



THE FIRST WORD

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of South Bend, Indiana

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KICK OFF

While the above words do not thrill me as they would a football fan, nevertheless, I love it when it comes to church.

Every fall, we have our own official beginning to the really, really good stuff. The music climbs a notch, attendance springs back, we have new projects beginning.

Starting **September 12**, we are kicking off a whole new season! And we celebrate with ice cream! Food of heaven.

WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE!

As of September 12, first service, with all the glory of Celtic music, will meet in the **Chapel at 9:00**.

Second service, with all the glory of traditional music, will meet in the **Sanctuary at 10:30**.

Sunday School times change on September 12 as well; see the listing inside the newsletter to get a glimmer of when yours meets – OR, find one you would like to try!

What stays the same – your family of faith, wanting to worship with you!

Mary L. Hubbard

Worship Schedule

Worship, Leeper Park
8:45 a.m.

Potpourri Class, Parlor
9:45 a.m.

Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

7:00 a.m. - Noon

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 7:00 a.m. - Noon

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HAVE YOU REMEMBERED
FIRST CHURCH IN YOUR
WILL?

A GREETING FROM THE CELTIC MUSICIANS



*May the sun shine all day long,
Everything go right and nothing go wrong.
May those you love bring love back to you,
And may all the wishes you wish come true!*

Please join us for Worship in the Chapel on September 5th
at 8:45 a.m. and hear the Celtic Musicians play.

NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

The Worship times and locations listed on
the upper left-hand side of this page only
remain in effect for another week or two.

The first service will be moving back to the
Chapel beginning Sunday, September 5.

Our fall schedule and the changes for our
worship times take place starting on Sunday,
September 12.

(See Mary's letter and the list on the following page.)

SEPTEMBER 12 STARTS THE FALL SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. - Early Service in the Chapel

9:50 to 10:25 a.m. - Coffee Time in Gathering Room (See note on next page)

10:30 a.m. - Second Service in the Sanctuary

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children will have their Sunday School time from **10:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.** during the second Worship Service.

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH CLASSES

The junior and senior high youth will meet in the Fireside Room in the basement at **10:30 a.m.**, during the second Worship Service.

MERRIMATES

The Merrimates Class will meet at **9:00 a.m.** on Sunday mornings beginning on September 12. Anyone - singles, couples, younger and older are invited to share in the coffee hour as well as the class time. Kevin Ladd will be leading the first five class sessions. There will be a Bible Study that focuses on the "I Ams" of Jesus. Presenters throughout the year will include Pauline Medhurst, Pitner Traughber, David Kolda, Dave and Pam Stefancic, Beth McLaughlin, Lowell Peterson and Mary Hubbard.

This class also meets occasionally for social functions that supplement the lively fellowship of the weekly class sessions.

UPCOMING POTPOURRI CLASSES THIS FALL

Following is a listing of some of the topics for upcoming Potpourri Classes. Most of the dates have not been confirmed yet.

Remember - beginning September 12, we will be meeting at **9:15 a.m.** in the Parlor.

- Apostle Paul
- Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, & Joseph
- The Life of Buddha (Parts 3 & 4) on 9/19 & 9/26
- Selected Prayers of John & Charles Wesley

THIS AND THAT

This and That is a group of couples and families studying various topics and interpreting our everyday lives in a Christian context. This class will be meeting at **10:30 a.m.** in Room #22 on the second floor.

PRAYER LIST

Following is a prayer list. Please remember to include these people in your regular prayers:

Chris Dooley (Dolly Slack's Grandson) - Deployed to Afghanistan	Peggy Soderberg - Health concerns
Michael Pershell - In military service	Maxine Jones - Health concerns
Stephen Gramza - In military service	Andrea Wilgus - Health concerns
Jonathan Mayers - In military service	Marilyn Prue - Health concerns
Jeremy Martin - Special needs	Al Jones - Health concerns
Barbara Dobson - Health concerns	Maria Dattilo - Health concerns
Wayne Jackson - Health concerns	Dan Perry (Betty Haines Brother) - Health concerns
Mary Lou Gordon - Health concerns	Dylan Mayers - Health & Family concerns
David Case - Health concerns	
Nadine Corse - Health concerns	

Also remember to pray for our members in long-term care, assisted living, and independent living:

Martha Abernethy	Betty Byers	Gene (Art) Snyder	Mary Etta Rees
Ruth Garen	Virginia O'Hair	Rich Daniels	JoAnn Ballard
Clem Gramza	Clarence Dickey	Ivan Biddle	Jo Perkey
Hugh & Lois Warren	Marian Wilson	Jim Borden	Betty Barnes
LaVergne Hagenbuch	Freda Mossman	Melvena Stenger	Betty Fisk
Hannah Messersmith	Al Aguirre	Thair Best	Jack Fassnacht
Mary Jo Beemer			

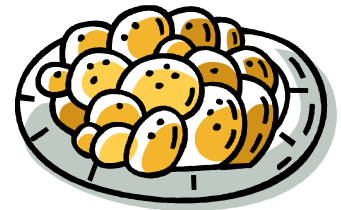
Additionally pray for:

Our Bishop Mike	Our Church	Our Pastor Mary
Our District Superintendent, Cindy Reynolds	Our Church Staff	



COFFEE TIME

Our new coffee time will give us all a chance to socialize, so stay a while after Early Service or come a little early for Second Service. Hope we can all take turns helping with this.



**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE GATHERING ROOM
TO HOST THE COFFEE TIME.**



Marty Casteel, Education Chair
Deobrah Mayers, Social Chair

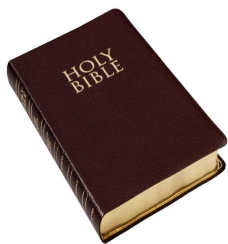
KID'S NEWS

What is coming soon? **SUNDAY SCHOOL!** Remember....in the fall our schedule is changing so Sunday School in the Promised Land will begin September 12 at **10:30 a.m.** See you there!

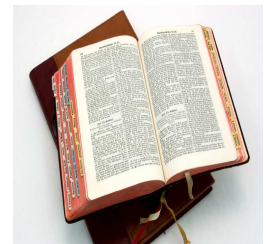
Don't forget the Ice Cream Social after church on Sunday, September 12. It will be great fun!



BIBLE STUDY



Have you wondered how the Bible helps us learn about God, the Israelites and their lives, Jesus the Son of God and the work of the Holy Spirit in the development of the early church? You will find out in the Bible Study course, Disciple One. Each weekly session is two hours and 30 minutes long and meets for 34 sessions. This may seem like a long time but the course is very thorough and comprehensive - a great introduction to the Scriptures.



A second course, Disciple II, will be offered for those who have had the introductory course. This course focuses on the Old Testament Prophets and the letters of Paul. It is 30 sessions long.

When you sign up for one of the courses, we will also try to find times that will be suitable for all class members. These classes do have a brief recess over the holidays so that members may visit families, etc. Classes begin in early September so we need your enrollment very soon. Call Pauline Medhurst at 277-2726 or sign up in the Gathering Room on Sunday morning.

In addition we are looking for teachers for each class. Please contact Pauline Medhurst if you can help by being a co-teacher of several sessions, your effort will be greatly appreciated. As a teacher, you are also learning a great deal.

We are offering these classes to other churches in our cluster so you will have an opportunity to know members from Clay, Grace and Northwest United Methodist Churches.

CONTENTMENT

A poet once wrote: “As a rule, man’s a fool. When it’s hot, he wants it cool. And when it’s cool, he wants it hot. Always wanting what is not.”

What an insightful observation on human nature! So when we read in Philippians 4:11, “I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content” we wonder, *Can this be possible?*

For Paul it was. Philippians 4:12-13 describes Paul’s response to life: “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any any every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength” (NIV). Paul’s relationship with God superseded whatever he did or did not have. His contentment was not based on his circumstances, but on his relationship with Christ.

Paul reminds us that contentment doesn’t happen overnight. It’s something that we learn. As our relationship with God develops over time and through experiences, we learn to trust God more and ourselves less. Paul knew that Christ would give him the strength to persevere in whatever situation he encountered (v.13).

No matter what you’re facing today, through prayer you can receive the strength to be content.

— Albert Lee

*The world is filled with so much good
That brings us joy and pleasure,
But true fulfillment only comes
When Christ we love and treasure.*

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**We find contentment at the same place
We find salvation - in Christ.**

*In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.
—1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Dear Friends of First United Methodist Church:

Thank you for the surprise Birthday Card. I enjoyed all the comments. They made my 96th very special.

Virginia Dinkel

METHODISTS IN SERVICE TO SOUTH BEND CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Charge Conference for “The Methodists In Service to South Bend” will be held on Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church (here in our Social Hall). In case you are wondering, “Methodists In Service to South Bend” is the name given to our cluster group, which includes South Bend Clay, South Bend First, South Bend Grace, and South Bend Northwest United Methodist Churches. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Charge Conference.

INVITATION TO WOMEN FROM FIRST CHURCH

The women from Clay United Methodist Church have invited the women from the other cluster churches to join in a prayer breakfast on September 18. This time of fellowship and devotion will be from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. and focus on the theme “Remain in Me” from John 15. Mark your calendar and make your reservation with Helen Banas (277-2139) or Pauline Medhurst (277-2726).

FINANCES AND FAITH

Jesus concluded the Sermon on the Mount with these words: “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet Jehovah feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed God knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the Realm of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:25-33)

Failure to give to help further God’s plan is not just failure of generosity. It is failure of faith in God.

Herb Miller

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Labor Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6 in honor of Labor Day.

Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September. It's a day dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday tributes the working class contributions to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Labor Day became an official national holiday in 1894. This holiday is usually celebrated with summer activities - swimming, camping, picnics, etc. Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer in the Northern part of the U.S.