

June 2011



Good News From Gobin

Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church

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

NO ORANGES, PLEASE !!! for June 2011



Around the country the United Methodist denomination has appointed pastors to serve full-time in what is called two-point (or more) charges. In effect that pastor's work is spread between or divided between the needs of the larger parish. In some regards that has been true with my appointment as both the pastor of Gobin Memorial and as the University Chaplain for DePauw University.

Usually my two "parishes" know little of what I do for the other. Recently a situation occurred in which my two responsibilities merged.

On the Sunday night before Spring Semester finals it was discovered that a University student's life had ended. Attending an overnight with my clergy covenant group at McCormick's Creek State Park, I received the telephone call at 10:52pm requesting me to return at once so that I could be a part of the team in service and ministry to the student body (a team numbering

around twenty). Somehow I made it back to Greencastle within the hour and by the next hour had opened up the Sanctuary of the church for prayer.

Many came that first evening and morning. The lights were turned very dim and the flames on the altar were lit. Some wanted to be alone in their thoughts, some wanted to pray aloud, and some asked me to pray with them and for them. For many hours the Sanctuary of Gobin Memorial became a site of comfort and support on a night when shock and grief were so immediate. I prepared the Sanctuary again both Monday and Tuesday evenings and again some from the University community found a place that provided a true sanctuary for them. In addition, members of the young man's family also sought solace and comfort in our Sanctuary both during the evening and during the days that followed. I am to relate to you words of thanks and appreciation from his parents.

Most of you would not know that this had happened if I didn't share this information with you. As the pastor I get to be the face of Gobin Memorial when others are going through times of hurt and need. During this event many "saw" Gobin Memorial's presence even in the middle of the night when the Sanctuary was still opened and all were welcomed. Many from the DePauw community now feel that the church community is present for them and cares. Making our Sanctuary available when the campus or community is hurting is an important ministry of this congregation. It was a humbling experience for me to represent Gobin in this situation and I consider it a privilege to have been able to serve in this way.

Many in the University have appreciated that I was able to be a member of the team that responded during that crisis. Yet that side of my appointment had no idea that this was my third Sunday evening in a row responding to a crisis

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in the middle of the night because they don't "see" what happens with the families of Gobin Memorial. Most in the University hold a great deal of respect for your church and our ministries that touch the

University community. And, campus and community alike, we often don't think about our needs and responses until there is a crisis in our lives. But when one occurs, it is good to know that the church, its Sanctuary, and its Pastor are there!

Gobin Memorial is still an important part of the spiritual life of DePauw.

P.T. Wilson

(with assistance from Jeff Hansen and Marilyn Culler)

Good News from Church Council

Trustees have met with a representative from DePauw to discuss the impact of the DePauw Master Plan on Gobin Church. Anderson Street will be the main entrance to the campus and Emison, the building to the west of Gobin, will become the Admissions office.

Simpson Street, which runs by Gobin's main entrance, may be closed making Wesley Hall the main entrance to the church. LaWayne Engelstad is heading up a group to plan for the DePauw Master Plan situation that includes Jeff Hansen, Dick Sunkel, Joe Ferguson, Laurie Hardwick, Amber Bowers, Vic Hunter, Chris Shuck, and Eric Wolfe. The group plans to meet with Pres. Casey and others from DePauw to see how Gobin might be able to help as DePauw moves forward and what we might be able to do with our building to help achieve those goals. After this meeting the group will meet with Kevin Stuck, with Ethos Architecture, who provided a structural report of the church building and designed the sanctuary renovation, as we need to determine what is and isn't possible.

The Finance Committee wants every Gobin ministry and program to create "Wish List" for current and future needs. These could be used to designate special gifts that come to the church from time to time.

A second mediation between representatives from Old National Bank and Gobin (Paul Wright, Jeff Hansen, Beth Davies, and John Schlotterbeck) took place on May 5. There was no resolution. A summary judgment is scheduled for early June.

2ND Quarter Mission – Johnson Nichols Health Clinic

This clinic has had a long and successful history, and its connection with Gobin UM Church makes it an important mission for us to support.

The goal is \$2000 and as of May 19th we have collected \$ 843.36.

We will continue to collect for this mission through June in hopes of reaching our goal.

Thank you for helping to support this worthy cause!!!

Barb Rice, Mission Committee Chairman

WANTED: SPECIALS DURING SUNDAY WORSHIP

Your help is needed! While the choir is away for the summer, would you be willing to lead a Special before the Message is given? These can be songs, poetry, inspirational readings, liturgical dance; the possibilities are endless! Please call Denise at the Church Office to schedule your Sunday. And thanks for contributing to the Sunday worship service during the summer months.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP !

May 29, 2011	<p>Memorial Day Service</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Psalm 23</p> <p>Message: "The Valley of the Shadow..."</p> <p>Hymns: #577 "God of Grace and God of Glory" #707 "Hymn of Promise" #377 It is Well With My Soul"</p>
June 5, 2011	<p>Celebration of Holy Communion</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Psalm 23</p> <p>Message: "You Prepare a Table"</p> <p>Hymns: #378 "Amazing Grace" #625 "Come, Let Us Eat" #614 "For the Bread Which You ..."</p>
June 12, 2011	<p>DePauw's Alumni Weekend Worship Service and Pentecost Sunday</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Message: Rev. Dr. Roger Ireson</p> <p>Hymns: #558 "We Are the Church" #347 "Spirit Song" #557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"</p>
June 19, 2011	<p>Father's Day Worship Service and Peace With Justice Sunday (you will be invited to participate in this national offering)</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Luke 24: 36-45</p> <p>Message: "Peace Be With You"</p> <p>Hymns: #710 "Faith of Our Fathers" #526 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"</p>
June 26, 2011	<p>Second Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Children's Message: Teddy Shuck</p> <p>Text: guest speaker Lisa Trigg</p> <p>Message: "Conversations with God"</p> <p>Hymns: #351 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" #593 "Here I Am, Lord"</p>



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/01 Beverly Wagoner
 6/02 LaWayne Engelstad
 6/03 Jessica Roberts
 6/05 Vanessa Bouslog
 6/06 Robert Watson
 6/06 Matthew Pavelka
 6/08 Chris Shuck
 6/08 Kennedy Trigg
 6/12 Betty Sendmeyer
 6/13 Cathy Siebrase
 6/14 Rex Harbison
 6/16 Kathryn Sanders
 6/17 David Bray
 6/19 Erlene Richardson
 6/19 Sherry Hedge
 6/20 Betty Wright
 6/22 Dorothy Buechler
 6/22 Kent Mecum
 6/25 Billy Whitehouse
 6/25 Jackie Young
 6/26 Wilson Hecko
 6/27 Ann Newton
 6/28 Vince Lazar
 6/29 P.T. Wilson
 6/29 Tina Grzesiek
 6/29 Courtney Sweet



Directory Changes and Corrections:

P. 34 Kinton, Anne* —Add Asterisk after Anne's name.
 She is now a full member of Gobin.

Gobin membership as of May 24th is 202.

July Stewardship Campaign Kick-off
Watch for upcoming announcements in June!

APRONS

Thanks to the 2nd mile giving and the Bethel Circle for the new blue aprons in the kitchen with white embroidery saying "Gobin Memorial UMC". We can use them for the Midnight Breakfasts, funeral dinners, Lenten breakfasts, and other food ministries from Gobin.

SERVING ON SUNDAYS IN JUNE

Lois Underwood and Nettie Smithers are greeting newcomers and visitors for the month of June.

Position	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Ushers	Chris Hebb Tiffany Hebb Joanne Kissinger John Schlotterbeck	Jody Verplaetse Bob Forsyth Dick Sunkel Sally Sunkel	Marilyn Culler Marilyn Gough Barb Rice Lisa Trigg	Ken Gwinn Lynette Gwinn Joe Ferguson Rita Ferguson
Communion Steward	Joanne Kissinger	Joanne Kissinger	Joanne Kissinger	Joanne Kissinger
Fellowship	Mariette Bargaen	Sally Sunkel	Betty Dean	Jean Zellers
Counters	Sally Sunkel	Fran Allen	Pat Clover	Doretta Poynter
Assisting in the Nursery	Corrine Trigg	Courtney Sweet	Katie Hedge	Harriet Watson
Children's Church	Andy & Jamie Barrant	Lottie Barcus	Scott & Denise Thede	Teddy Shuck

CHURCH PICNIC—Thursday, June 2nd

Come join us as we have a church picnic on Thursday, June 2nd at the shelter house north of the softball field at Robe Ann Park. Setup will begin at 5:00pm with eating to begin at 5:30pm. We want to help support our softball team who has a doubleheader that evening. The softball team will play at 7:15pm against New Hope and 9:15pm against Putnamville. Come for the picnic, stay for the fellowship, and let's cheer on our softball team to two victories!!



Lawn Chair Worship Returns for June and July



Lawn Chair Worship returns on June 5th! For the months of June and July First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Gobin Memorial United Methodist will share in leading an 8am worship service for those who won't be able to come to the traditional services held later at each church. Usually thirty minutes in length, there will be hymn singing, prayer, and a message or devotional at each service. These will be held at Bowman Park at the corner of Locust and Hanna Streets; rain dates for June are at Gobin Church and rain dates for July are at First Christian.

BEIGNET MINISTRY OFF TO A GREAT START

We've already had one weekend of serving up Gobin ministries and beignets at the Downtown Greencastle Farmers' Market, and we sold out of the beignets!! Now in all fairness, we did give out more samples for this first weekend, but people seem to love the beignets!! And, this venue is an easy place to casually talk up Gobin UM Church and various our ministries.



Our Gobin Beignet Ministry continues now through October 29th. If you are interested in working the booth, please sign up on the Beignet Sign-up Sheet on the Bulletin Board across from the church office. Here's what we need in terms of workers:

- Friday afternoon: Mixing of dough
- Saturday morning-7:00am Rolling out of dough and cutting beignets
- Saturday morning-7:30am Set up of Stand on Courthouse Square
- Saturday morning 8-12 Cooking and Selling beignets
- Saturday 12:00pm (noon) Take down stand

If you're unable to work, we would gladly take some donations of the following:
Evaporated Milk, Canola Oil, Self-Rising Flour, Waxed Paper,
Paper Towels, Paper Bags, or Money to purchase supplies

We hope to make this a fun and profitable event and to enlighten the community with the many benefits and spirit one can receive from Gobin.

If questions, please contact:

Doretta Poynter dpoynter@frontier.com 653-3942 or cell 721-1167 or
Nancy Gambill ngambill@ccrtc.com cell 317-989-7872

UMW to Visit Indiana United Methodist Children's Home on June 16th

For our June Unit meeting, the women of Gobin UMW are planning a trip on June 16 to Lebanon, Indiana, to tour the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. We will car-pool, and plan to leave from the church at 8:45am in order to be in Lebanon for the 10am guided tour, which will last about 1 and 1/2 hours.

A lunch will be provided by Subway after the tour. There is no charge for the meal, but free-will donations will be accepted. All women are invited to attend, and if you are planning to go, please respond to Kathy Sanders at 653-8080 or kasanders44@hotmail.com.

Many thanks to all who have donated toilet paper tubes, wrapping paper tubes, or plastic wrap tubes for this year's Vacation Bible School. We now have PLENTY!! Thanks again.

Exciting Summer for Children's Ministry



With summer approaching fast I am looking forward to an exciting summer as Director of Children's Ministries. There are some exciting things in the works for this summer. Although all of the dates haven't been narrowed down as of yet.

The first exciting event will be Vacation Bible School from 6-8 p.m. July 11-15. We will be "Shaking Up" excitement about our Lord and the Bible with an exciting week of activities. I am excited about offering Vacation Bible School at Gobin. This will be the first time in several years that we have hosted our own Vacation Bible School.

This year's theme "*Shake It Up*" *Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe* should be a lot of fun. The Bible gives us the recipe: be ready for God's call, give happily to God and to others, believe fully in Jesus as God's Son, remember Jesus' life and teachings and celebrate God forever. Each night we will focus on a different Bible Bite that will feature a Bible verse. All of the lessons revolve around food. Vacation Bible School is open to all children ages 4 through 12. Groups will be mixed to allow the older children to work with the younger children—giving the younger children someone they can look up to.

During the week we will also be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the local food banks. This is one way that the children can give back to the community. The week will culminate with a short music production and an ice cream party on July 15.

Anyone that is interested in attending or helping drop me an email (abarrand73@yahoo.com) or see me at church. I will have registration forms available.

I am also looking at having a couple of outings throughout the summer, possibly one a month at this point. I am thinking about going to the Indianapolis Zoo for the day and possibly Turkey Run State Park. This will give the children of the church the opportunity to be together during the summer months. This is still in the planning stages and I am looking to start small for this year. If all goes well maybe we can expand it next summer.

Andy Barrand
Director of Children's Ministries.

ACTIVITIES AT GOBIN

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1-7pm Sanctuary reserved for Summer Classical Mus 7:30pm Summer Classical Music	2 4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen	3	4 10am-12pm Rod Warfield guitar lessons 8:00 pm AA mtg
5 3-5pm Rod Warfield band rehearsal	6 4:00 pm TOPS	7 9:00 am Tot's Time	8 1-7pm Sanctuary reserved for Summer Classical Mus 7:30pm Summer Classical Music Series	9 4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen	10 5-8pm Scrapbooking	11 10am-12pm Warfield guitar lessons 8:00 pm AA mtg
12 3-4:30pm Lisa's Girl Scouts 3-5pm Rod Warfield band rehearsal	13 4:00 pm TOPS	14 9:00 am Tot's Time 5:30-8:30 Parents & Divorce Class	15 1-7pm Sanctuary reserved for Summer Classical Mus 7:30pm Summer Classical Music Series	16 4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen	17	18 10am-12pm Rod Warfield guitar lessons 8:00 pm AA mtg
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An Evening with Artist Eddie Begay

On Thursday, June 23rd at 7 PM Gobin will be hosting nationally renowned Navajo jewelry artist Eddie Begay. Mr. Begay's work has been selected as "best of show" at the annual Eiteljorg Museum Indian Market in recent years. He will be making a presentation in the sanctuary in which he will describe his creative process, and share how to identify authentic Native American jewelry. Following the presentation a light dessert and coffee/beverages will be served, and Mr. Begay will have jewelry for sale. Tickets to this event can be purchased in advance for \$10 with proceeds from ticket sales supporting Gobin's ministry. See any member of the Finance Committee for tickets or obtain them from the church office.



PRESENTATION ON NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY

In preparation of the Eddie Begay Workshop on June 23rd, Pastor Wilson has been asked to lead a general overview on Native American Spirituality. This will be held on Tuesday evening, June 14th, in the sanctuary at Gobin Memorial Church. It is scheduled to begin at 7pm. Others will be assisting with the leadership of this presentation as well. Desserts will be served.



REPAIR FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN

Over the years many of the links in Gobin's Telephone Prayer Chain have been broken by death or by moves out of the community. As part of the Gobin Alive program, the "passionate worship" committee is attempting to repair this chain.

To do this we need people who believe in the power of prayer and are willing to spend a short time in prayer for those who CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND REQUEST PRAYER FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE. You need only to make your own prayer and then call the next person on the chain so that the prayer request will go on.

As your part in bringing "Gobin Alive" will you consider becoming part of this chain? Call Marge Smith at 653-3574 to sign up or get more information.

Summer Enrichment Program Opens Monday, June 6

In just a few days the sounds of busy happy children will be heard inside Gobin and around the East College Lawn. The theme for this year is "Superheroes," and over 70 children are enrolled with a long wait list! Karen Hirt returns as Education Director for the third year and will be assisted by Julie Stevens and many experienced college counselors and high school mentors. They include:

Katie Trigg, Krista Gardner, Robert Watson, Sydney Terry, Tess Handy, Fred Soster, Harriet Watson, Jake Matthews, Mary Pearl Ivy, and Melanie Bittles. Children will enjoy swim lessons, games, reading, developing social skills, trips to the Putnam County Library, Putnam County Museum, and a fishing trip!



We are very close to meeting our fund-raising needs for the summer, but it is not too late to contribute.

Please visit the program anytime from June 6 to July 8 and see what a difference your contribution makes in the lives of Putnam County children. We also welcome a donation of time. In the past community members have come and worked with students on writing, science, crafts, theater, music, and nature. These children appreciate adults that offer them their time and attention.

Greencastle Summer Music 2011 Schedule

all programs subject to change

<p style="text-align: center;">June 1</p> <p>Violinist Allison Edberg and singer-songwriter Joe Peters: the Classical-Folk Connection</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 8</p> <p>DePauw Music Faculty Anne Reynolds (flute), Leonid Sirotkin (oboe), and Randy Salman (clarinet)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 15</p> <p>Duo Amabile: violinist Matvey Lapin and pianist Katya Kramer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 22</p> <p>Clarinetist Gareth Guest: The Classical-Jazz Connection</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 29</p> <p>Improvisations, classical music, and a touch of Michael Jackson from rising young New York pianist John Kamfonas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 6</p> <p>DePauw Faculty Violist Nicole Brockmann and friends</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 13</p> <p>Pianist Eugenio Urrutia and cellist Eric Edberg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 20</p> <p>Brilliant young trombonist and electronic musician Seth Tsui</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 27</p> <p>Marjorie Hanna (cello) and Jill Pitz (harp)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 3</p> <p>Songs from Russia featuring Anthony Weinstein, piano</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 10</p> <p>DePauw Faculty Pianist May Phang, piano</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 17</p> <p>Soprano Barbara Paré and pianist John Clodfelter</p>
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GOBIN MUSIC LOVERS



Once again, the Summer Classical Music Series will offer the 2011 weekly Wednesday music performances for the community starting June 1st. Gobin Church offers its sanctuary with its superior acoustics, as well as other assistance, to Eric Edberg, founder and director of the Series, which is supported by donations.

In order to underwrite the Series, I would like to encourage our members to donate any amount to the "Paul and Joanne Kissinger Endowment for the benefit of the Summer Classical Music Series." An amount as little as \$25.00 in memory or honor of anyone of their choice will be advertised under the Putnam County Community Foundation logo in the BANNER GRAPHIC. Smaller amounts are also very welcome and can be put in an envelope marked for the Paul and Joanne Kissinger Endowment for the benefit of the Summer Classical Music Series and placed in the offering plate or left in the church office.

Thank you for your support of this special music series.
Joanne Kissinger

“SOUP”-ER SUNDAYS

At a recent Kiwanis meeting, Judy Miller, Director of Putnam Country's Emergency Food Pantry, discussed the dire need of the collection of food for Putnam County's needy families.

She said that First Christian Church has decided to be the church to donate peanut butter weekly; this is their only item donated. I asked her what would be the second most-needed food item, and she said “soup”. The top 3 kinds to bring in would be **tomato, chicken noodle, and vegetable**. She asked if Gobin would consider becoming the “soup church”. That would be the only item we would collect, other than the paper products we collect on the first Sunday of each month.

We have not had a lot of food collected in the red wagon on Sunday mornings. We can do better!!

Let's all make an effort to bring a can of soup each Sunday and make it a “SOUP”-er Sunday!!

by Joe Ferguson



Join us for Summer Bible Study: The Apocrypha

The faith of Tobit, the heroism of Judith, and the wisdom of Solomon and Ben Sira are among the biblical stories that will be shared during a summer Bible Study planned for Wednesday evenings in June and July.

Certified lay speakers Marilyn Culler and Lisa Trigg will lead the class to introduce the books of the Apocrypha as biblical literature not commonly studied in Protestant churches. The Apocrypha provides a historical perspective of three centuries about which Protestant and Jewish canonical scriptures are silent. This was a formative period for both modern Judaism and Christianity. Written after the Hebrew scriptures, but before the Christian gospels, the people of the Apocrypha can be viewed almost as superheroes of faith for a Jewish population that had been dispersed in the Greek-dominated world of the Mediterranean.

The first class will meet June 15 with an introduction of the Apocrypha and an outline of texts to read. Other class dates are June 22, June 29, July 6, July 20, July 27, and possibly Aug. 3 and Aug. 10 if schedules and interest agree. Class time is 6:30 to about 7:20 p.m., giving people time to get to the Summer Concert Series at Gobin at 7:30 p.m.

When the weather is pleasant, the group may meet outside on the lawn around East College. Some handouts of texts may be available if requested in advance. Several publishers include the Apocrypha in study Bible editions and all Roman Catholic Bibles will include it. We suggest you use one of the following translations for your reading: *New Revised Standard Version, New Jerusalem Bible, New American Bible*.

Everyone is invited to attend this study group. For more information, talk to Marilyn Culler (765-721-3225 cell) or Lisa Trigg (765-247-8212 cell).

LISA TRIGG TO PREACH ON JUNE 26TH

Certified Lay Speaker Lisa Trigg will be preaching during worship on the last Sunday of June. This will be her first solo preaching experience and she has been preparing for it since the winter months. Her message is entitled “Conversations With God.” She has also chosen the hymns for that service so that they uplift her theme for worship. Come and support her that Sunday and be inspired by the word of God as delivered by one of our own.



Gobin Alive

Many came together on the Friday evening and Saturday Gobin Alive Workshop at Airy Knob Farm over the first weekend in May in an attitude of excitement. They set up many plan and also worked to further develop the first draft of our Horizon Statement into what it is today:

Gobin is the crossroads where everyone from the community, campus, and congregation is welcomed, comes together to know God, serves with love and genuine compassion, and builds relationships founded on Christ's teaching and examples.

The horizon statement guides us in the direction we are heading and shares our aspirations.

Gobin Alive has begun forming into five groups. We hope that **each person** of Gobin will join one of the groups as an active member or as someone who has ideas and can convey them to the group. The groups are centered around **Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity**. Select the group you feel most comfortable with and contact Denise in the office at gobin@gobinumc.org or 658-6003.

We hope you join us in earnest as we strive to bring "Gobin Alive".

RELAY FOR LIFE WRAP-UP

CONGRATULATIONS!!! In spite of the rain that arrived at 2:00am Sunday morning and the gust of wind that blew down the tent at Gobin's campsite in the middle of Saturday afternoon, this year's participation in the Relay for Life was a successful one. Twenty-four walkers participated, and we raised \$3,547 to help fight the battle against cancer.

Many thanks to ALL of you who walked, ALL of you who bought luminaria, ALL of you who made donations or contributed in any way. This includes Pat Clover and Nancy Andis who gave purses for the silent auction, Carol Krag who facilitated the "children's walk" and made the GOBI"N sign for the campsite, Erik Krag who handled all the "on-line" business, Anita and George Edenfield who provided the tent for the campsite and Denise Thede who put many notices in the church bulletins and eDevotional.

We are also indebted to Nettie Smithers and Rita Ferguson (and all the "rummage workers") who donated part of the proceeds of the rummage sale to Relay for Life.

The total raised by Putnam County was \$126,000. The goal was \$140,000, but since the American Cancer 'society at Lafayette does not close its books until August 1, 2011, and since money is still coming in they have hopes of meeting that goal.

So . . . To everyone who helped in any way . . . thanks for a job well done!!

But special thanks has to go to Marge Smith who always pulls Gobin together to donate such a large amount to the American Cancer Society for Relay for Life. We so appreciate all you do, Marge!! Thank YOU!!

Peace and Justice for June—Talking Points about Mission Guatemala

THE CLINIC

- Related to the United Methodist Church
- Currently open two days each week, hope to increase based on need
- In San Andres Semetabaj, Guatemala
- Dr Edgar Ejcalon the clinic doctor
- Providing low cost, high quality health care to the indigenous Mayan people of Guatemala

THE FEEDING CENTER

- Underfed and malnourished children will be receiving a healthy and nutritious lunch five days a week
- in the community of Nueva Esperanza, a displaced community overlooking San Andres Semetabaj
- currently there are 93 children enrolled in the Nueva Esperanza school
- the women in the community are trained and have signed an agreement to show up when scheduled to help prepare and serve the meals

THE PRESCHOOL

- provides early childhood education along with healthy and nutritious food to some of the poorest families in the area
- operates from 8 a.m. to Noon each day
- 37 children currently enrolled

MISSION GUATEMALA

- many Guatemalans live each day in deplorable conditions
- one of the major challenges is making sure that families actually own the land where new homes will be built
- many families were displaced following Hurricane Stan in 2005 and living in makeshift communities
- 51% of the population lives below the poverty line, meaning they lack the income to provide basic goods, services, and food for their families
- 16% of the population lives in extreme poverty, meaning they cannot even afford the food necessary to feed their family
- 12% of the population has an income less than \$2 per day
- Guatemala has an infant mortality rate, 36% of which results from pneumonia and 22% of which results from food or waterborne illnesses
- According to the World Health Organization, nearly 50% of Guatemalan children are malnourished



Please welcome
Gobin's Newest Member:
Anne Kinton

Anne has already been very active at Gobin as a member of the Gobin Choir, the Bells of Gobin, and Genesis Circle. She has also already helped with our Beignet Ministry and most recently helped to watch children during DePauw's Commencement. Please be sure to introduce yourself if you haven't met Anne already!!

**ROGER IRESON TO PREACH DURING
ALUMNI WORSHIP ON JUNE 12TH**

Rev. Dr. Roger Ireson will be the Alumni Preacher during worship on the second Sunday of June. A 1962 graduate of DePauw University, he is the former General Secretary of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church (1987-2001). He is a graduate of Garrett Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity, 1966), Manchester University in England (Ph.D. in 1974, where his thesis was "The Doctrine of Faith in John Wesley and the Protestant Tradition: A Comparative Study"), and has received seven honorary doctorates from around the world. He is the Alumnus of the Year from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (1996) and received the Alumni Citation Award from DePauw University (1992). He has served in parish ministry in Indiana (1961-1962 at Putnamville), Illinois (1963-1966), and Michigan (1970-1987). He is currently Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee, and a Visiting Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Green Mountain College, Poultney, Vermont.

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