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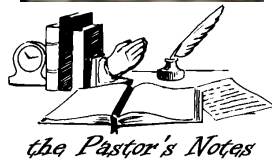
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We live so that all people will know they are loved by God.

NO ORANGES, PLEASE !!! for March 2011



The Christian Season of Lent will be arriving on the evening of Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011. It will continue until Sunrise Service on Easter morning, April 24th.

I'm asking that you add something to your individual spiritual practice during Lent 2011.

I'm asking that you fast.

Fasting is "to do without food." Practiced in both the Old and New Testaments, it is usually associated with any strong emotion or grief. It can be done as an individual's act of devotion. You'll find Biblical references where it is also associated with mourning, repentance, calamity, and urgent supplication (a type of prayer).

There are a variety of ways for practicing fasting. Some practice fasting by giving up a particular type of food during the entirety of the Season of Lent; then, you re-incorporate that food into your diet at a breakfast following Sunrise Service. Others pick one meal a week and decide to

spend that time in prayer (such is the tradition in parts of the South beginning with a noon Ash Wednesday service). You may pick one particular day during the week and consistently refrain from eating all foods during the sunlight hours; others pick a particular day during the week and refrain from eating all foods during a period of twenty-four hours. And others pick one particular meal of the day (breakfast, lunch, dinner, or evening snack) and "miss" that meal during every single day of the Season of Lent.

I must remind you that you need to be safe regarding this year's practice of fasting. For instance, if you are diabetic it would not be safe for you to skip meals; instead, I invite you to fast by giving up one particular food. There are other medical conditions that require consideration when fasting; for instance, persons with low blood pressure must be very cautious of what they give up and even when they give up a particular food or meal.

Why fast?

Fasting does not draw God's attention to us, it does not change the outcome of a loved one's illness, and it does not work as a tool for losing weight! Rather, fasting allows us to focus. It clears our minds so that we can be in personal devotion. It allows us to (at least) temporarily withdraw from the demanding routines of our lives so that we might reflect upon the decisions before us and the best choices to take.

Fasting also allows us to understand sacrifice in an experiential way. By our fasting we might gain a better wisdom in Jesus. According to the Scriptures he did not end his life. Rather, he gave his life as a sacrifice for us. During your period of fasting you might spend time in the New Testament Gospels recalling the parables and teachings of the Master. You also might pull out a Hymnal and sing hymns new and old that allows your soul to feel closer to God.

Will you do it? Will you at least try?

P.T. Wilson

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TRUSTEE NEWS—THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT

Van Update

After reviewing input from everyone, the trustees have decided to get the over-14-year-old van inspected and if keep it for one more year, assuming the inspection finds no major problems, to help out the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP). Since no one has used the van in the last year besides the SEP, they agreed to help fund some of the insurance and upkeep. This decision will be reviewed annually and we are also recommending that the van be used locally and not for trips out of town.



Special Thanks

One of the roles that the Trustees fill is taking care of facilities – both inside and outside the church. Always one of our hardest workers, Ross Davies, with all of the ice & snow the last month deserves a special thanks for keeping our walkways shoveled and removing all the ice. His diligence in salting & shoveling (along with some chipping) made the sidewalks and drop-off area safer for all of us. As anyone that had to remove the ice & snow knows, it was a lot of work! Be sure to thank Ross when you see him.

Gobin Alive



Come join in the re-birth of Gobin. We need your ideas, your concerns, and your vision to become ALIVE in our Greencastle community. Gobin desperately needs everyone to participate in this process.

We have short-and long-term opportunities. First, join a “discovery team” currently collecting data , information, and doing research. Then later be a part of focused teams that guide and implement our plan.

The process begins now with your input! We have started by forming research teams that are documenting what has happened to our Gobin congregation over the past years, what is happening at DePauw, what is changing in Greencastle, and what are the big trends in the Christian movement. This information will be the foundation of where we are today and the bases of our deeper understanding of what a Christian Community needs to be. Our research will guide our vision. Gobin needs you to participate in one of these discovery teams.

Our long-term opportunity begins at a weekend retreat on May 6-7th. It is at this retreat that we will decide our course of action for the next two years. We will have five teams focusing on:

1. Radical Hospitality
2. Passionate Worship
3. Intentional Faith Development
4. Risk-taking Mission and Service
5. Extravagant generosity

These five teams will meet monthly, define action within their groups, and move us ahead in our vision of what we are to become.

Everyone is encouraged to join us in” Gobin Alive”. Call Bill Hamm (653-8264) or the church office(658-6003) for additional information.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP !

March 6, 2011	<p>Transfiguration of the Lord and Celebration of Holy Communion</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Matthew 17: 1-13</p> <p>Message: "Visions In High Places"</p> <p>Hymns: #257 "We Meet You, O Christ" #260 "Christ, Upon the Mountain Peak" #258 "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"</p>
March 9, 2011	<p>Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Matthew 11: 28-30</p> <p>Message: "Come To Me"</p> <p>Hymns: #261 "Lord of the Dance" #269 "Lord, Who Throughout These ..." #399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"</p>
March 13, 2011	<p>First Sunday in Lent (daylight savings time begins!)</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Matthew 21: 28-32</p> <p>Message: Parables at the Temple: "Two Sons"</p> <p>Hymns: # 62 "All Creatures of Our God ..." #356 "When We Are Living" #295 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"</p>
March 20, 2011	<p>Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Children's Message: P.T. Wilson</p> <p>Text: Matthew 22: 1-14</p> <p>Message: Parables at the Temple: "Wedding Guests"</p> <p>Hymns: #103 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #359 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" #297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"</p>
March 27, 2011	<p>Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Children's Message: Teddy Shuck</p> <p>Text: Matthew 25: 1-13</p> <p>Message: Parables at the Temple: "Lamps"</p> <p>Hymns: # 98 "To God Be the Glory" #351 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" #298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</p>
April 3, 2011	<p>One Great Hour of Sharing and The Ritual of Holy Communion (you'll be invited to participate in this national offering)</p> <p>Children's Message: Jamie Barrant</p> <p>Text:</p> <p>Message: Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Hansen</p> <p>Hymns: #110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth" #314 "In the Garden"</p>



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/01 Helen Lawrence
- 3/03 Corinne Buchanan
- 3/04 Eleanor Howard
- 3/06 Adam Roach
- 3/07 Marian Cook
- 3/07 Carol Krag
- 3/08 Marjorie Smith
- 3/08 Rita Ferguson
- 3/08 Kelly Hansen
- 3/11 Megan Lavelly
- 3/14 Vera May Farber
- 3/17 Sarah Ring
- 3/19 Joanne Kissinger
- 3/20 Marylee McCam-mack
- 3/20 Roland Naylor
- 3/22 Kathryn “Katie” Trigg
- 3/24 Pat Braden
- 3/24 Gwendolyn Crawley
- 3/28 Harvey Pinney
- 3/28 Amber Hecko
- 3/29 Connor Barcus
- 3/30 Heather Elkins
- 3/31 Melissa Hatcher
- 3/31 Alys Moore

Directory Changes and Corrections:

P. 34 Remove Johnson, Judy—Death

Gobin membership as of February 21st is 203.



NO MARDI GRAS AT GOBIN THIS MONTH

Due to scheduling conflicts, there will not be a Mardi Gras celebration this year at Gobin. We have been invited by St. Andrew’s Episcopalian Church to their Shrove Tuesday Celebration on Tuesday, March 8th with pancakes from 5-7 and live jazz at 6:00pm.

Stewardship bumper sticker:

“Stewardship describes a community’s way of living as well as a personal relationship with Jesus.” –*Afire with God*, Betsy Schwarzentraub

SERVING ON SUNDAYS IN MARCH

Don & Linda Ruark are greeting newcomers and visitors for the month of March.

Position	March 6	March 14	March 20	March 27
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Steward	Nettie Smithers	Nettie Smithers	Nettie Smithers	Nettie Smithers
Fellowship	No Fellowship Pitch-In	Lois Underwood	Nettie Smithers	Carol Sweet
Assisting in the Nursery	Harriet Watson	Corrine Trigg	Courtney Sweet	Katie Hedge
Children’s Church	Andy & Jamie Barrand	Trigg/Lazar	Denise Thede	Teddy Shuck



GOBIN ACTIVITIES

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>4:30pm Bells</p> <p>5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:40pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>7:00pm Education</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">←—————→ Pastor's days off</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>12:00pm Pitch-In</p>	<p>7</p> <p>First Mondays—PT in Bloomington</p> <p>6:30pm Missions</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:30pm Bells</p> <p>5-7pm Shrove Tuesday at St. Andrew's</p> <p>5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm SPRT Trng UM Temple</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9-11 Gobin Alive Mtg at Gobin</p> <p>1:40pm Staff</p> <p>7:00pm Ash Wednesday Svc</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30am UMW Exec. Bd Mtg</p> <p>4:00pm SEP</p>	<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">←—————→ Pastor at Regional Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lenten Breakfast at Fillmore UMC</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time begins (Spring Forward—Lose an Hour)</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:30pm Bells</p> <p>5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:40pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>7:00pm Genesis Mtg</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:30pm UMW Unit Mtg</p> <p>7:00pm Stewardship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p style="text-align: center;">←—————→ Pastor's days off</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Lenten Breakfast at Russellville Community Church</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>2-4pm SPRT Tng Cloverdale UMC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 pm Finance</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Set up for Rummage Sale</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Set up for Rummage Sale</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm SPRT Tng LintonFirstUMC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Church Closed Power Off</p> <p style="text-align: center;">←—————→ Pastor's days off</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Lenten Breakfast Rummage Sale 8am-1pm</p>
<p>27</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>12:00pm Children's Group</p> <p>Youth Group</p> <p>2-4pm SPRT Tng</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am-3pm Sewing Bee in Colonnade Room</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:30pm Bells</p> <p>5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:40pm Staff Mtg</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Admin. Council Workshop Peniel UMC</p>		
<p>←—————→ Pastor at AAPC Association Conference in Phoenix, AZ</p>						

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March 2011

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		<p>1</p> <p>9:00 am Tot's Time</p> <p>4-6pm Exalt! in sanctuary</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4-6pm Exalt! in sanctuary</p> <p>4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:30-5:30pm Sarah Hersbberger in basement with POTH</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am-12pm Rod Warfield guitar lessons</p> <p>8:00 pm AA mtg</p>
<p>6</p> <p>3-5pm Rod Warfield band rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 am Tot's Time</p> <p>4-6pm Exalt! in sanctuary</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4-6pm Exalt! in sanctuary</p> <p>4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30-5:30pm Sarah Hersbberger in sanctuary with POTH</p> <p>5-8pm Scrapbooking</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am-12pm Warfield guitar lessons</p> <p>8:00 pm AA mtg</p>
<p>13</p> <p>3-4:30pm Lisa's Girl Scouts</p> <p>3-5pm Rod Warfield band rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 am Tot's Time</p> <p>4-6pm Exalt! in sanctuary</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4-6pm Exalt! in sanctuary</p> <p>4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:30-5:30pm Sarah Hersbberger in basement with POTH</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am-12pm Rod Warfield guitar lessons</p> <p>8:00 pm AA mtg</p>
<p>20</p> <p>2-3:30pm Horizons Class</p> <p>3-5pm R. Warfield band rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 am Tot's Time</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10am-12pm Rod Warfield guitar lessons</p> <p>8:00pm AA mtg</p>
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← Spring Break for Greencastle Schools & DePauw →

PIZZA SALE

Gobin will be selling pizzas as a fundraiser over the next several weeks. Members of the Finance Committee had a chance to sample the pizzas recently, and they were impressed. The pizzas taste great and are a good value too. The 14 inch pizzas cost anywhere from \$7 to \$9.50. The company also offers breakfast pizzas, frozen pies and cakes, gooey cakes, cheesecake, cake rolls, cookie dough and something called braided bread which is a fruit filled dessert. All products except the cakes are made fresh by T. J.'s Pizza which is based out of St. Louis. The cakes are made by Sara Lee. The quality is very good so we are sure everyone you sell to will be happy with what they get.

There is an order form on the back side of this page and forms will also be available at the church after Sunday morning worship on March 6. Just pick up a form and ask friends and co-workers if they want to buy. If they want to place an order, please collect their money at that time. Turn in your order form and money by April 3. We will then place the order with T. J.'s Pizza and they will deliver it sometime around April 15. When the order is delivered you simply pick up your orders and deliver them.

We need everyone's support on this project. If you aren't able to sell, please consider at least buying some. If you aren't able to buy any, please consider selling some. Working together we can accomplish great things to support our shared ministry at Gobin!

Haiti marks slow but measurable progress

A year after a massive earthquake shattered Haiti's infrastructure and the lives of its citizens, the commitment to rebuilding the Caribbean nation remains. However, even in the best of times, improving the lives of Haitians can be a daunting task.

November's deadly cholera outbreak and brush with Hurricane Tomas, December's tension-filled presidential election and the upcoming run-off election – now postponed until February or later – have helped slow earthquake recovery efforts.

"The last couple of months have been pretty difficult for people," said Melissa Crutchfield, who coordinates international relief for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. "I think it's stagnated the progress."

Progress has been particularly slow for those still living under tents, according to the Rev. Gesner Paul, president of the Methodist Church of Haiti, and many believe the government has not done enough to remedy that situation.

Despite the obstacles, Paul added, "Haiti will be rebuilt. It is for us as Haitians to work to rebuild Haiti." While the challenges of Haiti's recovery can be overwhelming at times, they are not insurmountable, says the Rev. John McCullough, a United Methodist pastor and top executive of Church World Service. His agency partnerships in Haiti – where it has worked for more than 50 years – remain strong, bonded by a sense of enthusiasm and a conviction that the efforts are making a difference.

By focusing on that demographic, the agency was able "to create centers where people could gather and not have to compete with those who are more physically able to get some of the basics."

The aid community quickly realized that the biggest challenges related to housing and the clearing of rubble would be verifying land ownership and approving an official building code, Crutchfield pointed out. "Once those two things are solved, I think things will move a lot more quickly," she said.

Grants from United Methodist Women helped the Lambi Fund of Haiti allocate emergency assistance to grassroots groups dealing with the influx of earthquake survivors in the Haitian countryside. All but one organization "was able to expand and double their crops," reported Karen Ashmore, executive director, and now recipients are ready to resume their traditional projects for sustainable development.

Haiti's partners need to take a look at what it will take to "ignite the economic engine of Haiti," McCullough said, to allow for real growth and development. That means holding the U.S. government and other pledging governments accountable for their promises, he added.



A UMNS photo by Mike DuBose.

Construction workers erect homes at Camp Corail, outside Port-au-Prince. Housing, both temporary and permanent, remains a key issue as Haiti rebuilds.

RELAY FOR LIFE IS COMING



WHEN: April 30-May 1, 2011

WHERE: Blackstock Stadium at DePauw University (weather permitting)

WHAT IS RELAY FOR LIFE: It is a stroll around Blackstock Stadium for an hour (or more or less) , basking in the carnival atmosphere, visiting with friends, checking out the silent auction items, and watching your children (if any) have a great time. It is an overnight community event that makes raising money for cancer research, education and advocacy a fun activity.

Above all else, Relay for Life is a celebration of life, a celebration of health, a celebration of cancer survivorship, and a way to pay tribute to those who have lost their battle with cancer.

Funds raised by this event make it possible for lifesaving research, education, advocacy, and service programs to continue.

Gobin’s team should be registered early in April so that we can have your T-shirt sizes ordered in time to get them before relay. This year they are asking all walkers to register online (and you can pay your registration fee online at that time). Erik Krag can help you with the registration if necessary. As usual there will be a special ceremony and lap around the track by all survivors. The special meal will be on Friday night before Relay. Survivors will receive invitations giving all the details in the mail.

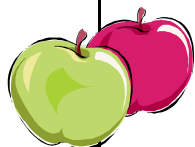
The luminaria ceremony will be at 10:00pm on Saturday night. This is a very moving ceremony to honor the cancer survivors and to remember those who have lost the fight. There are three types of luminaria offered this year—the regular white bag for \$10.00, a purple bag for \$25.00 and a Circle of Hope luminary for \$100.00. Walkers should have forms for all of these.

We hope that all of you will come to Blackstock Stadium some time during the day to cheer on Gobin’s team.

Fun Fundraiser Dinner

The Finance Committee recently sponsored a fundraiser dinner, or should I say a Fun Raiser Dinner. Besides having lots of fun we raised over \$650 to support Gobin's ministry.

Dinner included roast pork loin, apple salad (recipe below), mashed sweet potatoes, homemade bread and apple butter, and ice cream with homemade crunchy granola and homemade caramel sauce. After dinner everyone enjoyed playing "GOBIN" which is like BINGO only better! Winners won their choice of baked goods that were donated by many of the great cooks of Gobin. Thanks to all who helped prepare the meal, set up tables, run the Gobin game, or bring baked goods for prizes. If you missed it, just wait. It will probably happen again.



Recipe for Apple Salad

- 8-10 Yellow Delicious Apples
- 1 1 lb box of golden raisins
- 1 32oz container of vanilla yogurt
- 2-3 tablespoons of honey
- 2-3 teaspoons of cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon of lemon juice

Core and dice the apples into a bowl of water containing some lemon juice to prevent browning. Put the golden raisins in a sauce pan and cover with water. Heat to boiling then drain. Put the vanilla yogurt, honey, cinnamon, and lemon juice in a

large bowl and mix well. Taste to make sure it is sweet enough for you. Add more honey or cinnamon to your liking. Drain the apples and raisins well then add to the bowl containing the yogurt mixture. Stir well. Chill, Serve. Enjoy.

First Quarter Mission Project is Summer Enrichment Program

By Gayle Hansen



This is the last month to raise money for the Summer Enrichment Program as Gobin's First Quarter Mission Project. As of February 13th, we have only collected \$255.00. We had hoped to collect \$2,000. Any amount that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

The Gobin Mission Committee chose the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) as the first quarter mission project in 2011. 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 a 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.

Stewardship bumper sticker:

"Stewardship is an ongoing journey." –*Afire with God*, Betsy Schwarzentraub

The Sharing Spirits Sunday School Class has planned an outing on April 2, 2011 to Myers Dinner Theatre in Hillsboro, Indiana to see the stage play Smoke on the Mountain- Homecoming. All are welcome to join us!!

It's October, 1945. The war is over and America's years of prosperity are just beginning. The Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe is giving his last service. Having been called to preach in Texas, he's already bought a 10 gallon hat and is preparing to ride into the sunset with his wife, June, who is eight; months pregnant. Tomorrow June's brother Dennis will take over as the congregation's pastor. Join the Sanders Family as they send Mervin and June off in style, with hilarious and touching stories and 25 fabulous Bluegrass Gospel favorites.

We will car pool from the church at 10 AM on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The doors open at 11 AM, dinner is served at 12 noon. Show follows.

Cost is normally \$36, but our price is \$25. per person since we have a special ticket arrangement. We need the final count of who is going and the money by March 13, 2011.

Contact Lynette or Ken Gwinn if you would like to join us. (765) 739-6723



Stewardship bumper sticker:

“Stewardship becomes a way of life, flowing out from our hearts into daily action, our faithful behavior reinforcing our faith.” –*Afire with God*, Betsy Schwarzentraub

Leadership Training Events

Mark your calendar today!



Please mark your calendars for these upcoming Leadership Training events coming to our district!

Staff-Parish Relations Team Training - 102 *The 101 Workshop gives the "what" for Staff-Parish Relations Teams that they need but 102 works through the "how-to". This is an interactive workshop where the team will spend time working through key topics such as goal-setting, constructive evaluation, passion & gifts, and creative conflict. Therefore, it is critical that as many of the SPRT as possible attend this workshop together.*

- Sunday, March 13 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. UM Temple, Terre Haute
- Tuesday, March 15 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Rockville First UMC
- Sunday, March 20 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cloverdale UMC
- Thursday, March 24 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Linton First UMC
- Sunday, March 27 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Crawfordsville First UMC

Administrative Council Workshop - **LAST OPPORTUNITY!**

This training is to help lay leadership to understand the importance and relevance of mission/ visioning, discipleship development, spiritual gifts, and team thinking in order to advance the mission of the local church.

- Thursday, March 31 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Peniel UMC

"Our church particularly enjoyed and benefited from Ann's Administrative Council Training. We found the training so beneficial that we asked Ann to come and share a portion of her presentation with the entire congregation. Afterwards we received many positive comments about the presentation and its relevance to our church."

- Rev. Karen Bray, West Terre Haute Emmanuel UMC

Leadership Development Training

This team's responsibility is vital to the success of ministry within the local church. But how well do they know what to look for and how to match member's gifts and passion to the "right" ministry to serve in? This workshop will teach members how to conduct spiritual gift inventories, the relevance of a person's gift/mix, and how important ministry descriptions are. Please send as many as your team as possible even if you can't all attend the same session.

- Thursday, May 5 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Rockville First UMC
- Thursday, May 12 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Spencer UMC
- Tuesday, May 17 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Terre Haute Memorial UMC

Mission Guatemala opens preschool, feeding program

The Rev. Tom Heaton, director of Mission Guatemala, told Together the mission's preschool and feeding program opened the end of January.

He said, "We have 38 children now but expect about 50 by the end of February. That will put us at our current capacity. These are the poorest children in the area that have been prescreened by social workers with our partner organization Mayan Families." Given the cold and frozen day there, I thought the slide show/video I did might brighten your day.

Stewardship bumper sticker:

"Stewardship is overseeing every resource of life for God!" –*Afire with God*, Betsy Schwarzentraub

Conference on the road to financial recovery

INDIANAPOLIS – Following a tough year of financial fallout in 2009, 2010 was a much better year for the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church. It also was the first financial year for the new Conference.

Local church tithe income for conference went from \$12.6 million in 2009 to \$13.5 million in 2010, a 9 percent increase. In 2010 the new conference stayed within its \$15.1 million budget by spending \$14.4 million or 95 percent of its budget, leaving a budget surplus of \$653,782.

Reflecting on a successful financial year, Indiana Conference Council on Finance and Administration Chair Kent Millard said, "We thank God for the generosity of Indiana United Methodists in supporting God's work through our Annual Conference in this state and around the world. We commend our Conference staff for their frugality in holding down expenses in 2010 and the Indiana United Methodist congregations for giving a generous tithe of their income to enable the Indiana Conference to end the year in the black with all expenses and mission giving paid. To God be the glory!"

The most dramatic gain was the gain the Indiana Conference paid in its General Church apportionment, which went from \$1.9 million (52 percent of its asked apportionment) in 2009 to \$4.5 million (84 percent of its asked apportionment) in 2010. That's an increase of 61 percent. One third of the Indiana Conference's budget is our conference's General Church apportionment that supports the global mission of The United Methodist Church.

The current 2011 budget was approved by the 2010 Indiana Annual Conference session meeting in Muncie this past June, calls for \$15.6 million in income which includes both tithe income and district support. Of that, \$5.1 million will go for General Church apportionments.

Stewardship bumper sticker:

“Everything we do has a stewardship dimension.” –*Afire with God*, Betsy Schwarzentraub

PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR MARCH 2011

By Ann K. Newton

Yesterday at Church, someone asked if we could plan a trip down the Avenues and give out food or milk to needy people. I told her about a hand out sheet I had seen that Churches provide when they are doing God's work so that people will know which Church is witnessing to them and where they are always welcome. (I gave the one I had to Jeff Hansen with the suggestions that Gobin needed some of those printed for our Church.) I suppose she was thinking about our “Change the World” event on May 14 and 15.

Today, as I sat down to write this article, I found an article entitled, “Samaritan Runs” and thought, in light of the above question at Church, and the impending event in May, we should hear about some possibilities.

This is an event for a group of volunteers on a given Saturday morning to head out for a two hour “get-your-feet-wet” project. Being time limited is important as you don't want to wear anyone out the first time or make the activity too arduous. It is more fun to go with a bunch of people and there is safety in numbers. After praying first at Gobin, we launch ourselves into a chosen project.

Lots of churches are doing feeding projects already. What about ?

Screening for blood pressure

Distributing shoes

Giving away Coats in winter (someone already does this)

Feeding peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and Kool-Aid to the After School Program

Playing with Children in the park on the play ground

Listening to our friends at Asbury Towers, providing them a program

Reading to a shut-in

Staking out a site on a Saturday and handing out milk or Total or a dozen eggs.

I am sure you have other ideas, too. After a short time, many different things will be happening and the two hours will fly by! Those who volunteered will be encouraged that God can use even them in any small project. They will understand that God ministers through them. And those we meet will feel, “these people really love God and Jesus if they would come here to help us.” . Connection cards can be filled out and names can be exchanged. Relationships are established this way.

The Samaritan Run could be a springboard for many different kinds of activities. Do you have any ideas? (Original idea for a Samaritan Run is in [101 Ways to Help People in Need](#) by Steve and Janie Sjogren)

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- Rita Ferguson

Any questions or suggestions, give Nettie or me a call.

Thanks for helping.

open on March 26th at 8:00am.

This year we will set up on Wednesday, March 23 and Thursday the 24th. DePauw will probably turn off the electricity on March 25th so we need to be ready for the doors to

Teddy Shuck and the Comprehensive Services will again be preparing the luncheon!!

This year will be no exception, we need everyone to help make this year a success!!

Our first rummage sale was April 23, 2004. We have learned a lot about what works and what doesn't work. One thing for sure, it takes all of us—those who clean out their closets, drawers, basements, attics, and garages, and bring it to the church. Those who help set up and price everything, and those who serve as cashiers.



2011 RUMMAGE SALE—March 26th 8am-1pm