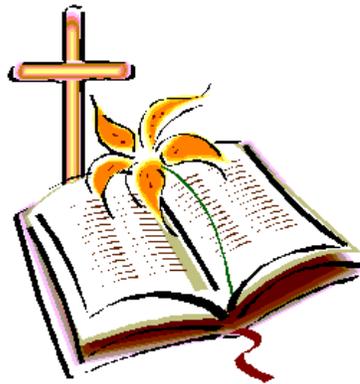
7:05 p.m. start



South Bend Cubs

JOY BREAKS BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Joy Breaks Bible study will begin a new study on June 14th. All women of the church are invited to share in this weekly Bible study. The group meets each Thursday from 12:30 to



1:30 p.m. The new study book is entitled One, a Small Group Journey Toward Life-changing Community. Contact Linda Langfeldt to order a book; cost is \$10.00. Please join us!

New book:

One, a Small Group Journey Toward Life-changing Community.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Social Concerns Committee continues to support Link to Hope, Heminger House and the Neighborhood Center. These agencies help to fulfill our mission to assist the needy in our community. You may write a check to First United Methodist Church and put Social Concerns in the memo line, or put one of these agencies on

the memo line, if you like. For June, please donate the following items to the Neighborhood Center: jelly, canned fruit, boxed meals, canned spaghetti, and summer clothes for children and adults. These may be placed in the grocery cart at the back of the church. Coming up in August, we have a chance to help Heminger House by

donating baked goods to be sold at the Farmer's Market on August 18. You don't have to man the booth, just bake! You'll be hearing more about that in July and August, and there will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church later. Thanks for supporting those in need in our community. It's what God asks us to do.



August 18th at the Farmer's Market to benefit Heminger House

Looking Ahead....



Sunday, June 3 – Music Sunday at the 10:30 Service,
Communion at both services

There will be a hymn sing and Performances may include:

- The Chancel Choir singing "The Majesty and Glory of the Lord" and "Some Sweet Day"
- Ladies Trio singing "People Need the Lord"
- Jan Heeren singing a medley entitled "In the Garden"
- *Dance for Him*
- The Children's Choir
- Lily Macey – Piano Solo: "Spring" by Vivaldi
- Eva Macey – Piano Solo: "Sailing in the Sun" by Faber
- Kay Finlay on the Organ and Kathy Mills on the Piano playing "Morning Has Broken" for the Prelude and "Amazing Grace" for the Offertory



Happy
Father's Day

Sunday, June 17 – Father's Day

Sunday, June 24 – Picnic Sunday

One Service only at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary; Followed by a Carry-In Picnic at Centennial Park, Hoosier Old Wheels Shelter;

Dance for Him will perform at the picnic!



WHERE: The Hoosier Old Wheels Shelter is on Randolph Street across from the high school baseball diamond. The facility includes restrooms. There is a playground adjacent for those young at heart.

PARKING: Parking is at a premium. Please be considerate and leave the closest parking spots for those that need them most!



BRING: Bring a well-filled basket and table service. Lemonade and water will be furnished.

Unless otherwise noted, Sunday morning services at 8:30 and 10:30,
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30.
Sunday evening – The Well at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall

ADAMS STREET KIDS (ASK)

May 27th was the last scheduled ASK meeting until the middle of July. A cook-out is being planned for mid-June. Watch the bulletin for details.

Just a reminder, volunteers are needed for the Blueberry Stomp on Labor Day. Individuals are

needed for water stops, traffic control, and stuffing the bags the evening prior to the race that are given to racers. Please call Aaron Woodcox at **574-780-6049** to volunteer.

If you own a local business or know someone who does and would like

to be a sponsor, please contact Aaron Woodcox by phone, text or email. Sponsors are needed and appreciated! Deadline is July 1st.

Thanks so much,

Aaron Woodcox

Director of ASK Ministries

Email: awoodcox585@gmail.com



Marshall County Blueberry Stomp

THE WELL

Greetings from The Well!

I have nothing real profound to say. It's great to see some nice weather and sunshine. Everything is so green. It's a wonderful sight after a winter that we thought would never end!!

We have just finished a series of lessons at The Well about Reflections on Easter. We met some of the people who were with Jesus the last week of his Crucifixion. It was a very interesting study and we learned a lot.

When I was a child I attended a CEF Good News Club at our neighbor's house across the street. At one point we were challenged to memorize Psalm 23. I accepted the challenge mainly because if we memorized it we were given our own personal child size flannel graph set which we could then use to teach our own Bible les-

sons! There wasn't much I liked better than the flannel graph lessons we learned in Good News Club! So, really I wanted to win that flannel graph set.

While I did memorize this beautiful Scripture I admit my understanding of it was quite limited. However, I have recently read a book by W. Phillip Keller titled "A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23". I have always known that Jesus is referred to as THE GREAT SHEPHERD and that we are referred to as HIS SHEEP. I've even heard the occasional sermon pointing out comparisons between sheep and humans. This book is bringing this analogy alive to me in a way I have never understood before. Phillip Keller, the author, spent many years as a shepherd

and his way of explaining how the shepherd cares for his sheep and how the sheep know their master's voice is a beautiful relationship to contemplate. We will begin this study on Sunday, June 3rd. Please join us and bring a friend!

Some other events to look forward to which are sponsored by the Outreach Committee and hosted by THE WELL are as follows:

Sunday, July 1 @ 5:00 p.m. - The Marshall County Church Orchestra will present a Concert of Patriotic Music in the Sanctuary. Invite your family and friends and get your Independence Holiday started on the right note!!

Sunday, August 12 @ 5:00 p.m. - Tony Wolff, Christian Come-

dian and Musician will appear in Concert in the Sanctuary. The entire family will enjoy this program. Take time to invite your friends, too!

Sunday, September 16 @ 5:00 p.m. - The Dune-mann's Music Ministry will share their beautiful vocal harmonies in the Sanctuary. Gretchen and Reg travel the United States lifting the name of Jesus in song. This is another opportunity to invite your family and friends to an evening of wonderful, spirit-filled entertainment.

I urge you to mark your calendars with these upcoming events and I also invite you to come learn more about the 23rd Psalm. If you cannot attend THE WELL please pray for us as we strive to become more like Jesus and as we reach out to our community.

Meet me at THE WELL!!!

SUBMITTED BY CINDY FLAGG

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 Christine Morrow Riley Rose	2
3 Maxine Lawson	4 Chris Cochern Laura Luebcke	5 Lynette Espich Emma Jackson	6	7 Ryon Macey	8 Edward Pullen	9 Marley Christy Larry Pinkerton
10	11 Alberta Millikan	12 Alex Hoover Sarah Miller Sharon Westfall	13	14 Debbie Dunning Eric Jung	15 Art Jacobs Sr. Hugh Smith	16
17 Ben Clough Lynn Hartman	18	19 Trent Berger Brian Liechty	20 Trista Mitchell Sharen Robinson	21 Norma Booker Barbara Dreibelbis	22 Stephanie Rimmer	23
24 Marla Flora Jon Van Vactor	25	26	27	28 Kennedy Robinson	29	30

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT NEWS

BY CORRYNE WICK CONTINUED

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ties every month on Wednesday for about six months now, I've come to the realization that maybe we need more than one night a month for this, even if we don't do the same activities every time. Why, you ask? I have found there are people who want to come and who would come, if it were on a different night. Rather than limit this to one night a month, I think it

would be best to make two nights a month and see if some people come on both nights or just one.

Let me know if you and your children would be interested in a different night to be a part of this service project. Right now I'm looking at Sunday afternoons, Tuesday nights, Wednesday nights, and Friday nights. I am listing a set of possible times and dates. Let

me know which ones seem promising.
Sincerely,

Corryne Wick

Cell: 630 -730-5655

Sunday: 12pm to 2pm

Tuesday: 6:30pm-7:30pm

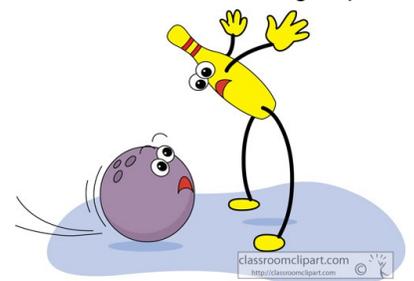
Wednesday: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Friday: 6pm-8pm

At these meeting times, food would be provided.

BOWLING INFO:

Bowling will be on June 10th from 12pm-2pm with a meal being eaten at the church before we walk over as a group.





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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

2
7:30—11:30 A.M.
BAKE SALE AT
FARMERS' MAR-
KET

3 COMMUNION	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP		7:00 P.M. MISSIONS	6:45 A.M. MEN'S BI-	6:00 A.M. EARLY		
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL		7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUTS	BLE STUDY @ CHRISTO'S	BIRDS @ PICKKUTS		
10:30 A.M. MUSIC				12 NOON JOY		
SUNDAY WORSHIP				BREAKS		
5:00 P.M. THE WELL				12:30 P.M. BIBLE STUDY		

-----ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 7-9 IN INDIANAPOLIS-----

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP	6:30 P.M. TRUS-TEES	11:00 a.m. BAD GIRLS BIBLE STUDY	6:45 A.M. MEN'S BI- BLE STUDY @ CHRISTO'S	6:00 A.M. EARLY BIRDS @ PICKKUTS	LUNCH BUNCH at George's Highlander Grill (Etna Green)	
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL		6:00-7:00 p.m. Tri Kappa in Sanctuary		12 NOON JOY	Meet to carpool at church at 11:30	
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP	7:00 P.M. MOTHER'S CLUB @ SWEET SWIRLZ	7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUTS		BREAKS		
5:00 P.M. THE WELL				12:30 P.M. BIBLE STUDY		

17 FATHER'S DAY	18	19	20	21	22	23
		6:00 P.M. FINANCE	6:45 A.M. MEN'S BI- BLE STUDY @ CHRISTO'S	6:00 A.M. EARLY BIRDS @ PICKKUTS		
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP	6:00 P.M. OUT-REACH	7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUTS		12 NOON JOY		
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL				BREAKS		
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP				12:30 P.M. BIBLE STUDY		
5:00 P.M. THE WELL				2-4 P.M. Game Day		

24 PICNIC SUNDAY	25	26	27	28	29	30
1 SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. IN SANCTUARY followed by PICNIC AT CENTENNIAL PARK	5:30 P.M. BLESSED BOOKIES	11:00 A.M. BAD GIRLS	6:45 A.M. MEN'S BI- BLE STUDY @ CHRISTO'S	6:00 A.M. EARLY BIRDS @ PICKKUTS		
		6:00 P.M. CHURCH COUNCIL		12 NOON JOY		
		7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUTS	5:00 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL	BREAKS		
				12:30 P.M. BIBLE STUDY		



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THANK YOU FROM THE LUEBCKES



**Ron and Laurie
Luebcke**

Hello to all of our fellow members of Plymouth First United Methodist Church, We would like to extend our gratitude to all of you for organizing and preparing the Breakfast for us on May 6th. The number of our Church Members that attended was very much appreciated. We were overwhelmed by your response; your cards; your flowers; your hugs; and your comments to us that morning –all brought tears to our eyes! You all are such wonderful people! You are so caring! Thank you for saying goodbye to us in such a manner.

We are settling in our new neighborhood in Fort Wayne – Woodland Lake Subdivision. Our home is located on the North Side of the city; just south of Dupont Road; between Coldwater and Auburn Roads.

Our new address is:
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If you are in the area, please stop by – would love to see you. We will be traveling back to Plymouth on occasion, and will surprise you with visits.

We are so blessed to have had the honor of your friendship over the last eighteen years at Plymouth First United Methodist Church. Keep up the great work of reaching out to the Plymouth Community and bringing Christ to the hearts of others!
Love you all,
*Ron and Laurie
Luebcke*