

# First News

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First United Methodist Church

## A Note From Pastor Toni

Friends,

Almost 9 year old Olivia was born while I was serving at Leo UMC, north of Fort Wayne. A friend in the congregation crocheted a beautiful pink blanket for her that became known as "my pink blankie," and it was something she never left home for an overnight outing without. When she left it at her daddy's in Indianapolis a couple of times, it was carefully folded and boxed up, car-

ried to the post office, and sent to Olivia as soon as possible. As she's gotten older, it's shown its age. I sewed some edges back together a few years ago, but it was pretty much in shreds the last time we saw it. Somewhere between here and she and mommy's vacation in Virginia, it was lost.

Everybody felt pretty bad about that. What will we do? Finally, I realized there are women in our



congregation who crochet—maybe someone would be willing to make her a new one! I sent a note out and before long, a couple of friends responded. I was offered a

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## Ahoy There, from A.S.K. Ministries VBS & Corryne Wick

Ahoy there from ASK Ministries' VBS! This year's VBS was a success! The kids and volunteers who came included:

*Kids:*

Brody Rans  
Cadwallen and Ansel Wick  
Abigail Pickut  
Calista and Cadence  
Hardesty  
Logan Binkley

Chelse Corwin

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## Preaching Plan for August

### August 5

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Communion**

Ephesians 4:1-16

Title: "Growing Up Together"

### August 12

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Title: "Living Together 101"

### August 19

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:17-31

Title: "Frogs And Other Choices"

(Judie Luther preaching)

### August 26

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 6:10-20

Title: "Armor All"

## Ahoy There, A.S.K. Ministries VBS continued

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Lyam Ganshorn  
Jennifer & Tristan  
Cerrato  
Lilly Jackson

#### *Planning Committee Members:*

Corryne Wick  
Barbie Pickut

#### *Leaders and Helpers:*

Carol Beiter  
Beth Pinkerton  
Diane Hogsett  
Corryne Wick  
Angela Ganshorn  
Pam Michel



David Cochern  
Michele, Drew, and  
Jacob Faulstich

Thank you to everyone who participated, prayed, donated items, or gave time and energy! Thank you for giving these people the chance to come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The experience was wonderful and will follow those who participated throughout their lives.

Special thanks to Chick-Fil-A for donating children's meal coupons to participants. Sincerely,  
***Corryne Wick***,  
Children and Youth Ministry Director at FUMC Plymouth

P.S. Here's a link to MORE PICTURES!  
[https://www.facebook.com/pg/StThomasPlymouth/photos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/StThomasPlymouth/photos/?ref=page_internal)



# Smile

By Dorothy Steinke

*"Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other - it doesn't matter who it is - and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other."* Mother Teresa

*"A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones."* Proverbs 16:30

It is sometimes difficult to come up with a theme for a story. I have been re-reading "Chicken Soup for the Soul." The story titled "Smile" caught my eye. *It is about a soldier captured by the Germans and thrown in jail. How a smile opened up conversation with his jailor - they*

*discussed families; shared pictures. The jailor let him out of his cell and led him to the edge of town and released him. He felt he was saved by a smile. It doesn't take much to smile. It's free, doesn't take as many mus-*

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Proverbs 16:30

*cles as to frown. Each day is a new beginning; we can make the choice to make it joyful or not. Choose to begin each day with a positive attitude; it makes the rest of the day go better. Count your blessings -*

*name them one by one. The world has gone crazy but we can find blessings among the craziness.*

### **Mission Witness**

*While learning to saddle Mo the horse, "David" became very frustrated, threw the saddle down and walked away saying, "I never do anything right," Before staff could soothe David, Mo walked over and nudged him as if to say, "It's OK. We can try until you get it." God touched David through Mo that day and started to change how David saw himself.*

L. Susan Stroup  
Murphy-Harpst Children's Center  
Cedartown, GA

### **Lead us Good Shepherd**

Father almighty; bless us with Thy blessing;  
answer in love Thy children's supplication;  
Hear Thou our prayer, the spoken and unspoken;  
Hear us our Father  
Shepherd of souls, who bringest all who seek Thee  
to pastures green beside the peaceful waters,  
Tenderest guide in ways of cheerful duty,  
lead us, good Shepherd.  
Father of mercy, from Thy watch and keeping  
no place can part, nor hour of time remove us;  
give us Thy good, and save us from evil,  
Infinite Spirit!

*Berwick Hymnal*





# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Christo's	2 6 am Early Birds @ Pickut's 12 noon Joy Breaks 12:30 pm Bible Study	3 3	4 4
<b>5 COMMUNION</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5 pm The Well	6 6:30 pm Marshall/Starke	7 6 pm Worship 7 pm Missions 7 pm Boy Scouts	8 6:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Christo's	9 6 am Early Birds @ Pickut's 12 noon Joy Breaks 12:30 pm Bible Study	10 10	11 11
<b>12 Normal Worship Schedule</b> 11:45 am Com Roast in Fellowship Hall 5pm Christian Come-- dian Tony Wolf	13 6:30 pm Trusstees 8:30 pm Social Concerns 7 pm Mother's Club @ Dairy Queen	14 11 am Bad Girls Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	15 6:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Christo's	16 6 am Early Birds @ Pickut's 12 noon Joy Breaks 12:30 pm Bible Study 2-4 Game Day	17 17 Lunch Bunch @ Evergreen (Rochester)	18 18
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# August 2018 Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bert Rans	2	3 Haley Adams Melissa Christiansen	4 Cameron Dennie David Miller
5 Lucas Goebel John Mills	6 Evan Record	7	8 Kyle Thoden Ethan Van Vac- tor	9	10	11 Lillian Kenney
12	13 Haley Jagers	14 Don Balka	15	16 Scott Heeren Genie Tobias Susan Wagner	17 Terri Dennie Gabby Swartz	18 Paul Berger
19	20 Robin Cupka Diane Hogsett	21	22 Patty Kyser	23 David Christiansen Brian Trappe	24	25 Eva Macey
26 Angelina Jung John Kreighbaum Adam Morris	27 Mary Jane Kralovansky Paul Levett John Mills	28	29	30 Jerry Jones	31	

## AUGUST WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
<b>LITURGISTS</b>	Susan	Cathy Clough	Tim Hardy	James
<b>8:30</b>	Wautelet			Easterday
<b>10:30</b>	Brent Kaufman		Sam Goebel	
<b>USHERS</b>	Bill Binkley, Bert Rans, Ed Pullen, Ron Downey, Woody Schin- beckler			
<b>GREETERS</b>	Brent & Mary Kaufman	Kathy Mills	Ralph & Norma Booker	Bob & Wanda Dixon
<b>SOUND SYS- TEM</b>	Tom Pedavoli	James Faul- stich	Ralph Booker	Scott Carmer
<b>OLDER</b>	Stacey Jack- son	Robin Cupka	Deb Jung	Amanda Dreibelbis
<b>NURSERY</b>				

## August ASK Schedule

“...this is the main fundraising opportunity for the A.S.K. ministry for the year, so your participation is greatly appreciated. We can never have too many people to help!”

To keep a more consistent basis, we will be staying at the host churches for two-month increments. I believe this will help the students and staff to keep more focused on the main focus; learning more about Jesus. We have begun a study from the book “Jesus Freaks”. In August, the host church will be the Plymouth Church of the Brethren. I would also like to plan a back to school party at Potato Creek during the month of August. I am so excited for this year to get started with ASK Ministries. We are so blessed this year that we will be having some of our Junior High aged students moving into High School. This means that we will be starting the High School

aged ASK Program back up on August 12 @ 6:30-8:00. The Junior High Program will still continue to meet @ 4:30. Please encourage your students to invite their friends to this meetings.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**August 26 @ 4:30:** We will be packing the shirts and bags for the Blueberry Stomp. I will be grabbing some pizzas that night so the more students and parents we have, the quicker the process will go along. During this night only there will be no ASK Regular Scheduled Meetings.

**September 3:** We will need **all** the students and parents to help with the Blueberry Stomp. We are still in need of volun-

teers for the water stops and traffic control. We have five water stops that we need to have filled to distribute the water to our runners during the race. Please note for individuals and families who are new to ASK, this is the main fundraising opportunity for the ministry for the year, so your participation is greatly appreciated. We can never have too many people to help!

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to email, text or call me. (574) 780-6049.

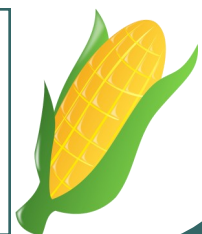
In Christ,

*Aaron Woodcox*

Director of ASK  
Student Ministries  
**574-780-6049**  
**awood-**  
**cox585@gmail.com**



Join us for **taco night** and **sweet corn** for our next **Community Meal Aug. 29 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. There will be tacos with all the fixin's and fresh corn on the cob. Bring a friend, neighbor, family - and leave the cooking to us. Come, join us!



## Social Concerns Report by Mary Kaufman

The Social Concerns committee continues to support Link to Hope, Heminger House, Marshall County Neighborhood Center, Bread of Life food pantry and our church's Community Meal. Through these, we reach out to those in need. For August, donate to Neighborhood Cen-

ter by placing these items in the grocery cart at the back of the church: cereal, canned fruit, jelly, children's clothes. You may also write a check to 1st United Methodist and put Social Concerns or any of these agencies in the memo line.

Heminger House is

an important organization that houses and assists abused women. Our church is doing our part to help them to remain open by donating baked goods for them to sell at the Farmer's Market. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. **Please bring your baked items to the**

**kitchen in the Education Building by 5:00 on Friday, August 17.** If you have questions, please contact Mary Kaufman, 935-3024.

Thanks for how generously you've helped those in need in our community. This is God's work right here in Plymouth.



Tony Wolf,  
Christian comedian  
and musician

**Sunday, August 12th**, Christian comedian and musician **Tony Wolf** will perform in the Sanctuary at 5 pm. This is a **free** event! Come for a great evening of entertainment!

## Acolyte Training



There will be an **acolyte training session** for 4th graders and older **August 19th** right after the 10:30 service in the sanctuary. Please contact Deb Jung at 936-8071 or [4missdeb@embarqmail.com](mailto:4missdeb@embarqmail.com) if interested or if you have questions.

## A Note from Pastor Toni continued

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bag full of blankie patterns to choose from, and decided that—since I couldn't find one exactly like the original, perhaps Olivia would enjoy choosing one for herself. That took away the fun of surprising her with a new one, but it seemed like a good option. I looked forward to her coming to our house and choosing—but just a day before she was to arrive, I remembered the 3 bins in the basement of things I saved to give to each of our children from their childhoods. Wonder if there's a blankie in there?

There was! My grandma had crocheted Dominique a white blankie with a pink border before she was born, and it is still in beautiful shape. With her mommy's permission, I offered Olivia the blankie that her great-great grandma had made, and let her know that if she wanted, a really nice lady from the church is ready to

make her a new one. She took hold of her mommy's blanket and it has been wrapped over her shoulders in the cool of the evening and tucked in her bed each night ever since.

There's something about a blanket that warms you, that offers comfort, and reminds you that you're loved.

I just visited one of the saints of our church who had a prayer shawl covering her lap. She has several and particularly enjoys the brightly colored ones that seem joyful and happy. She appreciates their warmth when it's a little cool, and she appreciates knowing that they were made in prayer and with love. There's something about the prayer shawls that warm you, that brings you comfort, and reminds you that you're loved.

Today I'm thankful for all who deliver well-wishes, prayers and love to those who are sick or hurting or in need. I'm thankful for our many "prayer

warriors" who are ready to respond, to intercede, to lift up those who are hurting and going through difficult times. I'm thankful for those who show their love by what they do with their hands—whether it's making prayer shawls, gathering items for the Neighborhood Center, cooking and baking or serving and cleaning up for the Community Meal, Bake sales and fund raisers. I'm thankful for those who serve on Sunday mornings, as liturgists, ushers, teachers...for those who share their musical gifts, who care for our little ones. There is so much to be thankful for, there are so many who bless our lives in so many ways.

Let us be thankful for the people of this community who remind us we're loved.

We are truly blessed.

In Christ,

*Toni*



Thanks to Corryne Wick who served as our Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries this past year. Corryne has accepted a full time position as a Special Education Math teacher at Lawrenceburg High School in Lawrenceburg, IN. We pray God's blessings upon Corryne and her family as they head off on this new adventure!



**MISSION MINDED**

**Mission and Work Trips:**

**OCTOBER 21 - 26, 2018 HENDERSON SETTLEMENT -**

A group of volunteers will be traveling to Frakes, Kentucky for the week of October 21, returning on October 26. We will stay in the mission dormitory. Our meals will be in the cafeteria. We will be probably be siding a trailer or home. All sorts of skills can be put to use during the week. Other volunteer opportunities are available if your talents lay in other directions.



- Now's the time to get signed up or find out more. Contact persons are Sharon and Steve Westfall.

**MAY 12 – 17, 2019 MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER -**



At Chatham, Illinois we prepare “kits” that are then available when disasters occur or requests are made. Things like cleaning buckets that are ready when floods happen. Sometimes we fill school bags with supplies for students or make many other types of preparations. There may be sewing or carpentry jobs for persons skilled in these areas.

- Carol Beiter is the contact person for this trip.

**JULY 6 – 14, 2019 MISSION GUATEMALA –**

We are signing people up for this trip now! It's time to start making airline reservations to get the best deal and keep everyone on the same flight.



- Pastor Toni and Troy Spencer are the contacts for this trip.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12** we will hold a **Corn Roast** to help defray costs of the Mission Trips. **MENU:** Brats and Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Veggies, Fresh Tomatoes, Fruit, and Dessert for \$10 or donation, in the Fellowship Hall following the second service.

**Thanks to everyone who has supported our 2 bake sales this summer!  
Upcoming in September – Port-a-Pit Chicken!**

**DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT? -**

Do you know of a project that needs our help? If you know of something locally that needs done, either for a church member, friend, or neighbor in need, please contact Mike Woolfington or Steve Westfall.

**KIDS HOPE –**

Do you have an hour to give once a week? Mentors are needed to be a special friend and provide consistency for at-risk students at Webster Elementary. Volunteers will be matched with a student and then trained. Each volunteer will join their student once a week during the student's lunch time. You are to be the child's friend; you are not expected to tutor or counsel the child. This is a commitment for the entire school year, but if you need to occasionally miss a week, you may simply inform the teacher. This program will start in September. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Beth Pinkerton.



## KITCHEN REMODELING



We are looking for someone who likes to sell things on the Internet. We have several items that we will be eliminating from our church kitchen that may be of use to someone else. If you are talented in this area, please see Marilyn Rans.

The committee continues to meet and has toured some local church kitchens to view various materials and layouts. We are working with designers to find a new layout that will meet the various needs for all the ways the kitchen is used.

There will be some work to be done by our members such as demolition, painting, and moving the appliances out during construction and back into place once the new flooring is complete.

If at any time you would like to make a contribution to support the remodeling, a fund has already been set up. Just mark your envelope or check "Kitchen Remodel".

## MOTHER'S CLUB



Mother's Club will be meeting for fellowship and treats on Monday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Dairy Queen. All interested ladies are welcome to join us.

On Monday, September 10 we will have our first meeting of the year in the Memorial Room at 7:00 p.m.

## Bishop's Call to Conversation & Prayer

Bishop Julius Trimbel will be in the North District Sunday, August 5th, to present information on the Commission on a Way Forward. The "Bishop's Call to Conversation and Prayer" will be at 2 pm CT / 3 pm ET at Valparaiso First UMC, 103 Franklin Street. All are welcome to attend for this time of fellowship, worship and discussion. There is no registration to attend this event.



# Corn Roast

Sunday, August 12

11:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall  
Plymouth First United  
Methodist Church



Menu:

*Brats / Hot Dogs*

*Corn on the Cob*

*Fresh Garden Tomatoes*

*Raw Veggies*

*Melon Bowl*

*Yummy Dessert*

*Lemonade / Iced Tea / Water*



\$10.00 or Donation  
(Pay at the door)



**Sponsored by Missions Commission to benefit mission trips to: 1) Henderson Settlement; 2) Midwest Missions Distribution Center; and 3) Mission Guatemala.**



Coming in August at The Well:

Sunday, August 5th    Communion Sunday

Sunday, August 12th    Musician & Comedian

Tony Wolf at 5 pm in the Sanctuary—Free Event!

## SMALL GROUPS ARE GLORIOUS IN AUGUST!

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them." Matthew 6:26



Lunch Bunch: The third Friday of the month: RSVP Carol Beiter  
**August 17** the group will be dining at Evergreen in Rochester.  
Meet to carpool at the church at 11:30! RSVP Carol Beiter.

### HERE ARE THE RESTAURANT CHOICES FOR THE COMING FEW MONTHS:

AUGUST 17: EVERGREEN (Rochester)  
SEPTEMBER 21: LAKE HOUSE (Culver)  
OCTOBER 19: LOG HOUSE (Argos)  
NOVEMBER 16: OPIES (Plymouth)  
DECEMBER 21: MILLERS ASSISTED LIVING (Plymouth)

Dominos and Euchre will be featured on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 2-4:00 PM.  
Contact Dean Luther for further details at 540-2196.

Christian Craftin' Mamas continue to meet and explore the world of creativity. Contact Michelle Faulstich 941-2737 for further details.

Blessed Bookies: The 4<sup>TH</sup> Mondays of the month at Miller's Assisted Living at 5:30 PM.  
On Monday, 27 the Bookies will be discussing "The Wonder".

Bad Girls: This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 11:00. The discussion will center around the book "31 Proverbs to Light Your Path" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Our meeting is always followed by lunch at Opie's and we would love to have new members. Join us for a unique Bible study.





## ***BRAND NEW KNITTING GROUP TO GATHER....***

Third Tuesdays, 10:00 to noon

Beginning September 18, 2018

Memorial Room

Contact Carol Beiter if you haven't signed up

Do any of these small groups sound interesting? It is never too late to connect with each other....Please contact Susan Wautelet at 936-2747 or [swautelet@aol.com](mailto:swautelet@aol.com) for more information.



## **MUSICAL EVENTS IN THE SANCTUARY!!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018** Tony Wolff will present a family friendly

Comedy program at 5:00

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018** The Dunnamen's will present a

Southern Gospel concert at 5:00.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018** Marty Miller will perform an inspirational concert at 5:00

**Help make FUMC the Plymouth church with music in the air! Support our church by attending these events and bringing friends and neighbors!**



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### Youth & Education Updates from Barbie Pickut

Mark your calendars-- Sunday School kick-off will be September 9. Third graders will also be presented with a Bible from the church on September 9. If you know of a child from our church entering 3rd grade, please call to give the church office his or her name so we can make sure we have their Bible ready.

We are looking for a teacher (or several people to rotate) for the elementary age class.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact the church office, Barbie Pickut (574-870-4981), or another member of the committee if you are interested or if you know of someone who would be a good fit for this role. Teaching our children about Jesus' love is a joyful endeavor--don't miss your chance to be a part of it. We would like to confirm a teacher by mid-August so that he or she can be part of choosing curriculum.

Can you volunteer to help with the Blueberry Stomp? Our church is responsible for finding volunteers to guide and encourage runners at corners and to run water stop tables, as well as other roles. If you can help with this primary fundraiser for the ASK program that offers so many faith-building opportunities to our young people, please call the church office. We need all available help to make this event a success!