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Good News From Gobin

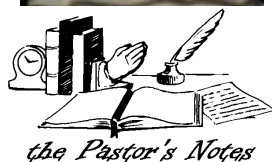
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We live so that all people will know they are loved by God.

NO ORANGES, PLEASE !!! for January 2011



It's not just a few people. It's not just the church. It's not just Greencastle, or our county, or even just the State of Indiana.

It seems like the nation is under a dark cloud, people are turning negative about everything, and criticism abounds.

You can name nearly any topic and you will find negativity attached to it. That negativity colors one's perception, one's opportunities, and one's choices. It ranges from politics to economics, education to industry. It is as if this dark cloud permeates everything.

In the Christian Scriptures that type of dark cloud of negativity is called sin. Sin produces hopelessness. Sin produces chaos and destruction. Sin produces death.

In the world of psychology that type of dark cloud of negativity is called depression. I am not writing about the brain chemistry condition labeled clinical depression for which medication is such a blessing. I am writing about an attitude of defeatism. It is demonstrated by the inability to hear anything that possibly could be positive. Those who are in depression feel hopeless. Those who are in depression feel that nothing

good can come out of the situation before them.

One of the purposes of the Church is to bring people hope, offer forgiveness of sins, and lift the dark clouds that keep one from seeing the light of God. And you, dear people, are the Church, the hands of Jesus being the heart of God and sharing that love to a hurting world.

There is no better time to be in the Church. There is no better time to be the Church.

So how do we begin to change this negativity that seems to touch everything around us?

We begin with ourselves. Observe the messages you send to others through words, actions, and deeds. Become aware of your critical statements and actions. Mind you, nothing is wrong with criticism as long as it is in balance. If you can, bring balance to your statements and actions. For instance, if you find yourself very critical of someone, consciously choose to affirm that person also. Say something nice about that person, his/her gifts, his/her insights.

Communication without balance leads to negativity, sin, and depression.

We begin with others. Listen to the overall message someone is sending. Do you hear a balance with what is being said and done? If not, ask that person to stop, breathe, reflect, and then respond with some positives. At first you might want to try this with just family members or very close friends because you'll receive several strange looks! After awhile you'll be ready to try it with colleagues. After much practice you might even try it with strangers.

Here then is my challenge for the year ahead. For every statement of criticism will you also give a statement of positive support? For every time that you feel overwhelmed by the negativity, are you willing to work at restoring the necessary balance? For every moment when the darkness draws others towards hopelessness are you willing to let the light of Christ shine through you?

It's really your choice. I may be only one person but I am willing to let the grace of Christ shine through my individual pane in the "stained window" of life. And if all of us let that light shine through us? We'll change the world.

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Good News from Church Council

Here are some highlights from the November 22nd and December 19th Church Council meetings:

- Jeff Hansen, Stewardship Chair, reported 61 pledges received for 2011 (eight less than in 2010) with 40% of those increased from this year.
- Joe Ferguson, Endowment Committee, reported a balance of \$866,581 as of Sept. 30th, in our nine endowment accounts.
- Staff-Parish recommended the pastoral salary of \$62,000 for 2011, a \$140 increase from 2010.
- We accepted with thanks a detailed report from Donna Bouslog, LaWayne Engelstad, and Chris Hebb for new auditing procedures. We hired David Bray as church treasurer for 2011. This continues the financial restructuring begun after we learned of Mindy Fenwick's embezzlement.
- Finance Committee reported that we received \$174, 293 in income through Nov. 30th with expenses of \$172,500, leaving a balance of \$1,793.
- David Houck will join Church Council as member-at large.
- We are raising the cost of *The Upper Room* to \$1.00 to better help meet its cost.
- Gobin agreed to host a Red Cross Blood Drive in February. Hold the date of Wednesday, February 23rd from 2-7pm.
- The January Church Council Meeting will be a discussion of ideas from the Congregational Development Team drawing on Five Fruitful Practices by Robert Schnase.

This letter was received in early December from a former DePauw student. You just never know or realize the impact Gobin Church and more importantly, you as part of Gobin may have on any stranger, visitor, member, or DePauw student that walks through our doors. The letter has been slightly edited to conceal the identity of the DePauw student.

Dear Gobin UMC,

I graduated this spring from DePauw having attended your church the past 4 years. Thank you so much for your ministry to the DePauw / Greencastle community, especially giving students a temporary church home. I just finished my first post-grad job and wanted to send my tithe to a church that has given and given even when I had nothing. Thank you again for your ministry. I continue to keep you in my prayers.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP !

January 2, 2011	<p>Epiphany Sunday and Observance of Holy Communion</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Matthew 2: 7-12</p> <p>Message: "Treasures!"</p> <p>Hymns: #251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #254 "We Three Kings" #617 "I Come with Joy"</p>
January 9, 2011	<p>Installation of Church Officers</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Jeremiah 1: 4-5</p> <p>Message: "Before You Were Born"</p> <p>Hymns: #558 "We Are the Church" #539 "O Spirit of the Living God" #530 "Are Ye Able"</p>
January 16, 2011	<p>Human Relations Day <i>(you'll be invited to participate in this national offering)</i></p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Jeremiah 1: 4-10</p> <p>Message: "But I Am Only ..."</p> <p>Hymns: #577 "God of Grace and God of Glory" #560 "Help Us Accept Each Other" #519 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"</p>
January 23, 2011	<p>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <p>Children's Message: Teddy Shuck</p> <p>Text:</p> <p>Message: Jamie Barrand, Certified Lay Speaker</p> <p>Hymns: #504 "On a Hill Far Away" #526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"</p>
January 30, 2011	<p>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Matthew 8: 1-4</p> <p>Message: "I Do Choose"</p> <p>Hymns: #263 "When Jesus the Healer" #273 "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" #399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"</p>
February 6, 2011	<p>Remember Your Baptism Sunday</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Matthew 3: 11-17</p> <p>Message: "I Need To Be Baptized"</p> <p>Hymns: #261 "Lord of the Dance" #605 "Wash, O God, ..."</p>



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/02 Virginia Childress
- 1/03 Robert Newton
- 1/03 Larry Anderson
- 1/04 Zachary Hatcher
- 1/05 Agnes Rud
- 1/07 Fran Allen
- 1/08 Theresa Doud
- 1/09 Clinton Gass
- 1/09 Corrine Trigg
- 1/09 Alexander Brugge-
mann
- 1/10 Virginia Hanna
- 1/11 Alex Paré
- 1/12 Robert Farber
- 1/14 Suzanne Hopkins
- 1/16 Nickolas Ring
- 1/18 Jocie Kircher
- 1/18 Mickey Meehan
- 1/19 Linda Ruark
- 1/23 Karen Tucker
- 1/24 Charles Young
- 1/28 Katie Hedge



Directory Changes and Corrections:

A new Congregational Handbook will come out in January.

Gobin membership as of December 23rd is 205.

Would you like to receive the eDevotional?

If you would like to receive a daily devotions along with some calendar information and birthdays as well as upcoming events, please consider being added to our eDevotional list. Just let Denise in the church office know you'd like to be added.

SERVING ON SUNDAYS IN JANUARY					
Joe & Rita Ferguson are greeting newcomers and visitors for the month of January.					
Position	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Steward	Anita Edenfield	Anita Edenfield	Anita Edenfield	Anita Edenfield	Anita Edenfield
Fellowship	Carol Krag	Sally Sunkel	Carolyn Houck	Chris Hebb	Suzanne Hopkins
Assisting in the Nursery	Katie Hedge	Harriet Watson	Corrine Trigg	Courtney Sweet	Katie Hedge
Children's Church	Hebbs	Barrands	Trigg/Lazar	Theedes	Shuck

GOBIN ACTIVITIES

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:30am Worship	3 6:30pm Missions	4 4:30pm Bells 5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7:00pm Bible Study	5	6	7 ← PT's days off →	1/8
9 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Newcomer's Mtg w/ Bill Hamm	10 First Mondays—PT in Bloomington 7:00 pm Trustees	11 4:30pm Bells 5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7:00pm Bible Study	12 7:00pm Education	13 9:30am UMW Exec. Bd Mtg 1:30pm Bethel Mtg in Lib. Rm at Gobin	14 ← PT's days off →	15
16 10:30am Worship	17 7:00 pm Finance	18 4:30pm Bells 5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7:00pm Bible Study	19 7:00pm Endowment 7:00pm Genesis Mtg	20 Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm Stewardship	21 ← PT's day off →	22 6-8pm Dinner and Game Night "G-O-B-I-N"
23 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	24 7:00 pm Church Council	25 4:30pm Bells 5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7:00pm Bible Study	26	27	28 ← PT's days off →	29
30 10:30am Worship	31 10am-3pm Sewing Bee in Colonnade Room					

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9 3-5pm Rod Warfield band rehearsal 4-7pm Financial Peace Univ 5:00pm Lisa's Girl Scouts	10 4:00 pm TOPS	11 9:00 am Tot's Time 5:30-8:30pm Parents & Divorce Class	12	13 4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen	14 5-8pm Scrapbooking	15 10am-12pm Warfield guitar lessons 8:00 pm AA mtg
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THANK YOU

Gobin has a truly giving spirit as evidenced by these many thank yous from various organizations. Our Missions Committee with support from the Dorothy Stickle Fund is responsible for many of these contributions to the SAWS project, the balance of the 3rd Quarter Missions, and InterVarsity.

10/19/10 To our brothers and sisters in Christ gathered as Gobin Memorial United Methodist:
 Thank you for the kind and generous gift to support the budding, promising work of the SAWS ministry. Your gift will help us build another ramp in Putnam county for someone in need.
 It is a joy to serve God with you, Rev. Wes Kendall of Greencastle Presbyterian Church



Dear Friends in Mission; 10/8/10 & 10/19/10
 Thank you for your gift in support of the following missionaries and ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries:

Project# 773726	Red Bird Mission	Kentucky	\$1000.00	rec'd on 10/01/10 & 10/12/10
Project # 123615	Tree of Life Ministry	South Dakota	\$1093.00	rec'd on 10/01/10 & 10/12/10

 May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.
 Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes General Treasurer General Board of Global Ministries	Shawn Bakker Associate General Secretary The Advance
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Dear Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church: 10/20/10
 This letter gratefully acknowledges the receipt of your charitable gift as follows:
 10/18/10 \$575.00 FBO Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church Endowment Fund
 Again, thank you. We are so grateful for your support and welcome your ideas and involvement in our activities. Your contribution assists the Community Foundation in our mission to enrich the quality of life and strengthen community for this and future generations.
 Sincerely, M. Elaine Peck
 Executive Director, Putnam County Foundation

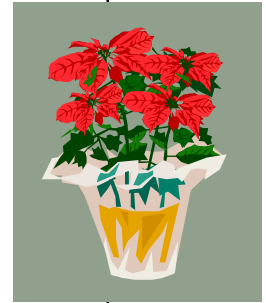


Thank You 11/08/10
 Everyone at the A-Way Home Shelter is truly grateful for your generous contribution. Without the support of contributors like you, we could not keep our doors open. The A-Way Home Shelter hereby acknowledges the receipt of the following donation:
 Paper Towels, Can of Pasta
 Again, thank you so much Alyce West

With Thanks 11/19/10
 We at InterVarsity are thankful for you, our friends, who support and encourage InterVarsity's ministry to students and faculty on university campuses across the nation. And we're aware that many of you are ministering in your own spheres of influence. As we gather for Thanksgiving celebrations, we thank God for his abundant blessings through you to your communities and to InterVarsity.
 11/19/2010 gift for InterVarsity Ministry through Samantha and Steven Spencer \$1,000.00

PRETTY POINSETTIAS

Thanks to all the people who purchased poinsettias in memory of loved ones or in honor of friends and relatives. The proceeds of the poinsettias, which amounted to \$53.30, will go to the 4th Quarter Missions to benefit the A-Way Home Shelter and the Mary Allison Children's Trust. Thanks again for your generosity. If you purchased the poinsettias, please be sure to take them home after the Christmas Eve Service.



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The Christmas wreath sale was a great success. Thanks to all who purchased the beautiful wreaths. We made a profit of \$460.61. These profits will go in the Education Fund for 2011.

Thanks for a Great Cookie Sale

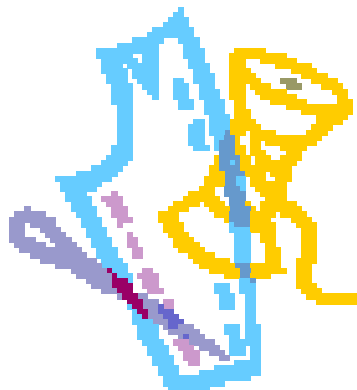
Thanks to everyone that helped make the Cookie Sale such a success this year. This project wouldn't happen without all of the people that baked cookies and all of the people that worked during the Cookie Sale! Special thanks to the Cookie Sale committee members: Sharon High, Lois Underwood, Kathy Sanders and Suzanne Hopkins. Thanks also to the coffee drinkers for saving your cans. Please start saving your coffee cans now for next year. We especially need large cans. Thanks to everyone that bought cookies. Despite the snow we sold all of our cookies on Saturday except for two small cans. We raised over \$1,000 for the Gobin Kitchen Fund.



Finally a special thank you to Marilyn Culler for donating the stained glass window cards. The money raised from the cards will be used to buy a much-needed upgrade to our recording equipment. Gobin will move out of the tape age into the digital age. A few cards are still available for purchase in the church office.

SEWING BEE RESUMES IN JANUARY

The Sewing bee will be Jan 31, 2011 from 10 AM to 3 PM (weather permitting) in the Colonnade Room. We will be working on clothing covers for Asbury Towers and Franklin Community Home and walker bags for Asbury Towers. Donations of materials are still appreciated. Come work for a bit, enjoy the socialization, go out for a bite to eat, while helping out our friends. Have fun with a mission!!



Gifts of Warmth from the Mitten Tree

Thanks to your generosity the A-Way Home Shelter (pic at left), Headstart (pic. below) and the Johnson-Nichols Clinic (pic at right) received 134 hats, 69 pairs of gloves, 17 hat and mitten sets, 1 scarf, and 2 headbands. What a great way to share the Spirit of Christmas.



Dear Members of the Gobin Church, 12/13/10
Thank you for your contribution of gloves and hats for the children that come for Clinic services.
We know that the children will have a warmer holiday season due to your kindness and thoughtfulness.
Yours truly, Ruth Ralph, Executive Director



“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” - Maya Angelou

To Everyone at Gobin,
Thank you for contributing the remaining amount needed for the fence at Big Walnut Sports Park. We are so grateful that it will be completed soon. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, prayers, love and support. It made a huge impact in our lives. We are so glad we are a part of the Gobin family. Jim, Laurie, and Eli (see card on tree outside the office)



THANK YOU

The entire staff of Gobin Church would like to thank the congregation for the very generous gifts given for the Christmas season. The cards, individual gifts, and monetary gifts were all very much appreciated. Your generosity has touched our hearts.

Thanks again,
P.T., Denise, Jared, Michael, Alvia, Mossie, and Katie

NEW BOOKS IN UMW LIBRARY

by Marge Smith



The purpose of the Reading Program is to encourage United Methodist Women members:

- to expand understanding of and participation in God's mission;
- to increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests, and concerns;
- to encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today;
- to grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life;
- to enhance self-knowledge and to act from that knowledge; and
- to strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

United Methodist Women recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. The Reading Program does not intend that readers accept each word or idea contained within each volume. Some books you may agree with. Some you may not. Either is all right. United Methodist Women care and want you to be a knowledgeable and caring Christian about current issues.

This year 5 books have been added to the Gobin UMW library. As usual books from the last 4 years are acceptable for any of the programs you choose for your program. Any of the books in the case are eligible, and additional books may be found in the public library. A list of all of the new books in the program, with a brief description or them is posted on the bulletin board above the UMW book case. I will add the public library holds as soon as possible, and include their call numbers.

Like Breath and Water, Praying with Africa (Education for Mission—a bonus book*)

Same Kind of Different As Me: A modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together. (Nurturing for Community)

Not Just a One Night Stand: Ministry With the Homeless (Social Action)

If You Know Who You Are You'll Know What To Do: Living With Integrity. (Spiritual Growth)

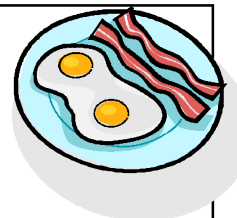
Disfigured: A Saudi Woman's Story of Triumph Over Violence (Education for Mission)

The 2011 Reading Program Offers 5 Categories this year so we'll have more choices for your reading, but you still have to read only the same number of books. The categories are: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. These five categories reflect the programming areas and the PURPOSE of the UMW.

In the bookcase you will also find copies of the UMW magazines *Response* and *New World Outlook*, both of which are useful for programs or just information reading and are part of the program requirements.

MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST 2010

Midnight Breakfast was a roaring success! Chef John Hecko and friends served 218 on the coldest night of the year. Students didn't begin rolling in until nearly 11:15pm but soon began texting other students to brave the cold and join them. Wave after wave of hungry students arrived until 1:05am and devoured scrambled eggs, pancakes and syrup, sausage, and bacon (60 pounds, I believe!). Many thanks to all who came and helped with the set up, the food preparation, serving of the food, and the clean up afterwards. And many thanks to Brian Howard; he played Christmas music on the clarion all evening. That was a treat!



PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR JANUARY

Ann K. Newton

Beth Newton Watson and Harriet Watson will be going to Guatemala in July 2011. They would like your help in obtaining medicine to send ahead for their work there. Below is a list of medicines they would like to have to pass out to needy residents. Here is the announcement:

HOOSIER MISSIONARY NEEDS MEDICINE, SUPPLIES AT NEW CLINIC IN GUATEMALA. SAN ANDRES SEMETABAJ, Guatemala – The Mission Guatemala clinic is now open in San Andrés Semetabaj, Guatemala. Hoosier United Methodist missionary to Guatemala, Tom Heaton, told e-HUM, “We are having a medicine drive during February. We are hoping that Indiana churches, especially those around the Indianapolis area, will help us. Some of the medicines that are readily available in the United States are hard to get here and expensive. The same thing goes for adult and children multi-vitamins.”

- Acetaminophen
- Adult multi-vitamins
- Child multi-vitamins
- Ibuprofen
- Child acetaminophen
- Acetaminophen drops
- Loratadine (Generic allergy medicine)
- Calcium Carbonate (generic Tums)
- Bismuth Subsalicylate tablets (generic Pepto Bismol)
- Pregnancy tests
- Snack-size zip lock bags (for packaging medicines)
- Generic eye drops for dry eyes
- Gently used dish towels
- Phenylephrine (generic decongestant)
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Triple antibiotic cream



Heaton asks church members to bring these items to their church during the month of February. All dates on medicines need to be current and not expired. Also attach a dollar to each item to help defray the cost of shipping. He asks that before March 5, churches send or deliver these medicines and supplies to Calvary United Methodist Church, 575 W. Northfield Street, Brownsburg, IN 46112; phone 317-852-9207. Senior Pastor Todd Outcalt has volunteered Calvary UMC to sort and pack the items for shipping to Guatemala. For more information and updates about Mission Guatemala, visit www.missionguatemala.com.

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

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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Members of the Finance Committee are hosting a Dinner and Game Night fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 22. Tickets for the dinner, which will be prepared by Gobin's own Jeff Hansen, are \$10 each. After dinner we'll play "GOBIN!" — our own spin on classic bingo. Cards for the game will be available for a donation at the event. Prizes will be donated baked goods. Proceeds will go toward the support of Gobin's ministries. For more information, call 658-6003.

Join us for a night of family fun!

SAVE THE DATE!!!
Saturday, January 22nd 6-8pm
Dinner and Game Night "G-O-B-I-N"

