



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

CHIME NOTES

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“Living Out Love” Read Proverbs 15:1

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand. Phil. 4:6

“They will know you by your love.” This saying is often used in the church as we talk of reaching others for Jesus. This is taken from the famous verse in John 13:35. A question we need to ask ourselves is this, “What does this *LOVE* look like? Well, it can look like many things...a helping hand cleaning up a neighborhood, or serving in a soup kitchen, watching over an elderly neighbor, serving meals-on-wheels, giving to the needy, volunteering at Fletcher Place, working in the Lunch Club, giving a word of encouragement...or just lending an ear to someone who just needs someone to really listen. But, what if showing love meant being a “reasonable” person?

The Greek word for “reasonable” can also be translated to the word “gentle”, with its definition meaning: seemly, equitable, yielding. Does this sound like you? Aren’t we called to be strong in our stances and to not *bend* in what we believe? Well, the answer is yes... BUT, we can do it in a *reasonable* manner.

Too many times people see us as a hardheaded person...or group...who wants to argue with everyone we don’t agree with...sometimes we are very verbal...other times we whisper it under our breath...but loud enough for the “OTHER” person to hear. You know that guy/gal who wants to always argue and is NEVER wrong...always trying to prove you wrong and himself right...the proverbial “know-it-all” who has yet to learn that there are many ways to DO the same thing...but believes that none are as good as his/hers. I know that I am guilty of being one of those people at times...as a matter of fact we all are guilty (whether we are loud or quiet about it).

How many times have we complained to someone else about someone who didn’t want to do things our way? We aren’t going to change people by belittling them or their view points, putting them down, or making a scene in front of others. We are not going to win their friendship, or make them see “our” way, or win them over to Christ by doing that. That simply will not work. To win them over with LOVE when we reasonably disagree with them, or simply lovingly agree to disagree with them and show them where we differ...that’s the key. Our arguments won’t change people...only Jesus and his love flowing through us has the ability to change people. Aren’t you more apt to try doing something a different way when you are treated with love and respect? Of course. Don’t you want to be treated with respect and love? Of course. We need to remember the golden rule or treating others as we ourselves wish to be treated. So, have you been a reasonable Christian today?

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Persons interested in joining in full membership are asked to contact the church office (317-758-4195) or Rev. Carol Fritz (317-626-9315). An informational meeting will be held in the church sanctuary during the Sunday School hour (9:15 am) on Sunday, February 5. Please bring your personal calendars



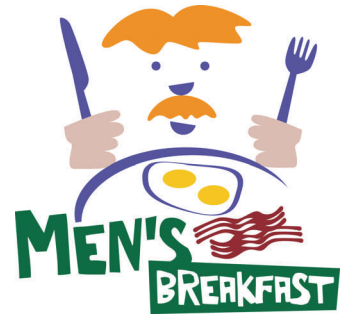
NEWS FROM THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES 2012

The theme — “Do justice/love kindness/walk humbly with God” Scripture basis Micah 6:8. Offering will be divided between Metro Ministeries and Strength for Service devotionals.

Note: All programs begin at 7:00 am and conclude by 8:00 am or shortly thereafter.

Saturday, February 25	District –wide Kick-off Elwood First United Methodist Church Speaker: Rev. Dr. Frank Beard North Central District Superintendent
Saturday, March 3	Noblesville Union UMC Speaker: Mr. Craig Wood North Central District Co-District Lay Leader
Saturday, March 10	Speaker: Rev. Charlie Hoover Boxley UMC
Saturday, March 17	Christ Westfield UMC Speaker: Rev. Ed Coover Retired
Saturday, March 24	Noblesville Emmanuel UMC Speaker: Rev. Greg McGarvey Carmel First UMC
Saturday, March 31	Fishers UMC Speaker: Rev. Kevin McKinney Fishers UMC



Annual Sweetheart Dinner Sunday, February 12, 2012 6:15 PM

Mark your calendars for the annual Sweetheart Banquet sponsored by the United Methodist Men. The entertainment this year is Karl Hinkle. For those of you who have not heard Karl Hinkle, he was a former member of the Wright Brothers who enjoyed a successful career performing coast to coast, including appearances with Johnny Cash, on The Today Show, the Grand Ole Opry, etc. The Wright Brothers had a recording contract with Warner Brothers and singles in the Top 40. During this time, Karl came face to face with the claims of Jesus Christ and his life and attitudes begin to change. For more of his witness, be sure to come to the banquet. The tickets are \$25 per couple or \$12.50 single. It will be a great evening! The United Methodist Men will have tickets available or you can call the church office for a ticket at 317-758-4195. To listen to a preview, view this video of Karl Hinkle: <http://youtu.be/1mQIYqIMn1w>



NEWS FROM THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER FEBRUARY 21, 2012 SERVING 4:30 TO 7:00 PM

Plan to join us for this traditional celebration, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, that is held just before the beginning of the Christian season of Lent. Invite your friends, your neighbors, your loved ones for good food and fellowship! A free will offering will be taken.



Lydia Circle Meeting Tuesday, February 14 1:30 PM at the Church

**Guest Speaker: Susan Bennett from
The Indiana United Methodist Children's Home**

Each year, more than 20,000 children are abused or neglected in Indiana. That's 56 children per day which would fill three typical classrooms. As a Church working together, we can make a positive difference. A good way to learn more about the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home is to come and hear Susan Bennett. The children come from all over the state. They come from urban areas, small rural towns and suburban communities. Their problems are as varied as the places they come from.

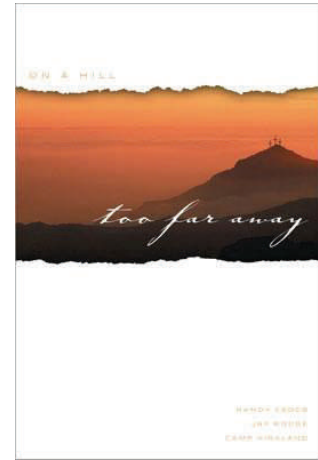
Join us as we learn how the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home is *"Building better lives for youth...one family at a time."*



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

“On A Hill Too Far Away”

The selection for the 2012 Community Choir’s Easter musical is a landmark presentation originally written in 2001 and re-released in 2011 on its Tenth Anniversary complete with a stunning audio-visual track. *On A Hill Too Far Away* was written by Randy Vader, Jay Rouse, and Camp Kirkland from Anderson, Indiana. This musical was greatly influenced by the John Fischer book of the same title...it is a clarion call to His church to bring the cross back to the center of our faith.



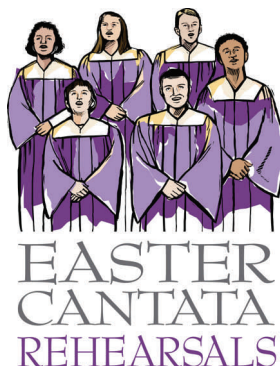
Randy Vader explains, “While it may seem that all of this occurred on a hill too far away, too far removed from our life to speak to us, we cannot stand in the distance and expect to experience the magnitude of the cross. We must draw near and face what we can never understand.”

The Sheridan Community Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on Sunday, February 19, 2012, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All singers from our community are cordially invited to experience this moving Easter presentation. This music ministry is our gift to the Sheridan area.

On A Hill Too Far Away will be presented at the Community Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 AM on April 8 (Easter morning). It will be followed by a delicious Easter breakfast in the church dining room. Free will offerings will be accepted and used to benefit MAMA’s Cupboard, the Marion-Adams Ministerial Association’s food pantry.

This is an excellent opportunity to revisit the cross of Jesus and to help feed His people.

Blessings, Nancy Kerr



Sundays
beginning February 19, 2012
2:00 to 4:00 PM
in the Sanctuary

FROM THE TRUSTEES



The Trustees have been busy. The cat walks have been installed in the attic so work can begin on the new technology/sound. The sump pump in the boiler room has been repaired and the hand rails completed at the East Entrance. If you have any questions or want to help, check with Charlie Martin.



2012 LENTEN SERVICES

February 22	Terhune UMC	Pastor Steve Martin
February 29	Boxley UMC	Pastor Harrell Wilson
March 7	Lamong Church	Pastor Rich Barker
March 14	Hills Baptist	Pastor Josh Kennedy <i>With UMC Choir singing</i>
March 21	Friends Church	Pastor Jack Terry
March 28	Baker's Corner	Pastor Robert Loudon



We are also in the beginning stages of planning for Vacation Bible School. Parents, I will be asking for your input for this year's program.

Mary Lou

YOUTH NEWS

PARENT MEETING: PRE-Confirmation Retreat Meeting

For: Parents of youth 6th through 12th grade who have not gone through Confirmation classes.
Date: Sunday, February 5th
Time: Church Youth Room
RSVP: Please call or text Rev. Fritz (317-626-9315) or e-mail: pastorcdf@sbcglobal.net

Please bring your calendars. The tentative date for the Confirmation Retreat is the second weekend in March.

What is Confirmation?

You'll notice that Confirmation has the word "firm" in it. Confirmation is a time when you have the opportunity to make a firm decision whether you will claim the name "Christian" for yourself and whether you will offer your prayers, presence, gifts and service as a member of the United Methodist Church.

Some of you may have been baptized as an infant, for instance. Confirmation would be a time you could claim for yourself the vows your parents once made on your behalf. If you've never been baptized, at the end of Confirmation, you may choose to be baptized and claim the name "Christian" for yourself.

Confirmation may be repeated so it may be a time of reaffirmation of one's faith. Such a decision would be your choice.

Why would I choose to go through Confirmation now? As a teen or pre-teen, you are at a special age when you are not only making more decisions for yourself but also may find yourself questioning what you believe. Confirmation is a great time to ask those questions. You would have the Confirmation Team of teachers and your pastor available to seek answers with you and to share from their own journeys of faith. In addition, you would have your very own adult Friend-in-Faith mentor who would encourage you through the process and beyond. Confirmation would help you have a firm foundation for the important decisions that lie ahead and would be a caring community of youth and adults. Along the Confirmation journey, you would also discover gifts from our United Methodist heritage that will help guide you on your journey of faith.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



PARENTS OF 5th GRADERS

We want to plan a special event just for our 5th grade youth in February. Please get out your calendar and call Rev. Fritz (317-626-9315) so that we can set a date! Thanks!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

ATTENTION YOUTH! UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT!

What: Busing tables
When: Sunday, February 12th
What Time: Start at 6:00 p.m. finish around 8:00 or 8:30 p.m.
Where: Sweetheart Banquet in church Fellowship Hall
Contact: Rev. Fritz 317-626-9315 if you want help.



Valentine's Day Candy and Bake Sale



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH,
Fellowship Hall,
After worship services.**

Sponsored by the First UMC Youth Group.

All proceeds will be used for the summer mission trips.
Thank You for your support!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The youth held a Chili Lunch on January 15th as one of their fundraisers for the summer mission trip. Proceeds were \$500. Great turn-out and fellowship!



Middle School and High School Youth February Schedule

- 5th: Youth meeting: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- 12th: **FUNDRAISER: Valentine Candy and Bake Sale**, after 10am service.
All youth are to bring homemade baked goods and candy to sell.
*There will be **NO** evening meeting due to the Sweetheart banquet.*
- 19th: **MYSTERY TRIP**: Leave at Noon. Bring \$10.00
- 26th: Youth meeting: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Kim Good
Mildred Van Meter | 15. Jewell Haskett
Chelsie Hufferd |
| 6. Stephen Bishop
Curtis Lindenmayer
Carlton Summe | 16. Steve Faherty
Mary Lou Finchum
Sean Weitzel |
| 7. Dorothy Bishop
Lisa Gipson | 18. Billy Hatcher |
| 8. Janice Perry | 20. Sharyle Burwell
William Oberthur |
| 10. Arnola Pickett | 21. Alyssa Gipson |
| 11. Eric Heffelmire
Tresa Ann Waitt | 23. Kylee Faherty |
| 12. Belinda Crist | 25. Jackie Evoy
Julia Gossard |
| 14. Taylor Scott
Lindsay Vincent | 26. Eva Grinstead |
| | 28. Joe Ellis |

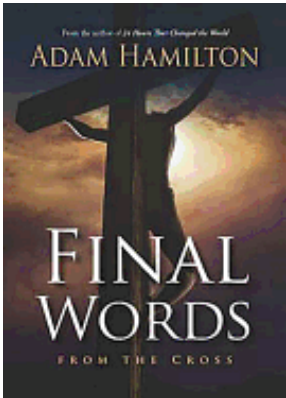
Anniversaries
to
Celebrate



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 8. Norm. & Lane Wagoner |
| 10. Gerald & Sally Lindenmayer |
| 21. Ross & Buffy Perkins |
| 27. Ken & Betsy Bensen |

Lent Bible Study



Plan ahead now for the Lenten Bible Study which will be held on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM** beginning February 19 (Topics Class) and on **Wednesdays at noon** beginning February 22. We will be studying Adam Hamilton's *Final Words*. This is

a follow-up study to the Lenten series we did last year. In this study, Adam Hamilton examines Christ's dying hours and his final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross....from those who witnessed the Crucifixion. Then, he moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to his disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who witnessed the Resurrection.



Thank you so much for the love and support you gave so freely to me and Mike's son (Bill) and daughter (Angela) in our time of loss of Mike. To all the ladies that provided food, I thank you. Everything was delicious. Lane and Brenda, you had a difficult task of coordinating the food with my friend Beth. Everything worked out beautifully. Pastor Carol and Valri, the service was heart felt. Bless you all.

Elaine Cannon

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Preschool 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir	2	3 Preschool	4
5 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Church School 9:14 AM Member-ship Class 10:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Parent Mtg 6:00 PM Youth	6 Preschool 7:00 PM Church Council	7	8 Preschool 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir	9	10 Preschool	11 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast
12 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Youth Bake Sale 2:00 PM Nursing Home 6:15 PM Sweetheart Banquet	13 Preschool 6:00 PM Worship Committee	14 1:30 PM Lydia Circle	15 Preschool 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir	16 6:30 PM Koinonia Circle	17 Preschool	18
19 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Youth Mystery Trip 2:00 PM Cantata Practice	20 Preschool 7:00 PM Missions Committee	21 4:30 PM Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	22 Preschool 12:00 Noon Lent Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir	23	24 Preschool	25 UMM Lenten Breakfast @ Elwood UMC 2:00—5:00 PM Baby Shower
26 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Cantata Practice 6:00 PM Youth	27 Preschool 7:00 PM Trustees	28 7:30 PM Finance Committee	29 Preschool 12:00 Noon Lent Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir			