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May the grace and peace of a risen savior be upon you and bless you!

It has been a wonderful time here in Whiteland for my family and me. We have experienced much warmth and love from everyone. It is truly appreciated! As I have visited with people, I have seen the passion and desire for Christ to be a part of their lives! I have witnessed the supportive nature and love that is present in those whom I have met and have seen the commitment to community and family. I am excited by the future of ministry here!

As part of that future, we are being asked to participate with the rest of the United Methodist Churches in Indiana in a process called Vital Congregations. This process brings together our membership vows and our commitment to the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations to create goals referred to as Vital Signs. I will be sharing more information regarding our membership vows and the Five Practices to help our process of goal setting. Bishop Mike Coyner describes this the following way:

“The Council of Bishops has approved asking every United Methodist congregation around the world to adopt goals for 2012 as a way of moving toward being Vital Congregations. Those goals will be collected and taken to General Conference of The United Methodist Church in the spring of 2012 and there offered as a gift to God – and asking God to bless our intentions and efforts to fulfill our mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Vital Signs are specific measurements to help each congregation determine their progress toward becoming a more Vital Congregation. Each congregation will set its own goals (this is not a top-down imposition of goals), and those goals will focus upon the five areas which have been identified by the Call to Action study to be helpful measurements of Vitality.

Those areas are not a surprise, but for the first time in our church’s history, we have an actual study of data and statistics, which has determined these, are the key components of Vital Congregations. Those are:

- Disciples worship – We will measure average worship attendance.
- Disciples make new disciples – We will measure professions of faith.
- Disciples grow – We will measure the number of small groups for faith development.
- Disciples engage in missions – We will measure the number of people engaged in mission.
- Disciples give to missions – We will count the amount of money given to mission.”

I am excited by the future that lies ahead of us. Does this mean we may have to change some of the ways we are doing things? Perhaps, maybe, yes, no...? Will we have some growing pains along the way as we develop our goals and work toward them? Yes, we will. Is this a bad thing? No, not at all...remember living things change constantly. It is a sign of life and vitality. But this can only happen if we work together. I know that the love and desire for Christ is present among the people called Methodist in Whiteland! I have witnessed it.

Our future is bright and we should have hope! By walking together in faith, we can all get to the next level and beyond. I pray that you each have a very blessed October and I look forward to the coming Fish Fry, Buckeyes and all the wonderful sharing in the work that is coming!

Peace,

*Pastor Ed*

## OCTOBER EVENTS



- 2nd 1:30 pm Crop Walk  
4:00 pm Emmaus
- 3rd 6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Program Council (FH)
- 4th 7:00 pm Blessing of the Animals  
(parking lot behind church)
- 5th 7:00 pm WUMW ( FH)
- 6th 5:00 pm Free Meal at UTS  
5:30 pm Tutoring at UTS  
5:45 pm GAP at UTS  
6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)
- 7th 4-7 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry
- 8th 11-7 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry
- 10th 6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Finance Meeting (Annex)
- 11th 6:30 pm Daisy Scouts  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 13th 5:00 pm Free Meal at UTS  
5:30 pm Tutoring at UTS  
5:45 pm Gap at UTS  
6:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH)  
7:00 pm Prayer Shawls
- 17th 6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Trustees (annex)
- 18th 6:30 pm Clover 4-H (FH)  
6:30 pm Daisy Scouts  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 20th 5:00 pm Free meal at UTS  
5:30 pm Tutoring at UTS  
5:45 pm GAP at UTS  
6:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 24th 6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Administrative Council
- 25th 6:30 pm Daisy Scouts  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 27th 5:00 pm Free Meal at UTS  
5:30 tutoring (UTS)  
5:45 GAP(UTS)  
6:30 Girl Scouts
- 31st 6:30 Cub Scouts

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Sowder
- 6<sup>th</sup> Joann Privett  
Patrick Harmon
- 7<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Clarkson  
Earl Tetrick
- 9<sup>th</sup> Kathy McNutt
- 10<sup>th</sup> Trent Tirsway
- 11<sup>th</sup> Maurice & Mary Jo Tuttle Anniversary
- 13<sup>th</sup> Donna Sappenfield
- 14<sup>th</sup> Maurice Hasecuster
- 18<sup>th</sup> Trevor Warner  
Lori Ketterer  
Betty Corbin
- 19<sup>th</sup> Josh Kinney
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Don McIntire  
Scott Hawk
- 24<sup>th</sup> Joan & Charles Woodhull Anniversary
- 26<sup>th</sup> Robert Robson
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sandy Eddy  
Charles Woodhull



## WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (FH)**  
**Youth & Children upstairs**
- 10:00 am Worship**
- 11:00 am Children Sunday School**
- 11:15 am Worship at UTS**
- 5:00 pm Senior High Youth**
- 5:15 pm UTS Praise Team (UTS)**
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice**

## Crop Walk News

After a couple of years absence, the Whiteland United Methodist Church is going to join the walkers in the Johnson County Crop Walk. The last time we participated was in 2009 and on that day we delivered over \$1400.

The Crop Walk has always been something special to me. The first Sunday in October has been kind to us walkers. I do not recall ever being rained out. Normally, there is a little snap in the autumn air to make you pick up the pace a bit. I used to get out my Sony Walkman, toss in a couple extra double "A" batteries, and turn on the ball game and be on my way. Before I knew it, I was nearing the finish line. I just wanted to tell you why this is one of my favorite charities.

1. CWS has a goal to stomp out hunger. In our modern technology, no one on this earth should be hungry. Yet, today 16,000 babies and young children die each year from starvation and food related causes.

2. CWS is composed of churches of many different denominations. We're not alone and we can achieve great things together.

3. CWS and the Crop Walk have been around quite a while and that indicates they have made a difference.

4. They have very low administrative budget and that tells me that more of the donations go to the CWS projects.

5. 25% of all the donations from the Johnson County Crop Walk stay right here in the Johnson County Food Pantry. This year's Crop Walk starts at 2:00 pm at Franklin Grace United Methodist Church parking lot. Be there by 1:30 pm for registration if you are walking.

The path is approximately 3.5 miles.

## Mission Committee Notes

### REMEMBER "UNDIE SUNDAY" OCT. 9TH

**The Mission Committee is aware of a need at area Elementary schools for underwear (panties, briefs, sweat pants and socks)**

**Girls sizes 4 thru 12**

**Boys sizes 4 thru 14**

**Containers will be available at both entrances for these items.**

**Thanks for your willingness to reach out in this way.**

**As always feel free to call with questions and suggestions.**

**Violet Money (535-4715)**

## ADULT SS CLASS

In a recent session of the Adult SS class, a discussion of "What's good about your church?" took place.

Here are some of the thoughts:

\*\*We find hope here, SS is important, there is love here.

\*\*Missions are emphasized.

\*\*This church is moving forward,

\*\*The Sanctuary with it's stained glass windows is beautiful.

\*\*Participation in the community

\*\*Small town church, friendly

\*\*Glad to come because it feels like family, heritage

\*\*Willing to be changed

\*\*A place to gather( day care scouts pre-school , Bible studies)

\*\*The new Pastor and family feel like a good fit

\*\*It feels like home and off-site activities.

We hope you agree with some of these thoughts. Any adult is welcome to join us in class at 9am every Sunday morning. Hope to see you there.

*Then the land will yield its harvest,  
and God, our God, will bless us.*

Psalm 67:6



Hello! My name is Allison Belcas and I'm the new secretary here at WUMC! And I would like to share a little about me.

I have lived in Whiteland my whole life (which would be 22 years). I graduated from Whiteland Community High School in 2008. I'm going to be attending cosmetology school hopefully within the next few months. I live at home with my parents, David and Karen, who have been married for 34 years. We have a dog named Delilah. She is a Poodle/Bichon Frise mix and is very spoiled! I have two older siblings. My sister, Kerri, would be 32. She passed away in a car accident almost 11 years ago. And my brother, Jon, is 26.

My favorite hobby is knitting! I also make jewelry and hair accessories. I have a small business going so I can sell my creations called A.L.B. Designs. My favorite color is pink and my favorite animal is a zebra. I enjoy Greek food (mainly because my family is Greek). I love to bake and shop! Also, my favorite TV show is *The Golden Girls!* J

Thank you to everyone I've met so far for being so welcoming. I look forward to meeting the rest of you in the future!

## PowerPoint / Media Operation Schedule

### October

PPT Creation – Tina/Paul McAninch

Oct 2 – Tina/Paul McAninch

Oct 9 – Dave Ketterer

Oct 16 – Nolan Mitchell

Oct 23 – Steve Sowder

Oct 30 – Paul/Tina McAninch



### Daycare News

Preschool is Back in Session

We are enjoying becoming acquainted with our new students. Oct. will be exciting with a field trip to Kelsay Farms on October 17 to learn about the dairy farm and enjoy activities on their farm. On Oct 26 and 27th the grassy area behind the parsonage will turn into a pretend pumpkin patch with real pumpkins for our students to pick out.

Our community service project this fall is St Jude. We are raising money by doing a trike-a-thon on September 26.

We still have openings for 4-5years old in our Pre-K plus program. So if you know anyone who has a 4-5 yr. old have them contact us here at church or call 535-0679.

### Guardian Angel Daycare Ministry

As we start October we will see some staffing changes. Our dear friend and teacher Mrs. Edens is semi-retiring. She will now be our substitute teacher. Mrs. Jenkins will be leaving in January to be a stay at home mom with her new baby. Both teachers will be greatly missed. With Mrs. Jenkins leaving, a position in our daycare staff is opening. If you know anyone with a C.D.A. and loves to be with children, please let us know (535-0679). I will start taking applications in November.

Our Fall party will be October 31st 10:00-11:00 am.

Information will be coming soon about our fall fundraiser.



## Drive thru Fish Fry October 7, 4-7pm and October 8, 11-7pm

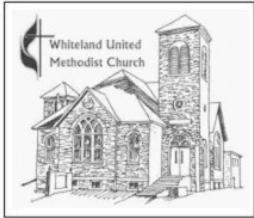
Contact Merrill (535-4722) to volunteer to help with this fund raiser. Everyone can come and invite friends to enjoy a great fish sandwich!



### Greeters & Ushers Schedule for September and October, 2011

October	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
<b>GREETERS</b>	Michelle and Eric Banister	Wilma and Nolan Mitchell	Kathy and Dean Houseman	Violet and Clarence Money	Barbara and Kenneth Demaree
<b>USHERS</b>	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Dean Houseman Nolan Mitchell	Glenn Haveman Jack Privett Kenneth Demaree Clarence Money	Michelle Banister Violet Money Kathy Houseman Wilma Mitchell	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Clarence Money Wayne Fansler	Dean Houseman Nolan Mitchell Clarence Money Kenneth Demarre

## Be Happy... Join the Choir!



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