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## From the



May the Grace and Peace of a Risen Savior be upon you!

## Pastor

The summer has been moving quickly for all of us this year. My family and I are getting acquainted with a variety of people in and around the area. It seems that things are changing daily for us. The past few weeks seem to be a blur of activity. We wish to thank everyone for the wonderful picnic. The food, the fellowship and the "cornhole" games were great! Thank you again!

The sharing of a meal has a deep significance for Christians. Since the beginning of the early church, the sharing of a communal meal was a major part of being a community. In the early church, time was spent coming together with their own "covered dishes" to share. They shared their love, their fellowship, and their belief in God.

In John 6:1-15, we find the story of the 5,000 who were fed by Christ. Unlike the other Gospels, in the Gospel of John, the crowd wants to make Jesus their King. They want Jesus to be King because of the miracle. They missed the significance of this act. They did not see the offering that Jesus was making for them. In the midst of this communal setting was the sharing of love. They only saw the bread and the fish meeting their current physical needs.

Where does your bread and fish come from? This summer it is easy to get distracted from the source of all life. It is easy to forget who we are and get caught up in the crowd. We are blessed to live in a country in which we can take time to enjoy our families and friends. Unfortunately, we can get confused about who we are. We get lost in the crowd and seek an immediate answer to our physical needs and wants. This summer let us remember who we are and where we can go to be filled. Let us share God's love with all that need it. Let us be examples like Christ.

My family and I are becoming more familiar with the rhythms of this community of faith. As we walk together, do not hesitate to share with the traditions, the stories and the meaningful events in the life of this community. Over the last several years, we have become acquainted with two other church communities and walked with them in faith, love and hope. As we grow together, I look forward to honoring the traditions, the stories and meaningful events in faith, hope and love. We look forward to sharing together.

Peace,

*Pastor Ed*

## AUGUST EVENTS

\* **Wednesday August 3, 6:30 pm**  
UMW picnic at UM Community—Call Vicki 535-4731 for information

\* **Friday August 5, 6:30—9:00 pm**  
Daycare program in Sanctuary & FH

\* **Monday August 8, 7:00 pm**  
Finance

\* **Thursday, August 11**  
Clark-Pleasant first day of school  
7:00 pm, Prayer Shawls

\* **Monday August 15**  
Trustees

**EVERY THURSDAY**

5:45 pm GAP at UTS

**EVERY SUNDAY**

9:00 am Sunday school

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Children Sunday school

11:15 Worship at UTS

5:00 pm Christian Youth in Action (Grades 6—12)

5:00 pm UTS Praise Team



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**“Thank You” from the  
Interchurch Food Pantry**

The interchurch Food Pantry wishes to thank you for your donation in June of 154 items.

In May we gave 3 full days supply of food to 779 families, which was 2940 people.

Thank you for helping to feed our needy.

Sincerely,

*The Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County*



Dorothy J. Burchfield, 92, of Evansville, IN, went home to be with her beloved Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, on June 22, 2011.

Dorothy was a retired administrative assistant. She attended Christian

Fellowship Church in Evansville where she was known for her devotion to her faith & her family. She was an avid artist, especially talented at quilting, crocheting & painting. Surviving are two sons, Dan (Karena) Burchfield of Fayetteville, GA; Bob (Pam) Burchfield of Greenfield, IN; one daughter, Jane (Tony) Scheu of Evansville, IN; ten grandchildren & 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death in 1981 by her husband of 40 years, Rev. Ray A. Burchfield, who served, with Dorothy at his side, in United Methodist churches in Arcadia, Cicero, Muncie, Anderson, Kokomo, Whiteland, Brookville, Greenfield & Sullivan (all in Indiana). She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Burchfield and a great-grandson, Caleb Scheu.

There will be no public funeral services or visitation.

Condolences may be made online at:

<http://dorothyburchfield.boardhost.com>.



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS**

- August 2 Ruth & Earl Tetrick Anniversary
- August 4 Tiffany Usher
- August 5 Linda Wynn
- August 6 Mark Vidock
- August 10 James Dunn
- August 13 Billie Saba
- August 14 Janet Martin
- August 15 Isabella Fuentes
- August 16 Violet Money
- August 17 Glenn Haveman
- August 20 Kay English
- August 22 Edith Conrow  
Tim White
- August 24 Anna Sappenfield  
Susan & Trent Tirsway Anniversary
- August 25 Rick Reel
- August 27 Kyle Goff
- August 29 Wayne Fansler  
Aiden F.K. Usher
- August 31 Chuck Reabe



**Happy Anniversary!**  
**Happy Birthday!**



This is what the Lord God showed me:  
behold, a basket of summer  
fruit.

*Amos 8:1*



## UMW Notes

### Greetings

It was a warm (quite warm!) and sunny day for the UMW Ladies Day Out on Saturday, July 9. There were 10 ladies and a guest who enjoyed a great time at Zaharako's in Columbus. We enjoyed tasty sandwiches, salad, soup and ICE CREAM. The museum and gift shop caught my eye!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday evening, August 3 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the United Methodist Community Clubhouse for a pitch-in. Bring a covered dish and come enjoy great fellowship and good food! Call me if you need a ride or just want to carpool.

Vicki Camden  
535-4731



## August at Under the Sun Cafe: ACT Up! Improv Returns

ACT Up! Improv will bring their hilariously funny skits and stories to the cafe on Saturday, August 27th from 7-9pm. The cafe will open at 6pm for dessert (and maybe dinner.....still working out the details.) These folks do a great job and it's good, clean fun. We'll also be hosting youth bands on August 6th. All the details and times are yet to be worked out, but one of the participants is Take Up Your Cross, and Dennis Clarkson describes them as "metal-core at it's best with a hard-driving, plaster-splitting performance." We're glad to give young musicians a chance to play!

Thanks to all who continue to help us prepare and serve a good meal on Thursday evenings. You are amazing. You jump right in to make dessert, serve, wash dishes, clean up tables, etc. It's hard to count people, but we know that we are serving anywhere from 80-135 plates of food each week. (We served 135 sub sandwiches a couple weeks ago). There's lots of good conversation, there are people helping each other (one person who comes regularly is now helping another person who comes get access to the Veteran's benefits she is entitled to, which is cool!) We've made a new connection with an organization called Our Daily Bread, where we can take leftovers and we may also be able to get some of our food that we need - particularly, you guessed it, bread! They pick up from restaurants all over the city. If you are not able to come and help serve, we could use a few pairs of hands to come later (6:30 or so) to help with clean-up. By then, most of the serving volunteers need to head home. Washing dishes, cleaning counters, wiping down restrooms, sweeping and cleaning off tables are all just as important as getting the food out. You can call for more details, or just show up to help out.

## Mission Notes

The Mission Committee would like to thank all who contributed School supplies. By the time you read this, they will have been distributed to Elementary Schools in our area, that very much appreciate the items.

As always feel free to call me with questions or suggestions

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<b>August</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>28th</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	Michelle & Eric Banister	Wilma & Nolan Mitchell	Kathy & Dean Houseman	Violet & Clarence Money
<b>USHERS</b>	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Dean Houseman Clarence Money	Glenn Haveman Jack Privett Kenneth Demarre Nolan Mitchell	Michelle Banister Kathy Houseman Violet Money Wilma Mitchell	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Dean Houseman Kenneth Demaree