



THE FIRST WORD

News from the First United Methodist Church
of South Bend, Indiana

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Third Floor Renovation

Contractors are swarming over the Christian Education part of our church, transforming the third floor into a more livable space – and just as important, into space that meets building codes of our city.

A new handicapped-accessible bathroom is going in, central heating and air, new laundry facilities, and all the plumbing and electric work needed to support it.

The Merrimates Class will continue to meet in their somewhat abbreviated room; a portion was walled off to accommodate the mechanicals. Additional room for men and women will be created, although the Board of the Upper Room is guiding us in slow growth, so that numbers will not be instantly added, but will gradually be expanded, rather cautiously.

Room dividers, most given by St. Joe Med Center after their move to their new facilities, are already up, giving our residents more privacy, more storage space, less noise, and, we hope, greater dignity.

We are planning for a major open house, and maybe a dinner and tours, once the work is completed – in less than two months! We are grateful for a single major donor, as well as so many of our own church people who have generously contributed; our own Central United Methodist Church Missions and Outreach Fund, created when we merged with Central, has contributed in a major way.

With the upcoming Jazz Concert for Children of Abraham, to support the Haiti work, we are reminded again and again of the unique and wonderful focus of our church – to bring healing and wholeness in the name of Jesus Christ.

I am not planning on going to Haiti, nor do I have need of the services of the Upper Room. But I am honored to help support both projects, because each one saves lives, here at home and far away. What a great combination! What a great church!

On our web site, if you want to donate, there is a page to help. It is so easy to donate on line! AND you can simply do your church donations that way, too. Check out Spike Abernathy's article later in this newsletter.

We are so fortunate to be able to do all this together. Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world – here at First Methodist, we are doing it, big time.

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



Shining Through The Tears

*It's easy to be pleasant when life flows by like a song.
But the man worth while is the one who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong.
For the test of the heart is trouble and it always comes
with years.
And the smile that is worth the praises of earth
Is the smile that shines through the tears.*

Please join us for the 8:45 a.m. Worship Service
at Leeper Park and hear the Celtic Musicians play.

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL POTPOURRI CLASS

We are holding the Potpourri Adult Sunday School Class
throughout the summer. Everyone is invited to attend at
9:45 a.m. in the Parlor.

Pauline Medhurst will be leading the class on
August 1 and August 8.

We will be providing you with a detailed list of each of
the upcoming classes and leaders. We hope to have the
list compiled for the next newsletter.

KID'S NEWS

By Diana Green

There will be singing, dancing, laughing and lots of fun! Does this sound like a worship service? IT IS! **Kid's Praise Sunday is August 1.** The children and youth will put on their musical during worship. Both services will be in the Sanctuary. This year's theme is "We Care for God's Creation." Come see what the kids are doing and learn what you can do to protect the world God gave us.

Supporting our young people is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Show your support by your presence at church on August 1.

WEALTH

"Unlike the names of Edison, Beethoven, and Carnegie, the name of Hetty Green is not known to most people. During her life she was, however, the richest woman in the world.

"Although she was wealthy, many would say the sick and homeless of her day were far richer. Because of her all-consuming desire for wealth, her name is virtually forgotten.

"Hetty Green is listed in a *Guinness Book of World Records* as "the greatest miser." She kept a balance of \$31 million in one bank. When she died she left an estate of \$95 million.

"Her consuming desire for wealth caused her to spend very little. She lived on cold oatmeal so she wouldn't have to pay for heat. Her son was forced to have his leg amputated because she refused to pay for an operation. And when she died in 1916, it was caused by apoplexy during an argument over the virtues of skim milk.

"...Hetty Green...was certainly rich, yet she was impoverished by her attitude, values, and lack of concern for others.

"Like Hetty Green, you can be poor and rich at the same time, depending on how you are living and giving."

[*Dear Lord, They Want Me To Give The Devotions*, John D. Schroeder and Shane Groth]

Our offerings for God's work help us to keep our bank account perspective balanced with our life accounts, which matter far more.

Herb Miller



Did you know our website has been updated?
The address is www.firstumcsb.org.
Check it out and tell a friend about it!

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
Mark Heyliger, MSG - In military service	Maxine Jones - Health concerns
Stephen Gramza - In military service	Gabriele Jamison - Health concerns
Jonathan Mayers - In military service	Marilyn Prue - Health concerns
Michael Pershell - In military service	Mary Jo Beemer - Health concerns
Jeremy Martin - Special needs	Maria Dattilo - Health concerns
Wayne Jackson - Health concerns	Dylan Mayers - Health & Family concerns
Mary Lou Gordon - Health concerns	Barbara Dobson - Health concerns
David Case - Health concerns	Lennart Adamsson & Family - Loss
Nadine Corse - Health concerns	
Andrea Wilgus - 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			

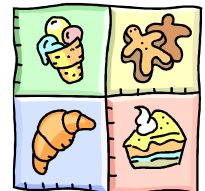
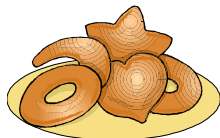
Additionally pray for:

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



COMMUNITY FUN FAIR

The Youth Group is planning a Community Fun Fair for Saturday, August 21, 2010, and would like your help in making it a wonderful success. We are looking for empty pop cans for a ball toss game; a couple of bean bag toss games, and a plastic wading pool. Gift cards, baked goods, and food can also be donated. This will be a fun time for all ages so plan on coming and showing the community how much we love First Church! Please contact Cathy Johnson (247-1508) or David Frey (233-9889) for more information. The deadline for non food donations is August 15 and of course the food will need to be brought that day.



FINANCE REPORT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010

Your Finance Committee has been working hard to keep expenses under control and as of June 30th, we have had total expenditures of \$231,594. This is about \$4,245 over our budget but we had some significant utility expenses during this period. The biggest concern that we have is that our year-to-date pledged income was \$27,951 under our budget.

I am therefore making an appeal to our church membership to "catch up" with your annual pledge (you recently received your quarterly statement which shows how you are doing with your pledge). If possible, please pay ahead on your pledge so we don't have to borrow money to pay our ongoing expenses. Furthermore, I encourage you to consider to sign up for "online giving" which may prove an easy way for you to keep current on your pledge and the instructions are attached in this newsletter.

Our Finance Committee will continue to work towards achieving our goal of a "balanced budget" for the calendar year and we will be closely watching our expenditures to make sure they are within our budget. We greatly appreciate your continued financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

DO YOU KNOW HOW EASY IT IS TO SIGN UP FOR ON-LINE GIVING?

Just go to the First UMC website and you will see the link for registration for on-line giving. The link will take you directly to a site to register for on-line giving. You must have e-mail to sign up and you will need to send me an e-mail at fumcfinance2@sbcglobal.net letting me know you would like to sign up. I will send you an e-mail back giving you a temporary password. Then you will be able to login and start. Please make sure to change your password at your first login. Below are the next steps for making a donation:

1. Click "Manage My Giving"
2. Check the fund you are applying your donation to. Ex: Current Budget
Note: You may wish to donate an additional 5% to defray online giving fees.
3. A box appears to put in amount of donation. Click next.
4. The amount of donation is in red and below you will begin adding your bank, debit, or credit card information. Then click next.
5. Here you can check to have this be a one time donation or a recurring donation that will come out of your bank or credit card as often as you like. Once you have made your selection here, click process transaction.
6. Verify your transaction and make sure it is correct. Then scroll down to the bottom of the paragraph to read and click "Authorize".
7. Your payment will then be processed and on this page you can print a copy for your records.
8. Make sure you log out of on-line giving when you are done.

It is very simple and safe!!

If you have questions, please contact Lou Anne Wilson at 233-9463.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES July 15, 2010

Present: Tom Byers, Pam Holycross, Pauline Medhurst, Linda Porter, Diana Green, Catherine VanDenDriessche, Mary Hubbard, Sue Wright, Crews Perkey, Laurel Thomas, Flowers Jenkins, Spike Abernethy and Karen Peterson.

Spike Abernethy, Finance Chairperson, reported our goal was to balance the budget; however, we have too little income for our expenses. Our expenses are exceeding our revenue by approximately \$17,000.00. Many pledges are paid towards the end of the year. We need more income, and the Finance Committee is asking people to bring their pledges up-to-date, and if possible, prepay pledges to the end of the year at this time. Two problems to date are: The Upper Room has taken in \$16,000.00 for 2010 and has had expenses of \$23,000.00. The music fundraiser was hoping to take in \$10,000.00 to meet expenses and for the first six months of 2010 has raised \$1,700.00.

Crews Perkey, Chair of the Trustees, reported the State still has not given approval of plans for renovation of the Upper Room. The drain in the parking lot is $\frac{3}{4}$ full of dirt, so we have a drainage problem. We have one bid for \$400.00. Crews stated \$34,000-\$35,000 has been paid for the general contractor for work on the Upper Room renovation and for purchasing insulated blinds. The blinds will save on heating and air-conditioning costs. Crews stated he is waiting on a bid from TC Security for a combination of sound and light alarms for sleeping rooms in the Upper Room. Smoke detectors are also needed. This could run as much as \$10,000.00. Ben is comparison shopping for kitchen cabinets for the Upper Room. Insurance money has been received for damages due to the water leak in the chapel area.

Currently there are 18 residents in the Upper Room - 15 men and 3 women. The board wants to thank the residents for the care they give us, particularly in the area of security, caring for the building, and helping with missions.

Karen Peterson reported the Food Pantry is serving about 40% new people every week. Last month the pantry hit a record high serving 1,742 individuals from about 444 families. The percentage of new people last month was 53.4%. Karen stated last Tuesday we served 3 homeless people and then a dentist, an example of how diverse the needs are. Money, food, plastic grocery bags, and volunteers are needed help to run the pantry.

Catherine VanDenDriessche reminded us of the jazz concert to be held Sept. 9th and encouraged everyone to support the event.

Diana Green stated the 2010 Day Camp was "wonderful". She stated Charlie and Mary Lou Hamilton opened their hearts and home for the 12th year. A special thank you to them. Registrations are being taken for Kids Praise, which will be held the week before Aug. 1st. Communion will be offered at 10:00 in the Chapel on August 1st.

Church services beginning in the fall will be held at 9:00 and 10:30. Children's Sunday School will be held at 10:30. The Merrimates will be meeting at 9:00 and Potpourri at 9:15. An ice cream social will be held on kick-off Sunday in the fall.

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Pauline Medhurst stated there will be Disciple I and Disciple II classes in the fall. She is looking for volunteers to help teach.

Linda Porter, Director of the Soup Kitchen, stated they are doing very well financially and have done well with volunteers. Over 50,000 cups of soup were served last year.

United Methodist Men's President, Flowers Jenkins, stated there will be a steak/corn roast at Casteel's Aug. 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Reservations need to be called to Flowers Jenkins, Vern Casteel or the Church Office. A freewill offering will be collected at the event. Those attending need to bring a dish to pass along with their own table service.

Laurel Thomas, Worship Chairperson, stated the committee will be meeting soon. The use of the screens will be discussed along with a theme for advent.

Volunteers are needed to help Aaron Johnson run the screens at the second worship service. Flowers Jenkins addressed the issue of looking into a new hearing apparatus he had seen for use in church services for hearing impaired. He will report back to our next council meeting.

Tom Byers, Chair of Staff/Parish Committee had no report.

In lieu of Bill Welsheimer's presence, Spike Abernethy stated the Wills and Legacy Committee will meet next week. They will be reviewing all invested funds.

Old Business: Spike Abernethy reminded people that on-line giving is available and encouraged people to spread the word. This can help the church receive money regularly from pledges. It was suggested that a demo be done in the Gathering Room on a Sunday to teach people how to set up on-line giving.

New Business: Pauline Medhurst stated she is part of a Covenant group that is meeting for one hour every Monday for a time of sharing. The group has discussed the possibility of having a Day of Prayer to help the church grow together in prayer.

Rev. Hubbard reminded us of the Sept. 9, 2010 jazz concert to be held at St. Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. This is sponsored by the cluster churches and proceeds will go to The Children of Abraham and earmarked for Haiti. Our church donated \$1,000.00 from the General Mission Fund to be used to help sponsor the event. The four cluster churches will have displays at the event. Members need to get tickets in July. It is felt once the tickets are opened to the public for purchase, they will go fast.

The next council meeting will be held at 7:00 in the Parlor on September 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Peterson

Secretary

Did You Know...

One of the most famous evangelists of the early 20th century, Billy Sunday (1862-1935), held an eight week revival meeting right here in South Bend in 1913. Known as the 'baseball evangelist', his first career was as a professional baseball player, playing first for the Chicago White Stockings in 1883, moving on to the Pittsburgh Alleghenys in 1888, then on to the Philadelphia Phillies in 1890. While living in Chicago, he was converted to Christianity, and in 1891 turned down a contract offer in Philadelphia of \$3,000 per year to accept a job at the local YMCA for \$83.00 per month.

Upon his conversion, he denounced gambling, drinking, and swearing; he fought hard against the evils of alcohol for many years, and was a staunch supporter of the 18th Amendment in 1919, which started the era of Prohibition in America. His job at the YMCA involved ministerial work; he visited the sick, counseled the troubled, and invited many a saloon patron to evangelistic meetings. In 1893, he became an assistant to J. Wilbur Chapman, a well known evangelist. He was his 'advance man', preceding Chapman to cities in which he was scheduled to preach, and getting everything organized for the revivals.

Working for Chapman, Billy Sunday learned how to write a good sermon, and learned how to preach. Chapman emphasized the importance of prayer, and encouraged him to study the Bible. In 1896, Chapman quit the revival circuit, and Sunday struck out on his own, beginning an evangelistic career that continued until his death in 1935.

Read about the Sunday revival in South Bend in the next edition of First Word.



COUNTDOWN TO FALL

It is about seven weeks until our new schedule begins on September 12:

Early Church will be 9:00 a.m.

Second Service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Classes will be held at 10:30 a.m.

The schedule for adult Sunday School Classes is as follows:

Merrimates at 9:00 a.m.

Potpourri at 9:15 a.m.

This and That at 10:30 a.m.

Remember we will be having an Ice Cream Social on September 12 at 11:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you all!!

THE KNOTS PRAYER

Dear God:

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the have nots, the can nots, and the do nots that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots, may nots, and might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God –

I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of the 'am nots' that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Amen!

- Author Known to God

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Thursday, August 5, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.

RAIN OR SHINE

(If rain, it will be in the barn.)

Vern & Marty Casteel's Home

62511 Locust Road

South Bend, IN



**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

**Donations will be taken for
UMM projects.**

**Please bring a dish to pass and
your own table
settings.**

**Please RSVP to Flowers Jenkins at (269) 684-5873
or Vern Casteel at 299-8349.**

The deadline for reservations is Sunday (8/1)