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First News

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First United Methodist Church

A Note from Pastor Toni

Dear Friends,

Robert's Park is a neighborhood in north Chicago near Loyola University and not so far from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. I remember going there on a field trip while I was in seminary because of the diversity of their ministry.

It remains an ethnically diverse neighborhood, as well as one with stark contrasts in wealth and poverty.

There are multi-million dollar homes along the lake shore, and Single Room Occupancy units for low income individuals who share kitchens and bathrooms as an alternative to being homeless. Drug deals were being negotiated on the porch of the former parsonage next door before the deci-

sion was made that it would be best to tear it down. (It was in bad shape structurally so it wasn't just the activity outside that brought this decision). Gang members have been brought into the sanctuary by one of their pastors to protect them from flying bullets.

Every room in the church has been rented out in order to bring in needed income (The "rent" of some of the ministries/ businesses is \$0 because they're not income producing but important to the residents in the area). Among other services including AA and NA, there is an office of restorative justice in the basement, a couple of rooms where the weekly "feast" is served, and what they believe to be the oldest thrift shop in the nation. It occupies

one of the two storefronts designed into the church building when it was erected 100 some years ago.

Finances are always a struggle, and it's easy for folks to be discouraged. One of their pastors, Wesley Dorr, told a group I was with this week that when that happens, they do "asset mapping"—they begin listing out all they have and focus on these things. They focus on what God has given rather than what they don't have.

The amazing thing, Reverend Dorr told us, is that "we always pull through. We always end up receiving what we need. (For example,) on a couple of occasions we weren't sure we would be able to meet payroll. And then a check showed up. We've been a day late, but we've always ended up having enough."

This unexpected encouragement comes from different places. They have a "sister church" in Downer's Grove, who walks alongside them and provides assistance for particular needs.

When they decided to use the former parsonage lot as garden space, someone



knew someone who helped design the area for them, and then another unexpected contact was (Continued on page 5)



Prayer Time by Dorothy Steinke

Distractions do not have to derail our prayers.

When you pray, go into your

room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen.

Fall is officially here. School's back in session, leaves will begin to turn and fall from the trees. The busy summer season is over and we begin another busy season. The Bible tells us there is a season for everything. We have three big holidays coming up - Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The trick or treaters do not come to Windmill park and I miss the fun. Thanksgiving should be every day. During Christmas I enjoy all the church programs and times spent baking cookies for my family and just being with family. Fall also means I migrate south for the winter. I will be leaving October 15. I keep in touch with the newsletter and e-mails and cards. The UMW group I belong to in Murray keeps me busy along with the other activities of the church.

Japanese Version of the 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my pacesetter - I shall not rush

He makes me stop for quiet intervals.

He provides me with images of stillness

which restore my serenity. He leads me in the way of efficiency through

calmness of mind and his guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day.

I will not fret, for His presence is here.

His timelessness, His all importance will keep

me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and

renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind with the oils of tranquility.

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord

and dwell in His house forever.

Mission Witness

Integrating at a Lumad School where children from all 18 marginalized groups of Mindanao are found, helped me to be prayerful, humble and do the ministry of presence by understanding their struggles and sharing my faith stories.

Christopher Hamera, Global Mission Fellows International, Mindanao, Philippines.

Have a good winter - see you in the spring. *Dorothy*

Youth & Education News by Barbie Pickut

Save the Date--Bringing in Christmas is planned for Sunday, December 3, 2018.

Opportunities to serve our youth:

We are looking for one more person to be in the Junior Church teaching rotation. This would involve teaching approximately one Sunday per month using a curriculum that teaches a Bible story and worship practices. It's a great chance to help our children be part of the life of the church.

If you are interested in leading music for children's Sunday School or being part of an Elementary teaching rotation,

we could use your help to nurture our kids' faith.

Please contact **Barbie Pickut** at **574-870-4981** if you are interested in hearing more about these roles.

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A.S.K. FOR OCTOBER by Aaron Woodcox, Director of A.S.K.

What a great Blueberry Stomp we had! We had close to thirty church members and ASK Students come together and help with the packing the weekend before Labor Day. Thank you all for your help!

We will be planning some fun events for this fall now that Rebecca Martinez has agreed to come on as the Assistant Director of ASK. We are all very excited about her addition to the program. Just a little house keeping for the end of September: I will be out of town from September 28- through October 7. If there are any emergencies or concerns, please contact Rebecca Martinez as she will be leading ASK for those two weeks. Her contact number is <u>574-540-9027</u>.

Martinezvislp@hotmail.com.

During the month of October we will be having ASK at St. Thomas. Just a reminder we have restarted the high school program which runs 6:30-8:00. Jr High is 4:30-6:00.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

In Christ,

Aaron Woodcox

Director of ASK Ministries



Save the date: "Bringing in Christmas" is planned for Sunday, December 3rd!



Boy Scout Meal



Sunday, October 14th after 2nd service



Menu to include:

Potato Soup, Sandwich, Dessert and Drink Please join us for good food & fellowship!

Greetings from The Well by Cindy Flagg

I'd like to share some scripture with you.

Ephesians 6:11-18

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers. against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God. so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

This is what we are studying at The Well for the next three weeks. We often think when we have struggles in our lives that the "enemy" is our co-worker, or our neighbor. or a loved one who hurt our feelings, or the cashier at the local store, etc. NOT TRUE! Read verse 12!! Our struggle is against "the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms", our enemy is satan himself (I refuse to capitalize his name!!!) and all his helpers. I do not say this to scare anyone. It's just a fact. The Bible tells us so. I believe we need to know who the REAL enemy is so that we CAN put on our armor and stand firm against him! If you want to know more, come to The Well and join us for this study.

Other things happening at the Well in the next few months are as follows:

Sept. 30 – Carry-In Supper – Pancakes and Sausage are the Main Dish

Sept. 30 – The Praise Puppets – The Armor of GOD
Oct. 7 – Communion Sunday
with Rev. Rose Woodke
Oct. 21 – Marty Miller in concert @ 5:00 p.m. IN THE
SANCTUARY – Contemporary and Traditional Gospel
Music

FRIDAY, **Nov. 2** – Ron Vance @ 7:00 p.m. in The Well will present his program titled Bible Sticks. Ron is a pastor from Cincinnati, Oh. He carves walking sticks. Every stick tells a Bible story!!! It is quite a beautiful craft and he will show and tell everything he does. Invite your family and friends and all the wood carvers you know!!! This is a one of a kind program!!!! For more info look at

www.biblesticks.org

TBA: Bible Trivia Quiz Night TBA: Movie Night Those are our upcoming events and as usual I am always looking for special music, poetry, skits etc. for The Well. Does your child play the piano or another instrument? We'd love to have him/her play for us. Do you recite poetry with special meaning? Come share with us!! Does your family or your Sunday School Class like to put on skits? You are welcome to try them out on us at The Well!!! Just give me a call @ 574-952-3661 and I will get you scheduled! Do you know someone who might sing for us? Share their name with me and I will give them a call! Please continue to pray for the ministry at The well and if you know someone who might enjoy this relaxed atmosphere where you can come and be accepted as you are, feel free to invite them or share their name and I will invite them. Better yet – bring them with you!

Happy October and I'll see you at The Well!

Cindy Flagg

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OCTOBER LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS	LITURGISTS 8:30	GREETERS	10:30 AM USHERS	10:30 AM SOUND	OLDER NURSERY CRIB ROOM	ACOLYTES
October 7	Elaine Dick Dave Hogsett	Joyce Gibbons	Melissa Christiansen Jim Easterday	Tom Pedavoli	Judy Goebel	David Cochern
October 14	Deb Wise Dave Hogsett	Betty Cleeter	Jon Van Vactor Nick Pinkerton	James Faulstich	Stacey Jackson	Logan Binkley
October 21	Susan Wautelet	Betty Kay Eley	Woody Schin- beckler	Ralph Booker	Robin Cupka	David Cochern
October 28	Cathy Clough	Carole Ralston		Robin Cupka	Deb Jung	Emma Konefsky

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able to secure supplies to build the beds for 85% off

A youth group in Kansas traveled north and worked the design, and now a beautiful, productive garden offers vegetables and a vision of hope where things once looked pretty dreary.

"Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God has done."

We can focus on the negative and get lost in feeling bad about what we don't have—or, we can look at what we do have, give thanks, and pray for a vision of what God has in mind for us.

God has blessed us. First UMC has some great assets and we need to focus on those rather

than dwelling on what we don't have. God has given us enough to bless people here and around the world.



David vs Lion

David had experience as a shepherd facing lions, and he had five smooth stones: it was enough. Nehemiah and his allies had enough to rebuild Jerusalem. The child in the crowd had a small lunch and with Jesus it was enough.

I want to invite you to pray about our God-given assets as a congregation. I want you to open your eyes to the gifts (assets) God has given us. Then, let us use these assets or strengths to change the world and share the love of God with others

When we focus on what we have been given, and put those gifts to work for Jesus and all the people he loves, the world will be different and we will know joy!

Look around. Listen. See the gifts, identity the assets, and then let's put them to work!

What God has given us is more than enough!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Toni

MISSION MINDED

Upcoming 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 dormitory and our meals will be in the cafeteria. We will most likely be siding a trailer, home, or addition. Other volunteer opportunities are available if your talents lay 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

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.

Financing Mission Trips:

For each mission trip taken, there is a fee we pay for supplies and materials, so that when our team arrives, everything we need to complete our work is on-site and ready to use. In addition to this material fee, for each participant there are expenses for room, board, and travel.



Mission Trips <u>are not</u> financed through the church budget, so we depend on money given in the baskets, fundraisers, and direct donations. In addition, each team member is asked to contribute a portion of their expenses.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Port-a-Pit Chicken sale!

Missions Commission Budget from Tithes and Offerings -

Funds we received from the church budget in 2018 have been used as follows. (We are requesting the same amounts for 2019.)

Locally – \$500 each to 1) Marshall County Neighborhood Center; 2) Boys and Girls Club; and 3) Heminger House.



Through the Indiana Conference, In the State of Indiana – \$300 to Broadway Christian Parish, South Bend; \$500 to Bashor Children's Home, Goshen.

Through the Indiana Conference, Worldwide - \$250 each to Disaster Relief in the United States (UMCOR) and Disaster Relief Internationally (UMCOR); and \$100 each to Operation Classroom (Liberia and Sierra Leone) and Mission Guatemala (Guatemala).

Through the Indiana Conference we support a missionary – \$2500 towards the salary of the Director of Henderson Settlement.

Thank you for your support!

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Social Concerns News by Mary Kaufman

Thanks to your generosity, the Social Concerns Committee has been able to help support Link to Hope, Heminger House, Marshall County Neighborhood Center, Bread of Life food pantry, and our church's monthly Community Meal. For a tax deductible donation, make your check payable to FUMC and write Social Concerns in the memo line, or write any of the agencies on that line. For October, you may place

these items in the grocery

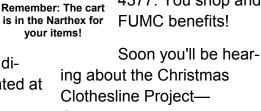
cart at the back of the sanctuary for the Neighborhood Center: cold cereal, canned fruit, and hamburger helper type meals. They welcome your donations of garden sur-

plus; please take these directly to the Center located at 402 W. Garro St.

Remember to check the bottom of your Kroger receipt to

be sure FUMC is listed. If

not, you need to realign your Kroger Plus Card with the church. You can do that at Kroger or by calling 1-800-576-4377. You shop and FUMC benefits!



Clothesline Project—
Christmas is only 3 months away! Thanks for helping to do God's work in Plymouth.

Lunch Bunch Future Locations

October 19: Log House in Argos

November 16: Opie's in Plymouth

December 21: Miller's Assisted Living in Plymouth

January 18, 2019: Granny's

Join us monthly for the Lunch
Bunch—meet to carpool at
church at 11:30 on these days.

in Plymouth

February 15: Christo's in Ply-

mouth

March 15: La D'Zert in Plymouth

April 19: Rentown

May 17: Evergreen in Roch-

ester

Marty Miller Concert in the Sanctuary, Sunday, Oct. 21st at 5 pm

Come on out and meet Marty and his wife, Janet, and enjoy a musical concert of acoustic, encouraging, original songs.... mixed with an easy blend of well-known songs and worship music. Let the

Father's Spirit use the music and lyrics to open your hearts to a deeper walk with Jesus, and to step a little beyond our comfort zones into an



Marty & Janet Miller

opportunity to grow and give praise!

Sunday, October 21st FUMC Sanctuary at

5 pm. See You There!



BREAKING

SAVING LIVES

REDUCING STIGMA

INCREASING AWARENESS

OCTOBER 25-27, 2018 ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

A gothering to inspire and empower people of faith on a journey to create an AIDS-free world through healing and understanding. Attendees will experience dynamic speakers, educational workshops, engaging presentations and powerful worship services.



For Further Event Details, Contact:
Linda Bales Todd
joylab47@yahoo.com

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Women of Worth October Meeting at Boys and Girls Club



The first WOW meeting of this season will be Monday, October 1st at the Boys and Girls Club at 1:00 pm. We will tour the building and have our meeting there.

Welcome to the



Kroger Community Rewards Program

This program is an easy way to give back to First United Methodist Church just by using your Kroger Plus card. Just follow the steps below to register your card. The money received will go to Social Concerns, which helps many community programs including Link to Hope, the Marshall County Neighborhood Center, Heminger House and others as well as needs in our church. Contact Bev Harris if you have questions.

- 1. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk.
- 2. Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click on Sign In/Register.
- 4. Click on Sign Up Today in the "New Customer?" box.



- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agree to terms and conditions.
- 6. You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- 7. Click on My account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- 9. Update or confirm your information.
- 10. Enter NPO number (10681) or name of organization (First United Methodist Church), select organization from list and click on confirm.
- 11. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- 12. Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 1-800-576-4377, select opeion 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- 13. Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

October Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	PeM	Thu	E	Sat
	1 David Bright Jr. Andy Jackson	2 Heather Easterday Susie Kreighbaum	3	4 Nicholas Neidlinger Phillip Kreighbaum	5 Abigail Pickut	9
7	8 Katie Spencer Amy Record Melanie Pedavoli Violet Flora	9 Gordon King Richard Ruud	10 Jill DeSalle Ron Downey Sarah Griewank Haley Mills	11 Keely Miller Jeremy Orbik	12	13 Stephen Heim Kathy Mills
14 Mary Kaufman Barbara Roach	15 Mark Ingle Lynette Miller Tom Pedavoli Phyllis Schoonover	16 Claudia Button Laura Mann Terri Weldy	17 Barbara Miller Shirley Morrow	18 Leeann Stachu- Iak	18 Leeann Stachu- Barbara Binkley Iak E.J. Proffitt	20
21 Andrew Rim- mer	22 Becky Liechty	23 Brittany Pedavoli	24	25 Mary Jane Manuwal Forrest Schin- beckler	26 Kim Butler Charles Ratliff	27
28	29 Susan Wautelet Pat Harding Allen Shock	леу	31 Tolman Mills			

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KITCHEN REMODELING

The committee has completed the design for remodeling the kitchen and is working to finalize the budget. Colors and finishes have been determined. Most of the contractors have been selected, using local companies whenever possible.

- The Countertop Shoppe (Mike and Cindy Boener) for general contracting, cabinetry, countertops, and exhaust hoods.
- The cabinetry will be from Medallion Cabinetry, manufactured in Culver.
- Electrical work will be by Banner Electric in Plymouth.
- Huber's Carpet Outlet will provide the flooring.
- We are still working with 2 plumbers.

There will be volunteer opportunities available; dates and times to be determined. Here is some of what we will need help with (this list may increase).

- Removal of everything from the cupboards, including dishes, utensils, pots and pans, food, etc.
- Removal of the "overhead door" and the swinging door.
- Painting the walls and ceiling.
- · Once construction is complete, final cleaning and putting everything away.

<u>Financing:</u> The proper procedures have been started to finance the kitchen remodeling, and you will be hearing more about that following the Church Council meeting in October.

Do you like to sell things on the Internet? We need your assistance! We are eliminating the stainless steel items in the kitchen and we need to find the right buyer who could use them in their small business or church kitchen. If you have talent in this area, please contact Marilyn Rans to volunteer.

Three things that please God most are true faith in God with a pure heart, a simple life with a grateful spirit, and generosity inspired by charity.

—St. Ita (475-570)



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Sat	9	13	20	27	NDAYS ARE AS Sunday he Well AYS
E	5	12	19 Lunch Bunch @ Log House in Argos	26 F.K	31HALLOWEEN UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, SUNDAYS ARE AS REGULAR FOLLOWS: 8:30 1st Service, 9:30 Sunday School, 10:30 2nd Service, 5 pm The Well SCHEDULE BOY SCOUTS MEET 7 PM TUESDAYS
Thu	4 6 am Early Birds @ Pickut's Noon Joy Breaks 12:30 pm Bible Study	11 6 am Early Birds @ Pickut's Noon Joy Breaks 12:30 pm Bible Study	18 Regular Thursday schedule plus: 2-4 pm Game Day 7 pm Boy Scouts	25 26 26 am Early Birds @ Pickut's Noon Joy Breaks 12:30 pm Bible Study	UNLESS OTHER FOLLOWS: 8:30 School, 10:30 2n BOY SCOUTS M
Рем	3 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir Practice	10 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir Practice	17 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir Practice	24 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 5 pm Community Meal 7 pm Chancel Choir Practice	31HALLOWEEN REGULAR WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Tue	2 10 am Knit 2, Pray 3 11 am Women of Christmas 7 pm Missions	9 6 pm Church Council	16 11 am Women of Christmas 6 pm Finance	k- Men's Bible Study Spm Community Meal To HENDERSON SETT	30 11 am Women of Christmas
Mon	1 1 pm WOW @ B&G Club 6:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Marshall Starke	8 6:30 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Social Concems 7 pm Mother's Club	15 6 pm Outreach	22 5:30 pm Blessed Boo ies 7 pm Youth { Ed	29 6 pm SPRC
Sun		7 COMMUNION SUNDAY Sunday Brunch at Christo's fol- lowing 2nd Ser- vice	14 Boy Scout meal following 2nd Ser- vice	21 5pm Marty Miller concert in Sanctu- ary sponsored by The Well and Outreach	28

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THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE

IN THE EVENTS BELOW.....

Lunch Bunch: The third Friday of the month: RSVP Carol Beiter October 19 we will be dining at the Log House in Argos.

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

HERE ARE THE RESTAURANT CHOICES FOR THE COMING FEW MONTHS: NOVEMBER 16: OPIE'S (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, October 22, the Bookies will discuss "The Bridges of Madison County."

<u>Bad Girls:</u> For the month of October this group will meet October 2, 16, and 30. We will be reading The Women of Christmas" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We meet at 11:00 and have lunch at noon! Please join us! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite women friends to a unique study.



"Knit 2, Pray 3" TO GATHER.....

First Tuesdays (October 2, 2018) 10:00 to noon in the Memorial Room Contact Carol Beiter if you haven't signed up. Crocheters are very welcome!

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.

FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH

OCTOBER 7, 2018
BREAKFAST AT SYMPHONY
(Following 10:30 service)

RSVP in the back of the sanctuary or church office





MUSICAL EVENTS IN THE SANCTUARY!!

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!

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Mark Your Calendars—Friday, November 2, 2018 Ron Vance with Bible Sticks is Coming!



Ron Vance, a pastor from Cincinnati, Ohio has a program he calls Bible Sticks. He carves wooden walking sticks and every stick tells a story from the Bible. You

may look him up and watch a video at www.biblesticks.org.

On Friday, November 2,



Ron Vance with a Bible Stick

Ron will come to visit and give us a talk about how and why he does these. The program will take place in the Fellowship Hall (The Well area) and will be sponsored by The Well and Outreach. Please plan to attend and hear about this fascinating hobby!