

First News

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First United Methodist Church

A Note from Pastor Toni

Dear Friends,

Having celebrated Easter together this past Sunday, I'd like to share with you this message from our Bishop:

Without Easter, there is no message of resurrection hope. Without a mission, there is no church.

I am so glad we can tell the story over and over that the tomb is empty and our Savior lives!

In Matthew's Gospel, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary become the first witnesses to the empty tomb.

But the angel said to the woman, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He

isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's

been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you" (Matthew 28:5-7, CEB).

The message the angel has for those at the empty tomb is to go and tell the disciples. They leave the tomb with fear but also with joy. This Jesus whom we worship is our resurrection

hope and the center of our joy.

The one they thought was forever gone meets them and greets them. How is this possible? God is the ultimate prom-

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Bishop Julius C. Trimble

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Social Concerns by Mary Kaufman



Thanks to you, we support Link to Hope, Heminger House and our church's community meal. We give food to the Neighborhood Center food pantry by putting items in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. This month, they continue to need cold cereal and canned fruit. Cash or checks made out to FUMC with Social Concerns in the memo line given in the wicker basket on the first Sunday of the month go to So-

cial Concerns Your generous giving helps those in need in our community, which is what God asks us

to do.



For those who shop at Kroger, if your card is linked to FUMC Social

Concerns, we receive a percentage from Kroger. We currently have 29 people who contribute in this way; we received \$58.37 for last quarter. We're guessing there are many more who shop Kroger and we could be receiving much more. If you haven't linked your card to Social Concerns and you need help to do this, call Mary Kaufman, 574-935-3024. It's an easy way to help the needy of Plymouth.



Community Meal



Wednesday, May 29th from 5-7 pm is the May Community Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Menu will include Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies/Brownies. Please come and welcome the community diners!

There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church for donations. Thank you!

United Methodist Men by David Hogsett

The United Methodist Men had a great meeting on Saturday, April 20. Mike Woolfington prepared the breakfast. Sue Irwin from the Historical Museum talked about the New Sports' Room. There was a lively discussion with members sharing personal stories. Bill Hemmig gave an inspiring devotion based on it being Saturday of Holy Week – the day that Jesus was absent.

Brent Kaufman shared about four of the men moving a lady who is disabled. He reported in the near future they would be moving another lady. He is also looking for help to do some yard spring cleaning for several persons. Brent is also in the process of lining up people who can fill in when our custodian, Jeff Mills, is gone. Contact Brent if you would like to help with any of these projects. Brent also reported there would be a SAWS project on Thursday, April 25th.

John Wautelet reported that the men's annual visit to the

South Bend Cubs will be Thursday, July 11th. We will be using tickets provided by U.S. Granules for their box. There is space for 24 persons. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for the game. The men will also be helping to set up and take down for the Community Meal on June 19. It will be out in the parking lot.

The next meeting of the United Methodist Men will be on Saturday, May 18th. Don Balaka will be sharing his presentation on "Where Is Panama?" It has to do with all of the towns, villages, and hamlets that once existed in Marshall County but have disappeared.

Ralph Booker reported he is working on a camp out this summer for men and their grandchildren. If you would like to be a part of this project, contact Ralph.

Every Wednesday at 6:45 A.M. there is a Men's Bible study at Christos.





Rebuilding First Church

For more than 40 days we've been praying about how we will respond to **Rebuilding First Church**. We've had focus groups, a town hall meeting, small group meetings, and many conversations. We've been prioritizing, finalizing details and anticipating our next steps.

Here is what the month of May brings us:

May 5: Commitment Sunday: Commitment Cards distributed in worship

May 12: Pledge Sunday: Completed Commitment cards

returned during worship

May 19: Celebration Sunday: We'll gather at Christos Banquet Center for a Celebration Luncheon after worship where we'll share and celebrate the commitments pledged to **Rebuilding First Church**. All are invited. There is no charge, but reservations are necessary and must be made before May 13. Please see signup sheets on table in back of sanctuary.

May 26: First Fruits Sunday: Our giving for Rebuilding First Church begins!!



Preaching Plan for May

May 5

3rd Sunday of Easter

Communion

Vision Sunday #4, Commitment

Text: Luke 18:30; 2 Corinthians 8:7

Title: Commit to Rebuild: The Big Question

Herb Buwalda preaching

May 12

4th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Vision Sunday #5, Pledge

Text: John 10:22-30

Title: Living in Confidence

Theme: Being blessed by God's provision, we can confidently step into the future.

May 19

5th Sunday of Easter

Celebration Sunday

Text: Acts 11:1-18

Title: Reason to Celebrate

Theme: God is working in ways and places that are beyond our ability to understand and hard for us to imagine. Are we willing to follow where God leads?

May 26

6th Sunday of Easter

Memorial Day Weekend

Text: Psalm 67

Title: Stories of Thanksgiving

Theme: Sharing what God has and is doing.

A Note From Pastor Toni continued

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ise keeper and tells us over and over not to be afraid.

In this time in the life of The United Methodist Church, the Easter message is desperately needed. Death does not have the final say.

So what is needed in these turbulent uncertain times? People willing to live and go and tell that our Savior lives. As the Wesley Study Bible Commentary on Matthew 28 says, "The mission of the church today, as it was for the early church, is to reconcile us to God. But first, we must be reconciled to our sisters and brothers. Reconciliation for the flourishing of all life is what being a disciple of Jesus is all about."

What do I (we) have in common with those we disagree with? What do we have in common with those we don't know? We are all precious in the sight of God and recipients of God's grace through Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday, Palm Sunday, I baptized our granddaughter who is nine months old. Before the laying on of hands with the waters of baptism, the congregation was asked to nurture one another in the Christian Faith and include baby Corrine in their care. Their response was first to say, "With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ." A commitment to pray for and surround the newly baptized with love and forgiveness was essentially a recommitment to be the Church alive for others, always with room for more.

Let us proclaim the good news this Easter season and live according to the example of Christ. We sing what we believe, "Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone, because I know who holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives."

Be encouraged with the joy of the resurrection,

Bishop Julius C. Trimble



"This Jesus whom we worship is our resurrection hope and the center of our joy."



Link to Hope Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

Link to Hope's Annual Dinner and Silent Auction is Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Christy's Banquet Center. Social hour is 5:30 pm; dinner at 6:30 pm. Fully funded by do-

nations, this group provides support for the needy in Marshall county. Call Sherry Schinbeckler (936-2200) for more information and tickets—\$20 each.

South Bend Symphony Orchestra Wind Quintet

The Wind Quintet of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra will appear in concert on Friday, May 10th at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Street, 400 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

This group is comprised of the principal players from the SBSO and has established itself as a defined presence throughout the Michiana area with their virtuosic playing, exploratory programming, and engaging programs. The SBSO Wind Quintet is strongly committed to educational enrichment and promoting classical music by their interactive performances.

The members of the Quintet are as follows:

Leslie Short, flute

Jennet Ingle, oboe

Trevor O'Riordian, clarinet

Jeremiah Frederick, French Horn

Jason Kramer, bassoon

Each year, the Wind Quintet creates unique programs that are specifically designed for each audience, providing over 25 performances throughout North Central Indiana and Southwest Michigan annually.

This concert to open to the public at First United Methodist Church which is handicap accessible. Following the concert, there will be a reception at which time the musicians will interact with the audience members.

SBSO Wind Quintet will present a free concert on Friday, May 10th at 4 pm in the Sanctuary.

You're Invited to Attend a

FREE CONCERT



Presented by the

Wind Quintet



of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra



Friday, May 10th 4:00 pm

at the

First United Methodist Church

400 N. Michigan St.

Handicap Accessible

Reception Following

Port-a-Pit Chicken

Saturday, 5/18



10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



\$7.00 per half

Pre-sales held until 1:00

Pit-Taters - \$3.00, while they last

Baked Goods - Donation

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
400 North Michigan Street, Plymouth
West Parking Lot (by Red-D-Mart)

*Advance tickets for chicken are available
at the church office, 936-2943, from a mission trip
participant, or a member of Missions Commission.*

Proceeds to benefit Mission Trips

God is Always Just A Prayer Away by Dorothy Steinke

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. *Romans 12:12*



Spring may finally be here but the snow Sunday night [Palm Sunday] gave us a pleasant surprise. It is good to have the longer days - have you thought about that statement? There are still only 24 hours in each day. As the earth turns on its axis the north gets more of the sun; thus, longer sunlight days. How about gravity; why don't we get thrown off the earth as it spins, why don't people down under walk upside down? Mysteries - as God created the earth and all that is on it He took all that into consideration.

Mission Statement

Being a deaconess and Church and Community Worker missionary is an exciting journey of meeting people throughout the United States. God leads me to bring the community and church to serve in ministries of love, justice and service.

Katie Peterson

Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner/Church and Community Worker
New Castle, PA.

David filled in for Toni two Sundays as she recovered from her surgery. His message was about Holy Vessels and Restoration.

The potter worked at his task with patience, love and skill. A vessel, marred and broken, He altered again to his will. It was blackened, bent and old but with traces of beauty left, so he worked, this mender of pottery,

to restore the charm bereft, til at last it stood transformed. and he viewed it with tender eyes,

the work of his hands and love, the potter, patient and wise. I know a Mender of broken hearts,

and of lives that are all undone; He takes them all, as they come to Him

and He loves them every one. With patience, love and skill that surpasses the knowledge of men,

this Master Potter gathers the lost and restores to His image again. O Lover of folk with broken lives, O wonderful Potter Divine,

I bring my soul for thy healing touch;

In me, let Thy beauty shine.

“...why don't we get thrown off the earth as it spins, why don't people down under walk upside down? “

Staff-Parish Relations Committee



Staff Parish Relations Committee met on April 1, 2019. A review of the committee's goals took place and found we are well on our way to completion. Job descriptions were reviewed and are in the process of updating to meet current duties.

It was reported the Adult Protection Guidelines have been approved by Church Council and final forms are being prepared. Yearly training was discussed and decided that any church member working with

adults shall be required to receive training in this policy and sign a form noting their attendance. Those to be trained include, but not limited to, Adult Sunday School teachers, visiting Communion Ministry members, Music Leaders, and Visitation Committee members. Training would begin in August of each year.

Pastor Toni provided the Committee with her activities and upcoming surgery plan.

May Worship Participants

MAY	8:30 LITURGISTS	10:30 LITURGISTS	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	SOUND SYSTEM	OLDER NURSERY	USHERS
5	Dick Tobias	Judy Stump	Logan Binkley	Bill & Barb Binkley	Tom Pedavoli	Melissa Christiansen	Woody Schinbeck- ler, Melissa Christian- son, Carole
12	Don Wilson	Judy Stump	Emma Jackson	Carol Ralston	James Faulstich	Jane Woolfington	Ralston, Scott Car- mer, John Finlay
19	Elaine Dick	John Finlay		Bill & Lynn Gee	Ralph Booker	Judy Goebel	
26	Susie Kreigh- baum	John Finlay	Emma Konefsky	Karen Emerick	Robin Cupka	Amanda Dreibelbis	

Join us for the
Annual Ladies Luncheon



**Sunday, May 5, 2019
 at 11:50 a.m.**



in the Fellowship Hall

THIS YEAR'S THEME —



This year we are supporting foster parents and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Mothers' Club has purchased and decorated tote bags for children moving in and out of the system. **We will be collecting items to fill the tote bags.** Suggested donations in addition to cash include:

- hygiene items for children,
- small stuffed animals or games,
- crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, or journals
- and other things a child would enjoy or need.



**Come for the ...
 Food! Fellowship! Door Prizes!
 Learn why Cinco de Mayo is celebrated!**

*Females of all ages are invited.
 Bring your friends and neighbors!
 Food provided by Mothers' Club and WOW.*



The Ladies Luncheon is
 sponsored by
Mothers' Club.



May 2019 Birthdays

First United Methodist Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		If your birthday is not listed or is incorrectly listed, please call the office. Thanks!	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Lily Cochern	8	9 Luke Felde Roberta Isom Brittley Lewallen	10 Linda Hagan Leah Smith	11 Kelsey Heisler
12	13 Adin Daren Dorothy Morgan	14 Loren Daily Tom Douglass Spencer Goebel	15 John Wautelet	16 Mary Probst Curtis Smith	17	18 Chase Evans Judy Stump
19 James Faulstich	20 Ryan Gray	21 Allie Rans- Schell	22	23 Laurie Morris Phil Crutchfield Marilee Johnson	24 Betty Kay Eley Nancy Felde Haley Morris	25
26	27 Barbie Pickut June Pullen	28	29	30 Dave Bright Lauren Kelso Shirley Magnuson	31	

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What's Your Favorite Hymn?



This summer we will be singing your favorite hymns. But first you need to tell us which hymns you want to sing!

Please write down your Favorite Hymn and put the slip of paper in the box in the Narthex.

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NORMAL SUNDAYS: 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 5:00 pm The Well	TUESDAYS: ◆ 7 pm Boy Scouts WEDNESDAYS: □ 6:45 am Men's Bible Study ● 7 pm Choir	1 □ ●	2 ✘ ☺ †	3	4	
5 11:50 am Mothers' Club Luncheon	6 Noon WOW @ La D'zert (Resv. Required) 6 pm Marshall Starke	7 ◆ 10 am Knit 2, Pray 3 7 pm Missions 7:30 pm Maxinkuckee Singers	8 □ ● 5:30 pm Capital Team	9 ✘ ☺ †	10 4 pm SB Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet	11
12 Return Rebuilding First Church commitment Cards in worship	13 6:30 pm Social Concerns 7 pm Mothers' Club	14 ◆ 11:00 am Bad Girls Bible Study 6:30 pm Worship	15 □ ●	16 ✘ ☺ †	17 Lunch Bunch @ Evergreen in Rochester	18 8 am UMM Breakfast Port-a-Pit Chicken for Missions
19 Celebration Sunday @ Christo's after worship	20 5:30 pm Blessed Bookies 6 pm Outreach	21 ◆ 6 pm Finance	22 □ ●	23 ✘ ☺ †	24	25
26 7 pm Youth & Ed	27 7 pm Youth & Ed	28 ◆ 11:00 am Bad Girls Bible Study 5:30 pm Trustees	29 □ ● 5-7 pm Community Meal	30 ✘ ☺ †	31	THURSDAYS: ✘ 6:00 am Early Birds ☺ Noon Joy Breaks † 12:30 Bible Study

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The Outreach Committee Invites You to Participate ...



Lunch Bunch: The third Friday of the month: RSVP Carol Beiter

UPCOMING RESTAURANT

CHOICES:

MAY 17: EVERGREEN (Rochester)

JUNE 21: HUNTERS HIDEAWAY (Nappanee)

- **Dominos and Euchre** will be featured on the 3rd 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 4TH Mondays of the month at Miller's Assisted Living at 5:30 PM. On May 20 the discussion will concentrate on

"Educated." Please join us as we ponder this popular book. Even if you have never come before, please join us for a stimulating discussion!

- **Bad Girls:** This gathering of women meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11:00 in the Memorial Room. On June 11 we will start studying another of Lizz Curtis Higgs' books: "It's Good to be Queen."
- **Knit Two...Pray Three:** Will be meeting the first Tuesday of every month from 10:00 to noon in the Memorial Room.
- **1st Sunday Brunch: THERE WILL BE NO BRUNCH ON SUNDAY MAY 5!!!** The women's luncheon will be held that day in Fellowship Hall following the second service. All senoritas and guests are invited to celebrate Cinco de Mayo!!!

