

# First United Methodist Church

## SPREADING THE WORD

**FEBRUARY  
2012**



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To the Family of God at First Church:



I want to share some exciting news, some news that proves a bit challenging, and then some additional exciting news.

First the exciting news: Our church closed 2011 with contributions of over \$1,080,000.00. Your generosity is amazing. God is using your gifts to touch many lives. For instance, Carol Miller of our church staff reported to me that almost 80 nursing home residents, people living in assisted living facilities, and people that are home bound are receiving monthly communion delivered by volunteers she helps coordinate. Our elderly are being included regularly in our church worship.

The challenging news is that our budgeted expenses were almost \$90,000.00 over our income. We were able to close the year with our books essentially balanced by using some of our meager cash reserves and by giving only half of our 2011 tithe to support our Annual Conference and denomination. We gave \$54,000.00 rather than the \$108,000.00 that would have been a full 10%. 2011 was the first year in a very long time that we did not meet our full obligation to our connecational system.

We seem to have experienced the perfect storm of cash flow stresses that resulted in our short fall. The poor economy has taken a toll on giving. Several of our significant givers offer their gifts near the end of the year from their capital gains by giving stock or by making cash gifts from their year-end bonuses. Giving via those means was substantially lower at the end of 2011. I have also spent some time doing some research in trying to determine what else might be a factor. I discovered that approximately 40 families that since 2009 have been good and faithful givers apparently will not be giving in 2012. As I researched further I realized many of the reasons behind this change: 4 of these families have endured the trauma of a divorce, 4 families are attending other churches for various reasons, 13 families moved away to live in other cities, two families are dealing with major illness, 10 families experienced a death, four have had major business changes, retirements or downturns. The few others I think I know the problem, but the issues involve pastoral confidences. There really didn't seem to be any common cause except normal life changes. Together, these 40 families regularly contributed between \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00 a year.

My conclusion is that we are experiencing normal attrition in our membership. Experts in the field teach that a church like ours can expect about a 7% turnover in membership each year. Such changes are just part of church life. However, our issue is not who has moved on, but rather a decline of new families joining our fellowship. That decline is partially explained by the declining rate of growth in our community. Noblesville seems to be on a hiatus from our rapidly growing phase. New members are a bit harder to come by. Because attracting new members was so easy when so many new families were moving into Noblesville, we have forgotten how important is for each of us to be open to the opportunity to invite others to worship with us, and to help them discover the excellence of our worship experience and the strong dynamic nature of our fellowship.

The other exciting news is that the Church Council just approved a 2012 budget for \$1,100,000.00. With your pledges for 2012, this expense budget matches our projected income. We have done our best to produce and approve a balanced budget based upon our current patterns. To accomplish this goal of a balanced budget we have made, and continue to make, cost reducing decisions. However, giving of well over a million dollars will provide for everything necessary to continue to do outstanding ministry here at NFUMC. The 2012 budget does include full payment of our 2012 denominational tithe.

If you have any questions, please feel free to E-mail me and I'll do my best to give you quick and accurate responses. Let us rejoice with the opportunities for touching people's lives with the great ministry that \$1.1 million dollars provides.

Yours in the service of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*



## MISSION REPORT



The purpose of mission ministries is to share God's love with people beyond our own congregation. Because all people are children of God, we have a responsibility to reach out to any person who needs assurance of his or her acceptance and inclusion in God's grace.

### Lenten Offering

This year's Lenten Offering will go to the following Ministries (25% to each): One Great Hour of Sharing; Third Phase; Pastor's Discretionary Fund; and IHN.

### Ugly Quilt Project

Ugly Quilts Group makes sleeping bags for the homeless & needs volunteers on the 2nd Friday of each month, 12:30-3:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. No sewing skills needed, just 2 hands to help with the project. Supplies needed are: CLEAN comforters, blankets, mattress pads and flat sheets (especially flannel). Sample size deodorant, sun screen, pocket pack kleenex, chapstick, combs, rain ponchos (dollar store 2-pack), tube socks & men's gloves. The donation hamper is next to the ladies restroom near the library. The next work session will be February 10 at 12:30 pm.

### SUPPORT MISSION WORK

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LENTEEN BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 22, 9:30 A.M.



Lenten Breakfast

The UMW invites you to begin the Lenten Season on the morning of **Ash Wednesday** with a delightful breakfast prepared and served by Susannah Circle and Grace Circle.

Our speaker is Pastor Todd Outcalt from Calvary UMC, Brownsburg, and a former Associate Pastor here at NFUMC. He has also written several books.

Reservations are appreciated. There is no charge to attend. You may sign up at an Information Booth. Childcare will be provided **upon request**.

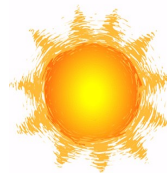
We would appreciate donations of double-fold bias tape, thread, 1/4-inch elastic, one-inch ribbon, or one yard of pink cotton fabric for the Dress a Girl Around the World Mission Project.



## FEBRUARY 22 Worship 6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary

The seventh Wednesday before Easter, Ash Wednesday, is the first day of Lent for Christians. It is frequently observed as a day of repentance. As a way of beginning the season of Lent, you are invited to attend this special service and receive the sign of ashes as a reminder of your mortality and your need for the saving grace of God.

## SUNSHINE FRIENDS



Sunshine Friends will meet on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in Celebration Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is our monthly fellowship for the mentally and physically challenged members of our community. We will be entertained by the music of our Bluegrass Band. We will also have a Bible Drama, along with crafts, songs, and snacks. If you know anyone who would like to be a part of this wonderful group, please contact Anita Beck at [anitabeck@comcast.net](mailto:anitabeck@comcast.net) or call the church office.



*Thank you for your Christmas gifts and WalMart gift cards for our youth. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Indiana United Methodist Children's Home serves youth from across Indiana. Through understanding and guidance, these youth will be helped to overcome emotional and behavioral difficulties and become productive members of our society. Your support helps make such positive changes possible for many children. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for the youth of Indiana United Methodist Children's Home.*

*Sincerely,*

*Richard A. Lapinski, Executive Director*

## Spiritual Formation Committee Update

Greetings, Everyone!

For quite some time the Spiritual Formation committee has used this space in the newsletter to keep the church informed of the work of the committee and to encourage participation in activities and prayer aimed at helping all of us to grow in spiritual vitality. We will continue to do just that, but this month we would like use a part of this space to ask for your input. We are asking all of you for your thoughts and ideas related to spiritual formation here at First Church. We are seeking input from our youngest church participants to our most senior participants. All input is valued.

The committee members are listed below. Please make at least one of us aware of your ideas and suggestions for raising and sustaining the spiritual vitality of our church. Your ideas might relate to new learning opportunities, seminars, lectures, sermon topics, community projects, trips, Sunday School, multimedia, book studies, prayer opportunities, service projects, small groups, hospitality, just about anything. We are looking for your ideas that, if pursued, you believe and feel would raise the spiritual energy level of those of us who worship here at NFUMC. We are looking for ideas that would make the visitor feel welcome and want to return, and ideas that will make those of us who are already here want to engage and grow spiritually. On behalf of the committee, I thank you in advance, for your prayerful input and suggestions.

Blessings to all of you,  
Roger Sherman, Chair

Cris Antreasian – Immediate past Chair, Bob Adams, Betty Brown, John Gaylor – Vice Chair, Dick Judson – Pastoral Representative, Sally Kenley, John Kern, Sean Knochel, Tyra Knochel - Secretary, Beth Lively, Dave Meats, Beverly Patterson- Dill, Lila Sharp, Jeanne Sherman, Roger Sherman - Chair

### Winter Prayer Tips:



God does not expect us to do it alone! The great Message, the Word of Jesus Christ, is that we are not alone, but filled with the Holy Spirit. Prayer and meditation are how we tap the energy to prop us up when the storms and sorrows of this world threaten and bite.

- Usually, we've been talking to God too much, and not listening enough. *Prayer* is when you talk to God. *Meditation* is when you become quiet and listen to God. Most of us have learned how to talk and ask. Take time to learn how to listen and hear, because God has been answering, He speaks, whispers, all the time. We have to make quiet time each day in order to *listen*.
- The weight we carry on our shoulders is much too heavy for one *human being*. Give some of that weight to God, and have faith that what happens is for the best, whether you understand it or not.
- Ask God what you can bring to the church. Ask Him where you can offer service. Often people find God not only in the quiet solitude of listening, but in the faces and stories of others working together for our church home. Consider making more friends in Bible studies, UMW, UMM, youth activities, and social gatherings. We are all in this together. Our faith compels us to act. Love is God and Love is a verb. He brings Himself to all of us when we come together to love and serve. Think back to childhood and consider yourself invited to come play in the NFUMC playground. God will be there.

## Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?



Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our pastors benefit because caring ministry at First United Methodist is expanded, and fewer people will slip through the cracks. Most of all *you* benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, you now have a place where you can refer a friend, neighbor, coworker, relative, or anyone else you know who is going through a difficult time so that they can receive special care when they need it most. Stephen Ministry makes Noblesville First United Methodist a much more caring place! If you or someone you know would benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact *Sally Kenley at 317.439.3112 or Keith Beesley at 317.431.0847.*

## SPRING FLOWER SALE!



The Preschool and PDO programs are having a Spring Flower Sale fundraiser again this year, so start thinking about what beautiful hanging baskets and flower pots you would like to display at your house.

We will be offering many of the favorite flowers and greenery from years past. Please look for the order form in the March newsletter.



# First UMC Student Ministry

## DESTINATION: SKYZONE!



**An evening of fun at Fishers Indoor Trampoline Park!**

Sr. High: Sunday, February 26, 5-7 p.m.  
Jr. High: Wednesday, February 29, 6-8 p.m.

**Meet at Skyzone**

10080 E. 121st Street, Suite 182, Fishers

**Cost: \$11.00**

**Space is limited!** Your permission form will reserve your spot.



## SUPER BOWL PARTY!

Pagels' House

Sunday, February 5

6:00 p.m. til

Game Ends

Please bring a 2 liter and a side to share. Pizza and nachos provided.

**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!  
NOBLESVILLE FIRST UMC YOUTH**

## MARK YOUR SUMMER CALENDARS!!!

**Sr. High Mission Trip  
July 21-28**



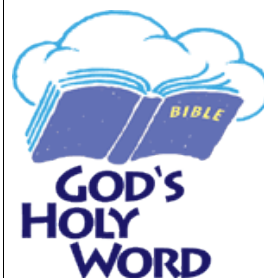
Mark your calendars!!!!!!The dates for VBS will be June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> with our big program on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>!!!!!! We are going under the sea next summer, so if you have any scuba gear that you don't need, we would love to borrow it for decorating the church. In March we will announce the decorating dates.



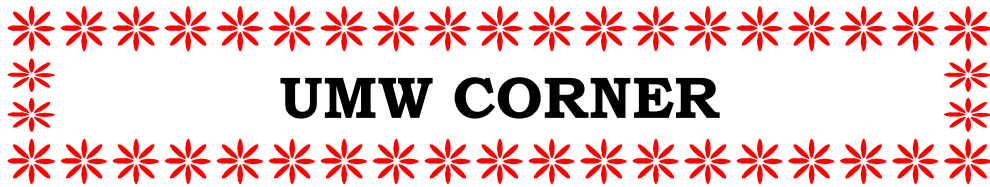
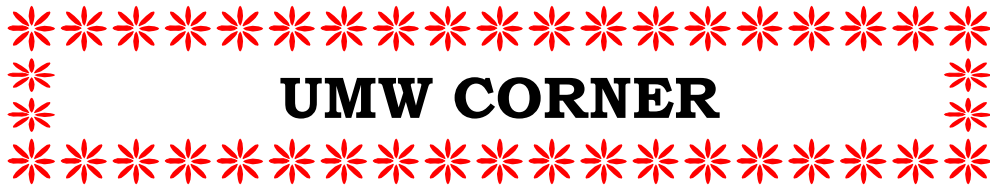
Guidelines and forms for the 2012-2013 school year can be found at both Information Booths, the counter by the nurseries, and outside the Preschool office! We will once again have a mail-in priority registration for the church family, as well as those currently enrolled in our program. These forms cannot be postmarked before February 6! After February 13, we will open registration up to the community. Community registration will be February 17.

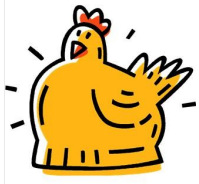


Our nursery is continually growing in numbers and soon we will need to hire another adult to help. If interested, please check with April or Carol by the Children's Ministry Center on Sunday, or call the church office at 773-2500.



Sunday School Children: Don't forget your Bibles! The Sunday School class with the highest percentage of those bringing their Bibles will be served breakfast during their class next spring.


  
**UMW CORNER**
  




**Chicken and Noodle Dinner and Auction** – Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Chicken and Noodle Dinner and Auction on **Friday, April 27, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Prices for the event: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 10 and under, and there is no cost for children two and under. Helpers are needed for the Dinner and Auction. Sign-up sheets are at the Information Booths. Set-up team, dessert donations, servers and clean-up crew are needed.

**Lenten Breakfast** – Begin the Lenten season with a Lenten Breakfast to be held on Ash Wednesday, **February 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall.** See the larger article on page 2 for more information. You won't want to miss it!

**Spiritual Growth Retreats** – UMW of Indiana has a retreat scheduled for **March 2-3** (Friday and Saturday) at Epworth Forest. It is open to all ladies of our church. This will start at 7 p.m. on the opening day and end at 3 p.m. the following day. Look for registration forms at the Information Booths. For more information, contact Cathie Mills at 877-2925.



**Thank You Notes** – Through funds raised from our many UMW projects, we have been able to make a difference for a number of organizations. Thank you notes were received from Brightwood Community Center, American Red Cross, Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, Good Samaritan Network and Hope4Kids International. Here's an excerpt from one of the notes: "Thank you so very much

for your generous donation to assist Hamilton County families in need. These available funds will be invaluable for the work of Good Samaritan Network!! We are extremely indebted to your generous spirit and heart in assisting GSN, and just as importantly, we appreciate your kind concern for families at-risk throughout Hamilton County."

**CIRCLE NEWS – Everyone is invited!**



**Grace Circle** – The Pink Pillowcase Party hosted by Grace Circle on January 9 was a huge success. Thank you to Debbie Alvey, Kathy Church, Jean Marie Curtis, Linda Davies, Romel Duncan, Mary Jane Frick, Laura Krivoschia, Suzanne McMahon, Lori Meleham, Cathie Mills, Mimi Perry and Denise Taylor for creating 23 dresses. You can see them outside Celebration Hall. The next meeting will be **February 13 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Parlor.

**Joy Circle** – We had a fun December by painting pottery and having a party! At our January meeting we made bracelets for the Cherish Center. The February meeting **has been changed to Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>.** Please call Cindy Stump at 770-5249 if you have questions about Joy Circle.

**Lydia Circle** – The group will meet on Wednesday, **February 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church Parlor.



**Priscilla Circle** – At their January meeting, the group assembled the layettes. A special thank you goes out to the congregation for all your help with this project. It was exciting to see all the beautiful donations and to know how happy the mothers of new little ones will be to receive them. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parlor.

**Rebekah Circle** – At their January meeting, Rebekah Circle members planned activities for the year. Their next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 15** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

## CHILDREN'S STORY TIME!



The Children's Story Time Program will be held on **Friday, February 17**. This month's theme is **GOD LOVES YOU**. We will read a story, sing some songs and make a craft. Story time starts at **9:15 a.m.** in the church library. Children ages newborn through 6 years old are welcome. No registration or fee is required. Come and join the fun with your little ones!



**McMahon Scholarship applications are now available. The deadline for submitting applications is March 1.**

## ELDERBERRIES



Elderberries are a group of ladies and men 'of retirement age' who enjoy fellowship and enrichment and **we welcome new members.**

We are currently discussing the book Three Simple Rules for Christian Living. Cost of the book is \$8.00. Isabelle Otter is leading this study. Join us each Thursday morning at 10:00 in the Parlor. Our **Lenten Study**, beginning **February 23**, will be He Chose the Nails, by Max Lucado. Gloria Souder will be leading.

The **March luncheon** will be **Friday, March 2** at 12:00 p.m. in Celebration Hall, and will feature a "Celebration of Ireland." Please make your reservations by Sunday, February 26. You may sign up at an Information Booth, or call the church office at 773-2500.

Please note: Mike purchases food for the Elderberries luncheons in advance, so please remember to pay him if you have to cancel late. Thanks.

## KIDS WHO CARE



Imagine being a child stuck in the hospital for days or weeks at a time. **Join Kids Who Care on Thursday, February 2nd from 5 to 6:30 in the Loft as we pack Valentine card and bracelet kits for the kids at Riley Hospital to put together.** The Patients will be able to make a Valentine card and put together a bracelet for someone they love. We'll also make a banner to hang in the patients' common area. You can RSVP by signing up at an Information Booth or by contacting Diane Addison at 773-6525 or [diane.addison@comcast.net](mailto:diane.addison@comcast.net).

## YOUTH RECITAL Sunday, February 12 2:00 p.m. Celebration Hall



The Youth Arts Council is sponsoring a musical recital on Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m. in Celebration Hall. Your presence will support the youth of our church and others in the community as they share their gifts of music. The recital is part of the Monthly Musicale series and is free of charge. Cookies and punch will be served after the recital. Please make plans to join us.

## MARRIED WITH CHILDREN



Join Married with Children on **Saturday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall for a POTLUCK DINNER.**

Married with Children will provide the beverages and the main course of Roast Beef and Mashed

Potatoes. We ask that everyone else bring either a side dish or a dessert. to share with the group. The children will need to eat before they come that night. Childcare for all ages will be provided at the church. Please RSVP by signing up at an Information Booth or by emailing Rachael Grabek at [rlgrabek@yahoo.com](mailto:rlgrabek@yahoo.com).

*This group has a lot of fun and laughs and we're always looking for new families to join in on the excitement! So if you've been thinking about joining Married with Children, **we would love for you to join us at our Potluck Dinner!***

## EASTER BASKET DONATIONS



Grace Circle is collecting items for Easter baskets for the Lebanon Children's Home. Please bring donations to the church office to the attention of Jenell Hadley. Thank you!

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

*Thank you so much for the pretty posey delivered by Phyllis Hunter. It's nice to be thought of.*

*Blessings,  
Jerry Furr*

*Dear Friends,*

*The tiny evergreen brought to us brightens our lives and brings Christmas with joy. Thank you.*

*Alice and Victor Snider*

*During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us. Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered.*

*The family of Evelyn Rockhold*

*Thank you for all you do for all of us. The flowers were beautiful; the luncheon was so appreciated and delicious, and the prayer quilt was covering Mom lovingly when she went home.*

*The family of Jeanette Fuehrer*

*Your thoughtfulness and support gives us courage to face tomorrow. Thank you.*

*The family of Pat Logan  
Beth & Laura*

*Thank you for coming monthly to do a service for our residents and for bringing quilts for them to keep warm. Thanks again.*

*Lisa, Missy and Brittany*

*Thank you so much for the prayers and good wishes I receive every week. The autumn mum and the Christmas tree are so very deeply appreciated. Love to all my "brothers and sisters."*

*Jean Vogt*

*Thank you so much for the little evergreen tree. It is a joy to see it every day. Thanks again.*

*Virginia Beamon*

*Thanks to all the folks at NFUMC for your flowers, cards and prayers after the death of my father, Hall Peebles. You all do the Lord's work in good times and bad.*

*David Peebles*

*Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket for Keira's baptism. We know she will feel the love that it was stitched with. The service was so special. We loved it!*

*Brian and Laurie Kazmucha*

*To My Friends at NFUMC,*

*Thank you all so much for your thoughts and prayers for me during my recent surgery. I'm well on my way to recovery.*

*Yours,  
Jean Kent*

*Thank you to all the church staff and friends for all the love and support. My family and I truly appreciate everything. The prayers have been working and I am doing great.*

*Thanks again,  
Cassidy Huffman*

*Dear Church Friends,*

*Thank you for the Christmas plant which was delivered to my home. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God Bless.*

*Janet Kimmel*

*Thank you so much for thinking about me when I had finals. It really helped me get through.*

*Jalynne Foley*

*Gary and I want to thank you for all your kind cards and e-mails regarding the passing of my mom on December 27. Her journey with cancer these last four months will long be admired by her family and friends. She lived her life to the fullest until the last 12 hours. Then God granted her request to have the end go quickly when she was no longer able to get around by herself.*

*Bless You Twice,  
Kathy and Gary Rosemary*

*Thank you so much for the lap quilts you made for the residents at Harbour Manor. My mother, Irene Smith, loves hers and had me strap it to her walker so it is always with her. The time and effort you put into making these quilts is much appreciated—I see them all over the Manor, making it quite a colorful array.*

*Harriet Green*

*Thank you everyone for your cards and prayers during this time. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

*Jean Gaygi*

*I would like to thank all of the folks at NFUMC for all the prayers and good wishes during my recent hospitalization with herniated disk and surgery to repair it. I am recovering well and am in much less pain than before surgery. I believe that the prayers that were raised from my Christian family were one of the reasons I fared so well. Pleasant surprise—my surgeon asked before surgery if we could pray together. What a blessing. Life is good. Again, thank you.*

*In Christ's Name,  
Shirley Davies Watson (Tom Davies' sister)*

*Thank you "sew" much for the dresses, headbands, barrettes and dolls! The little girls will be blessed!*

*God Bless,  
Amanda (Dress a Girl)*



## Are you in Grief?

Our GriefShare program is a biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed and a review of participants' weekly workbook entries.

GriefShare meets on Sundays from 4-6 p.m. in the Bi Rooms. If you have lost someone important in your life and are in a journey through grief, you are welcome to join us anytime during our 13-week seminar. Registration fee is \$15.00

"If you want to heal from grief, you must go through it; you cannot go around it. The grieving process is a healing process. Do not look at healing as a goal you can only attain at the end of the process. Each step you take is part of your healing.

'Grief is a process that is better thought of as a journey,' observes Dr. Tim Clinton. 'It's just one foot in front of the other. It may seem that others have grieved very quickly, but those who have come through the process too fast have undone business in their lives.'

Take a moment to try and identify where you are on your grief journey. If you have admitted you are grieving, then your journey has begun.

Rest assured that the God of all time, the First and the Last, the omniscient and omnipotent God, will be with you every step of the way, and He has already placed your healing in His plan."

'Your word is a lamp and a light for my path.' Psalm 119:105

God, all I can do is put one foot in front of the other, but I know for sure that my journey has begun. Amen.

*Copied from GriefShare national publications.*



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# FIRST UMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY, 2012

## Wednesday, February 1

12:00 p.m. UMW Board Meeting/Parlor

## Thursday, February 2

5:00 p.m. Kids Who Care/Loft

6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts/Bi Rooms

## Friday, February 3

12:00 p.m. Elderberries Luncheon/CH

## Sunday, February 5

6:00 p.m. Sr. High Super Bowl Party/Pagels'

## Monday, February 6

6:00 p.m. God and Family/Stephenson Hall

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts/Loft

6:30 p.m. JOY Circle/Library

7:00 p.m. Women's Study/Conf. Rm. C

7:00 p.m. Toastmasters/Student Min. North

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee/Conf. Rm. B

## Tuesday, February 7

6:30 p.m. 5th & 6th Youth Group/Vine

7:00 p.m. Christian Business/Student Min. S.

## Wednesday, February 8

6:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle/Parlor

## Friday, February 10

12:30 p.m. Ugly Quilt Group/Stephenson Hall

## Saturday, February 11

10:00 a.m. Youth Recital Rehearsal/CH

## Sunday, February 12

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

2:00 p.m. Youth Recital/Celebration Hall

## Monday, February 13

9:00 a.m. Grace Circle/Loft

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Friends/Celebration Hall

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees/Conf. Rm. B

7:00 p.m. Connections Study/Conf. Rm. C

7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Planning/Student Min. N

## Tuesday, February 14

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision/WH

7:00 p.m. Student Ministry Advisory/Vine

## Wednesday, February 15

6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle/Parlor

7:00 p.m. Troop 101 Committee/Conf. Rm. C

## Thursday, February 16

7:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Board/various rooms

7:00 p.m. Pack 100 Leaders/Library

## Friday, February 17

9:15 a.m. Children's Story Time/Library

## Saturday, February 18

10:00 a.m. Worship Band Rehearsal

## Monday, February 20

7:00 p.m. Women's Study/Conf. Rm. C

7:00 p.m. Toastmasters/Student Min. North

## Tuesday, February 21

5:15 p.m. Girl Scouts/Library

6:30 p.m. 5th & 6th Youth Group/Vine

## Wednesday, February 22

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. UMW Lenten Breakfast/Wesley

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship/Sanctuary

## Thursday, February 23

7:00 p.m. Del Mi Commissioners/various

## Saturday, February 25

6:00 p.m. Married with Children/Wesley

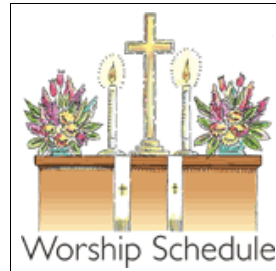
## Sunday, February 26

2:00 p.m. New Member Class 103/WH

## Tuesday, February 28

9:30 a.m. Susannah Circle/Wesley Hall

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry/Wesley Hall



8:15 A.M. Sanctuary

9:30 A.M. Celebration Hall

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Celebration Hall

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## EVERY WEEK AT FIRST UMC

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Choir Rehearsal	Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Choir Room
Circle of Friends	Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Loft
Coffee & Life	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Loft
Confirmation Class	Wed.	3:15 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Dinner's On Us	Thurs.	4:30 p.m.	Wesley Hall
Disciple I	Tues.	6:30 p.m.	Parlor
Disciple II	Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Parlor
Disciple IV	Sun.	4:00 p.m.	Parlor
Elderberries Study	Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Parlor
Emmaus Women	Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Prayer Chapel
Emmaus—PM	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Panera Bread
Emmaus Men	Thurs.	6:30 a.m.	Perkins
Emmaus Women	Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Noble Coffee
ESL Class	Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
ESL Class	Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Wesley Hall
4 Gospels & Seekers	Tues.	3:30 p.m.	Choir Room
GriefShare	Sun.	4:00 p.m.	Bi Rooms
Handbells	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Choir Room
Homebuilders	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Conference Rm. C
J.O.Y. Class	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Overlook
Moms in Prayer	Thurs.	1:00 p.m.	Overlook
Rise and Shine Class	Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Parlor
Scout Troop 101	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Celebration Hall
Stephen Min. Training	Tues.	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Min. Room
Wesley Class	Sun.	10:30 a.m.	Parlor
Women's Bible Study	Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Women's Trio Reh.	Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Chapel
Worship Band	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Celebration Hall
<b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</b>			
7th/8th Youth	Wed.	6:30 p.m.	The Vine
D Group	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	McNultys'
D Group	Tues.	6:15 a.m.	Hadleys'
D Group	Thurs.	6:00 p.m.	Emmerts'
GLORY Choir	Sun.	4:00 p.m.	Choir Room
Sr. Hi Praise Bd.	Sun.	2:30 p.m.	The Vine
Sr. Hi Youth	Sun.	5:00 p.m.	The Vine



**Ever wonder** what really happens behind closed doors of a federal, state or local prison and/or jail? Some of what you see on television does happen, and that is what usually makes the news or headlines in the local papers; but, there is something more going on than meets the eye. Inmates are searching for answers to questions like: Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? They are getting those questions answered through programs such as the Alpha Program.

The Alpha Program is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The course meets once per week for six consecutive weeks. The course repeats again after a few weeks of not meeting.

Who can attend the Alpha Program? Anyone can attend who is seeking more to life than what they are currently experiencing.

Inmates from all backgrounds, religions, and viewpoints attend seeking answers about the existence of God, the purpose of life, the afterlife, the claims of Jesus and much more. Some want to get past religion and find out about a personal relationship with God, one that really changes their life. Some have attended church and some have never crossed the churches threshold. Some understand the basics of the Christian faith, and some have no idea, but they are curious and seeking for the truth.

What must I do to get involved? Contact the office and let them know of your interest to serve.

Will I be trained? Yes, all volunteers will go through three separate training sessions.

Do they need men and women to serve? Yes, the Alpha Program has just expanded to include Community Corrections, as well as, the jail and we need volunteers.

My name is Linda Davies and I have been a part of the Noblesville First United Methodist Church for 11 years. I am currently working with Chaplain Burton and Bob Irvin, President of Jehoshua House. The Lord continually blesses me with the opportunity to share the Good News with the incarcerated and join Him in His work at HCS, and I would like for you to join me in that work.

In His Service,

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