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Whiteland United Methodist Church

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To the Congregation of Whiteland United Methodist Church:

The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you! My family and I are excited about beginning a new appointment with your church family. We appreciate your prayers and calls as we prepare for our arrival to Whiteland. My wife and I believe not only does this appointment represent a wonderful opportunity for ministry but also allows for us to become active members in the community. My family and I have a number of interests and activities. We enjoy fishing, bowling, hiking, antiquing, traveling and a variety of board games. We look forward to learning of your interests and activities which we can share together. As we prepare for moving in and unpacking, we look forward to making your house our home.

I was born in Indiana but lived much of my early life in Southern Illinois. My undergraduate degree is from Defiance College, my first Master's degree is from St. Louis University and my most recent degree is a Master's degree is from Christian Theological Seminary. Prior to answering the call to ministry, I worked for nearly twenty years in Health and Social Services serving older adults, children, and persons who are differently-abled.

My wife, Patty, is a native Hoosier who was raised in Indianapolis. She has an undergraduate degree from IU and has begun post-graduate work at Purdue and IUPUI. Patty has been in the field of education for over 25 years. Currently, she is an early childhood administrator for seven locations in Marion and Hendricks counties. She has a variety of interests outside the home which keeps her very busy.

We have two children; Lindsey, who is in the eleventh grade, has just gotten her diver's license and is looking forward to going to the mall. She enjoys music, going out with her friends and participating in a variety of activities. Sarah, who is in the eighth grade, enjoys volleyball, cheerleading and gymnastics. She also enjoys a variety of hobbies and interests. They both enjoy our pets and keep us on our toes with their curiosity and their desire to learn.

Again, we are looking forward to being a part of the ministry in Whiteland.

In Christ,

Ed, Patty, Lindsey, Sarah Fisher

39 1/2 YEARS TOO LATE

If I had read the following devotion by Eugene H. Peterson from his book, "LIVING the MESSAGE", thirty-nine and one-half years ago at the beginning of my ministry, things might have gone smoother.

Failed Expectations

Much anger towards the church and most disappointments in the church are because of failed expectations. We expect a disciplined army of committed men and women who courageously lay siege to the worldly powers; instead we find some people who are more concerned with getting rid of the crabgrass in their lawns. We expect a community of saints who are mature in the virtues of love and mercy, and find ourselves working on a church supper where there is more gossip than there are casseroles. We expect to meet minds that are informed and shaped by the great truths and rhythms of scripture, and find persons whose intellectual energy is barely sufficient to get them from the comics to the sports page. At such times it is more important to examine and change our expectations than to change the church, for the church is not what we organize but what God gives, not the people we want to be with but the people God gives us to be with -- a community created by the descent of the Holy Spirit in which we submit ourselves to the Spirit's affirmation, reformation, and motivation. There must be no idealization of the church.

If you only look at us, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us. As it is, there's not much chance of that. You know for yourselves that we're not much to look at.

2 Corinthians 4:7

As I look back, all in all, God has blessed me with good Churches filled with loving people including Whiteland/UTS. May God continue to bless your ministry and bless your work together in service to our Lord, Jesus Christ with Rev. Ed Fisher.

Pastor Joe

JUNE EVENTS

Wednesday June 1, 9:30 am

UMW (A)

7:00 pm

UMW (Violet Money's home)

Friday June 3

Habitat for Humanity

Saturday June 4, 1:00—4:00 pm

Rev. Joe Wyatt Retirement Reception (UTS)

June 8—June 11

UMC Annual Conference

Thursday June 9, 7:00 -9:00 pm

Prayer Shawls (S)

Monday June 13, 7:00 pm

Finance Committee (A)

Monday June 20

All Day of Prayer

Trustees (A) @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday June 21, 6:30- 8:00 pm

Clover 4-H

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 Senior youth

5:00 pm UTS Praise Team

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 * It was you who set all the boundaries of *
 * the earth; you made both *
 * summer and winter. *
 * Psalm 74:17 NIV *
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

June 6

**Richard & Randi Stocker
Anniversary**

June 9

**Barbara & Ken Demaree
Anniversary**

June 10

Diane Clifton

June 13

Brad Martin

June 16

Karen Linville

June 17

Gary & Eva Coleman Anniversary

June 19

Richard Ashbrook

June 20

**Ally Koron
Blair Martin**

June 23

Maurice Tuttle

June 29

Kathy Harmon



Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!

I and the family of Pete Crosley want to thank all of our church family for all the prayers, caring and cards while Pete was ill and his fight of seven months with cancer. Our loss is great at this time.

Thank you Pastor, for all your visits.

Sincerely,
Barb and family



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

4/25/2011

In attendance: Merrill Eddy, Violet Money, Ginger Murphy, Becky Haveman, Pastor Joe Wyatt, Kenny Demaree, Barbara Demaree, Paul McAninch, Tina McAninch, Cathy Houseman, Dean Houseman, Nolan Mitchell, Vicki Camden, Jack Sayles

Merrill called meeting to order and opened with Prayer.

Review Previous Minutes—Minutes from January meeting were included in March newsletter. Adjustment to notes that Fish Fry dates changed.

Outreach Report – Violet Money—No Outreach meeting has been held. Assume that School Supply Drive for July will occur, Violet to confirm. Faith Promise pledges totaled \$7098. Beck House to be built in Africa in honor/memory of Glen Beck.

Benevolent Fund management needs to be determined before Pastor Ed starts. Violet needs to address in Outreach meeting.

Nurture – Ginger Murphy—Faithlink meetings were good discussions, small group with Ginger, the Coleman's and Pastor Joe.

A great Holy Week and Palm Sunday Service. 45 people at Seder meal. ACT had powerful service on Friday night.

Community Center Service was very good. 2 great services on Easter Sunday. Linda is working on summer music plan.

Ginger & Linda meeting with Pastor Ed in May to plan for July and on July 17th no UTS Worship – Blood Drive

Communications – Becky Haveman—Pauline is tracking and reporting attendance for Main Campus & UTS. Susan Tirsway is doing the newsletter. Rachel and Becky doing the bulletin. Everyone needs to use Google calendar to book time at the church, or use the calendar binder in the office if no access to Google calendar.

Youth – Joe Wyatt—Initially 9 different kids attending, not all on same night. 7 kids 1st night, now between 2 and 4 kids. Took trip to Plainfield Mosque. The Youth is in charge of the church bulletin board and doing a good job. There isn't cohesiveness in the group; coming from different schools; kids don't get along with each other. Announcement needed about College Grads – Christian is graduating Suma Cum Laude on May 7th. Ginger to take make announcement.

Fellowship – Kathy Houseman—Nothing to report

Cluster – Ginger/Joe for Gary Roberts—Unsure if Gary will be keeping this role due to his/family health issues. Habitat project is moving forward with all but a couple of volunteer slots filled, dates: Thursday May 5th with Grace UMC; Saturday May 14th, with Smith Valley UMC; Friday, June 3rd Public Volunteers UMC booth will be at Johnson Co. Fair again this year. Dates thought to be July 17th – 23rd—9-11. Peace Walk in Province Park in Franklin. Ginger to find out when the next Cluster meeting is.

Staff Parish – Paul McAninch—Secretary needs to be hired, as this is essential position; request made to make it paid position again and post the position. Salary to be \$8 – 10/hour: 6 month salary estimate: \$3700. The new pastor's salary is less than Joe's current salary, so there should be enough in budget to cover it. Vote to approve hiring a paid secretary was unanimous. Plans to Welcome Pastor Ed and his family should be made. A pitch in or picnic his 2nd Sunday: July 10th. First week, we should plan to take them food/take them out, etc. Staff Parish to coordinate with Fellowship (Kathy) to confirm on plans.

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Finance – Jack Sayles—Merrill brought up the need to get a new Treasurer. Tina is willing to fill Treasurer role but will have to give up Financial Secretary position. Treasurer is the more immediate need; Financial Secretary needs to produce Giving Statements twice/year and is responsible for making sure counters are counting and deposits are being made. We need to get Financial Secretary position covered before Tina moves to Treasurer. Merrill may request special meeting to get resolved quickly.

1st Quarter report from Jack, needs to go in bulletin. Text to be published in bulletin and newsletter. Tina to get to Becky and Susan T.

First Quarter Report From the Finance Committee—First quarter of 2011 shows \$9,500 deficit caused by \$26,670 contributions with church expenses of \$33,275 and Expansion Income of negative \$2,900. However, Daycare and Preschool contributions totaled \$5,835 and Capital Campaign giving added \$1470, leaving the actual deficit at \$2,200. The good news is that expenses were under this year’s projected budget by \$8,300 and under last year’s actual pay out by \$4,000. The bad news is that General Fund contributions are approximately 9% less than last year for the same period.

UMW – Vicki Camden—UMW is planning a “program” for Habitat project. Mother/Daughter Banquet May 4th in FH, 6:00 pm

Trustees – Dean Houseman—Sump pump at East rental had to be replaced; tenant complaining about water damage to furniture he’s moved to the basement. Had addresses from property tax assessment to confirm which should have taxes and which should be exempt.

Endowment Fund – Nolan Mitchell—Fund had market loss of \$86.95 for March 1 – March 31. Withdrawal of \$10,000 made this month. Total principal of funds now at \$251,164.39. Endowment Fund Report to be sent to Susan T. for publication in June newsletter.

Day Care/Scouts Liaison – Kenny Demaree—Scout Troop 615 is starting a Cub Pack 615. Previous Cub Pack moved

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will meet at same time so no need for additional scheduling.

Old/New Business: Printer in office: trustees need to look into not renewing the maintenance and replacing with newer and cheaper option

Retirement Open House for Pastor Joe & Mary: June 4th 1- 4 at UTS

Closing Prayer by Pastor Joe

Meeting Adjourned

June	5th	12th	19th	26
GREETERS	Don McIntire Jerry Lassiter	Wilma & Nolan Mitchell	Kathy & Dean Houseman	Violet & Clarence Money
USHERS	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Dean Houseman Clarence Money	Glenn Haveman Jack Privett Kenneth Demaree Nolan Mitchell	Joanna Brown Kathy Houseman Violet Money Wilma Mitchell	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Dean Houseman Kenneth Demaree

**Monthly Report to the Administrative Board for
Permanent Endowment Committee**

Date: April 9, 2011

The following dollar information is for the period ending March 31, 2011.
The Program and Building Funds had a market loss of \$86.95 for March 1
to March 31, 2011.

A withdrawal of \$10,000 was made from the Program Fund principal this month for the General Fund.

The total principal for the two funds now stands at \$251,164.39.

The total principal for the two funds is now \$10,261.91 less than the original
Investment of \$261,426,30.

Pictures from Mother-Daughter Banquet



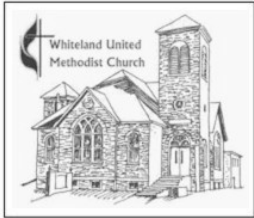
4 generations (Helen Schultz family)



Ladies anxiously awaiting their turn to fill their plates



Display of Native American Flutes which were played. The music was very relaxing and the tone
of the flutes was beautiful. Sorry so many missed the opportunity to hear this presentation.



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