

MARCH 2009 TOWER TALK



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Dorothy Cahill, Shawn Cothran, Kyleen Fuller,

Janet Gourley, Jaunda Kneller, Melissa Newland, Shae Taylor

calendar

Now is the time to sign up for Summer Camp!

Look out your window and imagine that school is out, the sun is shining and a balmy breeze is gently moving the luscious green leaves on the trees. The kids are all at church camp and you have a quiet few days to enjoy.



Your child will have a great experience meeting and making new friends, enjoying outdoor activities, taking part in worship times and singing, swimming - and of course experiencing the love of God and learning about the Christian faith.

The United Methodist Churches in Indiana have the best camping program any where, and have some great facilities. There are camps throughout the year for all ages - starting with children of Kindergarten age. There are adventure camps, horse camps, family camps, camps for persons with special challenges, mother/child camps, father/child camps and more.

The camps can be expensive - especially if you have more than one child to send. But we can subsidize the cost, and there are scholarships I am sure that if your child would like to go - we can help.

If you would like to make a gift to support those who would like to go - mark your check accordingly and we

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will start a camp fund that we can draw from to help families make church camp possible.



Some of the most important faith experiences of my life took place at our Indiana United Methodist camps. In fact, I received my call to ministry at Epworth Forest. Each year hundreds of young people experience **Christ's love for them in profound ways during the** experience of church camp. Think about it - plan to include camp in your summer plans. You will be glad you did.

Contact me if you have questions - evanlash@verizon.net or visit the camping website at: <http://www.impact2818.com/index.html>

Sensow ad

Is it spring yet? It certainly is here at Discovery Days. The school is starting out the month in a crazy way by having lots of fun with Dr. Suess. We will even have a very wacky birthday party!



Mrs. Cahill's and Mrs. Fuller's 2

and 3 year old classes will learn about what happens at night, flowers and gardens, and end the month by learning about the true meaning of Easter. The 3 year old class will put on a play for their parents called, "It's Bedtime Everyone!"

Mrs. Taylor's & Mrs. Cothran's classes I hear will have

some very naughty visitors in their pre-k classroom. I understand that they leave the room in a mess along with green footprints...could it be leprechauns? They will also learn about Easter and all the classes will have a special story time, song and prayer with Pastor Evan.

Our Open House for the general public is March 2 at 6:30. If you know of a parent of a preschool aged child that would be interested, please let them know about the open house. For more information call the church office.

Have a Blessed Easter Season!

Jaunda Kneller &
The Discovery Days Staff

United Methodist Women At A Glance...

For 135 Years The United Methodist Women and **it's predecessor organizations, have been in mission** on behalf of women, children and youth. Each year, UNITED METHODIST WOMEN honor members of our church family for their exceptional dedicated service on behalf of our church, our community and world missions.

On February 8, UMW added three more honorees to the eighty-eight church members who have been recognized for their service over the past years.

The 2008 Honorees are:

Kitty Maurer, Jim Maurer and Jan Ladewski. UMW congratulates you and thanks you for the many things you do and your dedication to service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION was given to MILLIE CONDON, who has been a member of our church **and UNITED METHODIST WOMEN since the 1940's.** Millie is a shining example for each of us to follow for her dedication and service to our church. **Millie will tell you, "God must have more for me to do, that's why I'm still here."** We love you, Millie. God has blessed all of us whose lives have been touched by you.

THANK YOU!

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I would like to thank the United Methodist Women for the beautiful birthday cake they had for me at the coffee hour on February 8 and for the goodies they had at the first coffee hour to honor my 100th birthday, and all who attended with hugs and congratulations.

A Big, Big Thank You to all my church family that took the time to attend my party on Sunday, the 15th. It made it all more special to have you all celebrate with me and my family. I will never forget it. Thanks again.

Millie Condon

Thanks to this group for their daring feat while changing Sanctuary light bulbs. If anyone asks how many Methodists it takes to change a light bulb—the answer is five. One to hold the bulb; and, four to turn the scaffolding. Crew members were: Bill Burkhart, Dwight Graham, Bruce Moe, Bob Sensow, and Tim Welty.

Special thanks to Kabelin's Ace Hardware for providing the scaffolding equipment used for changing the light bulb above the pulpit.



All in our Church Family Life

We celebrate the
birth of

Meg Ellen Kaiser
daughter of Kevin &
Stephanie Kaiser, sister of
Amelia, and great grand-
daughter of Gail Kirk, born
on February 20

We gratefully
acknowledge the
following gifts

In Memory of
Reuben Eversman
Wesley Ann Circle, Adella
Wilson, Eleanor DeMarco,
M/M William Kramer, Bill &
Pat Meinhard, Larry & San-
dra Trueblood, Marian
Heath

In Memory of
Dorothy Cook
Kelli Kieft, IV-D Child Sup-
port Office, Nicholas &
Megan Morford, Audrey
Cook, Robert & Karen
Womack, Becky Poopplewell

In Memory of
Bernice Reed
Delores & George Games

In Memory of
Glenn Buell
Bill & Pat Meinhard

In Memory of
Anne Tonagel
Bob & Lori Sensow, LaPorte
Co. Republican Party, Con-
nie Shaw, Sandy Justice,
George & Jo Allesee, Cyn-
thia Hedge, Kip & Wendy
Sensow, 463 GOP, Leona
Collins, Ed & Alice Mueller,
Dan & Kate Kaminski,
Women's Republican Club
of LaPorte, Nancy Niendorf,
Helen Kindig, Darlene Sev-
ers, M/M David Birchfield,
Dick & Alberta Tolton, Anne
Wegner, Janet Reider,
Charles Borst, Carol Rich-
ards, Jewell Pahl, Carolyn
Richards

In Memory of
Pete Yelkovic
Jason & Susan Lenig

Lenten Study - Wednesday Evenings or Thursday Afternoons

Led by Pastor Lash

The Lenten season takes us on a journey within ourselves and a journey toward the way of Christ. This season is a time for self-examination, self-scrutiny, self-sacrifice, and change. This is a season when we reflect and meditate on the last days of Jesus prior to his passion, suffering, death, and victorious resurrection. Looking into ourselves, examining our human failings and misgivings, we may come to an act of repentance, a turning around. The Greek word for repentance is *metanoia*, which is an act of turning away from sin and turning to God from a contrite, penitent soul. This possibility for turning, for transformation, is the call of Lent.

Knowing who God is and who we are in light of God's purpose for human beings, we come to realize that we have not lived up to God's expectations. We have not followed faithfully the call of Christ for boldly living the faith.

In our Lenten journey this year, we will reflect, study, and consider how we might focus daily on our relationship with God. I hope that you will join us either on Wednesday evening or on Thursday afternoons. We will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 on Wednesday evenings and from 2:00 to 3:00 on Thursday afternoons.

We will meet in the library. I hope to see you there.

Evan





8:00 to 2:00

in Friendship Hall

The Heart Cart
Mobile Screening Unit
of La Porte Hospital
will be here!
Saturday, March 21
8:00 to Noon
Pre-registration required: 326-
2626
Cost: \$100
For more info call 326-2626

Upcoming Events for Children and Their Families!

Sunday School!: Available at both 9:00 and 10:30 Services. Classes provided for Nursery through Fifth Grade! Come and grow in Christ with us!



JIF! (Journeys In Fellowship!) are every Wednesday Night from 5:00-7:00 Fellowship Meal starts at 5:00 with Education following. Ages 0-100 welcome! Invite your friends and family!



"Parents' Night Out!": Registration begins at 5:30 with kids picked up by 8:30 Saturdays: March 21, May 16, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 19, 2009! "You Feed 'Em and We'll Snack 'Em!" "Enjoy a Mate Date!" "Let Us Be Your Babysitters in Christ!"

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!: Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 10:00 at Fort La Play Porte! Don't forget to bring your baskets! Let's remember Reuben Eversman on this joyous occasion! What a fun way to prepare for Easter, Sunday, April 12!



"Go Fly a Kite! Ascension Celebration!": Remember

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Christ's Ascension by flying a kite! Meet at Kesling Field; off 18th. Street, by La Porte Missionary Church: Sunday, May 17, at Noon! "Let's go fly a kite, up to the highest heights....." Bring a blanket and lunch!

Pentecost Picnic: Come and Celebrate the Church's Birthday with us on Sunday, May 31 at Noon in Friendship Hall! Remember to wear RED and please bring a side dish! Drinks and meat will be provided. We'll join together in one voice; one church---with a "Hymn Sing!"

"Crocodile Dock!"-Vacation Bible School

Held at La Porte First Church of God, June 8-11! Activities will be held from 5:00-8:00. Dinner is provided! Our first V.B.S. meeting is February 17, at 6:30. If you feel called to "Help Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!" please call Robin.



God bless and enjoy Christ's seasons!

Robin Podell, Cell: 219-575-1018



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3. Delilah Euler, Fran Major
4. Donna Wainscott
5. Jamie Ruiz
6. Paul Diesslin
7. Bev Barnes, Sharon Garber, Emilie Mrozinske
8. Vivian Nye, Pam Steele, Donna Weist, Samantha Zirzow
9. Dot McDonald, Connie VanScoik
10. Liz Kirk
12. Kelly Downey, Blake Rasiuk
13. Gloria Sass, Edna Smyers
15. Susan Denzine, Morgan Zirzow
17. Zachary Eldridge, Dick Ulam
18. Dwight Graham, Pam McNeal-Laue
20. **Clarence O'Connell, Marjorie Reickel**
21. Steve Batusic
22. Cindy Harper, Aaron Lachiewicz
23. Barbara Kelley, Dick Tolton
24. Carolee Gardner, Regina Smelser
25. Elena Mrozinske, John Okrzesik
26. Becky Dunbar, Jeff Dunk, Bernita Liberatore, Cheri Swan
27. Dawn Crow, Joe Mrozinske
28. Tina Leonard, Paul Lux, Barb Stefano
30. Rose Marie Dure, Pat Segelstrom
31. Mitzi 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: Janet Ahlders, Kathy
Anderson, Molly Bailey, Kathryn Bormann, Deborah
Bremer, Doris Buell, Lori Byrd, Bonnie Cardwell,
Eleanor DeMarco, Marian Lehker, Mary Ludlow,
Shelley Ludlow, Susan Neal, Bonnie Netzer, Bettye
Niles, Connie Niles, Ronda Shelton, Lois Thomas,
Alberta Tolton, Sharon Welty

FLOWER CALENDAR:

Mar. 1 Taylor
8 Lash
15 Cosand
22 Tolton
29 Available

Year to date average attendance: 284

Year to date general budget income: \$60,635.62

Year to date general budget expense: \$67,275.64

Bell Tower/Pit/Window/Friendship Hall Fund

Pledged to date: \$162,088.00

Received to date: \$79,372.45



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SUNDAY SERVICES

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



Sharing Christ's Love

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

