

June

Happy



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Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries: Robin Podell

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Discovery Days Preschool Staff

Dorothy Cahill, Shawn Cothran,

Laura Gray, Jaunda Kneller, Shae Taylor

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Send Your Kids to Church Camp



When I was a young boy (many years ago), I spent some fantastic weeks at Church Camp. My mother cooked for our youth group when they went to Epworth Forest, and she would take me along. I have great memories of those days. Later at Junior High age, I attended Camp Adventure, made some great friends, and began to grow in faith. In high school, I went every summer to Epworth Forest for camp and experienced my call to ministry during one of those weeks of Senior High Camp.

Over the years, I have gone to camp many weeks with youth groups . . . as counselor, pastor, chaperon, and even as the cook. Camp is a blessing for everyone who attends. It is a great time to live and learn in a Christian atmosphere, and to focus on a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We have info in the church office regarding all of our United Methodist camps in Indiana - or you can go to



Church Camp

to get all of the information you need regarding our camps.
www.beacamper.com

Camps average about \$350.00 for a week of camp,

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but we are offering scholarships to all our kids, and dropping the price to \$75.00 per camper - for any United Methodist camp.

So I have several requests for you.

1. If you are a child or youth, please sign up for camp.
2. If you have a child or youth, please sign them up for camp.
3. Give a gift to help provide camp scholarships - so that all of our children and youth can afford to go to camp.

In addition, I want you to be aware of a fund raising campaign to build new lodges at Epworth Forest. If you would like to make a gift to this campaign - or are interested in more information, please let me know. There will be more conversation about this campaign in the next few weeks.



The movie "Pay It Forward" a few years ago told the story of a young boy whose school project was to "pay it forward"—to encourage people to do good deeds for others, and then to see how those good deeds were forwarded on to others. It sounds counter-intuitive, but it seems to be a principle of the Kingdom of God, as stated by Jesus, that it is better to give than to receive. Our giving is then often (no guarantees) rewarded by our receiving both the joy of giving and other blessings which come back to us.

I believe a similar principle is involved in the life of our congregations. I see so many United Methodist churches which are reaching out to others, providing free meeting space to community groups, engaging in direct mission projects, literally giving their money, and going forward in faith. All of this can be quite counter-intuitive in tough economic times. These churches sense that God calls us to stretch, grow, and give when times are tough, and I see those **churches being "rewarded" with a good spirit and a new energy.** Recently one county-seat, downtown church shared with me their excellent financial report for 2009 and their growing budget pledges for 2010. When I asked how that happened, their lay leadership said to me: **"it all started when we began our community meal on Sunday nights to feed hungry people in our town.** That seemed to inspire all of us to see the needs, to give, and to be blessed by that

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giving. A new spirit of generosity has come into our **church, and even our budget is doing better.**” Wow! What a great testimony. I see it repeated in many of our congregations—they are **“growing it forward.”**

Unfortunately I have also seen that the reverse is true. When congregations get scared by our tough economy, when they cut back on their budgets and their giving, and when they try to save themselves—then often the result is further decline and less giving to their ministries. As one other lay leader commented to me about **this sad state of affairs in his church, “We learned that excellence is not achieved by cutbacks.”** Again, Jesus himself spoke to that truth when he said, **“Those who try to save their lives, will lose them”**

We are called by Jesus and the whole movement of the **Kingdom of God to “grow it forward.”** That may even include acting like a bigger and better church than we already are—in order to grow forward and to become that church we envision. It might include individuals setting personal mission goals (if you want a book resource for that, let me suggest [The Path](#) by Laurie Beth Jones). It could include forgiving someone who has **not really “earned” our forgiveness, and discovering** how we are freed by letting go of our animosity toward **that person. It certainly includes taking seriously “risk-taking mission and service” and “extravagant generosity”**—two of the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations that we will be emphasizing at Annual Conference.

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Discovery Days Preschool

I hope that everyone will have a happy summer. We had a wonderful school year. This year our 21st pre-I class graduated! Mrs. Cothran and Mrs. Taylor had 20 wonderful students.

We are looking forward to another great class. There are a few openings in each class. If you have or know of children that will be 2, 3, or 4 by August 1st, please let them know about Discovery Days. We have registration materials in the church office and brochures on the bulletin boards next to the classrooms.

We have a few changes for next year. First of all, Mrs. Cothran will not be returning as she is having a baby this summer. We know that she will enjoy her bundle of joy and will be very busy. Secondly, I am retiring as of the end of the school year. I cannot tell you how much a pleasure it has been serving as the director of this school and serving you, the members of this wonderful church. Twenty-two years ago I was volunteering with Jacki McBride at the YMCA preschool when she told me that the church wanted to restart a preschool and was looking for a director and teacher. I accepted the position and I have loved it ever since. I have met so many caring and supportive members of this church. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you!

The preschool staff would like to take this time to welcome our new director, Kris Cook. Last year Kris told

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me she was going to retire after 30 years with the Michigan City schools as and Educational Audiologist/ Speech and Language Pathologist and she thought **Discovery Days was a great program.** (Kris's daughter Sam was a graduate). Since then Kris has been working with me, learning the ropes. Kris has a BA in Speech and Hearing sciences and her Masters of teaching arts in Audiology from Indiana University. She is married to Larry and has one daughter; they have been long time active members of the church. In her spare time she enjoys painting. Kris will be a wonderful asset to the program and you are so lucky to have her!

Have a great summer!
Jaunda Kneller, Former Director



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Yes, the words of Jesus and the principles of the Kingdom of God are clear: do you want to grow in your faith and your ministry? Then grow it forward!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Dear FUMC Family,
Thank you so much for all of the care packages that I have received throughout the year. They were definitely a **much needed "Pick-me-up"**. I really appreciated it! Thanks again & God Blessings,
Elizabeth Hajek

Thank you so much for the care package! It is greatly appreciated. I just finished my exams, and now I am a 4th year medical student at UVA. I still plan to go into pediatrics after I finish next year.
Also, I recently got engaged to Ronald Miller and we are very excited! We are planning a wedding for sometime next year around when I graduate. I will share more details as we know them.
Thank you again for the

care package. I'm sure I'll enjoy it.

Deana Hadley

Thank you for the use of your building for play practice. Without it The La Porte Service League's play wouldn't have been so successful. Thank you,
The La Porte Service League

Thank you very much for all the care packages **you've sent throughout** this year! They have always put a huge smile on my face to know that someone is thinking about me during my tough times at school. The snacks and the encouraging letters definitely gave me strength to get through my exams and were a wonderful de-stressor!

After graduation I will be

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going to Spain for a year (hopefully to teach English) and then on a European backpacking trip next summer. Then in the fall, 2011, I will be attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C. for an MA in Security Policy Studies. Thanks again!
Sarah Hundt

Dear FUMC,
Thank you so much for the finals survival box. It has already come in handy, too much studying, not much time to eat.
I can't wait to be back in a few weeks and see you all again!. Thanks again.
Sincerely,
Meghan Masterson

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and good wishes that you sent me while I was in the

hospital. Special thanks to Rev. Lash and JoEllyn Chadwick for your visits and prayers. Also, thanks for the nice caregram. It is nice to know that I have a loving God and a wonderful church family.
Ron Miller

United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for the little package of goodies and for the sheet with the inspirational Bible verses. It was a very thoughtful gift. What could be better to push you through finals?
Thanks!
Sam Zirzow





I can't believe summer is almost here! This school year has flown by! This summer promises to be a busy one for our youth.

I'd like to invite

anyone going into 6th grade to join us for youth group on Sunday evenings at 5 and for pie night on Wednesdays at 6. On June 27th, **we'll be having a** Welcome picnic for all youth and their families, as well as youth volunteers! Please plan to attend and take this opportunity to get to know everyone. It will be lots of fun.

Camp is a great experience! If you have a young person interested in camp, please let me know asap since spaces are filling up fast.

I still have some Sunday's open for people to come and share their spiritual journey. If you feel led to share, please contact me so I can add you to the calendar.

I am always looking for volunteers- maybe you want to make a monthly commitment or maybe you would like to come for one Sunday, maybe you would be interested in chaperoning a trip, or maybe you have an idea for an event. Please consider sharing your gift of time with the youth.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at mrsghost@verizon.net or (219) 575-0135.

Jennifer

Kairos Cookie Preparation

Since the cookies will be taken into a prison, there are some very rigid requirements that must be followed. EVERY cookie is inspected before it is allowed in the facility, and any that are oversized, broken from shipment, or stuck together must be removed. These instructions for Kairos cookies are very important.

The No-**No's for Kairos Cookie Preparation:**

Do Not add icing, powdered sugar, or any other topping or coating on the outside of the cookies.

Do Not use pre-made, dry, refrigerated or frozen cookie dough. The impact of agape love felt from *homemade* cookies is overwhelming when the inmates realize the sacrifice of time in mixing and baking cookies from scratch.

Do Not use butter or margarine. Use *shortening* instead. The ones made with butter break easily.

Do Not bring bought or no-bake cookies.

Do Not use raisins or nuts.

The size should be 2" – 2 1/2" diameter or approximately the size of the lid of a Pringles canister.

PLEASE BAKE ONLY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES USING THE RECIPE BELOW ONLY.

These are what the prison residents ask for and really miss having to eat.

COOL-PACK-FREEZE:

Cool! Cool! Cool...each cookie thoroughly. Chocolate chip cookies take a longtime to cool completely. Bag

thoroughly cooled cookies in a quart sized zip lock type bag—6 cookies per bag and freeze them.

Basic Cookie Dough (Makes approx 5 dozen)

1 cup Crisco 1 cup brown sugar

1 cup granulated sugar 2 eggs

2 tsp. vanilla 2 ¾ cups flour

1 tsp. salt 1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. baking powder 2 cups chocolate chips

Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time.

Sift dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture.

Beat in vanilla.

Add chocolate chips. Drop onto cookie sheets by spoonfuls.

Bake at 350 degrees until medium to dark brown (13 – 20 minutes)

Cookies should be 2 – **2 1/2"** (Pringles lid)

The Key Ingredient: Prayer. Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing. Pray over the cookies as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the Kairos week-end. Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person to become part of the family of God.

Bring your baked, packaged, and frozen cookies to the church and place in our freezer. Lester Chadwick will schedule the time for pick-up.

NLPC CLUSTER NEWS

New LaPorte Prairie Cluster member churches in review: Lambs Chapel; La Porte; Maple Grove; New Carlisle; Rolling Prairie; Salem Chapel. Six churches choosing to join together to further our local Methodist impact by living out our global church mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. (Methodist Book of Discipline; para. 120)

We are expected to do these things within our church clusters:

- I. Purpose of a Cluster
 - A. Pray for each other by name in worship;
 - B. Study and pray for the mission in our area, using demographic tools;
 - C. Study and pray for ways to make an impact of shared mission, perhaps through shared ministries;
 - D. Share resources, expertise, or best practices of congregations;
 - E. Recognize and celebrate fruit of ministry;
hold accountable when there is no fruit to celebrate.

You probably noticed that our Sunday service bulletin, now, has a prayer request for our Church Cluster. This addition to our church service came out of our last Church Cluster meeting. Our meeting was held

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Tuesday, April 13th, at Lamb's Chapel. One high light from that meeting follows:

* Accountability — The main purpose of the Cluster is accountability, since the DS now serves a **very large district and can't be everywhere. We are to hold each other accountable for "Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."**

Next cluster meeting is Saturday, June 19th, at 9:00 A.M.

God Bless You and Yours,
NLPC Cluster Committee Members



All in our Church Family Life

We celebrate
the baptism of
Jenna Caldwell
daughter of Krista
Caldwell

We gratefully
acknowledge the
following gifts

In Memory of
Harry Carbon
Jan & Jerry Mayes,
Jerry & Kay Kabelin,
Syd & Rose Philbrook

In Memory of
Harlan Cook
Stephen & Deanne
Sainati, Audrey Cook,
David & Cate Ault

In Memory of
Belva Jo Ingersoll
Syd & Rose Philbrook,
Anne Jordanich,
Marcia Kamiak

In Memory of
Mary Paulauski
Syd & Rose Philbrook



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2. Amelia Kaiser
4. Pat Legner
6. Kay Fillmore,
7. Susan Neal
8. Matt Dowty, Molly Menne, Julie Merow
9. Ralph Jones
11. Robin Podell, Karin Stark, Linda Straub
12. Gail Kirk
13. Chris Ladewski
15. Kate Hilbish
16. Rudy Legner
17. Blake Torres
18. David Sass
19. Shelly Lachiewicz
20. Shirley Fritzen
21. Shelley Ludlow
22. Andrew Jones
23. Judy Miller
24. Zach Fillmore, Aaron Lemaitre, Bill Scupham
25. Kaity Downey, Ron Schafer, Willa Smith
26. Jeremy Gould
27. Mary Eggert. Eric Surma
28. Jean Shrout
29. Gina Alber, Carter Jones
30. Trav Disler, Ray Harder



USHERS THIS MONTH

8:00— Lester Chadwick, Nina Salyer, Sharon Welty,
Tim Welty

10:30—Paul Graham, Dave MacCartney,
Donn Weiler, Don Welch, John Woods

HOSTESS COMMITTEE: Jeannette Arndt, Julie Becknell, Jodie Bunce, Sherry Burger, Connie Caldwell, Kris Cook, Diana Corley, Nancy Downey, Pam Fleming, Trudy Hull, Betsy Kabelin, Kay Kabelin, Stephanie Kaiser, Jean Larson, Phyllis Oakes, Jean Shrout

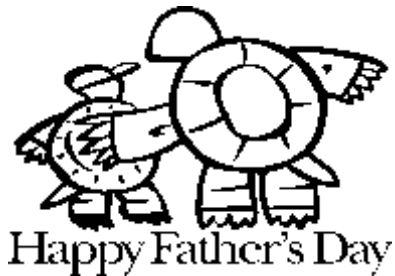
FLOWER CALENDAR:

June 6 Becknell
13 Irons
20 Okrezesik & Ladewski
27 Available

Year to date average attendance: 304

Year to date general budget income: \$147,625.54

Year to date general budget expense: \$152,561.01



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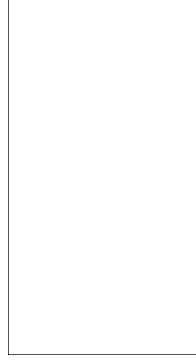
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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 - Chapel Service
9:00 – Contemporary Service
10:30 - Sanctuary Service

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:00 to 4:00



Sharing Christ's Love