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FIRST NEWS



A Note from Pastor Toni

Friends,

Although I see some green sprouts beginning to emerge from my garden out back, everything still looks pretty stark outside. Just a couple of days ago, I understand 10 inches of snow fell to the west of Indianapolis. My daughter and granddaughter's plans to do outdoor activities during spring break are now on "hold." Hiking and horseback riding and even swimming inside at a water park seem less inviting when you're still wearing your winter coat and gloves.

"It doesn't feel like Easter," I've been told. And yet we know that Easter is so much more than sunshine and spring flowers and budding trees.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead had to stop people in their tracks when they first heard the news. There are some things that are hard to wrap your mind around, and this would be at the top of that list. We're familiar with the story of the resurrection, perhaps we've heard it our whole lives and have become so familiar with it that it doesn't "wow" us anymore—but can you imagine hearing that news for the first time? Being the one to discover the tomb to be empty? Then seeing and talking with the risen Savior? Seeing the wounds in his feet and hands?

We can only imagine. And yet we live our lives today as people of the resurrection. We've been given this promise, this hope, this possibility of new life. And yet we're not always convinced that can change can happen. Things are as they are. It is what it is.

Perhaps the most widely publicized change in recent days is how Astronaut Scott Kelly's DNA changed after being in space for a year. Identical twin to Mark, they now have different DNA, which—according to the ways of our world—doesn't happen. But it seems to me if someone's DNA can change, then so can other aspects of people's lives that we tend to consider as "just the way it is."

We have a God who can do amazing things. Something amazing happened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Amazing things are still happening today.

Keep your eyes open. It may not look like Easter outside quite yet. But it is happening all around.

Easter blessings,

Toni



Worship Services in April

April 1

Easter

Holy Communion

Text: John 20:1-18

Title/Theme: Where Do We Go From Here?

April 8

2nd Sunday of Easter

Text: John 20:19-21

Title/Theme: Missions Sunday, reports from work teams

April 15

3rd Sunday of Easter

Text: Acts 3:12-19

Title/Theme: A Political Agenda?

April 22

4th Sunday of Easter

Time Change for 1st service: 8:30 a.m.

Text: Acts 4:5-12

Title/Theme: Swimming Upstream

April 29

5th Sunday of Easter

Text: Acts 8:26-40

Title/Theme: How Can I? Teach Me.



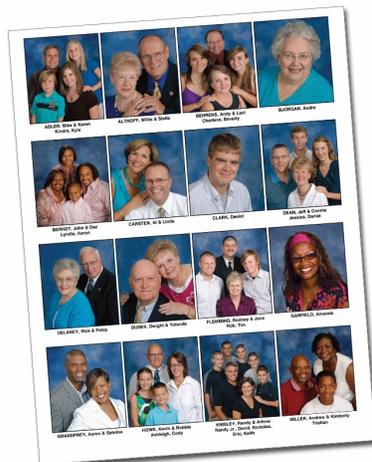


Plans are being made to offer a FUMC directory in cooperation with Life-Touch Church Directories. This directory will showcase our families, provide contact information, and become a useful resource to keep us connected.

May 1-5 are the dates that photograph sessions will be scheduled.

You will be able to sign up for an appointment at the church website (Plymouthfumc.org) where a link will guide you to the appointment schedule, or sign up tables in the back of the sanctuary on weekends, or call the church office for assistance.

Questions? Call the office, Susan Wautelet, or Andy Jackson!!!



WE NEED
YOU

to make our new
family directory
complete



The Well Director, Cindy Flagg

Greetings!!!

We've had a beautiful Easter season. And as I say that, my mind is thinking...NOW WHAT? This leads me to ponder about my next sermon series.

I like this title: Easter is Over – Now What? But, I've always read that you don't choose a title until you have the material written. Uh oh, I'm in trouble because I really think I'm going with this title.

Easter is always a very meaningful season but this year it really came alive to me. After all these years of celebrating Easter I saw Easter through fresh eyes. The reason is that I've been teaching a Bible Study at Miller's Assisted Living titled WINDOWS ON EASTER by Bill Crowder. Using this Bible Study by Crowder I was able to see a different perspective and gain a new appreciation for what I had become to think of as "familiar".

The class and I were able to look at Christ's final days on earth by looking through the "windows" provided by some of the people who were there—Malchus, Judas Iscariot, the Centurion, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene and the other women disciples, and the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

During this study, we saw and felt, and learned from their responses as we entered into the events that altered the world forever. And we got what we needed most... a fresh perspective.

I'd like to share that fresh perspective with all of you at The Well. Is it strange to continue discussing Easter - after Easter? I don't think so! But if it is, so what? I learned so much during this six week study. I hope you will find it as fresh and interesting and yes, even as exciting, as I did!

If you are interested in looking through these "windows" join me at The Well on April 8th at 5:00 p.m. We will also have communion that evening with Rev. Rose Woodke officiating.

The Well is a very relaxed atmosphere where you may come as you are, have a cup of coffee and a snack, and share your prayer requests and discuss the things of GOD without being judged. (REMEMBER: Judge Less, Love More!!)

I'll see you at The Well!!!

Sincerely,

Cindy

Sundays at 5:00 P.M.



submitted by Dorothy Steinke

God is always just a prayer away.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Phil. 4:6

Spring is officially here. We had snow flurries the first day of spring. The jonquils have been blooming and all the flowering trees are in bloom and the temperatures are in the forties and fifties. I am writing this the Monday of Holy week [an overcast day]. Holy week activities are different here - The UMW circles prepare a luncheon every day to serve after a short service led by the pastor. The children brought in the palm branches yesterday. There will be a Maundy Thursday service but no Good Friday service. Easter service we celebrate the risen Lord.

I have been reading "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado.

In the chapter on prayer he lists three types of requests:

1. A specific prayer is a serious prayer. When we offer specific requests God knows we are sincere.
2. Specific prayer is an opportunity for us to see God at work. When we see Him respond in specific ways to specific requests, our faith grows.
3. Specific prayer creates a lighter load. You reduce the problem into a prayer sized challenge.

Mission Witness

One of the highlights of the year at Henry Fork Service Center is our Holy Week service with students and their families. The students present their offerings to God through music, art and drama, and the group shares in the ritual of Holy Communion. At that time, the gym becomes a sanctuary and the Spirit of God is felt throughout the service.

Lisa Nichols, Global Ministries Church and Community Worker, Henry Fork Service Center, Rocky Mount, Va.

Begin the day with God!
He is your Sun and Day!
His is the radiance of your dawn;
to Him address your day.

Sing a new song at morn!
Join the glad woods and hills;
join the fresh winds and seas and plains,
join the bright flowers and rills.

Sing your first song to God!
not to your fellow men;
not to the creatures of His hand,
but to the glorious One.

Take your first walk with God!
let Him go forth with thee;
by stream, or sea, or mountain path,
seek still His company.

Your first transaction be
with God Himself above;
so will your business prosper well,
all the day be love. *Horatius Bonar*

A.S.K. NEWS (*Adams Street Kids Youth Group*)

April meetings are at Plymouth Church of the Brethren

Jr. High (5th-8th) 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sr. High (9th-12th) 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Youth News

JUNIOR CHURCH is looking for helpers to share Jesus' love with his children. All materials provided and coincide with our study of "The Story". Contact Barbie Pickut at 574-870-4981 or call the church office if you would like to serve.

Please pray for God to match people with these openings and be open to what He might ask you to do.

BOY SCOUT MEAL

Sunday, April 8 after 2nd service

Serving: 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Hosted by Troup 251



- Beef & Noodles
- Mashed Potatoes
- Salad
- Biscuit
- Dessert



Cost: Free-Will Donation

Enjoy a great meal ◊ Fellowship ◊ Support our Scouts

**Proceeds to benefit the Fellowship Hall Kitchen
Improvements project**

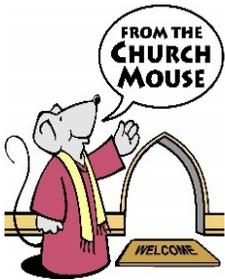
Mother's Club in April

Mother's Club will meet on Monday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Room. We will be making final plans for the Ladies Luncheon to be held on Sunday, April 29.

We will also be decorating hats. Hats for centerpieces will be furnished. Please bring your own hat or fascinator to decorate, as well as embellishments for both your hat and the centerpieces, and glue guns. We will be rehearsing our skit to be performed as an announcement.



NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE!



Beginning on Sunday, April 22 -

We will begin a revised Sunday morning schedule as follows:

- 8:30** Worship
- 9:30** Sunday School
- 10:30** Worship



We hope this time adjustment will encourage newcomers and guests to join us at the first service as well as at the second service.

For many of us, this is simply reverting back to the schedule we remember from a few years ago.

THE WELL will continue to meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00.

MISSION SUNDAY will be **SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

At both of our Sunday morning services, we will be hearing from our mission teams that have traveled to:

Mission Guatemala



Henderson Settlement



Midwest Mission

Distribution Center





Come, join us April 25 for our Community Meal. We gather in Fellowship Hall between 5:00-7:00 pm for good food and welcoming fellowship. The menu is chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit and cake. We average serving about 55 people, of all ages!! It's great to see everyone enjoying each other's company. We'll look forward to seeing you April 25.



If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Betty Kay Eley, Becky Liechty, Delbert or Marilyn Rans or Ruth VanVactor.

From Wanda Dixon:

We want to thank you all for your prayers, cards and expressions of concern during Bob's recent hospital stay. He is now at home and has started a rehabilitation program at St. Joseph's Hospital in Mishawaka. Phone calls are appreciated as well as continued prayers for his complete recovery. God Bless You All!

Bob and Wanda Dixon

*You have an opportunity to donate
Altar Flowers
for worship service
in honor or memory of
someone special in your life*

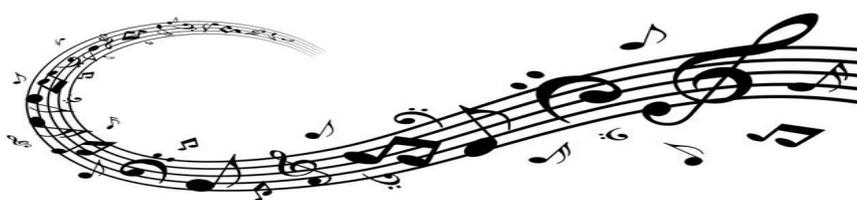
*You may take home after service
Cost is \$20, sign up book at
Welcome Center*



THE WELL is no longer sending pill bottles to MALAWA. We appreciate all the prescription bottles that were turned in but we ask that they no longer be saved. Thank you!

Worship Participants for April

	APRIL 1	APRIL 8	APRIL 15	APRIL 22	APRIL 29
8:00/8:30	David Smith	Jan Hardy	Pam Michel	Dick Tobias	Don Wilson
Liturgists					
10:30 Liturgists	Carol Beiter	Carol Beiter	Carol Beiter	Debbie D.	Debbie D.
Greeters	Jim & Cris Causey	Bob & Carol Beiter	Judy Guild	Sam & Judy Goebel	Terry Feece
Ushers	Woody Schinbeckler, Carol Beiter, Sam Goebel, Norma Booker, Ralph Booker	Woody Schinbeckler, Carol Beiter, Sam Goebel, Norma Booker, Ralph Booker	Woody Schinbeckler, Carol Beiter, Sam Goebel, Norma Booker, Ralph Booker	Woody Schinbeckler, Carol Beiter, Sam Goebel, Norma Booker, Ralph Booker	Woody Schinbeckler, Carol Beiter, Sam Goebel, Norma Booker, Ralph Booker
Sound System (10:30)	Tom Pedavoli	James Faulstich	Ralph Booker	Robin Cupka	Scott Carmer
Older Nursery	Stacey Jackson	Amanda Dreibelbis	Deb Jung	Barbie Pickut	Robin Cupka
Acolytes	Emma Konefsky	David Cochern	Emma Konefsky	David Cochern	Emma Konefsky



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

SUMMER MUSICAL EVENTS IN THE SANCTUARY!!

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

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Stacy Kaufman	2 Mike Boys Tyler Reames Keith Stewart	3 Collin Mills Alana Wilson	4	5 Nancy Hayden Jamie Michel Ronald Smith	6 Angie Kelso	7 Ella Hissong Daniel Tyree
8 Maggie Morrow	9 John DeSalle Connie Kendall	10	11 John Finlay Rodney Hetzell Robert Roach James Stifle	12	13 Kyle Stump	14 Anne Benner Michael Goebel
15	16 Clyde Manuwal	17 Grace Cupka Rachel Deenik Erin Stidham	18 Lillian Grace Jackson Dick Tobias	19 LuAnn Evans Judy Guild Betty Lou Laramore Seth Mills	20 Jason Christy Michael Pedavoli Ruth Van Vactor	21 Riley Senter
22	23 Emma Cook Bryan Kelso Juli Macey Jean Schricker	24 David Morrow	25 Nicole Christy	26	27 Troy Kiefer	28 Rita Beck Kendall Hoover Herta Thomas Brooke Wagner
29 Brayden Hissong Abigail Kiefer	30					

OUR STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Toni Carmer

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Corryne Wick

The Well Director: Cindy Flagg

Organist: Kay Finlay

Pianist/Choir Director: Tom Boys

Handbell Director: Marsha Wilson

A.S.K. Director: Aaron Woodcox

Child Care Provider: Magdalena Tochimani

Maintenance/Custodial: Jeff Mills

Office Administrator: Kathy Smitha

Worship Services

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM Worship Service

9:15 A.M. Sunday School
Classes for everyone

10:30 AM Worship Service

5:00 P.M. The Well

Phone: 574-936-2943

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Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Committee has decided that in order to more effectively work with the needy, Social Concerns continues to support Link to Hope (formerly Care and Share), Heminger House and the Neighborhood Center. We are collecting these items for the Neighborhood Center for the month of April: cereal, jelly, canned fruit, laundry detergent, spring/fall coats. You may make a tax-deductible donation by making your check out to First United Methodist Church with Social Concerns or one of these agencies on the memo line. We appreciate your continuing support of those in our community who are not as fortunate as we are. We are all doing God's work! Thank you for your continuing generous support to those in need.



W.O.W.

Women Of Worth

Monday, April 2, at 1:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

- The WOW ladies will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

See you Then!!

From Mary Jane Manuwal:

Thank you for all your prayers, gifts and food during my stay at the hospital and nursing home. We have a wonderful church family!

Love,

Mary Jane

Mother's Club



Monday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. Social Room

Mother's Club will meet Monday April 9th at 7pm in the Social Room. We will be decorating centerpieces for the Ladies luncheon and planning it.

A FEW WORDS FROM CORRYNE WICK

Director of Children & Youth Ministries

Lately, I've been thinking about Spiritual Fruit and the fruits of our labors. I've wondered. I've pondered. And then I got a thought for others: its spring. The time when we plant seeds. And, at the end of summer, we harvest.

The reason I'm thinking of this is because as workers in the fields, we plant seeds in the hearts and minds of others. And I may be the fruit of someone's labor for Christ a thousand years ago. The chain goes unbroken back to Jesus dying for us on the Cross.

We may not be seeing the fruits of our labors in this lifetime. But, perhaps, when we get to heaven and look back we will be able to see what our actions did.

Sometimes it seems like we aren't making an impact because we cannot see what is going on and because life is crazy at times. An analogy for this is: if I plant a seed and then disturb it before it grows up to see what is going on, I run the risk of killing the plant. In other words, plant the seed, let God do the work...but don't get discouraged if you can't see what is happening on the inside. Because Jesus can see what is going on even if we cannot.



Be like squirrels:
plant a bunch of
seeds and forget
where they are!

Someday they will grow into
trees and become a forest!



Community Service Opportunity

All Youth invited:

Come to prepare a treat for others!

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

6-7 P.M.

Dinner will be provided for
participants.

We will be making flower kits to
hand out at the community meal!

APRIL IS HERE...SPRING HAS ARRIVED!



SMALL GROUPS ARE THRIVING !!

Lunch Bunch: The third Friday of the month: RSVP Carol Beiter
April 20 the group will be dining at Creighton's Crazy Egg Café.
Meet to carpool at church at 11:30!

HERE ARE THE RESTAURANT CHOICES FOR THE COMING FEW MONTHS:

MAY 18: JERRETTY'S (Rochester)
JUNE 15: HIGHLANDER GRILL (Etna Green)
JULY 20: RISE AND SHINE (across from Lifeplex)
AUGUST 17: EVERGREEN (Rochester)
SEPTEMBER 21: LAKE HOUSE (Culver)

GAME DAY! 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: The 4TH Mondays of the month at Miller's Assisted Living at 5:30 PM. On Monday, March 26 we will be discussing "The Innocent Man" by John Grisham. Bring a sandwich and join us for a lively conversation!

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.



APRIL 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION 8:00 a.m. Worship 9-10: a.m. Easter Brunch 9-15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	1:00 p.m. W.O.W. 6:30 p.m. Marshall/Starke	7:00 p.m. Missions Commission 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Christos 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	6:00 a.m. Early Birds @ Pickups 12:00 p.m. Joy Breaks 12:30 p.m. Bible Study	6	7
8 8:00 a.m. Worship 9-15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30-12:30 Boy Scout Meal 5:00 p.m. The Well	9 6:30 p.m. Social Concerns 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. Mother's Club	10 11:00 a.m. Bad Girls Bible Study @ Meulelets 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	11 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Christos 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	12 6:00 a.m. Early Birds @ Pickups 12:00 p.m. Joy Breaks 12:30 p.m. Bible Study	13	14
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