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From The Pastor

A PRAYER

O God, you are our refuge.
When we are exhausted by life's efforts; When we are bewildered by life's problems;

We we are wounded by life's sorrows:

We come for refuge to you.
O God, you are our strength.

When our tasks are beyond our powers;

When our temptations are too strong for us;

When duty calls for more that we have to give to it:

We come for strength to you. O God, it is from you that all goodness comes.

It is from you that our ideals come;

It is from you that there comes to us the spur of high desires and restraint of conscience,

It is from you that there has come the strength to resist any temptation,

And to do any good thing.
And now as we pray to you,

Help us to believe in your love, so that we may be certain that you will hear our prayer;

Help us to believe in your power, so that we may be certain that you are able to do for us above all that we ask or think;

Help us to believe in your wisdom, so that we may be certain that you will answer, not as our ignorance asks, but as your perfect wisdom knows best. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

—From Prayers for the Christian Year by William Barclay

2nd 9:30 am WUMW (A)
7:00 pm WUMW at J.Sullivan's
3rd 10: am Bible Study (A)
5:00 pm free meal at UTS
5:45 pm GAP at UTS
6th 9 am Adult and Children's SS
10: am Morning Worship (S)
11: am Children's SS
11:15 am UTS Worship
5: pm CYS 6th to 12th grades
5: pm UTS Praise
6:30 pm Choir (S)
10th 10: am Bible Study (A)
5: pm free meal UTS
5:45 pm GAP at UTS
7: pm prayer shawls (S)
13th
9 am Adult and Children's SS
10: am Morning Worship (S)
11: am Children's SS
11:15 am UTS Worship
5: pm CYS 6th to 12th grades
5: pm UTS Praise
6:30 pm Choir (S)
14th 7 pm Finance Comm (A)
17th 10: am Bible Study (A)
5: pm free meal UTS
5:45 pm GAP at UTS
20th
9 am Adult and Children's SS
10: am Morning Worship (S)
11: am Children's SS
11:15 am UTS Worship
4:15 pm Emmaus
5: pm CYS 6th to 12th grades
5: pm UTS Praise
6:30 pm Choir (S)
5: pm free meal UTS
5:45 pm GAP at UTS

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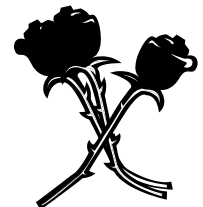
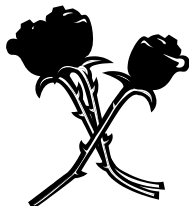
Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words as any friend could say, Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day . Whatever you did to console the heart, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

By the family of Margueritte Martin

Thanks to everyone for the beautiful flowers, your thoughts and prayers.

John Martin



UMW BLESSINGS!

The United Methodist Women of Indiana has a full calendar this spring. The "Silent Retreat" in Tipton will be March 4—6 based on the scripture Matthew 11:28 "Some to Me...and I will give you rest."

Also in March (March 8th, Tuesday) will be a day with legislators concerning Human trafficking. Those attending can tour our Capitol, visit with legislators and learn more about issues.

On April 1-2 there is a Spiritual Retreat At the Marriott Inn East with scripture reference John 10:10 on "Abundant living: Holistic Living for Body & Spirit."

Here at the home front (Whiteland) our next meeting will be March 2nd. Morning Circle meets at the Annex at 9:30 a.m. and Evening Circle will meet at June Sullivan's at 7 p.m. Violet Money is in charge of the Program.

If any interest on the above dates or any questions, call me, or Violet Money

Vicki Camden 535-4731

Violet Money 535-4715

"FaithLink: Current Issues and You" Featured as our Lenten Study

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm during Lent (March 16 - April 20) for dessert, prayer and discussion of issues in the news and how Christians can respond to them. We'll use a Cokesbury digital media study called "Faithlink." Examples of past studies have focused on the tragedy in Tuscon, the crisis in Egypt, homelessness, malaria, and a variety of other topics. Each week, we'll download the latest study and either email it to everyone on our church email list, or have hard copies available on Sunday if you request it. We hope you will not only read the materials, but plan to join us for lively discussion, Scripture and study. We'll meet at Under the Sun Cafe and be finished by 8:30pm. Come any (or all) weeks that you are available.

Find "Sanctuary" with Your Church Family During Lent

Each family at WUMC and UTS will receive a free copy of "Sanctuary" a Lenten devotional booklet. You will be able to pick yours up either on the Sunday before Lent begins (March 6) or at the Ash Wednesday service on March 9. We invite you to read and meditate on the words shared in this booklet and on the Scriptures accompanying the devotions each day during Lent, knowing that each of us in our two communities of faith are doing the same.

Church Duties for

March 2011

Nursery

6th Nancy Sink
13th Louise Brinkman
20th
27th Becky Haveman

Ushers

6th Steve Sowder
Glenn Haveman,
Jerry Lasiter,
Clarence Money.
13th Jack Privett.
Nolan Mitchell,
Clarence Money,
Dean Houseman.
20th Wayne Fansler,
Clarence Money,
Merrill Eddy,
Jerry Lasiter.
27th Steve Sowder,
Jerry Lasiter,
Kenneth Demaree,
Clarence Money.

Greeters

1st Norma & Wayne Fansler
13th Sandy & Merrill Eddy
20th Pauline Dixon/ Betty
Stillabower 27th
Joan and Jack Privett

Media Tech

6th Nolan Mitchell
13th Steve Sowder
20th Paul/Tina McAninch
27th Dave Ketterer

Money donated for hanging ornaments on the Christmas tree totaled \$30. and was used to purchase Sweat Pants for area Elementary Schools.

As always, I am proud to be a part of such a caring Congregation.

Please call with questions and or suggestions, Violet Money 535-4715

Church Council Meeting 1-24-11

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 by Chairperson Merrill Eddy

Members present as follows: Merrill Eddy, Ginger Murphy, Violet Money, Craig Mitchell, Susan Chandler, Becky Haveman, Pauline Dixon, Kenneth Demaree, Jack Sayles, Nolan Mitchell, Tina McAninch, Clarence Money and Joe Wyatt.

Ginger gave opening prayer.

Ginger: Report for Nurture

Discussion of what is included under Nurture.

Lent book will be given to congregation

Small group study in Lent, through e-mail maybe continue after lent. No dates or time yet.

Conversation with child abuse organization looking for a place to meet. 6-7:30 third

Monday of the month. (same night as trustees but they meet at annex) Maybe youth room?

Leadership training to community (good touch – Bad touch) Prevent Child Abuse Johnson

County. Ginger coordinate the group and who will let them in for their meetings.

Violet: Report for Outreach:

Collected underwear, hats and gloves for school and has been distributed to groups.

Going to use money from Christmas tree for sweatpants. Underwear deadline end of January.

Craig: Report for Witness:

Stated that looking at holding classes that are helpful to community. This will allow the

surrounding community to become connected to the church. Some of the activities that are

being investigated are: Sewing Class - Dorothy Hayes, Cooking Class - Fred Brinkman, Food

Safety (Linda Souchon Purdue Extension), Birding – Ginger, Lawn Care Class – Dave Smith Co

Extension, Bowling Group – Nancy Sink, Knitting Group – Terry Brown, Personal Finance –

Dave Goeb, Computer – Divorce Rebuilding -Photo Class – (Steve?), Travel – Skateboarding –

(Dennis ?)

Pauline Reported for Health & Welfare for December and January.

Prayer Request 53; Get Well 12; Sympathy 1; Floral Arrangements 2; Marguerite Martin; Lila Allen.

Discussion of where the money comes from in budget and that we are tax exempt and that needs to be filed with florist.

Susan report for Children's

GAP moved to Thursday night and seems to be working well. March 8 @ 6:30 will be Fat

Tuesday pancake dinner Looking for date for VBS Kids, especially those that went last year are excited about summer camp and are going to be signing up soon.

There was a discussion about Super Church and Children's Sermon

Becky Need reports from committees by 10th of month for newsletter. Need pictures taken and

submitted so website can be updated. Info pew pad from UtS coming by Dennis

Joe for Christian Cruze for Youth; Youth Group Jr. & High School group has averaged 6 over the first 3 weeks.

Fellowship Committee reported there will be providing a Chili & Potato Soup meal right after church on January 30th.

Joe Wyatt; Cluster meet Feb 2nd; Feb 27th to give our pork & beans at 5:00(?) at Grace.

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Habitat house build April 28th for 12 day build. We need a coordinator to organize our people. Build + meals a place for everyone. Fellowship committee will try to find someone. Joe is going to ask them.

Staff Parish will have a training workshop on Sunday 30th from 2-4 UMW general meeting Feb 2 7:00 pm.

Trustee's by Chub Money: Looking at what to do with farm. Discussion if district office needs to be bought into discussion. Becky made a motion to approach the DS to get their input to see if we sell or not sell. Violet seconded. Motion carried.

Jack Sayles Finance Report: Moves to authorize a Charge conference to approve the moving of \$30,000 in \$10,000 increments to cover the deficit in the budget. Motion carried. Joe to contact DS and schedule a church conference as soon as possible.

Treasurer – Joanna Brown - Submitted reports but we don't have any new information. "Bottom line it is not very good" by Merrill."

Endowment- Nolan Mitchell; Information for period ending December 13, 2010: The program and building funds has a market gain of \$9,481.80 for month of December. Total principle of the two funds now stands \$250,557.96 with a total loss of \$10,868.34 from the original investment of \$ 261,426.30. Endowment office has changed to Fishers

Financial Secretary – Tina, Needs more counters but has a couple of volunteers. One not a member of church and she wanted to get the OK of council. Not a requirement and so it is OK. She still needs another pair of counters.

Pre K., Day Care & Boy Scout Liaison - Kenny Demaree, Boy Scouts need to get their charter updated. He will let Day Care know of newsletter deadline.

Pastor Joe Report: Way over due for review of policies and needs to be addressed.

He and Mary will be moving to North Vernon by mid May or early June so trustees will have time to get it any repairs that will be needed. Some of the items that are going to be addressed are garage door openers, dishwasher, AC leaking on ceiling and there is staining.

Merrill announced that the Spring Fish Fry will be held on May 6th & 7th , 2011.

Next meeting April 25th

Program Council Meeting March 7th

Organize meals for new pastor. Merrill will approach new staff parish chair to organize.

Becky made motion to dismiss & Chub seconded.

Pastor Joe gave a prayer to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Craig Mitchell note taker at large.

BRING YOUR COPY TO THE NEXT MEETING.

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31st
10 am Bible Study (A)
5: pm free meal UTS
5:45 pm GAP at UTS

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Members present at the Church conference held on February 13th 2011 voted 26 to 1 to the withdrawal of \$10,000.00 when needed to meet our church's budget, with a maximum amount of \$30,000.00 .

Please continue to give weekly, monthly since the \$30,000.00 is amount of the short fall of our budge for the year. Every chair person is continuing to watch their spending closely.

Pray for the finance committee as they monitor our spending and plan ways to cover our expenses.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st Sarah Conrow
Clarence Money
Dallas Longfellow
2nd Susan Thompson
3rd Crystal Blackburn
Michael Arthur
4th Beth Booe
Barbara Demaree
5th June Sullivan
8th Jack Clay
10th Connie Fleming
11th Travis Coleman
Rusty Fleming
Craig Mitchell
12th Ray Brown
Becca Stocker
Travis Gardner
17th Cory Wright
20th Margaret Caplinger
22nd Larry Hawk
24th Eli & Jordan Dix
25th Carolyn Coburn
29th Jacob Sappenfield

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1st Mildred Coleman
4th Tonya Combs
8th Rachell Sappenfield
10th Martina Schreiner
12th Dave/Lori Ketterer
Anniversary
20th Glenna McDaniel
Fred Brinkman
J. Robert Corbin
24th Keith Conrow
25th Brenda Maddox
26th Shawn Tarr
28th Jane White
30th Gail Holzer

WHY WE GIVE!
WE GIVE BECAUSE,
TOGETHER, WE CAN DO
WHAT NO ONE
INDIVIDUAL OR
CONGREGATION CAN DO

WHY WE GIVE!

Christians give through their church for many reasons, including—but not limited to—the following;

- We give because God first gave to us.
- We give because we love God.
- We give because it is what Christians do.

WHY WE GIVE!

We give because God First Gave to Us.

That is the most basic of all reasons we give. You know the Bible verse, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16, NRSV)

That is the greatest gift God has given us. In addition to the promise of eternal life, God has given us the life and so much more.

What are the truly good things you enjoy in life? Contemplate those good things for a moment. Where did they come from?

United Methodists find strength and new possibilities in our connection. We do mission and ministry best when we do it together. We give to make this happen.

WHY DO YOU GIVE?