

Tower Talk



It's Spring Mushroom Hunting Time!



Matthew 7:7-8 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Yes, it is spring mushroom hunting time! I enjoy going out into the woods to find these golden fungus treasures. Then take them home for a delicious meal of fried mushrooms! A few weeks ago, I was lucky enough to find a patch or two in a remote wooded area in our county. Yahoo! Just as I went out to the woods to seek and find mushrooms, so also, I encourage folks to seek and find the Lord. Both the Lord and morel mushrooms are golden in my mind.

Finding God is much easier in my mind to find than the elusive morel mushroom that is here and gone in a brief two-week period. God is here all the time; 24/7, for us to get to know and search out. And we don't have to go out into the woods to find God. Actually, God is seeking us out to know us better. Perhaps we are the morel mushroom to God? You see, the Lord wants to find us and develop a life long relationship with us. Just as the morel mushroom is hiding under leaves and brush, perhaps we are hiding in our business, our schedules, our pride, our hobbies, our love of career and overworked lives that it is difficult for God to find us...or us to be aware that God is always looking for us. A good place for God to find you is in prayer, in scripture reading and in coming to Church for worship!

Did you know the going rate for a pound of Morel Mushrooms goes for over thirty-five dollars? Folks who have a secret patch of mushrooms in the woods, typically keep that a secret for years. They don't want anyone to know of their secret garden of gold.

I've been told that sharing the Christian faith can somewhat be like hunting for Morel Mushrooms. In other words, people tend to keep their faith to themselves. For some reason they keep their faith a personal secret and don't share their faith with others. As I think about this comparison, it both confuses and saddens me. Morel Mushrooms are certainly awesome...but so is God...on a much larger scale!

As Christians we should be willing to let our little light shine for God and also be willing to tell others where to find and learn more about God. The bible says we are to be both **salt and light** to those around us in regard to our faith. Although most folks won't tell you where their secret wooded mushroom site is...I hope we can all point people to the life of the church, to learn and know more about the God of the universe, who loves us and died on a cross for all of us to experience the joy of salvation.

I encourage you to share your love of God to others in your circle of influence. Be willing to invite them to church or to one of our many activities here at the church. Happy hunting for those who don't know the Lord and we can point them to the savior, who lives in our hearts. (Pastor Bob Vale)

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped and participated in the blue walk we could not do this without all the support.

Thank you to everyone who helps support the clothesline this ministry is so important to the community.

Thank you to all that have supported the camperships this year. We couldn't do it without all the generosity.



SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Our church is in charge of serving the Salvation Army meal on the second Thursday of each month. Bev Barnes takes care of preparing the meal. (Thank you so much Bev!) We are looking for people to sign up for serving the meal throughout 2018. If you would be willing to serve, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the main office.



Discovery Days



DISCOVERY DAYS

We have completed another successful year at Discovery Days Preschool! Thank you for all your support and prayers! We wouldn't be successful without you!

We ended our year reviewing skills and having fun. We went to Michigan City Zoo to celebrate a great year! We had a stepping up/ graduation ceremony to end the year and celebrate all the children's hard work!

We will be back in the fall. In the meantime we are asking that you keep the preschool in your prayers as we take the summer to prepare for the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking for people that feel led to support a child. We have had many phone calls asking if we have scholarships and have had to say not at this time. Sometimes we have a donation mid year and are able to help a family. For that we are very grateful along with the families we are able to offer this too. We would like to have a funding program already in place at the beginning of the year to give a child an opportunity that otherwise would not be able to attend preschool.

If you do not feel led to do so, please continue to pray for a successful 2018-2019 school year!

We hope you have a great summer full of blessings and memories. ☐☐



The Clothesline will start back up in the fall!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Adrienne Wiegel June 1
Pat Legner June 4
Kay Fillmore June 6
Nancy Hoback June 6
Susan Neal June 7
Matt Dowty June 8
Linda Straub June 11
Chris Ladewski June 13
Hattie Rudnick June 14

Kate Hilbish June 15
Trillis McClatchey June 17
Shelly Lachiewicz June 19
Shelley Ludlow June 21
Zach Fillmore June 24
Griffin Keson June 25
Ron Schafer June 25
Willa Smith June 25
Mary Eggert June 27
Jean Shrout June 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tyler & Becca Liberatore June 4
Bob & Nancy Vale June 9
Rosie & Judie Rosenow June 11
Tom & Jean Larson June 14
Ted & Jill Melnyk June 14
Phil & Pam Miller June 14
Ray & Joanne Irons June 15
Larry & Sandra Trueblood June 15
Bruce & Brenda Zirzow June 15
Evan Lash & Barbara Jackson June 16
Peter & Mary Kay Steele June 16
Greta & Shaw Friedman June 19
Ed & Karen Bowers June 21
David & Alice MacCartney June 23
Jan & Chris Ladewski June 24
Paul & Toni Lux June 25
John & Shirley Okrzesik June 25
Michelle & John Seymour June 25
Jennifer & Robert Casper June 30
Harry & Carolee Gardner June 30



FLOWERS

June 3- Available
June 10- Available
June 17- Julie Becknell
June 24- Ladewskis



USHERS

8:00 Service

Tim Welty
Sharon Welty
Lester Chadwick
Ken Berner

10:30 Service

Donn Weiler
Dave MacCartney
Fred Munsey

If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Ron Schafer for the 8:00 service, Tine Geyer for the 9:00 service, and Donn Weiler for the 10:30 service.



HOSTESS

Jeanette Arndt
Susan Denzine
Julie Becknell
Pam Huff
Trillis McClatchey
Karen Bowers
Kris Cook
Kay Kabelin
Jean Shrout



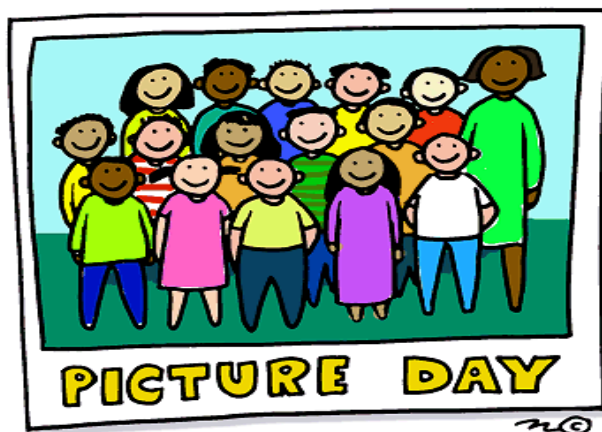
COMMITTEE

Sherry Burger
Jean Larson

If you would like to be on the hostess committee, please contact the church office.

The hostess committee is called to help with funeral dinners one month a year.

It is time once again for a new pictorial church directory. Photos will be taken October 8-13. Each family photographed will receive a free directory as well as a free 8x 10 photograph. Photos will be previewed at the time of your session, and you will be able to purchase additional products if you wish to do so. Several weeks prior to our photo session dates, everyone will have an opportunity to choose a day and time that best fits the busy schedule of you and your family. The more who participate—the more complete our directory will be.



New Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8-3

Friday 8-12



We have a very talented "Handyman" who serves our church as a maintenance man / director. His name is Jim Weis and Jim has worked for the church for thirteen years. He has been a tremendous blessing to our church in so many ways. Jim actually works part-time for our church and serves others in the community by doing odd jobs to make ends meet.

Jim is looking for more "Out Side" jobs to serve both the community and people in the church. If you have an odd job that deals with construction, plumbing, painting, tiling floors, install or repairing doors, drywall, or bathroom remodels, he would like to serve you.

If you would like to use Jim Weis or have friends who need handyman type of work done around the house, please give him a call on his cell phone or email him. Jim Weis: 1-219-575-2211 or his email is: jimweis17@gmail.com. If you are a member and have a special talent, or a service that you would like advertised please contact the church office with the information.



Celebrate with the Graduate!!

Open House

Is being held

In Honor of the Graduate

Hattie Rose Rudnick

You are cordially invited to attend

Saturday, June 2, 2018

12:00-6:00pm

First United Methodist Church

1225 Michigan Ave ,Laporte

Please R.S.V.P at (219) 344-0145

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING SOON!

JUNE 11TH-15TH

5:30PM- 8:00PM

5TH GRADE & UNDER
CLASSES FOR ADULTS
FREE!

MUSIC, BIBLE STORIES,
GAMES, & CRAFTS
LIGHT DINNER
PROVIDED



Pre-register here <http://hc.cokesburyvbs.com/LaPorteFUMC>

Want to volunteer? Contact Jennifer Casper 219-575-0135

**lunch
friends**

TWEEN TUESDAY IS BACK!
EVERY TUESDAY THIS SUMMER
3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADE
12:30- 4:00

**fun
free**

JUNE 5- COOKOUT AND GAMES
JUNE 12- FIELD TRIP
JUNE 19- PIZZA AND A MOVIE
JUNE 26- LUHR PARK FISHING DAY
Call the church office to register- 219- 5362-2443

YOUTH GROUP

4:00- 7:00 EVERY SUNDAY THIS SUMMER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP TIME BEGINS AT 6:00 JUNE & JULY
METHODISTSWAG WEEK- JULY 21TH- 28TH

Register now! Deadline to register june 24th

We are looking for volunteers to help drive, bring a meal, or work with us throughout
Methodistswag Week.

If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Casper 219-575-0135

MY CUP RUNNETH OVER : BY KELLY RIVERA

Psalm 23:5 "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup runneth over." Psalm 23:5 "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup runneth over."



How many times does our our Holy Bible mention joy, praise, and hallelujah? It stems from a joy that comes from the unbreakable Holy Spirit. Hallelujah is a Hebrew expression of an uncontainable, heavenly joy. Despite the ridicule and suffering of this world we still have a joy that sings hallelujah. Even when the world doesn't understand the meaning of hallelujah we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to sing any way. So, Hallelujah for creation, hallelujah for breath, hallelujah for saving us from the pain of hell. Hallelujah for never being hungry in spirit. Hallelujah for being called crazy for the sake of our faith and joy. (then I share my hallelujah with you!) Hallelujah for the Holy Bible that tells us about the peace that passes understanding. Hallelujah for renewal of the mind through the word of God. Hallelujah for the right to pray directly to God through His son Jesus Christ. Hallelujah for the fellowship and radical hospitality of the Christian faith. Today let's sit together at the banquet and celebrate the food the bread and the wine of the spirit of Jesus who feeds us with a cup that runs over with the communion sacrament of the death and resurrection that is a demonstration of a love that is so great that eternal hallelujahs can be sung in Heaven. So today I I am filled with the hallelujah that my cups is over filled with a joy that should be shared with you and the world that doesn't understand quite yet. Amen and let this be so.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION WALK 2018

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT OUR APRIL PREVENT CHILD ABUSE WALK WAS OUR SEVENTH.

ONE COMMON COMMENT WE HEARD THIS YEAR WAS, " WE HOPE YOU KEEP DOING THIS." HOW ENCOURAGING IT IS TO HEAR THAT WE HAVE REACHED OUT AND THE COMMUNITY LOOKS AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO CONTINUE TO BE A VOICE FOR CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION. LITTLE DO THEY REALIZE HOW MANY PEOPLE IT TAKES TO MAKE THIS ANNUAL EVENT A SUCCESS. HOW OUR CHURCH COMES TOGETHER TO COMBINE OUR MANY GIFTS AND TALENTS TO BRING THE BLUE WALK TO FRUITION.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE AMAZING PEOPLE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE. YOU ARE APPRECIATED!! PREVENT CHILD ABUSE COMMITTEE AND SOCIAL ACTION UMW



Funeral Dishes

If you donate funeral food and want your dish or pan back please put your name on the item and try to pick it up as soon as you can after the funeral. Thank you!

Hostesses

When there is more then one funeral in a given month you may be called upon for a food donation more than once. Also if we are having trouble contacting people we may go to another month for food donations.

Thanks Vee

FRIDAY E-NEWS



Want to keep up to date on everything going on at the church? Sign up to receive the weekly e-news. It comes out every Friday and includes the event calendar for the upcoming week, special events in the next month, birthdays and anniversaries for the upcoming week, and prayer concerns. You can sign up by emailing reception@laportefumc.org and letting the office know you want to receive it. You can also text LPFUMC to the number 22828.

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UMW BOOK REVIEW

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UMW Reading Program and Books Purchased
This Year



your intention is good. Everyone, young and old alike, can identify with something in this entertaining book,

Susan Yazel

UMW Secretary of Program Resources

Do you like to read? Check out the United Methodist Women's library in the church parlor. If you are interested in increasing sensitivity to all human beings and delving into important issues facing humanity today, consider reading books from all five mission categories. To participate in the reading program, take a Reading Program Reporting Form from the bookshelf and keep track of the books and magazines you read this year. Record the name and year of the book in its proper category. Adult, youth and children's books from years **2013-2018** are eligible. Bonus Books count as 2 books. We had seven ladies participate last year and would love to have more in 2018!

Christ Revealed

I am so impressed with this series called Christ Revealed that I decided I'd buy it for my 29th Birthday-haha & share it with my church family. It should arrive sometime in May & I will put it in the Library so it can be checked out & returned just like the books. I will also lend a small portable DVD player for those who'd like to watch it but might not have a DVD player.

Tina Geyer

June 2018 Tower Talk

This Girl Is Different by: J.J. Johnson

2015 Leadership Development –Youth

The climate of today's world seems frighteningly similar to that of the late 1960's and 1970's of my youth. *This Girl Is Different* proves that teens today face the same problems that we did. It deals with tough issues, like social injustice, power abuse, bullying, teacher/student relationships, romance, parent/child relationships, and environmental consciousness, yet it is refreshing and unique.

The main character, Evie, is being raised by a single mom that my generation would label a "hippie or flower child." She's headstrong, opinionated, free minded and doesn't care about who's who and what's right and what's socially incorrect. She does what she wants and stands up for herself.

Evie has been home schooled up until she decided to spend her senior year at the local public high school. This experience challenged her preconceptions about friendship, boundaries, and power. The book reminds us not to abuse power, not to judge people, to stand up for what you believe in, and to always be cautious of what you say because telling the truth can sometimes have unforeseen consequences that can hurt, even if



AD COUNSEL MINUTES

If you are interested in reading the minutes to the Ad Counsel meeting, please stop in the office for a copy. The Ad counsel consists of the leaders of all the committees in the church. They come together to discuss what is going on with their committee and what will be coming in the next two months.



GAME NIGHT

Looking for something fun to do with friends? On the 3rd Friday of the month at 6:00, come to the church for game night! Anyone is welcome to come. If childcare is needed please let us know ahead of time. We have board games and cards here, but if you have a favorite game you would like to play, feel free to bring it. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to share.



Come join the fun and bring a friend!



Calling all parents and grandparents if you have a student graduating please submit their information to the office before May 28th for the Graduation Sunday on June 3rd and for the July tower talk. We will also need 10 pictures of your student for the June 3rd graduation presentation.

United Methodist Women News Who are United Methodist Women?

A group of women of all ages (teens to seniors) who join together in many ways to address mission issues concerning women youth and children. The group is called a Unit.

Mission and Christian growth are the main goals of each Unit. United Methodist Women is a great way to experience faith building, help with mission work and develop lasting friendships.

We are looking for an Experienced pool Maintenance worker! Mary Welch is in need of someone to come and maintain her pool this summer. If you are that person, or know someone that is please call

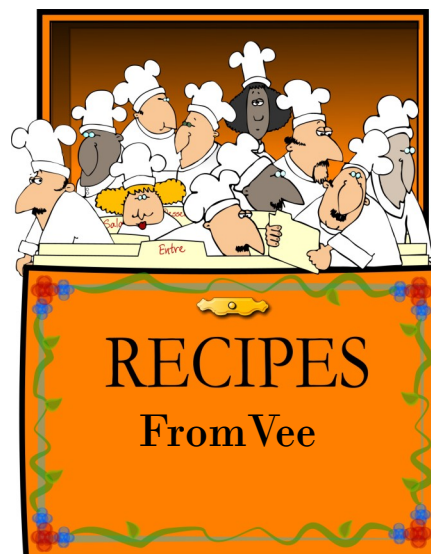
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Boil 1/2 a bag of wide egg noodles till almost done. Drain mix together 1 jar alfredo sauce and 1 8 oz bag of imitation crab or lobster pieces and fresh herbs such as basil or parsley. 1 Tbs. finely minced Add to the noodles and place in a 9 x 11 greased casserole dish. Top with 1/2 cup mozzarella and some seasoned bread crumbs. (make you own with your Little Oscar).

Cover with foil and bake in a 350 Deg. over for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 minutes longer or till slightly browned. If you let it go longer the noodles get hard.

Thanks, Vee



Sunday School News Sunday school K-1 Class

Our Heifer chick project is on going. For each \$20 donated we are able to help provide a family in need with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks.

Thank you parents and children for you continued offering. We just purchased 5 flocks You are making a difference.

Thank you for teaching your children to love!

God Bless you Kitty and Jim Maurer



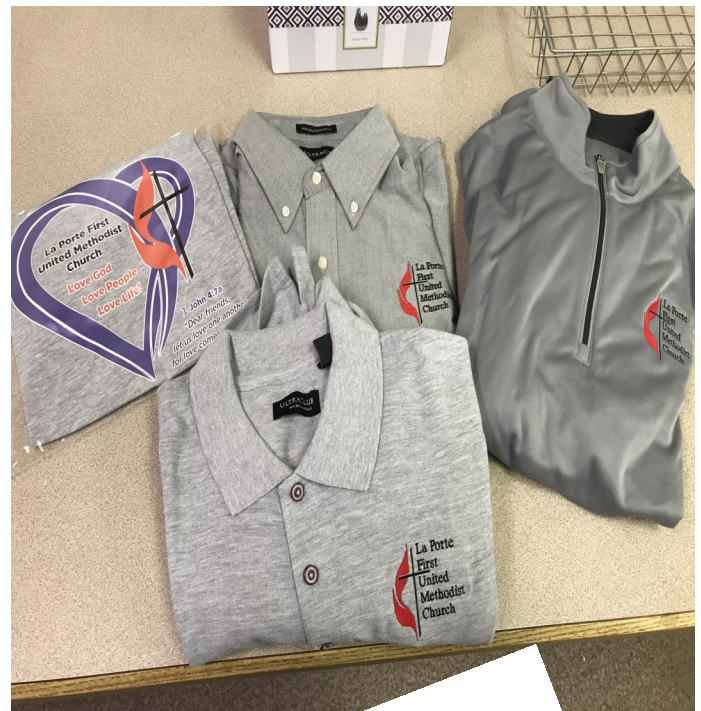
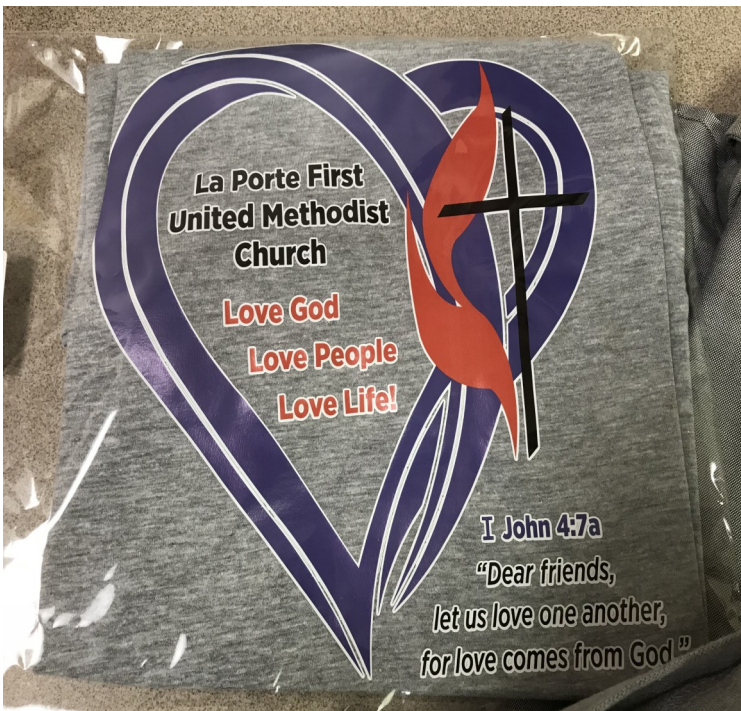
Senior Luncheon

The next Senior Luncheon will be on June the 14th at 11:30 am at the Historical Museum 2405 Indiana Ave La-Porte, Indiana. We will begin with Lunch together, then off for a tour of the museum. We hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions please call Julie Becknell at 219-326-8726



Buy a Church Shirt to Send "A Kid to Camp"

Ashley Brown, our Christian Education Chairperson, is leading a fundraising effort. Ashley has created some beautiful church logo shirts of various kinds for us to purchase. She has created t-shirts, polo shirts, oxford dress shirts and fleece sweaters that have a beautiful embroidered church logo on the front. Over the next 5 weeks, there will be a display table outside of the church office to view the shirts and make an order. You can turn your order form into the church office along with your personal check or cash. The shirts are beautiful and we hope to use them for church activities and events. Please order a shirt or two and help us send kids to church camp for the summer! (Pastor Bob Vale)



Congratulations to Chad on passing of another Lay class

**All Church Picnic & Worship Service
Sunday, July 22nd at 10 a.m. (Fox Park)**



Sunday, July 22nd at Fox Park, our church will host an outdoor worship service at the amphitheater, followed by a church picnic. There will only be one worship service at Fox Park that morning at 10 a.m. The worship service will include both our wonderful choir, and our dynamic praise team to lead worship. Those who wish to be baptized may also be baptized in the lake following the worship service. There will also be picnic games for the children following the carry in dinner.

The men of the church are going to cook hot dogs and hamburgers, while the United Methodist women are going to organize the carry in dinner, asking church family members to bring side dishes of salads, desserts and other dishes appropriate for a church picnic. The UMW will also have drinks available for the carry in dinner.

We would also ask that people bring their own lawn chairs for the worship service and picnic. There will be many chairs and tables from the church brought to Fox park to use for both worship service seating as well as tables to eat from. This will be a fun and exciting experience to all be together as one church combining three different worship services.

We hope you are able to come and bring family and friends to this outreach event for our church. Please sign up for the meal on the Sunday morning church attendance cards, to let us know you and family or friends are coming. This will allow us to have enough tables and chairs set up for the meal. In the case of rainy weather, we will make a decision the day prior, to go back to our regular three worship services at the church, by letting folks know on both the church web site, a special Saturday enews and recorded message on the church phone answering machine the day before. However, we are already praying for a clear sunny July summer day! We hope to see you there at our all church picnic and worship service! (July 22nd at 10 a.m. at Fox Park.)

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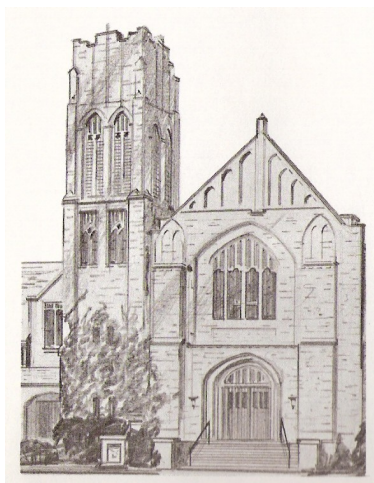
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Director of Children and Youth
Ministries: Jenifer Casper

Administrative Assistant:
Autumn Reese

Director of Music Ministries:
Rose Marie Dure

Bookkeeper: Sharon Daniels

Housekeeper:
Phyllis Hendrickson

Maintenance: Jim Weis

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 8:00– 3:00
Friday 8:00– 12:00



SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Chapel Service
9:00 Contemporary Service
10:30 Traditional Service
Sunday School at all three
services
Adult classes at 9:00
Nursery available 7:45– 11:45



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TO WORSHIP