

September 2009

Mary Burns



Happy 100th
Birthday

Church Staff

Pastor: Evan Lash

Director of Music Ministries: Rose Marie Dure

Coordinator of Youth Ministries—Jennifer Casper

Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries: Robin Podell

Secretary: Sharon Daniels—Receptionist: Becky Read

Housekeepers: Phyllis Jones & Pam Braddy

Maintenance—Paul Lux

Discovery Days Preschool Staff

Dorothy Cahill, Shawn Cothran, Kyleen Fuller,

Laura Gray, Jaunda Kneller, Shae Taylor

calendar

September 11 is a day that this generation will always remember. As we look at the eighth anniversary of that tragedy, it is amazing to reflect upon how we have changed as a nation and world. In many ways we have more reason than ever for hope. In other ways, we seem more divided as a nation than ever, and we have tremendous financial issues to face. It is a time to reflect upon the lessons of 9/11 and consider what things are truly important. Let me make the following suggestion. In recognition of this 8th Anniversary, take/make some time with your family and/or friends (preferably including a meal) to refocus on the most important things in your life.



There are a few reminders that I want to lift up as well in this issue. I hope that you will take some time to consider these items and make the appropriate plans.

This time every year, we attempt to ask your input on how and where you would like to serve your church in the year ahead. We will be providing forms in the coming weeks so that you can give us your preferences/suggestions. Our Personnel committee will then use the information that you provide to fill leadership positions for the coming year. Please pray about your role in the life of First Church and make plans to play your part in 2010.



Is Your
Pledge
Up to Date?

October is Stewardship Month. Every October our Committees make plans for the next year and set their budgets accordingly. Faithful stewardship of our resources is the responsibility of every Christian, but more importantly it is an opportunity to show that we have a desire to give to support a common ministry for God.

2010 Charge Conference. The annual charge conference is the most important meeting of the year. The entire church is invited to attend and celebrate our common ministry as First Church. This years charge conference will be held on October 25 at 3:00 pm. The location and format are new. We will host and all of the churches in our cluster will attend. Rev. Cindy Reynolds, our District Superintendent, will share with us, and we will report on what we have been up to as a church. We hope that you can join us for this time of business and fellowship.



School is back in session. There is too much to do. Life goes on. But remember as you get into the post-summer routine - **take time for the 3 F's: Faith, family, and friends.**



WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Mark Your Calendar: The 5th Annual Cummings Lodge Church Picnic will be held Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 12:00 noon till ??

Everyone is to bring a covered dish, own table wear and a smile. Cummings Lodge is enclosed and air-conditioned. Rain or shine it will go on. As always, we will furnish our famous grilled hotdogs and bottled water.

If you last name starts with A thru O please bring a covered dish (meat, veggie, or salad). If you last name starts with P thru Z please bring a dessert.

There will be canoes and our famous bubbles for kids and adults to enjoy. The site always offers hiking, swimming, and sitting on the deck surrounded by beautiful tall shade trees. However, the best will be our fellowship with each other. Feel free to bring a friend. We hope to see you there.

Wellness Committee



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the County Home Residents; Thank you for your generous donation of \$450.00. We appreciate it very much! We are planning on purchasing new beds; the funds will help out with this project.

Sincerely,
Kay F. Felton
Administrator County

Home

My surgery is over and I'm feeling better. I want to thank everyone for the prayers and many cards and the Care Gram. Also for the delicious food and desserts.

Thank You,
Sharon Welty

Dear Rev. Lash,

Thank you for FUMC's participation in our Thank You LaPorte Sunday Brunch program. We are pleased to enclose a check for your church from the revenues we received from members of your congregation during the month of July. This check represents 10% of the business you so graciously gifted us in July. We are thankful for your support and all the ministries of FUMC. It has been a pleasure to get to know more of the congregation. Your

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business blessed us.

We're looking forward to your participation in September. Maybe double the check???

God Bless you!

Gratefully,
Carol & Jerry Roth and the
Management and staff of the
LaPorte Best Western Hotel

Thanks for all your cards and "Well Wishes". They helped make my 95th something special.

Harry Carbon



All in our Church Family Life

We celebrate
the
birth of
Gabriel Christopher
Smelser
son of Regina & Chris
Smelser, baby brother
of Michael & Sammy
and grandson of Rose
Marie & Bob Dure,
born on August 12

We gratefully
acknowledge the
following gifts

In Memory of
George Schultz
Leona Collins



DISCOVERY DAYS PRESCHOOL BEGINS

Happy Fall Everyone!

I can't believe another school year has begun. First of all, please come and visit the 2 & 3 year old class as it is beautiful with new carpet and fresh paint. Thank you for making this class room so beautiful. Discovery Days will be busy this month welcom-

ing back our returning students and helping the new ones adjust to the classroom.

Mrs. Cahill's & Mrs. Fuller's 2 & 3 year olds have news. Mrs. Fuller's baby is due this month. She is expecting a girl. Congratulations! This class will be learning about manners, apples and the 5 senses.

Mrs. Taylor's & Mrs. Cothran's pre -K class and afternoon class will be learning about friends and insects. All classes will be going to Garwood orchards at the end of the month.



Welcome to Laura Gray, our new assistant for the afternoon class.

She has three children, two are Discovery Days graduates. Welcome Mrs. Gray!

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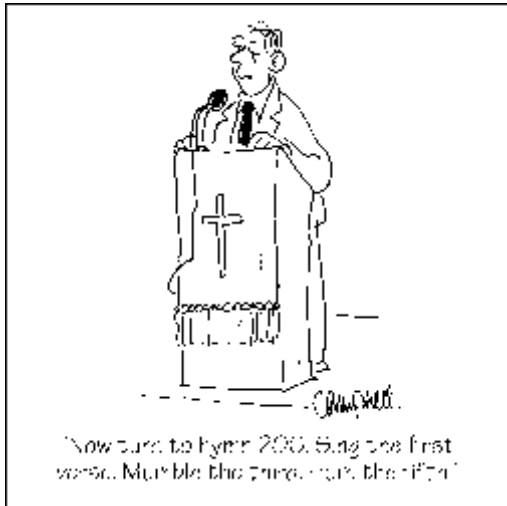
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We have a few openings in our 2 year old class and our afternoon class. The two year old class meets Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00-11:30. Tuition is \$75/mo. The afternoon class is for children who turn 3 or 4 by Aug. 1. This class meets Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 12:30-2:45. Tuition for this class is \$85/mo. Church members only pay the \$10 activity fee for fieldtrips when you sign up.

preschool openings



God's Blessings,
Jaunda Kneller & Staff



United Methodist Women at a glance...

It's September! How can that be? What happened to all those "lazy, hazy days of summer"? School and all the after school activities are in full swing.

This is also a very busy time for United Methodist Women. There are board meetings, district meetings, fund raising events, election of officers for the coming year...the list goes on.

All board meetings are open to all UMW members. The meeting on Monday, September 14th at 10:00 a.m. is especially important. Nominating Committee Co-Chairmen, Jane Langford and Julie Becknell will present a slate of officers for the coming year. The UMW board encourages your attendance and welcomes your comments and new ideas for the coming year.

Another important date is Saturday, September 26th. The district UMW Fall Celebration meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Knox United Methodist Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet women from other churches.

UMW members pledge is \$9.00 per year and are disbursed as follows: \$6.00 to support Lucille Raines;

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\$2.75 to Women's School of Christian Mission and .25 cents to Youth and Young Adult fund. Have you paid your 2009 pledge to missions?

Last but not least—a special thank you to Mary Welch and Kitty Maurer for the thumbnail sketches of 17 new members who have joined our church. We enthusiastically welcome these new friends!

As always....

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!
MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH
MILLIE CONDON AND ALBERTA TOLTON

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

Abigail Circle will be meeting
Sept. 9th at 7:30 p.m. Please
come join us in the parlor. For
more information please contact
Lori Dowty at 851-0631.

OCTOBER 2009 RUMMAGE SALE
(or everything you didn't know you needed sale)

There will be a two day sale on Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17 from 8 to 2 on the second floor.

We have many items still in the original boxes that would be wonderful Christmas gifts. There is some very nice glassware that would be great to have for the Holiday Seasons along with holiday tablecloths and serving pieces. There are Christmas decorations as well as Halloween and other fall decorations. Winter coats, clothes, shoes, and mittens will also be available.

Please continue the great job you've been doing of bringing in your items, but please do not leave any items outside in the entryway. We come once or twice a week to price everything that has been donated.

We sell furniture as it comes in and that has been a very good income for us. Call Tim Welty if you need someone to pick up furniture for you. A big THANK YOU to Tim and his crew for this valuable service.

Sign up sheets for workers will be available in September. Keep the week of October 11 open to help set up or to work during the sale. We are very excited about this sale as there are so many really nice things **to sell. Don't forget to tell your neighbors and friends!!**

YOUR SALE COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Shivaun Garber, Roy Gropp
2. Scott Hajek
5. Jim Koontz, Fred Surma, Dick Welch
6. Nita Baran
7. Joe Biberstine, Laurie Reese
9. Alexis Allen, Joe Brush
10. Halie Hajek, Glenn Simerlein
11. Kem Schreiber
12. Linda Adaschik, Sue Hickman, Carolyn Kopkowski,
Mike Liberatore, Kelly Straub, Joel Swan,
Collin Walker
13. Sara Biddle, Madison Draves, Beth Overmyer,
Mason Shreves, Mary Alice Stone
14. Earline Evans, Carissa Sass
15. Tom Kessler, Luke Lenig
17. **Jerry Kabelin, Bonnie Miller, Barbara O'Connell**
18. Mary Burns, Frances Estep
19. Don Peters
20. John Waltz
21. Betty Trickler, Sharon Welty
22. Kevin Kaiser, Diane Stassel, Georgia Whitted
23. Jay Foldenauer, Sandy Gleim, Michelle Kurzydlo,
Laura Surma, Shelly Surma
25. Phyllis Crook, Joanne Irons, Doris Major, Pam Miller
26. Jackie Foldenauer
27. Ann Gropp, Matt Huff, Connie Niles, Virginia
Richardson, Riana Sass
28. Jan Mayes
29. Kathy Shelton
30. Barbara Jackson, Lillie Ruiz, LaVicie Runkle,
Mary Lu Simerlein

USHERS THIS MONTH

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

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

HOSTESS COMMITTEE: Karen Arden, Cathy DeWitt, Terri Dragos, Kay Fillmore, Teri Hajek, Cindy Harper, Karin Jones, Pat Kessler, Liz Kirk, Lamar Koontz, Anita Lebo, Alice MacCartney, Nancy Magnuson, Janet Reider, Lori Sensow, Katherine Small, Suzan Wade, Betty Woods

FLOWER CALENDAR:

September 6 Read
13 Adaschik and Niles
20 Jack Miller
27 Available

Year to date average attendance: 307

Year to date general budget income: \$251,050.39

Year to date general budget expense: \$248,778.32



calendar

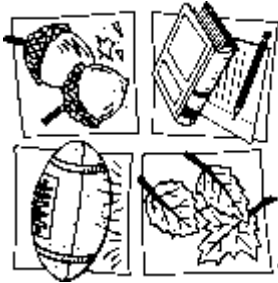
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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



September

Sharing Christ's Love

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

