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Greetings, Brothers and Sisters, in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

There is something sacred about this time of year. As we step into April, we find ourselves moving toward Holy Week—the most meaningful, powerful, and transformative week of our faith. It is the week where love is lived, stretched, tested, and ultimately poured out.

Our Lenten theme, *Love Under Pressure*, has been guiding us through these weeks together. We have been reminded that love isn't only easy and light. Love shows up in the wilderness. Love crosses boundaries. Love waits in the dark. And in Holy Week, we see love at its fullest expression.

We walk with Jesus through the cheers of Palm Sunday... the tension of the upper room... the heartbreak of the cross... and the quiet, holy stillness of the tomb. And we know—Easter morning brings resurrection, hope, and new life. This is the story that shapes us, and the very love that carries us.

Holy Week is a week of sacred experiences. It is also one of the most meaningful opportunities we have—not only for our own faith, but for the people in our lives who may be searching, wondering, or simply needing a place to belong. This is a beautiful time to extend an invitation to our family, friends, and neighbors.

As we move toward Easter, may we hold both the weight and the wonder of this season. May we walk the journey of Holy Week with open hearts. And may we be ready to celebrate the good news that love—God's love—has the final word. I am so looking forward to experiencing Holy Week together.

**In the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray we continue to...
Show Love, Share Love, and Spread Love!**

**Grace and Peace,
Pastor Amber**





WELLNESS AWARENESS

Cheryl Howard | PARISH NURSE



REVITALIZE YOUR ENERGY

Resurrection Sunday is April 5. Resurrection is the returning of Christ from the dead—a second definition is the revitalization or revival of something. Think deeper into how this can be meaningful in your own health. Would you like to revitalize your energy, your strength, your joy, your peace, your relationships? Jesus came to show us The Way and how to have a life with meaning. Waking up each day asking God “what is my purpose today.” will give you hope and guidance. It’s the small tasks that make the most impact—discussing a Bible verse with a friend, visiting a home-bound person, sharing your time with a community agency, listening to a person who is in pain, taking a walk to see what God has made—all these things bring purpose and can spark JOY!

MIGRAINE TRIGGERS

Some people have found that certain foods will trigger migraines. Among the most common foods blamed are alcohol, chocolate, aged cheese, monosodium glutamate (MSG), nuts, salami, nitrite preservatives and artificial sweeteners such as aspartame. A food diary is a very good way to uncover migraine triggers for a given individual. A study in children found that many of those who avoided frequent triggers such as aspartame, caffeine, MSG, cocoa, cheese, citrus and nitrites had fewer headaches. An unexpected benefit for people taking GLP-1 medications found they had less migraines! Scientists were uncertain whether this is a direct effect of the drugs or an indirect effect from the metabolic and dietary changes they produce.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Indianapolis Monthly (Jan2026) had a very interesting article about Mocktails! This is a growing trend as people are choosing to drink less alcohol. In a latest Gallup poll, 54 percent of adults responded they drank alcohol, that’s the lowest number since the original poll in 1939! According to Dr. Tod Huntley. “Alcohol is metabolized into a by-product called acetaldehyde, a known carcinogen and toxin that can affect DNA and certain proteins.” It increases the risk of illness and decreases quality of life. There is much creativity going into Mocktails — a safer choice.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Cooking Matters — Lunch and Learn

May 4, Aug. 10 and Oct. 5.

Specific topics to be announced.

PFAS EXPOSURE

Continue to decrease your Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) exposure! These are known as “forever chemicals”. EPA has been monitoring levels. Here in Indiana we have low levels being detected in our water. They may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals. Public water systems are monitoring for the chemicals. Take your well water to the Health Dept in Marion County for an analysis.

INTENTIONALITY *Do you want to be changed?*

Cathy Mosier | FUMC PRAYER TEAM

John 5:1-15: *Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁴—and they waited for the moving of the waters. From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” ¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” ¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” ¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.*

As I read John’s account of the man who was “in-valid” I see it’s not really about physical healing, although Jesus certainly HEALED the man’s physical condition, it’s about being ready to change my Spiritual condition. Am I willing to accept Jesus’ influence and control of my life and it’s course? Am I dissuaded from change by those around me and myself? O LORD help me NOT turn away from YOUR offer of Spiritual change in my life.

As I read my Bible I ponder ... am I being transformed by GOD’S WORD? ... am I allowing HIS WORD to enter my Spirit and mind? ... am I hungering for MORE? ... am I visibly shining for HIM and HIS GLORY?

Just my thoughts as I approach Easter and ponder HIS GREAT SACRIFICE AND LOVE for me.

If the Prayer Team can offer you any HOPE or ENCOURAGEMENT or PRAYERS please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

In Christ’s service,

Cathy
FUMC Prayer Team

HOW CAN
we Pray
FOR YOU?

MISSION and MINISTRIES



Dave Nance | MISSION CHAIR

Thank you for being a Church with a missional heart. Christ calls us to care for our neighbors. We are blessed to have many members of our congregation and in our community who step up in volunteer positions to provide for those in need. We have servant and leadership opportunities in our congregation. Just let us know if you would like to expand your participation in our Church or community missional services.

This month we will feature two missions: **PEACE RESTORED** and **KAIROS**.

PEACE RESTORED held their 10th annual Gala fundraiser at our church on February 28. They had over 170 people in fellowship hall for the big event. It was a blessing to support their mission with the use of our facility as well as our monthly and additional donations. Peace Restored is our next-door neighbor. We invite you to visit their website to learn more about the work this group is doing to help those in need through Christian based counseling.

<https://www.peacerestored.net>

A **KAIROS** team will be going into the Heritage Trails Correctional Facility (Plainfield) in early April. The closing ceremony will be held at 2 pm on the afternoon of Sunday, April 12. That is the Sunday following Easter. The experience of seeing and hearing the testimony of the inmates in the closing service is inspiring. To participate each person must have their name on the gate release. Contact Curt Sidener (317-560-0661) or the office by April 2. Further instructions will be sent to you by email.



The team of over 30 men prepare to lead the inmates to Christ by meeting in several churches prior to the weekend event. On March 7 our United Methodist Men provided and served lunch for a training session of approximately 34 members. You also participate through your regular giving.

Please watch the bulletin board, SonBurst, and the Sunday bulletin for additional announcements. You can also talk with any of the missions committee members about any mission you see on the Missions Committee bulletin board or other local missions of interest.

Your Missions Committee.



CHURCH WORK DAY

Outdoor church work day is Saturday, April 18, 9am to noon. Bring your rake and gloves and help us get the church grounds looking great.



Tomorrow's Promise Preschool

Themes for April are: Signs of Spring, Easter, Science & Recycle, Butterflies & Frogs.

Tomorrow's Promise is accepting registration for the 2026-2027 school year. Please talk to Ms. Lydia if you have questions or would like an Intent-to-Register form.



We are taking registration for the 2026 Summer Camp offered for students 3 years old through 8 years old. Registration forms can be found on the Welcome desk.



Watch for VBS Registration forms early in May. Our theme is "Daniel's Journey". All volunteers will need to complete a background check. VBS dates are June 23-26.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mr. Bunny says thank you for liking his eggs so much. After delivering 116 eggs he is exhausted and has left, but promises to return in 2027.

Know what happens in approximately 77 days? STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL time! Preparations and planning have already begun. If you know of anyone who is a crafter and would like to participate in this event, please have them contact the office or Mary Craig.

Reminder: UMW scholarships are available to assist with furthering your education. These scholarships are available for any lady in the church who will be furthering their education be it in college or trade school. If interested check with Kim in the office or Mary Craig.

Have a happy spring and enjoy!



SCHOLARSHIPS

It's hard to believe we are almost done with another school year. If you are graduating and going on to continuing education, please make sure to utilize all Morgan County resources for scholarship assistance. Our very own United Methodist Women give away a scholarship to any lady of the church.

Contact the church office or see Dan Herron if you have questions.



YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

WHERE: Reelfoot Rural Ministries,
6923 Minnick-Elbridge Rd.
Obion, TN 38240

Reelfoot Rural Ministries is a mission agency founded by the people of the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church. RRM is located in rural Obion County, serving Northwest Tennessee and Southwest Kentucky. This rural area surrounding Reelfoot Lake is an area of extreme poverty. In fact, Lake County has the lowest per capita income of any county in Tennessee and is consistently ranked as one of the lowest in the nation.

WHEN: Sunday, June 14-Saturday, June 20
Get this on your calendar!

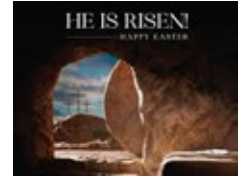
WHO:

Adults: Dan Herron, Sarah Herron, JD Farmer
Youth: (Going into) 7th thru 12th Grade

HOW MUCH: \$150 per person. Includes transportation, lodging, meals at the mission center, t-shirt, and admission to Kentucky Kingdoms Theme Park.



SUNDAY, APRIL 1
EASTER SUNDAY
No Youth Meeting



FRIDAY, APRIL 10-12
SPRING RETREAT
CAMP MONETO

*Leave from the church on
Friday at 6:30pm.
Return on Sunday afternoon.*



SATURDAY, APRIL 18
VOLUNTEER AT LEAGUE OF
MIRACLES KICKBALL

*Meet at the church at 9:30am.
Volunteer at the
10am and 11am games.
Eat lunch at Dairy Queen.
Return to the church at 1pm.*



SUNDAY, APRIL 19
YOUTH GROUP MEETING
4:45 to 7:15pm

Fun, food and devotions.



SUNDAY, APRIL 26
YOUTH GROUP MEETING
4:45 to 7:15pm

Fun, food and devotions.





I want to thank my church family for all of the cards, visits, food and prayer.
Karen Overpeck

SEEKING & LIVING THE WESLEYAN WAY

On Saturday, March 21 Bishop Malone invited laity and clergy on a spiritual journey of deeper discipleship, connection, and leadership as we rediscover our Wesleyan heritage and reignite our faith. Featured guest speaker, scholar, professor, author Rev. Dr. Paul Chilcote, presented on the focused theme “Seeking & Living the Wesleyan Way.”



Senior pastor of Zionsville UMC welcomed us. Reverend Shannon Stringer explained Bishop Malone was attending a trustee’s meeting of the African University and could not be with us. Dr. Chilcote started with a favorite Swahili musician greeting. Dr Chilcote pointed out how essential Charles was to the Wesleyan movement, partnership. Many of Charles’ poems/hymns were highlighted. Dr Chilcote explained the Wesleyan way with topics of: “Immerse in Love”, “doctrinal verses practical”, “faith by which we live”, “deeds not creeds”.

If you are interested in these type of events, the church office would be glad to help you receive information.



EMAIL SCAMS

Scammers are getting very creative and we want to

make sure you are staying safe concerning your emails.

The Pastor, office or staff will never ask you for gift cards, money or monetary assistance through an email.

Double check the receiving email **address**, not the person it is coming from. This is usually an immediate red flag that it is not from the church.

Please notify the church if something does not seem right or you have a question.

Let’s stay safe together!



BOOK CLUB

Sanctuary by Paola Mendoza and Abby Sher.

NATIONAL BESTSELLER, Co-founder of the Women’s March Paola Mendoza and

award-winning writer Abby Sher’s timely, haunting near-future dystopian novel tells of a young girl and her brother who must escape a xenophobic government to find sanctuary.

We will talk about this book on April 8 at 8pm via zoom.

Zoom link: <https://iu.zoom.us/j/82265967591>

SUNDAY SCHOOL and RECURRING GROUPS



Please check with your leader to confirm meetings.

Group Name	Time	Location	Leader	Date	Description of Study
SUNDAY GROUPS					
Seeker Sunday School	10:30 am	Rm 106	Cathy Mosier	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Friendship Class	10:30 am	Parlor	Yeager / Harris	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Here and Now Class	10:30 am	Rm 104	Dave Nance	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Talk Back	10:30 am	Rm 110	Pastor Amber	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Alcoholics Anonymous	4:00 pm	Rm 110	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Support group
The Crossing	4:45 pm	Rm 112	Dan Herron	Meeting Now	7th-12th grade youth group
5th/6th Grade Youth	4:45 pm	Rm 108	Dan Herron	Meeting Now	5th-6th grade youth group

MONDAY GROUPS					
Trailblazers	1:00 pm	Parlor	Cheryl Howard	Meeting Now	Bible Study

TUESDAY GROUPS					
Quilters	9:00 am	Parlor	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Bring sewing machine

WEDNESDAY GROUPS					
Prayer Group	8:00 am	Chapel	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Pray for our church/community
Stretch & Flex	11:00 am	Rm 103	Cheryl Howard	Meeting Now	Chair Yoga
Handbell Choir	6:00 pm	Rm 103	Cathy Mosier	Meeting Now	Handbell practice
Book Club	8:00 pm	Online	Beth DeHoff	April 8	Life Group

THURSDAY GROUPS					
LRE Visitation Team	9:30 am	Rm 104	Sandy Fanning	April 9 & 23	Meet for devotions/outreach

FRIDAY GROUPS					
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 pm	Parlor	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Support for addiction
Al-Anon	7:30 pm	Rm 110	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Spouse support for addiction

SATURDAY GROUPS					
UMMen's Breakfast	8:00 am	Parlor	Team Leaders	April 11	Breakfast/devotion with sharing

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8am Prayer 11am Stretch & Flex 6pm Bell Practice	2 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Meal  MAUNDY Thursday	3 6:30pm Good Friday Service 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Alanon  GOOD Friday	4
5 9:15am Worship 4pm AA  EASTER Sunday	6 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 1pm Trailblazers	7 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 9am Quilting Group 6:40pm Bible Study Fellowship	8 8am Prayer 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 11am Stretch & Flex 6pm Bell Practice 6pm Girl Scout 2723	9 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 9:30am LRE 1:30pm Bayview 6:30pm 4H Pioneer Clovers	10 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Alanon <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> YOUTH SPRING RETREAT </div>	11 8am UMM Breakfast 1pm Kubischta Party
12 9:15am Worship 10:30am Adult & Children Sunday School 2pm Wendell Thaler Celebration of Life 4pm AA <div style="background-color: #90EE90; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	13 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 1pm Trailblazers 7pm Delta Theta Tau	14 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 9am Quilting Group 6pm Ad Council 6:40pm Bible Study Fellowship	15 8am Prayer 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 11am Stretch & Flex 6pm Bell Practice	16 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 1pm Book Club	17 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Alanon	18 2pm Harris Party
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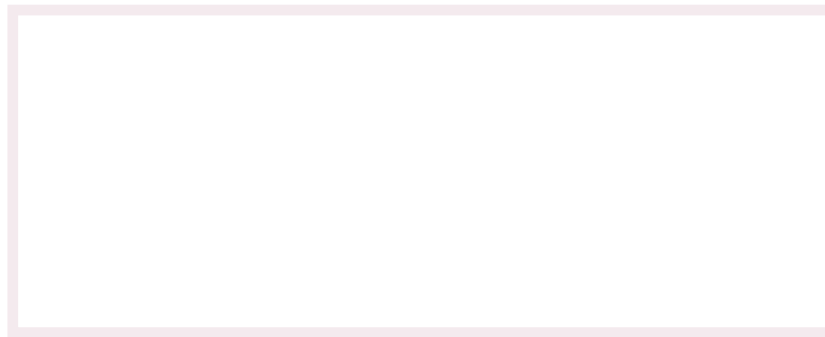
UPCOMING *Events*

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events through the summer. We hope you can join us not only for these special events, but also our Sunday worship.

April 10 Youth Spring Retreat
May 24 Pentecost Sunday
June 2 Children's Summer Camp
June 13 Strawberry Festival
June 14 Youth Mission Trip

June 23 Vacation Bible School
August 9 Blood Drive
August 29 Rummage Sale

Watch dates for Summer Lunch and more!



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