

First News

Special points of interest:

- Ron Vance, “Bible Sticks” Friday, November 2 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- District Connection Day, Sunday, November 18 at 3 pm at South Bend Clay United Methodist Church

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A Note from Pastor Toni

Dear Friends,
Perhaps you've read of Kolbie Sanders, a 24-year old from Tyler, Texas, who was going to get married. A few weeks before the wedding, she ended her engagement. Instead of keeping the venue and decorations for use at some future date, Kolbie decided to give the reservation—it cost \$3,500—to help out another couple. Local businesses found out what she was doing, and they stepped up to donate photography services, food, flowers and beauty salon services.

“I wasn't interested in keeping the venue for myself,” she explained. So, she decided to give it away to a stranger.



Sanders told her story on social media, and asked people to send her a message with their backstories, according to Lindsey Bever of The Washington Post (10/18/18). She put their names on slips of paper, filled a bowl, and picked out the name of “Halie Hipsher.”

“When I chose her name,” Kolbie remembers, “I was really excited. I immediately remembered her story, so I was really happy for her.” Hipsher has

explained that her grandfather had Stage 4 cancer, and she didn't think he would make it to walk her down the aisle if they waited another year. Because of the unexpected, sudden gift of the wedding venue, Hipsher's grandfather was able to attend her wedding.

“With my engagement ending, I've come to find tremendous peace in knowing that I did the right thing for the both of us. With that being said, now

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Ron Vance, Bible Sticks, November 2nd

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 Bi-

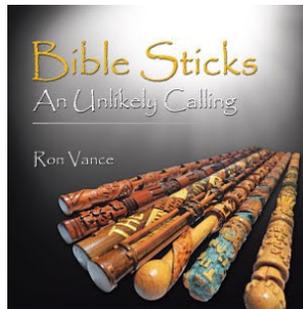
ble. You may look him up and watch a video at www.biblesticks.org.



Ron Vance with a Bible Stick

On Friday, November 2, at 7 pm, 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!



Lots going on at FUMC: See these pages for more information!

Mother's Club Meetings by Robin Cupka

Mother's Club will meet Monday, November 12th at 7 pm for our annual cleaning of the



nurse-ries.

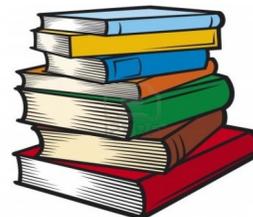
We will also meet on Satur-

day, November 17th to make "Meals for Methodists" at 9:30 am in the Education Building.

WOW Meeting: Monday, November 5th @ 1 pm

This month's meeting of WOW will be at 1 pm on Monday, November 5th at the Plymouth Public Library. Please enter at the north entrance to the Library on W. Washington St. We will be gath-

ering in the Laramore Room to hear from Heather Barron, Library Director. Don't



Our library has more than just books!

miss this opportunity to hear about all the exciting resources and activities available at our library!

Social Concerns News by Mary Kaufman

Thanks to your caring generosity, Social Concerns is able to give monthly to Link to Hope, Heminger House, Marshall County



Neighborhood Center, Bread of Life and our church's Community Meal. For a tax deductible donation, make your check payable to FUMC with



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mas Clothesline will be displayed on November 18 when you can choose a child for whom you can buy clothing. The wrapped gifts should be returned to the back of the sanctuary by December 9th. Thanks for caring for those less fortunate than we are. Your help really makes a difference in the lives of others. God bless you!

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District Connection Day, South Bend Clay UMC, November 18 @ 3pm

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 attend.



United Methodist Men Organizational Meeting November 17th @ 8 am



There will be an organizational breakfast meeting on Saturday, November 17th at 8 am for those men who are interested in being a part of United Methodist Men. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church or please call Dave Hogsett at 936-6927 or email him at davidh15503@embarqmail.com if you plan to attend.

A Note from Pastor Toni continued

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I want to do the right thing by others and let some good come out of this decision.”



When people began stepping up and offering their services, she says, “It became a chain reaction of... donations.”

Things were tough when the Hebrew prophet, Habakkuk lived. The nation was under attack, people were terrified as they waited for their deliverance, and even the natural world seemed to have broken down. Despite the fact that the fig tree isn’t blooming, there is no produce on the grapevines and the olive crop withers, Habakkuk declares (3:18), “I will rejoice in the Lord. I will rejoice in the God of my deliverance.”

Things had gone

wrong, and yet together the prophet and his people chose joy, faith and life.

Will you be a part of a chain reaction of generosity by how you will return to God in 2019 a portion of what you have been given? Our giving isn’t about cost of living numbers or a line-item budget but it is about love. Are we growing in love? Are we growing in our walk with God?

Here is something to think about: If you are not in the habit of giving financially, you are invited to step up and experience the joy of being a part of God’s good work by beginning to give \$5 or \$10 each week. For the cost of breakfast at McDonalds or a coffee shop stop, you can know the joy of seeing God use your gifts to bless all sorts of people here and in other places, as well. Beginning to say thank you in this way will bring you joy!

If you are in the habit

of giving, you are invited to grow towards a tithe (giving 10% of your income or resources away to God and God’s work) by increasing the portion of your income you give by 1 or 2% this coming year. If you are one of those persons who gives 1 or 2% of your income to God, this growth in your giving and soul life will be a BIG step. It may mean an increase of 20% or 30% or 50% in what you give back to God.

Finally, if you are tithing, we celebrate your faithfulness! Keep going...keep leading! Perhaps now, if it’s not already a part of your practice, it is a good time to think about leaving a legacy gift by making a planned gift to God’s future work through our church’s foundation. If you want the future to be better than the present, and you want to have a continuing influence for good as the years go by, consider not only being faithful in your current gifts but ex-

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press your love for God with a legacy gift to the foundation.

In the next few days you will be receiving a letter and an opportunity to make a financial commitment to our church's ministries in 2019.

Please prayerfully consider your response and bring your commitment to worship with you on November 11, when we will share in a time of dedication and celebration. If you aren't able to be here on the 11th, please send or bring your form to the church

office by the following Sunday.

It's amazing what God can do when God's people choose joy, life, trust and generosity even when things have gone wrong.

In a moment of personal crisis, Kolbie Sanders decided to think of others and do something big!

"I've come to find tremendous peace in



knowing that I did the right thing for the both of us," Sanders observes. "With that being said, now I want to do the right thing by others and let some good come out of this decision."

Won't you be a part of the chain reaction?

With Joy and Gratitude,

Toni

Toni Carmer

November Preaching Plan



November 4

24th Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day; Communion

Text: Luke 10:1-2

Title: Simple Math

Theme: Shaped by God's Heart, Chapter 10:
Measure Growth by Capacity to Release,
Not Retain

November 11

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Matthew 6:33

Title: Seek Ye First

Theme: Shaped by God's Heart, Chapter 11:
Place Kingdom Concerns First

November 18

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

Text: Exodus 18; Deut. 7:6-9

Title: Riding the Waves

Theme: Shaped by God's Heart, Chapters 12
and 13: Church Structures and Leadership

November 25

Christ the King

Text: Psalm 37:4

Title: Sail On!

Theme: Shaped by God's Heart, Chapter 14:
Becoming a New Kind of Church



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

Lunch Bunch: The third Friday of the month:
RSVP Carol Beiter
November 16 we will be dining at
Opies.....everyone just meet there!!!

HERE ARE THE RESTAURANT CHOICES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

DECEMBER 21: MILLER'S ASSISTED LIVING (Plymouth)

JANUARY 18: GRANNYS

FEBRUARY 15: CHRISTO'S

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 November 26 we will be discussing "Two From Galilee" which will be an inspiring beginning to the Advent season.*

Bad Girls: Continuing with a study of "The Women of Christmas", this group will meet November 12 and 26th. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite women friends to a unique study.



Knit 2, Pray 3

Third Tuesdays, 10:00 to noon. Next meeting is November 20 in the Memorial Room. Contact Carol Beiter if you haven't signed up.

We will skip November and December but this was such a suc-
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THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE....continued

cess, we plan to continue in 2019! Breakfast at Symphony following the 10:30 service. Symphony was the perfect location and accommodated all 18 of us!

FALL INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAMFRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 7:00 PM

Ron Vance with the "Bible Stick" program in The Well area. See page 2 for related article.



Don't forget—clocks go back one hour on Sunday November 4th!

Unlocked Doors by Kathy Smitha

Since I began working here at FUMC, I have occasionally found the door(s) to the Ed Building unlocked when I come to work. Sometimes it is during the week—probably after an activity or meeting—but I have come in on a Mon-

day morning to find the door unlocked.

PLEASE! If you are the last one out the door for **any** reason, be sure the door is



Please be sure all doors are locked.

locked. And please take the time to check both north and south doors! Thank you!

Communion Ministry News by Linda Langfeldt

Communion Ministry for shut-ins, nursing home residents

A new outreach ministry for our church was started last year. Teams visit our members in nursing homes or at their homes.

Dorothy Steinke, June Pullen and Car-

ol Beiter visit Pilgrim Manor.

Abi and Barbie Pickut visit Catherine Kasper Home. Lynn Gee and Linda Langfeldt visit Miller's Assisted Living and then take com-

munion to the three residents at Miller's Merry Manor. Joanne

Boys and Barb Friesner visit members in their homes. In October, Pilgrim Manor group joined the Inwood Methodist Church group and had 14 in attendance. Twelve residents joined us at Miller's Assisted Living.

Our thanks to Tom Boys who joins us at Miller's Assisted Living and plays the piano and leads us in hymns.



Abi Pickut and Dottie Butler at Catherine Kasper

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NOVEMBER

N O V	8:30 Liturgists	10:30 Liturgists	Greeter(s)	Ushers	10:30 Sound System	Older Nursery	Acolytes
4	Tim Hardy	Watch weekly bulletin for assignments.			Tom Pedavoli	Sarah Smith	Logan Binkley
11	James Easterday			Bill and Donna Hemmig, Tim and Hugh Smith, Woody Schinbeckler	James Faulstich	Barbie Pickut	Emma Konefsky
18	David Smith				Ralph Booker	Kelsey Heisler	David Cochern
25	Jan Hardy				Robin Cupka	Melissa Christiansen	Emma Konefsky

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November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, SUNDAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 8:30 am 1st Service, 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am 2nd Service, 5 pm The Well Boy Scouts Meet @ 7 pm Tuesdays</p>						
<p>4 Communion Sunday</p>	<p>5 1 pm WOW @ Plymouth Library 6:30 pm Marshall/Starke</p>	<p>6 10 am Knit 2, Pray 3 7 pm Missions</p>	<p>7 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>8 6 am Early Birds @ Pickut's Noon Joy Breaks 12:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>9 7 pm Ron Vance, Bible Stick Man at The Well</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 Boy Scout Meal after 2nd Service</p>	<p>12 6:30 pm Social Concerns 6:30 pm Trustees 7 pm Mother's Club annual nursery cleaning</p>	<p>13 11 am Women of Christmas PLYMOUTH HACIENDA DAY!</p>	<p>14 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>15 Regular Thursday Schedule plus: 2-4 pm Game Day 7 pm Boy Scout Roundtable</p>	<p>16 Noon Lunch Bunch @ Opie's Deli, Plymouth — Meet there</p>	<p>17 In Ed Bldg: 7-9 am Methodist Men Breakfast 9:30-noon Mother's Club "Meals for Methodists"</p>
<p>18 3 pm District Connection @ SB Clay UMC</p>	<p>19 6 pm SPRC</p>	<p>20 6 pm Finance 7 pm Choir Practice (note change)</p>	<p>21 CHOIR PRACTICE DATE CHANGE</p>	<p>22 THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 5:30 pm Blessed Bookies 7 pm Youth & Ed</p>	<p>27 11 am Women of Christmas 5:30 pm Church Council 7:30 pm Maxinkuckee Singers Christmas concert</p>	<p>28 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Christmas Decorating 5-7 pm Community Meal</p>	<p>29 6 am Early Birds @ Pickut's Noon Joy Breaks 12:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Wednesday November 28th 9 am Holiday decorating at the church and Ed Building will take place. Volunteers are needed!</p>

Kitchen Remodel Update by Pam Michel

Please check out the display in the narthex showing the proposed floor plan and renderings of the proposed cabinetry.

The Church Council and Finance Commission are working on a strategy to finance the project, and we hope to have more information for you soon regarding this plan.

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Budget: \$104,896.00

Brief Overview:

- All new cabinetry; quartz countertops; and solid-surface, full-height backsplashes.
- 2 x 4 walls finished with sheetrock behind new cabinets. (To facilitate utilities.)
- New electric panel; new electric wiring and receptacles.
- Update existing light fixtures to LED.
- New exhaust fans over ranges.
- 3 New sinks; disposal; mop sink; and all new piping. Shut-offs at each fixture.
- Tankless, gas water heater for kitchen; and 6-gallon electric water heater for restrooms.
- Water Softener.
- Vinyl, floating floor, extending into Fellowship Hall; and vinyl baseboards.

Existing refrigerators and ranges will be re-installed.

Volunteers will be needed to:

- Empty out all cabinets, refrigerators, etc. prior to demolition.
- Paint walls and ceiling.
- Remove walk-in door and pass-thru door.
- Build closet in coat area to house water heater and water softener.
- Put everything away after completion of project.

Contractors:

- Countertop Shoppe (Mike and Cindy Boener) as general contractor, cabinetry and countertops, exhaust fans, demolition.
- Banner Electric for electrical work.
- Herrman & Goetz, Inc. for plumbing work.
- Huber's Carpet Outlet for vinyl flooring and baseboards.
- Cabinetry will be manufactured by Medallion Cabinetry in Culver.

A fund has been established for donations. You may write your check to FUMC and put "Kitchen" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!



Red Poinsettia Plant
Cost \$12.00 Each
Deadline to Order:
Monday, December 3rd

How to order: Complete the order form below and turn it in with your offering or drop it off at the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy in the church office at 936-2943 or office@plymouthfirstumc.org. (Flyers will be in the bulletin 11/18 & 11/25)

I wish to order _____ Red Poinsettia Plant(s) at \$12.00 each = _____ (Total Amount Due)

In Honor of: _____
OR

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

November 2018 Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Alyson DeSalle</i>	3 <i>Charles Ross</i>
4 <i>Cathy Clough</i> <i>Tim Grievank</i>	5 <i>Roxana Ruud</i>	6 <i>Aaron Hartung</i> <i>Daren Morgan</i>	7 <i>Dana Kiefer</i> <i>Loren Rensberger</i>	8	9 <i>Cameron Kaufman</i>	10 <i>Dale Gott</i>
11 <i>Claire Morrow</i>	12	13	14 <i>Mark Senter</i> <i>Jan Shockney</i>	15	16 <i>Wesley Burden</i> <i>Lillie Cox</i>	17 <i>Jay Laudeman</i>
18 <i>Trisha Luebecke</i>	19 <i>Mary Hildebrand</i> <i>Tina Holtzclaw</i>	20 <i>Bailey Capper</i> <i>Robert Dixon</i>	21	22 <i>Dick Millikan</i> <i>Mike Woolfington</i>	23 <i>Bryan Berger</i> <i>Jim Causey</i>	24
25 <i>Ian Bardwell</i> <i>Daniel Cochern</i> <i>Karen Emerick</i> <i>Bev Harris</i>	26	27 <i>Diana Laudeman</i> <i>Troy Spencer</i>	28 <i>Gracie Ganshorn</i>	29	30 <i>Sherry Schinbeckler</i>	

Mission Minded by Pam Michel

Upcoming Fund Raiser:

Tuesday, November 13 eat at Hacienda and present the coupon located elsewhere in this newsletter, and we will receive a portion of the sales for the entire day. See flier on opposite page. 

Funds raised will be used to finance our upcoming mission trips.

Current Work Trip:

HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

We currently have a group of eight people working at Henderson Settlement. Steve and Sharon Westfall, Mike Woolfington, Carol Beiter, Karen Capper, Ralph Booker, and Brent and Mary Kaufman will be returning on Friday, October 26.



Upcoming Work Trips:

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 persons skilled in these areas.

- Carol Beiter is the contact person for this trip.

JULY 6 - 14, 2019 MISSION GUATEMALA

We have 12 – 14 people signed up to go to Guatemala next July, but we have room for others. We have a hold on up to 20 airline tickets for a very good price.



- Pastor Toni and Troy Spencer are the contacts 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 or Steve Westfall.

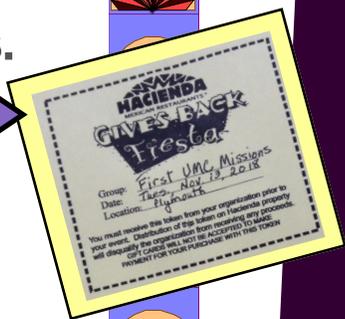
Thank you for your support!



November 13, 2018

Plymouth Hacienda

Eat at Hacienda anytime on
November 13
to support ALL our Mission Work Teams.
Just bring your special token
and our group gets 20% off all sales.
Eat in, carry out, or buy gift cards—
It all counts!



Henderson Settlement News

Just a few photos from the team who went to Henderson Settlement October 21-26. Team members include Steve & Sharon Westfall, Mike Woolfington, Carol Beiter, Karen Capper, Brent & Mary Kaufman and Ralph Booker.



ADVENT begins December 2



In order to have all the decorations in place for the first Sunday of Advent —

Wednesday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m. – Holiday decorating will take place. **Volunteers are needed!**

Decorating for Advent / Christmas is a very big job and many helpers are appreciated. We will decorate all 3 floors in the Education Building; and in the Sanctuary Building - the Social Room, Narthex, Sanctuary, the Michigan Street Foyer, etc. There will be lists of what needs to be done in each area, so the workers can be divided up and multiple areas can be done simultaneously. This work is not heavy and does not require climbing on ladders. This work will start in the Fellowship Hall.

Men Needed who can lift, tote, and climb ladders and stairs; to help Jeff Mills erect the Christmas tree in the sanctuary and move some items to the proper floor and locations. This work will start in the sanctuary, also at 9 a.m.

Thanks for helping!

Sunday, December 2:

8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services will include “Dance for Him” performing during the prelude; and the lighting of the Christmas tree. Communion will be celebrated this First Sunday of Advent.

“Bringing in Christmas” starts with a carry-in meal at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger foods to share. Plates, napkins, and beverages will be provided.



2017 Christmas Program

Children's Program in the sanctuary following the meal.

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Thanksgiving Food Baskets for M.C. Neighborhood Center



You may purchase and donate the following items or donate \$25 to MCNC. Donations must be dropped off by November 16th!

- Bag of potatoes or mashed potatoes
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of cream of mush-

room soup

- 1 can French fried onions
- 1 can of corn
- 1 can of creamed corn
- 1 box of corn muffin mix
- 1 box of stuffing
- 1 jar of gravy
- Dinner rolls
- 1 dessert (like a cake or a pie)
- 1 turkey

**Help someone
less fortunate
have a
Thanksgiving
dinner!**

