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make disciples
of Jesus
Christ for the
transformation
of the world

through actively reflecting
the love of Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP

Sunday Morning Service

State Roads 14 & 5

Worship Service
9:00 am

Sunday School
10:15 am
Features children's
programming, youth and
adult small groups.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Lord, You have given us another bright and sunny fall morning; the skies are filled with an abundance of fluffy white clouds that look like large balls of cotton. The air is brisk and it is apparent the winter season is not far off. As I look around, Lord, I am reminded of childhood days when I would lie on the grass with my siblings and look up at the clouds. We would put our imaginations to work as we looked for images in the sky.

There were times of seeing an angel, an assortment of animals, a human face or a snow capped mountain ridge; there were times when we would even imagine we could see the face of God, Your face, Lord.

It is amazing what a child can envision when the imagination is encouraged and allowed to be creative. As a senior citizen I am sometimes tempted to lie on the lawn and see what my imagination could see today; but, oh, the chatter that would create in the neighborhood and in the church!

Sometimes, Lord, I think the world would be a better place today if we would all allow ourselves to be a little more childlike and use our imaginations more often. Perhaps we would get along better with our fellowman and find more peace, joy and fulfillment in life.

Lord, I am reminded of Jesus words, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"(Matthew 19:14: NIV). We also read "I lift up my eyes to the hills---where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2 NIV)

Lord, may all of us be reminded to be a little more childlike and take life a little less seriously. And, Lord, may we also be reminded to look to the heavens, to look to You, for You are the Provider of every good gift. You are our only source of help and a life filled with your love and grace. Lord, we thank you! Amen!

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen!

Pastor Keith



Missions & Outreach News by Kate Burch

.....remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Our next mission project is Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes and the instruction pamphlet are on the table in the lobby. They need to be filled and returned to the church by Sunday, November 11th. Members of the team will then take the boxes to a shipping station in Ft. Wayne. Don't forget to include \$9 for shipping costs of each box.

The Backpack Meal Ministry is in full swing. We are packing weekend meals and snacks for about 50 kids right now. A volunteer delivers them to Whitko Elementary where the special needs students help with the distribution. Volunteers are welcome to join us downstairs to help assemble the back packs at the end of each month.

Since the school has a canned goods food drive for Thanksgiving, we are asking for boxed side dishes such as potatoes, stuffing, corn bread or dessert mixes.

I consider myself blessed to have been led to this church. I love how willingly everyone pitches in to help our brothers and sisters in need. Keep those blessings flowing.

Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child



It is time to pack shoe boxes for OCC! SWUMC has established a tradition of participating in this project of Samaritan's Purse.

Last year we packed 66 boxes! Sunday, October 14th kicked off our annual collection. The shoebox and the information needed to fill a shoebox is available at the OCC table in the Lobby. We **ask that all filled boxes be brought back to the church no later than Sunday, Nov. 11th**. Reminders....No candy or toothpaste is allowed in the shoeboxes. Don't forget to put \$9 in the box to help cover the cost of shipping.

Sock & Shoelace Collection

In January, Colin Nicodemus is going on a mission trip to Haiti. He is collecting socks and shoelaces. There is a box or perhaps an old suitcase in the Church Lobby to collect those items. They will also accept old useable suitcases to transport these items to Haiti knowing that they suitcase will not be returned or course. He will be collecting until Thanksgiving.



Do You Order from Amazon? You Can Help Your Church!



If you order items from Amazon's website, as many of you do, you can help the church financially through their program called **Amazon Smile**. It is a way to make a gift to your church that doesn't cost you anything.

When you shop at **Amazon Smile**, Amazon will donate .5% of all amounts you spend with them to our church. The products available and prices are exactly the same as through the regular Amazon site.

It is easy and there is no charge to you. Instead of logging in to the regular Amazon.com site, just go to **smile.amazon.com**. When you first log in, you select the charity you want to benefit. Select "search for charitable organization" and type in "United Methodist Church of South Whitley Indiana Inc." Our church name will pop up and once you have selected it, you will not have to do it again if you log in through **Amazon Smile**.

We suggest changing your "favorites" to **smile.amazon.com** to make it easier to log to that site each time in the future.

What could be better than making a gift to your church that doesn't cost you anything?



The next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, November 28th, 2018 from 12:30-6:30pm here at South Whitley United Methodist Church. Appointments encouraged. To make an appointment, call Jeanette Eberhart 260-213-5734 or 260-723-4591 or the church office at 260-723-5107. Although, walk-ins are welcome. Remember to bring your ID and donor card when you come to donate. First time donors need 2 forms of ID, driver's license, social security card, check book, utility bill, etc. Make sure you have eaten a good breakfast or lunch and drink plenty of fluids before you give.

Garden Volunteers

We thank everyone who volunteered to help care for our church gardens this year. We hope to be improving each garden in some way in the future and appreciate your continual support. We hope to provide some gardening short seminars/classes in the spring. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact Beth Ann Sickafoose, 723-4762 or Alice Nicodemus, 723-4297.



Mortgage Update

We continue to make good progress in paying down our mortgage. In the last year, we have paid over \$29,600 of principal on the mortgage. Since the inception of the mortgage in the fall of 2004, almost \$330,000 has been paid on mortgage principal; the outstanding balance has been reduced to \$71,000.

The required monthly minimum payment is \$2,130; however, we have been paying \$2,800 in an effort to pay it off early. This means annually, we are paying an additional \$8,000 per year on principal. At our current 4.5% interest rate, approximately 90% of each payment goes to pay down principal. At this rate, we can anticipate a mortgage burning party in January 2021.

Members have made designated gifts of approximately \$1,600 per month toward debt reduction; the remainder of the payment comes from general giving.

Almost 50 years ago, our congregation purchased land, built a new building, and over time built a parsonage and several additions to our church. Today we enjoy beautiful facilities thanks to the generosity and sacrifices of those who went before us. A big Thank You to all who are making extra gifts toward mortgage reduction.

Royce Ruckman, Co-Treasurer



You're Invited...

To join us Sunday, November 4th for a 50th Celebration of South Whitley UMC. All those first "pioneers" who were a part of the union of the SW EUB and SW Methodist churches will be recognized and are invited to briefly share any special memories of that day which occurred on November 24, 1968. Following the service the celebration will continue with cake in the Lobby.

You are also invited to bring to the church any special memorabilia, with ownership clearly marked, and we will have a table set up in the Lobby to display those treasures for others to view.

Coffee Fellowship

Please consider volunteering to assist with coffee fellowship by helping prepare, clean up after, carry items up and down the stairs, and/or sharing treats on a Sunday mornings. Homemade and purchased treats are welcome and appreciated! A sign up sheet is located at the refreshment table in the Church Lobby. If you have any questions, see Dee Anna Muraski. Thank you.



Our Gifts, Our Presence (to date thru September 2018)

To date thru Sept.	Actual	Budgeted
Regular offering	\$162,961	\$187,500
Debt retirement	\$14,841	\$13,500
Other receipts	\$2,521	\$803
Giving Total	\$180,323	\$201,803

Giving was under budget by \$21,480

To date thru Sept.	Actual	Budgeted
Expenses	\$181,716	\$194,878

Expenses were under budget by \$13,162

Overall Giving thru September was lower than Expenses for a deficit of \$4,416

Mortgage Balance \$73,503

Attendance	Worship	Sunday School
Sept. 2	100	45
Sept. 9	118	38
Sept. 16	90	No SS
Sept. 23	89	38
Sept. 30	93	32
YTD Avg	114	37



Rainbow Preschool News by Traci Kreider

The preschool will be having a fundraiser at the Roanoke Board & Brush on Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00pm. The preschool makes 20% off each paid seat. Last time the preschool made \$400! The money from the fundraiser will go towards a Noah's Ark Animal Workshop (similar to a Build-A-Bear workshop) that the preschoolers will be doing in February. We would love and appreciate support from the church family again. Registration may be done online at: <https://boardandbrush.com/roanoke/events/rainbow-preschool-fundrasier-invitation-65/>.



Here are just 2 designs.



Lots more to choose from! If you have any questions see Traci Kreider.

Zumba

Zumba is back and is now on Tuesdays at 6:30pm! The six week session began on October 30th with a \$5 drop in cost and runs through December 18th (skipping Nov. 6th due to the election).

Our Celebrations Birthdays



- 1 - Jeff Reimer
- 2 - Megan Bishop
- 7 - Adam Hoffman
Darla McCammon
- 8 - Rhonda Snavley
- 9 - Pam Sherbahn
- 10 - Tayler Kreider
Calvin Sellers
Philip Shriver
Abigail Spurlin
- 12 - Kurt Swender
Alec Wilkinson
- 13 - Jill Van Hoozen
- 14 - Beth Ann Sickafoose
- 15 - Kim Rupley
- 17 - Aubrie Cox
- 19 - Jesse Bishop
Renee Enyeart
Tina Ray

- 21 - Karla Yeager
- 22 - Cody Adkins
- 23 - Jerry Good
- 24 - Katelyn Cripe
Joyce Hite
Marik Sellers
- 25 - Dawn Baldrige
- 26 - Jacki Bishop
Jill Eberly
- 28 - Cheri Bryan
- 29 - Kay Schreffler
- 30 - Josh Cripe

Anniversaries

- 11 - David & Laura Gable
- 14 - Tod & Traci Kreider
- 19 - John & Darlene Rudd
- 22 - Frank & Dawn Baldrige

Mark Your Calendars

- November 1 - Cub Scouts (6:30pm)
- November 4 - Social Hall Reserved (All Day)
Fusion (6:00-8:00pm)
- November 6 - Voting (6:00am-6:00pm)
- November 7 - Popcorn Prayer (6:30pm)
Praise Team Practice (7:00pm)
- November 8 - Cub Scouts (6:30pm)
- November 10 - Equip Leadership (9:00am-1:00pm)
Followed by Charge Conference (1:15pm)
- November 11 - Sanctuary Reserved (2:00-4:30pm)
- November 13 - Zumba (6:30pm)
- November 14 - Popcorn Prayer (6:30pm)
Praise Team Practice (7:00pm)
- November 15 - Executive Leadership Team (6:30pm)
Cub Scouts (6:30pm)
- November 17 - Fusion to FW Food Bank (7:30am)
- November 18 - Social Hall Reserved (2:00pm)
- November 19 - Education Ministry Team Meeting (6:30pm)
Early Learning Ministry Team Meeting (7:30pm)
- November 20 - Zumba (6:30pm)
- November 21 - Popcorn Prayer (6:30pm)
Praise Team Practice (7:00pm)
- November 22 - Cub Scouts (6:00pm)
- November 25 - Pack Backpacks For Backpack Meal Ministry
NO Fusion
- November 28 - Blood Drive (12:30-6:30pm)
Popcorn Prayer (6:30pm)
Praise Team Practice (7:00pm)
- November 30 - Social Hall Reserved (6:00pm)

Our Prayers



Military Personnel

- Johannes Bingham
- Benjamin Bryan
- Cole Findley
- Justin Roman
- Zach Snep

Darlene Welty

Send things to Darlene in care of...

Justin Welty
46 Woodacre Drive
Carmel, IN 46032

Peabody Retirement

Margaret Graham

400 West Seventh Street
North Manchester, Indiana 46962

Sycamore Keepsakes Village

Ilah Rondot

611 W County Line Road S
Fort Wayne IN 4681446962

Timbercrest Senior Living

Buford Baker

PO Box 501

North Manchester Indiana 46962

"Prayer is the VOICE of faith directed Godward."

~ Billy Graham