FIRST NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Note from Pastor Toni



Friends,

Each month I look forward to sharing time with our Marshall County Ministerial Association. I've enjoyed planning special worship services with them, and learning about how the different churches in our community are so different—and yet we each have the same desire—to love God. to serve God. and to care for one another.

In Ephesians chapter 4 (v. 1-4, 11-16), Paul reminds the church (then and now), that we have "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." We

have different ways of looking at our faith and our world, different ways of doing things, but with those different perspectives—together—we are so much better than who we can ever be on our own.

In my message on August 5th, I shared a list of "Principles of Difference and Unity." I thought I'd write them down for you so you might consider them as we interact together, both inside and outside the church.

Principle #1 is simple enough: *Being different is good*. Paul speaks particularly of Spiritual Gifts and how we're each given different gifts that come together for the benefit of the whole Body. That's a great thing! When each of us contributes our own

unique best, the church flourishes.

Of course, we're different in other ways, as well. I'm thankful for those who help me see a different perspective than what comes naturally for me. Sometimes it takes a bit to "wrap my head around" a different view, but it helps me grow and to be more open to the world. That doesn't mean my mind will be changed—but even then, it's helpful to experience how others see the world. It's a big place full of interesting souls, and I don't want my vision to be limited to my own experiences and perspectives.

Principle #2:
Being different doesn't contraindicate the
possibility of unity.
Unity isn't uniformity. We don't have to
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Prayer is a Priceless Gift I Can Give by Dorothy Steinke

The Lord said, "you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12-13.



Summer is winding down. Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer. Where did the summer go? I found a small pile of fallen leaves this

morning during my walk. My favorite thing to do in the fall is to walk through the fallen leaves; stirring them up and making them crackle. Brings back childhood memories. Kids are back in School. Football season is upon us and cooler weather is coming. I enjoy the fall colors and the cooler weather. We are starting choir practice and will be back in the choir loft the week after Labor Day. My father always said time goes more quickly as you get older.

Mission Witness
Asian young Christian
women are not a majority in the society. So we
sometimes feel vulnerable and small. Yet
when we come together
in prayer, in holding
hands of sisters, we
surely experience a sacred presence of Divine
God among us.
Hikari Chang, United
Methodist Women Regional Missionary,

Wesley Foundation, Japan

Psalm 95: 1-6 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: The strength of the hills

is His also.
The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM!

Port-a-Pit Chicken

Saturday, 9/15 💓 🛒 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$7.00 per half

Pre-sales held until 1:00

Pit-Taters - \$3.00, while they last Bottled Water - \$1.00; Baked Goods

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 400 North Michigan Street, Plymouth West Parking Lot (by Red-D-Mart)

Tickets for chicken are available at the church office, 936-2943, or from a member of Missions Commission.

Proceeds to benefit Mission Trip to Guatemala



Social Concerns News

by Mary Kaufman

Through your contributions, the Social Concerns Committee supports Link to Hope, Heminger House, Marshall County Neighborhood Center, Bread of Life food pantry, and our church's Community Meal. For a taxdeductible donation. make your check payable to FUMC and write Social Concerns in the memo line, or write

any of the agencies on that line.

Thanks to the efforts of 24 women of our church who made delicious items for the Heminger House Bake Sale, they earned \$501!

(Editor's Note: See thank you from Heminger House on page 5 of this newsletter)

For September, The Neighborhood Center needs the following items, which you may place in the grocery cart at the back of the sanctuary: cold cereal, canned fruit, and Hamburger Helper. You may take surplus garden produce to the Neighborhood Center, 402 W. Garro St.

Our church is so generous and really cares about the needy of Plymouth.
Praise God!

HEMINGER HOUSE



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march in step, go to the same university or vote for the same politicians in order to be united and to work effectively together towards a common goal.

Think of the beauty of a quilt with all those different colors and patterns of fabric. That's the way you and I come together: our differences make us richer, deeper and stronger as we look toward the Master Quilter, who binds us with a common thread, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Closely related to #2, principle #3 is: *Unity doesn't mean that* you have to ignore or compromise your principles. There are essentials of our faith: belief in the triune God— Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the sins of humanity redeemed through God's love, and the giving of Jesus Christ. We, as United Methodists, along with other Christian people believe in the mystery of salvation...we believe in God's redeeming love poured out through the Holy Spirit...we believe in the oneness of the church of Jesus Christ, and that diversity enlarges our understanding. Then there are non-essentials that shouldn't tear us apart, but should instead, offer us the freedom (and fun!) of living within the mysteries and the unknowns of our faith.

Principle #4: Just because everything looks good and smooth on the outside doesn't mean there's unity. Unspoken disagreement can be a really bad thing! It's as harmful to us as never expressing your anger; it just isn't healthy for body and soul. But it's good for us, for the greater community and for those who are new in the faith to see us modeling appropriate disagreement, problem-solving and compromise.

Principle #5: The presence of grace in our lives turns our differences into gifts that can be used by the Body for service in mission and ministry. We

haven't all had the same experiences, and those experiences haven't always been good or easy. But, God is able to transform what we have and use it to benefit the body.

Those who have experienced illness. who have survived divorce, who have raised wayward children...and who have healed and gained wisdom from those experiences, have unique gifts to share with those who are going through the same kinds of experiences. Through grace, these difficult times can be turned into gifts that benefit the community.

Principle # 6: Recognizing, affirming and using the gifts we've been given (our own and others), knits the Body together and promotes spiritual growth. It's important we recognize and use the spiritual gifts we've been given. No one person, no particular family, no particular committee or work area is—on its own—is able to provide what is needed to make

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the church a strong and healthy place.

We're all needed; each of us together.

We're all members of the same body; we're individually members of it. Our gifts and graces are important... and our various differences are what make us better than what we would be if we were all the same.

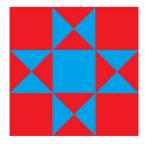
The final principle: Our task is not to be uniform duplicates of one another, but to use what we've been given in concert with others.

so hearts may be won and God may be glorified. That's our ultimate goal. We do it for no other purpose but to share the love of God with all we meet, and to give honor to God in all we do. We weren't meant to be the same. to have the same ideas or the same areas of expertise. But we're each needed—to give, to receive, to offer input, to respond.

Each of these principles is closely related. It can be hard to define one without describing the other. The bottom line is this: we're each

needed and necessary. Our differences are what make it a challenge to be together sometimes, but it is our differences that make us good. Our priority is that we remain centered and focused on the main thing (GOD), that we demonstrate love and respect for one another, and we encourage one another always. Then we can be who God intends us to be.

May we each find joy and blessings in our uniqueness,



...our differences make us richer, deeper and stronger as we look toward the Master Quilter, who binds us with a common thread, our Sav-





(Note received in our office after the August 18th bake sale at the Farmer's Market.)

August 20, 2018

Ladies of First United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your willingness to donate the HUGE amount of baked goods this past weekend for Heminger House. With your help, we raised \$501 for the House. Love you all! Shelly Brown, Board Secretary

MUSICAL EVENTS IN THE SANCTUARY!!



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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 Marty Miller will perform an inspirational 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!

Corryne Wick—Thank you, FUMC!

Corryne's new address is: 306 Deer Run Drive Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Hi Everyone,

As you may already know, I took a position in Lawrenceburg, Indiana as a Special Education and Mathematics teacher. I love it and I am happy to

be helping in this capacity. You are still in my heart and on my mind, but most of the time, I'm so busy I don't have time to think about anything except what I am cur-

rently doing. I appreciate your prayers and the emails and letters I get from the church. Thank you!

Carryne Wick

SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH October 14, 2018





JOIN OUTREACH'S NEWEST SMALL GROUP GATHERING AND CONNECT WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!

SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH

October 14, 2018

Symphony Restaurant — Following 10:30 service RSVP church office or Susan Wautelet (936-2747)

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE EVENTS

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller

Lunch Bunch: The third Friday of the month: September 21 we will be dining at The Lakehouse in Culver.

Meet to carpool at the church at 11:30! RSVP Carol Beiter.

HERE ARE THE RESTAURANT CHOICES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

OCTOBER 19: LOG HOUSE (Argos)
NOVEMBER 16: OPIES (Plymouth)

DECEMBER 21:MILLERS ASSISTED LIVING (Plymouth)

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.

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

<u>Blessed Bookies</u>: The 4TH Mondays of the month at Miller's Assisted Living at 5:30 PM. On Monday, September 24 the Bookies will be discussing "Every Note Played."

<u>Bad Girls:</u> 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 and we would love to have new members. Join us for a unique Bible study.



BRAND NEW KNITTING GROUP TO GATHER

Third Tuesdays, 10:00 to noon, beginning September 18, 2018 in the Memorial Room.

Contact Carol Beiter to sign up.

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.



September A.S.K. & Blueberry Info

Hello Everyone!

We are still in need of volunteers to work the water stops for the Blueberry Stomp. We have four water stops in all! This event takes an army and village to work! I know some of our **ASK Families have** signed up with me already to help run the water stops and that is fantastic. In previous years we have had the high school group run the stops but a lot of our high schoolers have graduated from ASK and now we have a large group of Jr High Students. So this is especially crucial to have the entire family be apart of it. This is looking like it is going to be an

amazing year for the Blueberry Festival Stomp! The 45th Race to be exact so we should expect that it might have an uptick in participants. We will need you to arrive at 6 am on race day at your water stop locations. August 26th at 4:30 pm, we are having a combined ASK meeting at St. Thomas to stuff the Bags etc for the race next weekend! We will also be making signs at the ASK meetings, advertising that ASK Ministries is the official sponsor of the Blueberry Stomp. I believe this will give our ministry more exposure and get the kids more involved. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! I

will be providing pizza and pop for the time we are together. Just remember the more volunteers we have, the quicker we can get this done! In the future, we are going to be holding more traditional fundraisers. Stay tuned for details on this. We are also excited to announce that Rebecca Martinez has accepted the Asst. Director Position with ASK Ministries! I know she is very excited to be working with our organization. September is looking like its going to be a fantastic month again for ASK Ministries. As always, we want to know what is going on in the life of your students and partici-

pate in it. If your students are in any type of sporting events or extra curricular activity, let me know. I would love to try and attend.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to Rebecca or me.

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It's Charge Conference Time again! All forms are due by the end of September so we can get the information in on time (October 12th). Please complete as soon as possible and return to the office!

Preaching Plan for September

Are we "missional" or "mission-minded?" How are we engaged in our community and in our world and working together to make disciples of Jesus Christ? How might we be more effective?

Beginning Septem-

ber 9, our Sunday morning messages will be resourced by the book <u>Shaped by God's</u> <u>Heart: the Passion and</u> <u>Practices of Missional</u> <u>Churches</u> by Milfred Minatrea.

If you're interested in reading the book, it

can be found on amazon.com and at cokesbury.com. The weekly sermon themes noted below offer a reading guide for you. I look forward to the conversation.

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BY
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HEART
The Passion
and Practices
of Missional Churches
Milfred Minatrea

September 2

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion

Labor Day Weekend

Combined Service at 10 a.m.

Text: James 1:22-23

Title/Theme: Doers, Hearers, Forgetters

September 9

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Text: John 20:21

Title: What's the Plan?

Theme: Shaped by God's Heart, Chapters 1, 2; From Maintenance to Missional

September 16

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 5:1-11
Title: Committed

Theme: Shaped by God's Heart, Chapter 3: Have a High Threshold for Mainte-

nance

September 23

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Acts 4:32-35 Title: Being Real

Theme: Shaped by God's Heart, Chapter 4: Be Real, Not Real Religious

September 30

19th Sunday after Pentecost Text: James 2:17b-18 Title: More Than Words

Theme: Shaped by God's Heart, Chapter 5: Teach to Obey Rather than to Know

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"missionminded?"
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September 2018

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1	8	15 10-2 Mission Guatemala Port a Pit Chicken Fundraiser	22	29	
	7	14	21 Lunch Bunch at Lake House in Culver	28	
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	5 6:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Christo's 7 pm Chancel Choir	12 6:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Christo's 7 pm Chancel	19 6:45 am Men' Bible Study @ Christo's 7 pm Chancel Choir	26 8:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Christo's 5 pm Community Meal 7 pm Chancel Choir	
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	3 LABOR DAY Blueberry Stomp	10 6:30 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Social Con- oems 6:45 pm Mother's Club	17 6 pm Outreach 6 pm SPRC	24 5:30 pm Blessed Bookies 7:00 pm Youth & Ed	
	2 10:00 Worship (The Well will not meet)	9 8:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Boy Scout Meal 5:00 pm The Well	16 8:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm The Well	23 8:30 am Worship 8:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm The Dunne- mans	30 8:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm The Well
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MISSION MINDED

Thanks to everyone who has supported our bake sales and the Corn Roast this summer!

Upcoming: Saturday, September 15 – Nelson's Port-a-Pit Chicken! See the separate flier.



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 or Steve Westfall.

KIDS HOPE

Do you have an hour to give once a week? Mentors are needed to be a special friend and provide consistency for at-risk elementary students at Webster Elementary. Volunteers will be matched with a student and then trained. Each volunteer will join their student once a week during the student's lunch time. You are to be the child's friend; you are not expected to tutor or counsel the child. This is a commitment for the entire school year, but if you need to occasionally miss a week, you may simply inform the teacher. This program will start in September. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Beth Pinkerton.

Mission and Work Trips:

OCTOBER 21 - 26, 2018 HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

A group of volunteers will be traveling to Frakes, Kentucky for the week of October 21, returning on October 26. We will stay in the mission dormitory. Our meals will be in the cafeteria. We will most likely be siding a trailer, home, or addition. All sorts of skills can be put to use during the week. Other volunteer opportunities are available if your talents lie in other directions.

 Now's the time to get signed up or find out more. Contact persons are Sharon and Steve Westfall.

MAY 12 - 17, 2019 MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

At Chatham, Illinois we prepare "kits" that are then available when disasters occur or requests are made. Things like cleaning buckets that are ready when floods happen. Sometimes we fill school bags with supplies for students or make many other types of preparations. There may be sewing or carpentry jobs for a person skilled in these areas.

Carol Beiter is the contact person for this trip.

JULY 6 - 14, 2019 MISSION GUATEMALA

It's time to start making airline reservations to get the best deal and keep everyone on the same flight. We have several people signed up, but we have room for others.



 Pastor Toni and Troy Spencer are the contacts for this trip. Now's the time to get signed up or find out more.

Worship Participants Schedule for September

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	LITURGISTS	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	USHERS	SOUND BOARD	OLDER NURS- ERY	
9/2 10:00	Sam Goebel	David Cochern	Sam & Judy Goebel		Tom Pedavoli	Sarah Smith	
9/9 <u>8:30</u> 10:30	<u>Jan Hardy</u> Sam Goebel	Logan Binkley	Bob & Carol Beiter	Ed Kelso, Jacob Faulstich, Robin Cupka, Dan Bates, Woody Schin- beckler C	James Faulstich	Barbie Pickut	
9/16 8:30 10:30	Pam Michel Sarah Smith	Emma Konefsky	Brent & Mary Kaufman		Ralph Booker	Melissa Christiansen	
9/23 8:30 10:30	<u>Dick Tobias</u> Sarah Smith	David Cochern	Mike & Jane Woolfington		Robin Cupka	Kelsey Heisler	
9/30 8:30 10:30	Don Wilson	Emma Konefsky	Barb Friesner		Scott Carmer	Jane Woolfington	



September 2018 Birthdays

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30 Betty Cleeter	23 Hayden Bardwell Cory Dennie Nona Hollenbaugh Michael Neidlinger	16 Kathy Record	9 Michael Stump	2 Jan Heeren		Sun
	24 Emily Cochem Wanda Dixon Suzanne Lawson Bryan Miller	17 John Lawson Shannon May Crystal Pier	10	3 Dick Stinson		Mon
	25 Sharon Balka Bennett Christy Sarah Easterday Paula Neidlinger Dylan Phillips	18 Brenda Pedavoli	11	4 Sarah Youngs		Tue
	26 Donna Hemmig	19 Drew Flora	12	5		Wed
	27 Katie Morrow Gabrielle Orbik Melinda Phillips Milissa Roach Marissa See	20 Johrdon Boys Dave Goebel	13 Mary Reinholt	6 William Smith		Thu
	28	21 Carol Beiter Toni Carmer	14 Hayley Lawson	7		Fri
	29 James Easterday	22 Kevin Bachman Joshua Van Vac- tor	15 Lynn Gee Brandon Keister	8 Chelse Corwin David Hoover	1 Joanne Boys	Sat

Greetings from The Well by Cindy Flagg



...why not think about meeting me at THE WELL!!



"It is just uncanny how so like sheep a human can be." Life in the Flagg family has been rather stressful this year. I keep thinking it's going to lighten up, but so far we are nine months into 2018 and it hasn't really lightened up yet!

The words THANK
YOU are what are on
my mind as I think
about what to write
for the September
newsletter. I would
like to say THANK
YOU to all of you
who are up-holding
my family in prayer.

I know it is through your prayers that my brother, Gary has recuperated so well from his surgery in January. He will soon be receiving his prosthetic leg and will be walking on his own again! THANK YOU!

My sister-in-law has had a very rough time of it since May. She has had three major surgeries and faces one more as I am writing this. I know it is because of your prayers that she is still alive and able to remain positive in

her recovery! THANK YOU!

My nephew, his wife and I are all feeling the stress of the unknown and of being care-givers. I know it is through your prayers that we are able to continue our daily routines at work; while also helping with transportation to doctor appointments and all the things that need done. THANK YOU!

With all of that being said, let me now turn to the news of THE WELL.

We are traveling right along with our series titled A SHEPHERD LOOKS AT PSALM 23. We will soon be finishing that series and moving on to something else. This series has been so meaningful to me as I hope it has touched evervone else also. It is just uncanny how so like sheep a human can be. I am so thankful we have a **GREAT SHEPHERD** in JESUS CHRIST who cares about and loves his flock.

And now some things to mark on your calendar:

Sunday, September 2nd
The Well will not meet
because of Blueberry
Weekend

Sunday, September 16th The Well will meet in the Sanctuary @ 5:00 p.m. for the Dunneman's Gospel Concert. Reg and Gretchen Dunneman travel throughout the United States and have a wonderful Southern Gospel singing ministry. This concert is FREE and open to the public. It is hosted by the Outreach Committee and The Well. Please invite your family and friends.

And now in the words of Paul as he wrote in Philippians 1:3 – *I* thank my God every time *I* remember you. I really do!! I thank God for my church family and for your prayers for my entire family!

God bless you all and why not think about meeting me at THE WELL!!

Cindy Flagg

Upcoming Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

October 9: Church Council

"Looking Forward" We will look at the goals we set for 2018 (How are we doing? What do we need to do to "hit the gas" and finish the year well, and what adjustments need to be made?) This session will take the knowledge base generated in the previous two sessions and use it to set from one to four major goals for the coming year (with up to 3 years "in mind"). What missional outcomes do we feel God is calling us to achieve? What reallocation of resources might be required to achieve those outcomes? What do we need to stop doing in order to do what is needed now?

This will be our "final" meeting before Charge Conference materials are due (on October 12), so all our Charge Conference materials will be ready for approval at this meeting.

November 18: District Connection Day, South Bend Clay UMC, 3 p.m.

This is the gathering that takes the place of our former "Charge Conference" meeting. Churches around the district gather for a time of worship and inspiration. All are welcome, members of Church Council are requested to intend.

January 12, 2019: FUMC Leadership Summit (Saturday a.m.)

Along with the "call" to serve, comes the responsibility of the church to "equip" its leaders, in order that we can effectively carry out our mission and ministry together. That's why we gather annually for a "Leadership Summit": to review our mission and structure, to learn or to be reminded of policies and procedures, and hopefully, to be inspired as to what God might do through us in our church.

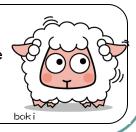
Everyone is welcome to attend, committee chairs and members are especially encouraged to participate. Mark your calendars now!

A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."



Mark your calendars with these upcoming events...



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Fellowship Hall Kitchen Remodeling Progress

The committee for remodeling the Fellowship Hall kitchen has been gathering ideas and meeting with various contractors and have received a first round of estimates. Among the contractors have been cabinetry and countertop installers, plumbers, electricians, and flooring contractors.

Below is a possible layout for the west wall, replacing the existing dishwasher and

stainless steel counter with cabinetry, new sinks, and a mop sink. A new center island is anticipated. The electric will also be updated and a new water heating system will be installed. New flooring will be part of the project as well.

Colors and finishes have not been determined. Those represented in the sketch were computer generated.



Facing the west wall.