

First News

First United Methodist Church

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A Note from Pastor Toni

Friends,

I asked our oldest son Matthew to tattoo a scripture reference on my left wrist before I began my walk on the Camino de Santiago in 2015. I wanted that word of encouragement to be “at hand” as I stepped completely out of my comfort zone into what would become an amazing adventure. My tattoo simply reads

Joshua 1:9 to remind me always to “*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. For the Lord thy God is with you and will not forsake you.*” Yes, I hold

those words and that promise in my head and in my heart, but sometimes, it’s good for me to look down at my own personal reminder.

When I do that I can almost hear God say, “*You can do this. I’ve got you.*” I believe that with all my heart and soul.

At about 3 p.m. at this year’s Annual Conference in Indianapolis, as we were waiting for a vote to be counted, I looked at my phone and discovered I’d missed a phone call from

Brian Liechty, our Trustee Chair.

He emailed me the final report of Keller Engineering about our dome, and it wasn’t what we had hoped to hear. Brian and I ended up texting back and forth and we both made phone calls after deciding it would be best to relocate worship to Fellowship Hall until we knew more.

At that point we knew that the back of our building (not under the dome) was structurally sound, so our 2 adult Sunday school classes were given the choice to meet either in the sanctuary building or in the Christian Ed

building. On Sunday, at an emergency called Trustee meeting we decided it would be best to close the entire building for all groups, to be sure everyone is safe.

At this moment, we don’t have all the information we need, or the complete cost of the repair. We have a list of six construction companies who we’ve sent requests for bids, so we can have an idea on tim-



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*Worship is the way we celebrate and
thank God for the things He has done for us
all week long.*



Our venue may have changed from the Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall, but we are still conducting worship services on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., and The Well at 5:00 p.m.

For the morning services, there will be coffee available in the kitchen – please help yourself! We'll also continue to have “Cookie Sunday” on the 4th Sunday of the month, with the cookies and cold beverages served in the kitchen.

We have tried to relocate necessary items to the Fellowship Hall. If there is something that is needed, please contact the church office or Pam Michel.

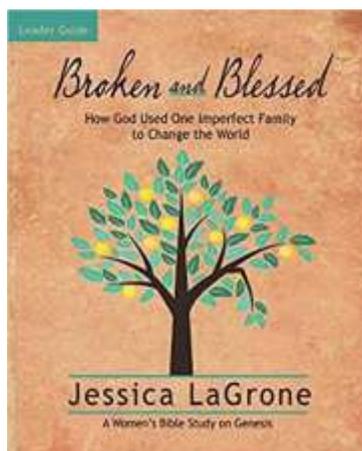
Sunday School classes and weekday activities are finding temporary quarters in the Education Building as well. Please ask if you are having trouble finding where you need to be.

Our message and service to the community will continue to be:

Love God, Love Others, Serve Others

Joy Breaks Bible Study ~ Thursdays, noon in Ed Bldg.

Joy Breaks will be starting a new study on Thursday, July 11th. The title of the book is Broken and Blessed, about how God used one imperfect family to change the world. Broken and Blessed is a six-week study that traces the story of the Genesis family



from Adam and Eve through the generations to Joseph, bringing blessing from brokenness.

Please join us; everyone is welcome! For more information and to order a book, contact Linda Langfeldt at 936-4525.

MISSION MINDED

We have 13 people traveling to Mission Guatemala from July 6 – 14. They will depart from the church parking lot at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, 7/6. They will travel by charter bus to Chicago O'Hare, fly to Mexico City, change planes to Guatemala City, then travel by "bus" on local roads to their destination. They will find out what their project is when they arrive and put in a full week of work. They will also have some time to learn about the local culture. They may even get a chance to play some soccer! On Sunday, 7/14, they will reverse the traveling itinerary, returning to the church parking lot in the evening.

Our mission team consists of:

Troy and Katie Spencer
 Barbie and Abi Pickut
 Toni and Sophia Carmer
 Jim, Emily, and Lily Cochem
 Brenda, Brittany, and Melanie Pedavoli
 Jessie Huerta



Stay tuned to our Facebook page as Katie will be making posts during the trip.

<https://www.facebook.com/plymouthfumc/>

You don't need to have a Facebook account to see our church's public Facebook page.



THANK YOU:

THANKS! to everyone who supported our Bake Sale on June 1 and our Port-a-Pit Chicken Sale on May 18. Proceeds are used for our mission trips. *(Trips are not supported through the church budget.)*

UPCOMING:

OCTOBER, 2019 HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

Our annual work trip to Kentucky will take place in the fall. It's not too early to think about joining our crew. Mike Woolfington is the contact person for this trip.

DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT?:

Do you know of a project that needs our help? If you know of something locally that needs done, either for a church member, friend, or neighbor in need, please contact Mike Woolfington.

SHOPPING CART FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER:

The Shopping Cart has made the move with us to the Fellowship Hall! Items placed in the shopping cart are taken to the Neighborhood Center on a regular basis. Suggested items include non-perishable food items, paper products, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, and cash.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Was held at the Plymouth Church of the Brethren
from June 17 - 21, 2019.

The theme for the week was
"THE INCREDIBLE RACE".

About 35 children "traveled" to 5 continents and learned that we all come from the same God who loves us all and who wants us to love each other.

Participating from our
church:

Abi Pickut
Emma Jackson
Brody Rans
Logan Binkley
Chelse & Lucas Corwin
Lyam Ganshom
Lucy and Genevieve Lukenbill

Adults and Helpers:

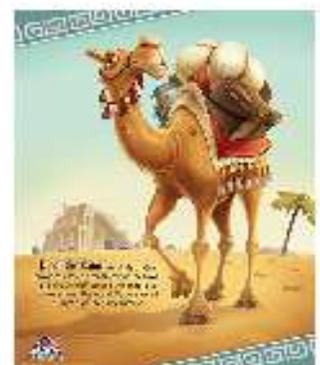
Barbie Pickut – Planning
Committee
Mary & Cameron Kaufman
Penny Lukenbill
Jayla & Trista Mitchell
Ashley Corwin
Angela Binkley

Snack Ladies:

Carol Beiter
Diane Hogsett
Kathy Mills
Sharen Robinson
Susan Wautelet
Pam Michel
Katie Spencer, Robin Cupka, Mary Kaufman, and Diane
Laudeman – Baking



Throughout the week, the children brought
snack items for "Blessings in a Backpack".
(Shown in photo.)



Thanks to everyone who donated items for the snacks!

The name of Jesus is the powerful prayer that leads us into His mighty presence.

By Dorothy Steinke

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. *Isaiah 46:4*

One of God's promises - to take care of us even when we are old and forgetful. As I took my walk last week, I planned my article for July, but I didn't sit down and write it then. So, this morning I couldn't remember what I had planned. I thought maybe my morning walk would bring it back – wrong! My mind was a blank so I am just rambling today. My walk in Plymouth is in a circle - Windmill Park is built in an oval; four times around is supposed to be a mile. During my walk I talk with neighbors and listen to the birds and enjoy all the spring flowers. My walk in Murray is up and down neighborhood streets - My apartment is on a dead-end street. My neighbors are not all senior citizens. We have families with young kids, singles, college students, and some oldsters; so there is a good mix. I stop and talk to neighbors, those that are walking their dogs and have become friends with some of the dogs. I have become obsessive about my walks. It is a time where I can clear my head and enjoy nature and plan the day.

Mission Witness

They come from very poor and violent communities; their future does not look very

bright. But these children invite me, every day, to experience God's Kingdom when they say, "Come, come play with us."

Andrea Reily Rocha Soares

United Methodist Women Regional Missionary, Latin America

I met God in the morning when the day was at its best,

and His presence came like glory of the sunrise in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered, all day long He stayed with me,

and we sailed in perfect calmness o'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered; other ships were sore distressed.

But the winds that seemed to drive them, brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings, with a keen remorse of mind.

When I too, had loosed the moorings with the Presence left behind.

And I think I know the secret, learned from many a troubled way:

You must seek God in the morning if you want Him through the day.

Ralph Cushman

Youth and Education Info by Barbie Pickut

Please sign up for a week of teaching Summer Sunday School. July and August dates are available. Pick up the curriculum for the date you choose from the basket by the sign-up sheet in the back of the worship area.

If you know a child going into 3rd grade who would like to receive a Bible from our church in the fall,



please send their name to the church office. We have a list started but want to make sure we don't miss anyone.

If you would like to join the Junior Church rotation, please contact Barbie Pickut at 574-870-4981 or barbara.e.b.pickut@gmail.com

United Methodist Men by David Hogsett



The annual trip to the South Bend Cubs will be on July 11. All of the spaces for the U.S. Granules suite have been taken and there are few seats outside the suite available. There is a waiting list. The group will meet at the church at 5:30 P.M. for the 7:00 P.M. game. We have four parking passes.



Mike Boys will be speaking at the August 17th breakfast meeting of the United Methodist Men. He will be speaking about the visit of the Vietnam Wall in September. There is a men's bible study every Wednesday at 6:45 A.M. at Christo's. They are working their way through the Bible, verse by verse.



Phyllis Westfall has moved!

Thanks for making me a part of First United Church's life. I will miss everyone.

Blessings,

Phyllis Westfall

New address:

741 Park East Blvd.

Suite 407

Lafayette, IN 47905



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Coffee. OJ
Milk, Soda

**For More Information Call:
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www.plymouthcolumbusclub.com

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENTS BELOW.....

Lunch Bunch: The third Friday of the month: RSVP Carol Beiter

July 19: Creighton's Crazy Eggs

August 16: Jerretty's (Rochester)

September 20: Marilyn's Amish Kitchen (Bremen)

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.

Blessed Bookies: The 4th Mondays of the month at Miller's Assisted Living at 5:30 PM. July 22 we will be discussing "The Great Alone". Please join us

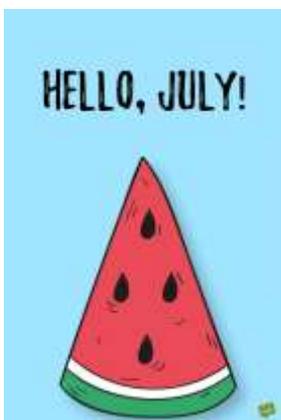
as we examine this popular book. Even if you have never come, please join us for a stimulating discussion!

Bad Girls: This gathering of women meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11:00 in the Education Building (main floor).

In June we started studying another of Liz Curtis Higgs' book: "It's Good to be Queen." It's not too late to be part of this group!

We always go to lunch afterwards!!

Knit Two...Pray Three: Will be meeting the first Tuesday of every month in the Memorial Room from 10:00 to noon.





SUNDAY, JULY 7

BRUNCH WILL BE HELD

AT SYMPHONY RESTAURANT

FOLLOWING SECOND SERVICE

RSVP ON SHEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sunday Brunch

COMMUNITY MEAL

WEDNESDAY JULY 31

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Please come and welcome the community diners!

MENU: Sweet Corn, Pulled Pork, Applesauce, Fresh Veggies, Watermelon



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!
 MUSICAL CONCERTS
 JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, & OCTOBER



Anna Hagen, Harpist
 will perform
Sunday July 14, 2019
5:00 at the Well



Quentin Flagg, Entertainer
 will perform
Sunday, August 4, 2019
5:00 at the Well
(Gospel favorites)



Sharon Tarwater
 will perform Tennessee tunes
Sunday, September 29, 2019
5:00 at the Well



Re-scheduled for October 27, 2019
 Steve Douglas & 48th Guitar
STEVE DOUGLAS WILL BRING CALIFORNIA COUNTRY TO PLYMOUTH INDIANA
 50's, 60's, 70's, Gospel, Contemporary Praise and Worship

A Note from Pastor Toni continued

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ing and cost. At this point, two of the companies have declined to evaluate our needs as they are completely booked and don't have the manpower to work with us. One looked us over, offered helpful suggestions and also said he didn't have the people to do the work. A fourth has evaluated and we don't yet have his recommendations. We're waiting to schedule the final two companies.

We are anticipating that the repairs needed will be a two-stage fix: stage one will stabilize the dome and make the building structurally sound again, while the second stage will make permanent repairs. Our desire would be to move directly from the first stage to the second, so that we can get it done and move on to focusing on what we really want to do—making disciples, through worship, fellowship, classes and small groups.

It was only a few weeks ago when we were so excited about how great Rebuilding First Church had been, and now we have lots of questions. Now we're waiting. Now we're "on hold." But, I want



to encourage you with the words of Joshua 1:9: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. For the Lord thy God is with you/us. And will not forsake you/us.”*

None of us knows exactly what's ahead, but I do know, and encourage you to remember that God is indeed with us. God holds the future. God will take care of us and will lead us into the next chapter. That chapter may be written in a little different way than we had envisioned, and yet I am convinced that as we continue to listen, to pray, to talk with one another, to keep our eyes and our hearts open to God's leading, we will do something good for Plymouth and for the Kingdom. Better even, than what we had imagined!

We'll keep you informed. You'll be included in big decisions. We'll keep worshipping, gathering for small groups and Sunday School and engaging in the various ministries and activities God has called us to.

Remember: We can do this. God has us. And God always will.

In Christ, *Toni*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JULY

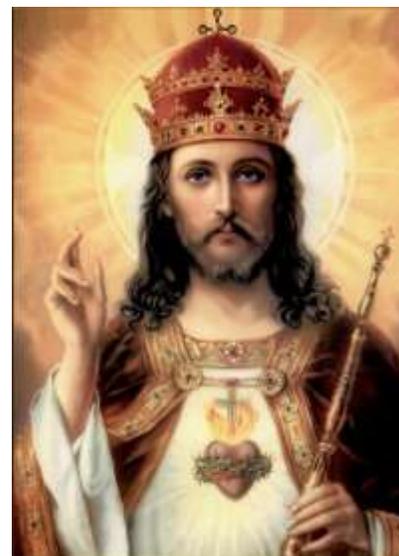
JULY	8:30	10:30	Greeters	Sound System	Ushers	Nursery
7	Liturgists Mike Kyser	Liturgists Dorothy Steinke	Dorothy Steinke	Tom Pedavoli	8:30 am Tom Douglass	Melissa Christiansen
14	Deb Wise	June Pullen	Barry & Karen Capper	Ralph Booker	10:30 am Woody	Kelsey Heisler
21	Dick Tobias	June Pullen	John & Kathy Mills	Ralph Booker	Schinbeckler, Mike Stump, Mary, Stacy, and Brent Kaufman	Jane Woolfington
28	Don Wilson	Dorothy Steinke	Brent & Mary Kaufman	Robin Cupka		Judy Goebel

Ask from the Heart

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) was a Spanish nun and mystic whose books and journals continue to be influential. Here are some of her thoughts on prayer:

Unskilled though I am in speaking with Him, (my King) does not refuse to hear me or forbid me to approach Him, or command His guards to throw me out. For the angels in His presence know well that their King is such that He prefers the unskilled language of a humble peasant boy, knowing that he would say more if he had more to say, to the speech of the wisest and most learned men, however elegant may be their arguments, if these are not accompanied by humility.

from **The Way of Perfection**, Teresa of Avila, in **ALIVE NOW**, July/August 2005 issue



July 2019 Birthdays

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Bonnie Yeazel	3 Beth Pinkerton	4 Virginia Benefiel	5 Tom Boys	6
7 Ken Daren Jr. Shirley Donaldson Ron Luebcke	8 Tim Hardy	9	10 Irma Slack	11 Dottie Butler Ed Kelso	12	13
14	15 Judy Goebel	16	17	18 Henry Butler Chuck Johnson	19	20 Mike Kyser
21	22 Scott Carmer Jordan Rans Chris Van Vactor	23	24	25	26 Quentin Cupka	27 Jayla Mitchell
28	29	30 Dave Van Vactor Bob Wise	31 Johnston Boys Sam Goebel			



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Services are 8:30 am and 10:30 am and 5 pm The Well. All Services held in Fellowship Hall	1	2 10 am Knit 2, Pray 3 7 pm Missions Boy Scouts at Camp	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 Happy 4th of July!	5 CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	6 Mission Guatemala Work Team Leaving
7 1st Sunday Brunch @ Symphony Restaurant after 2nd Service	8	9 11 am Bad Girls in conference room 6:30 pm Social Concerns 7pm Mother's Club	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 UMM SB Cubs game. Meet at church at 5:30 to carpool.	12	13
14 4-7 pm Anna Hagan (harp concert) sponsored by The Well MG Work Team Homecoming	15	16 6 pm Finance	17 <input type="checkbox"/>	18 2-4 pm Game Day	19 Lunch Bunch at Creighton's Crazy Eggs	20
21	22 5:30 pm Blessed Bookies @ Miller's 7 pm Youth & Ed	23 11 am Bad Girls 5:30 pm Trustees	24 <input type="checkbox"/>	25	26	27
28 Cookie Sunday	29	30	31 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-7 pm Community Meal	KEY Boy Scouts—7 pm Men's Bible Study—6:45 am Early Birds—6 am Joy Breaks—noon Bible Study—12:30		

Mission Guatemala Work Team

At 4:30 a.m. on July 6, a team of 13 members, friends and family of our congregation will leave our church parking lot in a minibus, headed to O'Hare International Airport. At 9 a.m. we'll board American Airlines flight 1077 and head to Guatemala City where we'll land at 12:44 p.m. We'll then travel 3-4 hours in another minivan through the beautiful mountains of Guatemala, until we arrive at our destination at the Mission Guatemala River House, just outside the town of Panajachel.

Our general activities over the next week will include: Sunday: an overview and history of Mission Guatemala, and a cultural activity (what we do changes each time I've gone!). Monday to Friday: Travel to worksite and work under the direction of our Guatemalan team leader and along with a team of Guatemalans who are skilled and helpful—generally doing construction of some type. We return to the River House and eat supper at 5 and in the evening, sometimes have planned activities and sometimes just chill. Saturday is a non-work, planned group activity which includes a boat ride half-way across Lake Atitlan for a lovely breakfast at a beautiful inn. After eat-

ing and relaxing there, we'll then continue across the lake to shop at the artisan community of San Juan.

On Sunday the 14th, we'll travel back to Aurora Airport in Guatemala City where we'll board American Airlines flight 1025 at 12:28 p.m., which will take us to Dallas/Fort Worth. We'll board our final plane at 8:30 p.m. and arrive back at O'Hare at 10:51 p.m. A minivan will return us to our church parking lot sometime very early Monday morning.

Please pray for us in our travels and our work. We're thankful to be a part of a number of teams that are able to continue one another's work in the area of Panajachel. We're grateful for your support and look forward to sharing our stories with you upon our return.

Those who are a part of this year's work team include: Pastor Toni (I'm going as spiritual support and encourager and won't be doing much construction this year!), Emily Cochern, Lily Cochern, Jim Cochern, Brenda Pedavoli, Brittany Pedavoli, Melanie Pedavoli, Jessie Huerta (friend of Melanie Pedavoli), Barbie Pickut, Abi Pickut, Sophia Preston (Pastor Toni's granddaughter), Katie Spencer, Troy Spencer.

A.S.K. July Schedule

Hello Everyone!

I just wanted to reach out and remind everyone that A.S.K. will be starting back up **on July 7, 2019. For the month of July, we will be at St. Thomas Church.**

Jr. High Starts at 4:30-6:00 and High School will run from 6:15-7:45. We need an Emergency Contact form filled out for each student participating in A.S.K. I know we have done these in previous years but it is good to keep eve-

rything current so we have the most updated information. **(NOTE: Forms are available in FH)**

2019 is going to be the best year yet for A.S.K.! I can't wait to start this session with returning and new students. As always if you need to reach me for any reason please don't hesitate to contact myself or Becki.

In Christ,
Aaron Woodcox
Director of A.S.K. Student Ministries

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PREACHING PLAN FOR JULY

July 7

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion

Text: Philippians 2:1-11

Title: Jesus Christ: The Center that Holds

Pastor Scott Carmer preaching

Title: Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing

Theme: Martha is upset with her sister Mary for sitting at the feet of Jesus when there is so much to do!! When she expresses her unhappiness, Jesus tells her that Mary has chosen the better thing. How often are we guilty of doing the same thing?

July 14

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 10:25-37

Title: Support and Defend

Pastor David Hogsett preaching

July 28

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 11:1-13

Title: Prayer: Ask, Seek, Knock

Theme: The disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. He offers them a structure of how to pray, then two parables of how God responds to our requests.

July 21

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 10:38-42

