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Good News From Gobin

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We live so that all people will know they are loved by God.

NO ORANGES, PLEASE !!! for February 2012



First, you need to know that I usually look forward to gatherings of pastors. Bishop Coyner began “Our Life Together” several years ago and this year it meets in mid February.

Second, you need to know that I am now of an age where I can’t stand young, inexperienced pastors telling me (or a gathering of pastors) what I’m doing wrong or right in professional ministry. I trust in the experience and wisdom of my elders who have been in ministry longer than I. I also trust in the training and insights of young clergy who have become specialists in a particular part of professional ministry by earning advanced degrees (such as PhDs) they can only receive when esteemed scholars approve of their work.

Third, you need to know that a young pastor with little advance training will be our keynote speaker at this year’s Our Life Together event.

His name is Shane Claiborne. He is a white guy with dreadlocks, wears bandanas on his hair and with his goatee looks like Maynard G. Krebs (that reference

dates me as an old person!). Last year I would go for coffee while the Sharing Spirits Sunday school class watched videos that included his comments and challenges regarding the nature of the church; I would just shake my head at some of the things I heard him saying. And yet ...

Every single young clergy I know in the Indiana Conference praises the work and insights of Shane Claiborne. They’ve read his books on prophetic tradition, they affirm his commitment to holiness and commitment to Christ, and they try to adapt the Sunday morning worship service to the format and style of music used at “The Simply Way, a faith community in the inner city of Philadelphia that has helped to birth and connect radical faith communities around the world.: (Quoting from publicity material relating to this year’s Our Life Together.) He has given academic seminars at Vanderbilt, Duke, Pepperdine, Wheaton College, Princeton, Goshen College, and Harvard. In other words, he is teaching the people working on their PhDs.

He is coming to Indiana to teach United Methodists. I am planning on attending his presentations even though I am hesitant and reluctant about going. I’m sure I will hear things I’m not going to like. I’m also trusting that I will hear things I need to hear, especially about meeting the needs of young adults. And who knows but that he might inspire me in ways that are needed for our future ministries at Gobin Memorial and here in Greencastle. I feel like many in the Gospels who are reluctant about listening to Jesus because they know his words may bring change into their perspectives and their lives.

Finally, let me invite you to the Thursday evening session with Shane Claiborne that is open to the public. It happens on February 16th at St. Luke’s United Methodist. I’m hoping that at least twenty from Gobin Memorial will attend. You may not want to hear what he has to say. And, you may need to hear it. Prophets always have that type of an affect on people

P.T. Wilson

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Special Services at Gobin

Scouting Sunday, February 12th



We'll be recognizing Scouting during our worship service on the second Sunday of February. We're asking that all current Scouts come to church in uniform. We're also asking if all former Scouts might bring with them something from their earlier years as Scouts. For your information Lisa Trigg is the leader of a group of girl scouts that meet weekly in Gobin Memorial and she tells us that this is the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts. She also reminds us that Girl Scout cookies can still be ordered for delivery in February!



Ash Wednesday Service, February 22nd

Pastor Wilson will be leading a traditional Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday evening, the beginning of Lent. It will begin at 7pm and finish seventy-five minutes later. Ashes will be distributed for those willing to receive them during the service. All are invited to participate.



Rev. Colin Cress returns on February 26th

Rev. Colin Cress will return to Gobin Memorial and preach during the worship service on the first Sunday in the season of Lent. Colin is a 2003 graduate of DePauw University and attended Gobin Memorial during his years as an undergraduate. He has since graduated from The Methodist Theological School of Ohio with a Master of Divinity degree. During his seminary years he served as the Student Local Pastor of Carrolton UMC. Upon graduation he served as the senior pastor of a two point charge composed of the Worthington and Freedom United Methodist Churches and since July has been the Associate Pastor of the Plainville United Methodist Church. Married to the former Heather Styron, they have a son, Owen, who is nearing his second birthday.



Newer Group at Gobin: United Methodist Men

Saturday mornings at 8am have been the time and The Blue Door has been the location of the start up of a Gobin Memorial United Methodist Men's group. We give many thanks to Dick Shuck for his leadership with this new programming in our congregation. During these initial meetings the group has been studying Brian Jones' *Getting Rid of the Gorilla: Confessions on the Struggle to Forgive*. The next two meetings will be on February 4th and 18th and all men in the church are welcomed and encouraged to attend. During the six Saturdays of Lent the UMM will not be meeting as a separate group but will attend the Lenten Breakfasts along with others in the church. Finally our new UMM's group will provide the breakfast on March 10th when the Lenten Breakfast is held at Gobin Memorial.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP !

January 29, 2012

Children's Message: P.T. Wilson
 Text: John 7: 37-39
 Message: "The Believer's Heart"
 Hymns: #110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
 #2146 "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" (TFWS)
 #344 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

February 5, 2012

Celebration of Communion, students return for Spring Semester
 Children's Message: P.T. Wilson
 Text: John 8: 1-11
 Meditation: "Caught!"
 Hymns: # 57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
 #340 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
 #378 "Amazing Grace"

February 12, 2012

Scouting Sunday
 Children's Message: P.T. Wilson
 Text: John 8: 12-20
 Sermon: "Knowing Where You Come From"
 Hymns: # 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
 #2142 "Blessed Quietness" (TFWS)
 #356 "When We Are Living"

February 19, 2012

Transfiguration Sunday
 Children's Message: P.T. Wilson
 Text: John 9: 1-12
 Message: "Transformed"
 Hymns: # 77 "How Great Thou Art"
 #273 "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"
 #377 "It Is Well With My Soul"

February 22, 2012

Ash Wednesday
 Children's Message: P.T. Wilson
 Text: Luke 4: 1-13
 Message: "Bread, Glory, Protection"
 Hymns: #263 "When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"
 #269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
 #292 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

February 26, 2012

Lent One
 Children's Message: Teddy Shuck
 Special Guest Speaker Rev. Colin Cress, DePauw 2003
 Hymns: #103 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
 #206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
 #292 "What Wondrous Love Is This"



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/04 Ken Masten
 02/04 Beth Ann Hansen
 02/06 Jack Wright
 02/07 Evan Lazar
 02/11 Carolyn Schenk
 02/11 Cathie Bean
 02/13 Jane Irwin
 02/14 Janet Pinney
 02/15 Nancy Andis
 02/15 Chris Sanders
 02/16 Judith Curtis Brown
 02/18 Jean Zellers
 02/18 Betty McGill
 02/18 Sheri Roach
 02/19 Ken Kersey
 02/19 Scott Thede
 02/23 Lynette Gwinn
 02/23 Elizabeth Anderson
 02/24 John J. Wilson
 02/26 Dick Shuck
 02/27 John Hecko
 02/29 John Schlotterbeck

Please be sure to staple or add the insert, **“Addendum: 2012 Congregational Handbook”** to your yellow-covered Congregational Handbook. Mistakes were made and my apologies to those whose information was incorrect or completely left out. We have also had several “newer” people who have worshipped with us significantly so we have included them on this addendum page also. Please let the church office know of any more mistakes which will be corrected here in future newsletters. ~Denise Thede

THANK YOU!! I would like to thank all the ladies that helped in any way with the funeral dinner for Roland Naylor. Also, I would like to thank P.T. and Bob Newton for the funeral service. I heard many good words from others about how well they appreciated the service. Love, Audrey

THANK YOU!! Carol Krag would like to thank her Gobin friends for their prayers and support during the loss of her mother, Ella Brown. Carol would also like to ask for continued prayers of support for her father, Allan Brown, as he continues to work through his loss. Also pray for his healing for his health as he continue to have tests and treatments.

SERVING ON SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Kathy Sanders and Nettie Smithers are Gobin’s “HOSTS” to meet and greet our guests and visitors for the month of February.

Position	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Ushers	Ken Gwinn Lynette Gwinn Robert Newton Ann Newton	Jim High Sharon High Chris Shuck Alia Hazel	Andy Barrand Jamie Barrand TBD	Todd Stevens Marni Stevens Scott Thede Denise Thede
Communion Steward	Eleanor Howard			
Fellowship	Pitch-In Dinner	Marni Stevens	Gayle Hansen	Carolyn Houck
Counters	Dick Sunkel	Fran Allen	Pat Clover	Doretta Poynter
Assisting in the Nursery	Corinne Buchanan	Mallory Meyer	Kelly Hansen	Susanna Howard
Children’s Church	TBD	The Hebbs	Denise Thede	Teddy Shuck





Finance News

Hi, my name is Scott Thede, and I'm the new chair of the finance committee at Gobin. I thought I'd write a quick note and introduce myself. Please feel free to contact me (at sthede@depauw.edu or 653-0514) if you have any questions or comments for me. In this month's article, I'd like to talk a little bit about a way you can help Gobin – **the Scrip Program**.

Scrip Is Fundraising While You Shop®

The Scrip Program allows you to buy gift cards for many different companies from Gobin. These are exactly the same as gift cards you would buy at the individual stores. You buy a gift card at face value (meaning it costs you nothing extra), and Gobin receives a percentage of the price back from the manufacturer (the exact percentage varies based on the company). For example, Family Video offers 12% back on their cards. So, you pay \$10 for a \$10 gift card to Family Video, and Gobin receives \$1.20! Buffalo Wild Wings offers 8%, so a \$25 card purchased from Gobin earns Gobin \$2! And it doesn't cost you a dime extra!

Additionally, you can buy a Kroger gift card from Gobin with \$5 on it. Then, you can "load" more money on the card at the Kroger service desk. When you use the card to pay for your purchases at Kroger, Gobin receives 3% of the money that you spend from that card. You can load the card and use it over and over. Spend \$100 on groceries you were going to buy anyway and earn Gobin \$3!

To order a card, place your order with Denise Thede, Gobin's secretary. If you place your order by Tuesday at noon, the card should arrive at the church office by Friday. She may have some cards available for immediate sale – most likely Kroger or Walmart cards. Some places in Greencastle that participate include Arby's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, CVS, Family Video, Great Clips, KFC, Marathon, Papa John's, Pizza Hut, Speedway, Subway, Taco Bell, Wal-Mart, and Wendy's. There are many, many more options that have locations in Avon, Plainfield, and Indianapolis. Call Denise at the church office (658-6003) for information about what companies participate or to make an order.

Please consider making use of the Scrip Program. It is a great way to raise money for Gobin that costs you nothing but a little planning ahead. Thank you!

A Night of Sweet Treats: *Dessert and Music*

Do you like music? Do you like dessert? Do you like Gobin? If you can answer "Yes!" to any one of these questions, you might be interested in our "Chase Those Winter Blues Away" event. We are still finalizing plans for this event, but here's what we know. On February 24, at Gobin, we will offer excellent desserts and entertainment for the evening for the low, low price of \$10. Bill Hamm's band *Jazz 4 All* (featuring Bill Hamm, Veronica Pejril, and Rick Provine) will be playing, and we plan to have other entertaining acts as well. We hope to offer babysitting as well, so bring the kids along! Further information will be given in upcoming bulletins, on Facebook, or contact me (Scott Thede, sthede@depauw.edu or 653-0514) with questions.





Celebration of Service for Dick and Sally Sunkel

Please join us for the pitch-in following the worship service on **Sunday, February 5th**, to enjoy the great home-cooked food and fellowship with one another as well as a short program to honor Dick and Sally Sunkel for their MANY years of service at Gobin. They are still very active at Gobin, but they've decided to take a much-deserved break from being Chair of Trustees and the Secretary of Church Council respectively. We'll have cake for all to celebrate the occasion, so plan on bringing your favorite dish to share—appetizers, salads, side dishes, meat, or a main dish, but no desserts,

First Quarter Mission Project is the *Summer Enrichment Program*

The Gobin Mission Committee chose the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) as the first quarter mission project in 2012. The goal is to raise \$2000 by the end of March. The Summer Enrichment Program helps about 65 at-risk children in Putnam County. SEP participates in the USDA Summer Food Program to provide a nutritionally complete breakfast and lunch to meet the nutritional needs of these children. For some of them, these are the only meals they get during the day. Many of the children who participate in SEP live in very stressful situations. Some have a parent in jail or other difficult family situations. The children enjoy arts activities, swim lessons, sports, social skills lessons, and a wide variety of enrichment opportunities as an alternative to a summer of mind-numbing TV and video games, or troublemaking. But perhaps the most valuable part of SEP is having a place for the children to go where they are loved and accepted. This is great way for Gobin and the community to help make a difference in the lives of Putnam County children who need extra support during the summer. Please consider contributing to SEP this quarter.



RUMMAGE SALE - SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

It's coming up quickly, so take advantage of these cold, wintry days to clean out and go through your closets, drawers, attic, and garage to see what you might not need any longer. Bring it to the church to store until the big sale. Thank you in advance for YOUR help in making the Rummage Sale a big success!! Hope to see your "rummage" soon. Got questions? See Rita Ferguson.

GOBIN ACTIVITIES

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00am Staff Meeting	2	3	4 8:00am Men's Group at Blue Door
5 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Pitch-in w/ Celebration of Service for Dick & Sally Sunkel 2:00pm Bells	6 First Monday— Pastor in Bloomington 7:00pm Missions	7 9:00 Staff 5:30pm Bells Perf at Autumn Glen 5:30pm Fellow- ship Putnam Inn 7:00pm Disciple Bible Study	8 Denise may be out of office in AM 7:00pm Education Mtg	9 9:30am UMW Exec. Bd. 1:30pm Bethel Circle Mtg. 4:00pm SEP	10 ← Pastor's Days Off →	11
12 10:30am Worship 12:30-2pm Youth Group 2:00pm Bells	13 7:00pm Trustee Mtg	14  5:30 pm Fellow- ship Putnam Inn 7:00pm Disciple Bible Study	15 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Genesis Mtg.	16 1:30pm Aldersgate Circle at Asbury Towers	17 ← Pastor at Bishop's Retreat →	18 8:00am Men's Group at Blue Door
19 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Bells 3-5 Prayer Shawl 6pm GAliveMtg	20 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 7:00pm Finance	21 5:30pm Pass. Wrshp Mtg 5:30 pm Fellow- ship Putnam Inn 7:00pm Disciple Bible Study	22 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Svc	23 4:00pm SEP	24 7:00pm A Night of Sweet Treats: Dessert & Music	25 8am Lenten Breakfast at Fillmore 9:30-4pm Church Council & Gobin Alive Retreat
26 10:30am Worship 12:30-2 Youth 2:00pm Bells 5:00pm Lay Leadership Mtg.	27 10-3pm Sewing Bee 7pm Church Cncl	28 5:30pm Fellow- ship Putnam Inn 7:00pm Disciple Bible Study	29 10:00am Staff Meeting			

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February 2012

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Please complete the WORSHIP EVALUATION FORM below and return it to the church office by Wednesday, February 15th. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this form and return it.

WORSHIP EVALUATION FORM

The Passionate Worship Team is very interested in your helping us assess the values you experience in our Sunday morning worship. We want to know what you value in the worship service. In order to recognize and add value to your responses please check your profile below.

Age 18 to 25 ___ Age 26 to 50 ___ Age 51 to 70 ___ Age 70 and older ___

How long a member of Gobin UMC: 5 years or less ___ 5 years or more ___

Greencastle resident ___ County resident ___ College student ___ Faculty/Staff ___

Attending at Gobin UMC: 5 years or less ___ 5 years or more ___

Take a few minutes to complete this Evaluation Form by marking in the blank beside each item the value it represents for you during worship. Scale is as follows:

1. No value 2. Some value 3. Important value 4. Highest value

_____ Greeting you receive upon entering the church building

_____ Ushers attention and direction to your seating

_____ Interaction with persons in and around where you are seated

_____ Musical format used prior to the worship service beginning

_____ Opportunity for you to transition into a meaningful worship experience

_____ Congregational singing -1) Hymn of praise; 2) Hymn of meditation and 3;) Hymn of dedication

_____ Highlighting the upcoming weekly activities within the church and community

_____ Sharing of tithes and offerings

_____ Prayers

_____ Children's time with Pastor and/or laity

_____ Special music that centers on the scripture

_____ Specials – readings, poetry, skits, music that focus on the scripture

_____ Sermon/Message

_____ Blessing and Sending Out of the congregation (you) into the world

_____ Post musical format that allows you to transition from the worship service

Is there anything additional you would like us to know:

Did You Know?



Gobin's Sunday Service is Broadcasted on WGRE

Don't forget if you're ill or out of town, you can still pick up the Sunday 10:30am Worship Service on WGRE at 91.5 fm on your radio or computer.



Everyone had a great time at the Baby Shower for Courtney Sweet and her baby, Landen Alexander Sweet. There was a nice crowd with gifts galore and wonderful cake and punch. Courtney even let us play "Pass the Baby" which is a favorite of everyone!! Many thanks to Marilyn Culler and Doretta Poynter for hosting the shower, and to Marilyn Culler for taking the wonderful photos above.



Gobin is on Facebook!!

Gobin has 3 entities



HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET

Peace and Justice, Feb. 2012

Human Trafficking (HT) is a crime. United Methodist Women have taken a stand to prevent, protect and prosecute those impacted by this trade in human beings that occurs everywhere in the world. We are especially alert in Indiana because of the crowds coming for the Super Bowl. This information is important. Please read.

What is HT? It is a form of modern-day slavery, and is the second largest criminal industry in the world after drug trade....It is the recruiting, transporting, and harboring of persons by use of threat, force or deception for the purpose of exploitation. Traffickers take advantage of vulnerable persons with false promises or physical abduction, forcing them into contract slavery, forced labor, and sexual trafficking.

U.S. Policy: The Trafficking in Persons Report annually from the State Dept. can be found at www.state.gov/g/tip. In 2000 President Clinton signed and the Senate ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children. Known as the Palermo Protocol it can be found at www.unodc.org.

Why it happens: Our current global economic system continues to reward wealth and exploit the poor. Sexual trafficking is connected to the feminization of Poverty. 70% of the world's poor are women and girls, most of whom live in developing countries with limited options available to them. Many live in slums in the US or are hiding in the industries listed below.

Root Causes of HT: Widespread poverty contributes to Disrespect for Women (which already exists in many male dominated cultures), Gender Discrimination, Corruption, Economic and Social Conflicts, Economic and Social Development.

Where Can victims be found? Factories/manufacturing, food processing, commercial sex industry (The Super Bowl increases the prevalence of street prostitution, escort services, phone line, massage parlors, residential brothels, strip clubs, internet sites), agriculture and farms, restaurants and food service, peddling/begging, hospitality (cleaning staff, bell staff, maintenance staff and casino workers), beauty (nail salon workers), and others (construction workers, day laborers, gas stations, forestry, entertainment and tourism.

Above information compiled from the Polaris Project (www.polarisproject.org)

Why help? The 2008 Book of Discipline of the UMC Para. 161 states, UM "deplore all forms of the commercialization of exploitation of sex, with their consequent cheapening and degradation of human personality...We call for strict global enforcement of laws prohibiting the sexual exploitation or use of children by adults and encourage efforts to hold perpetrators legally and financially responsible" (p. 104.)

But this is a people robbed and plundered, all of them are trapped in holes and hidden in prisons; they have become a prey with no one to rescue, a spoil with no one to say, "Restore!" Who among you will give heed to this, who will attend and listen for the time to come? Isaiah 42:22-23 (NRSV)

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82:3-4 (NRSV)

For information on how to spot trafficking, visit the Los Angeles Metro Task Force on Human Trafficking at <http://lapd.phantomdesign.com/resources/report.cfm> and Human Trafficking.org: http://www.humantrafficking.org/combating_trafficking Direct quotes and adaptation from United Methodist Women: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/act

Church Council and Gobin Alive Retreat—Sat. February 25th

Rev. Judi Purvis, our West District Superintendent, will lead us in a retreat on February 25, 2012. It begins that Saturday morning at 9:30am and will conclude by 4pm. It will be held on the second floor of the Student Union Building at DePauw so weather conditions should not affect any travel worries and parking is plentiful around the church.

This retreat is designed to look at ways of building bridges between the current administrative structure our congregation has and the new visioning for programming that is rising from the Gobin Alive initiative. For years our Church Council has questioned whether our current administrative structure works well with who we are now as a congregation, so one of the goals of this retreat is to do a review and overview of what is working well and what might need to improve. And, Gobin Alive is already producing great ideas and opportunities within our congregation but as of this point are not included in the administrative structure. One question to be uplifted that day is “what changes might we consider in order to strengthen the entire work of the church?”

Judi Purvis has been our District Superintendent since the founding of the West District in 2010 and has served on the Cabinet since 2005. Among her gifts and talents is creating administrative support for unfolding ministries.

This retreat is open for anyone of our congregation to attend. Refreshments during breaks and lunch will be found at The Hub within the Student Union Building. You may purchase what you would like and as much as you would like, and you’ll get a better idea of the life our DePauw students live!

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