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Sharing God's Love at the Heart of Terre Haute

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FROM THE PASTOR

A few days ago, I went on a road trip to New Orleans with my stepson David. He had never been to the Big Easy, and I was determined to introduce him to some of the world's best food. For a few days, David tried raw oysters, po-boys of all kinds, jambalaya, and to be sure, gumbo. Of all of those foods, gumbo is the most interesting to me. Gumbo, a word that drives from a west African word for okra, can be described as a stew containing file' (ground sassafras leaves), roux (a thickening agent), and a variety of ingredients including sausage, shrimp, crab, chicken, oysters and ham.

Tasting New Orleans gumbo again reminded me of a few things. First, every gumbo is different. Different chefs and different ingredients assure this. Second, all the ingredients add something unique to the 'soup'. And third, someone has patiently and creatively brought this gumbo into being, and given it time to become a savory delight.

In a way, a church is quite like gumbo. No church is the same, in spite of the efforts of church growth theorists to reduce congregational life to a few formulations. Every person in the congregation has gifts that add infinitely to the life of the community. And God and the community work in creative harmony to bring the diverse mix of faith traditions, personalities, ages, genders, and spiritual gifts to life, and to give the church a savory presence in the world.

For the past three years, I have had the honor and pleasure of serving in this congregation, and this present time of transition reminds me why I do this work. It renews in me the sense of call. I have been with you as you sought to refine and define an energizing vision for the church. I have listened to you as you shared your stories of faith and life. You have privileged me by sharing your times of sickness and healing, grieving, and celebration. I have baptized your babies and more mature souls, and have shared as confirmands and others professed their faith. We have worshipped together, served together, and laughed and cried together. We have shared meals, and engaged in conversations over the very meaning of faith in Jesus Christ. And you have been profoundly generous with me as I worked with the challenge of loving my family who lived in a different town. For all of this, I am profoundly grateful, and know that I am forever different because of the life and story we have shared together. Thank you.

And now, change awaits us all. One food writer, describing the infinite variety of ingredients different chefs use in gumbo, writes, "...unless the diners are so set in their ways that they can't appreciate change, the result will be quite good." All of us, myself included, are going to experience change. I look forward to seeing how the gifts that Mel brings will work with all of your gifts to produce something really delightful at Centenary. Pray for me, that I will be as open to change as well. Because in it all, the God who loves us is cooking up something really wonderful.

Take good care.

Jimmy

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

June 7	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Judgement on Israel and Judah
Scripture:	Amos 2:4-8
June 14	Bill Dando
Lesson:	God Is Not Fooled
Scripture:	Amos 5:14-15, 18-27
June 21	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	Rebuked for Selfishness
Scripture:	Amos 6:2-8, 11-14
June 28	Brian Royer
Lesson:	God Will Never Forget
Scripture:	Amos 8:1-6, 9-10

FRIENDSHIP CLASS ON FIFTH SUNDAYS

Please note that when a month has 5 Sundays, the Adult Bible Study Group (Friendship Class) meets at Westminster Village at 11 AM to discuss that week's lesson. Lunch is served after class. If you have any questions about the Westminster classes, please call Mary Halstead, 812-242-4898.

WESTMINSTER FACT

Do you know that there 18 members of Centenary living at Westminster Village and 4 others who have ties to Centenary?

BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE) PROJECT

Bring your own Bible project begins on Sunday, June 7, in the children's class. The class will be challenged to bring their Bibles to church each Sunday in order to reach total of enough points as a group by mid-July, to celebrate with a Family Fun Day Outing. All children, even the youngest ones, will be invited to share this day with friends and families. Details forthcoming.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FUN RUN

FUN RUN, our Vacation Bible School for 2015, begins on Sunday evening, June 14, with registration at 5:30 PM. Adults are to register at Centenary, and children and teens are to register at St. Stephens Episcopal Church. Plans are nearly complete for this year's VBS. There will be four churches involved in planning and implementing the program, Centenary UMC, St. Stephen's, Central Presbyterian, and Trinity Lutheran. Everyone is invited to our closing activities, which include a real foot-race with color enhancement. Any contributions received through the VBS will be donated to the Shoe Bus program for Vigo County school children.

KIDS' WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes will continue throughout the summer. We hope to have many children and guests to attend.

REV. JIMMY MOORE'S SUNDAY RECEPTION

Reverend Jimmy Moore's last Sunday in worship at Centenary is **June 14, 2015**. We are planning a catered Brunch immediately following worship on June 14 to celebrate Jimmy's ministry at Centenary and to wish him well in his new ministry at St. Mark's. (If you have dietary restrictions, please contact Gerri Varner, 812-234-8816.) We hope you will mark this date on your calendar and join us in this celebration. We are making every effort to inform the Centenary community of this event and ask your help by sharing this information with others who may be interested.

We are planning a gift for Jimmy and will be collecting a love offering for the gift and celebration over the next weeks. Should you choose to contribute you can do so by placing an envelope in the offering plate at worship, by sending a contribution to the church office or giving your contribution to Martha Crossen. Please mark your envelope and/or check :
Celebration for Jimmy.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

The Centenary Education Committee will honor our high school and college graduates with their well-deserved recognition during the June 7 service. Each will receive a small memento from Centenary UMC. Please come to congratulate them and show how proud we (as a church family) are of them.



JIMMY'S NEW ADDRESS

Jimmy's new address after June 14 will be:
Jimmy Moore
4300 E. Cricket Knoll
Bloomington, IN 47401

OUR NEW PASTOR

Contact information for our new pastor is:
Mel & Lea Ann Camp
4890 N. Park Lane Dr.
Petersburg, IN 47567

SEVENTH CENTS YOUTH GROUP

June Youth News

What a wonderful May we had. This month, we celebrated Youth Sunday at both Centenary UMC and Central PC. The youth led an energizing worship service to celebrate our faith. The youth sermon focused on two of Jesus' parables. Their parable skits will definitely be remembered! Thank you for all your hard work.

Following our second Youth Sunday, the youth hosted a pasta lunch to raise funds for our July mission trip. We had over 80 people in attendance and raised over \$1000 for the mission trip. This money will cover transportation, food, and experiential activities for the youth during this weekend mission trip.

We have many volunteer activities planned for this summer. These are perfect opportunities for youth needing service hours. Our schedule includes serving breakfast at 14th and Chestnut Community Center, making blankets for CODA, doing yardwork and other chores for the Terre Haute Humane Society, and working at Vacation Bible School. Please see the schedule below for June volunteer opportunities.

If you have not yet signed your youth up for the mission trip, please do so as soon as possible. Contact Tiffany for a registration form. The deposit for this trip is \$20 per youth and will be the only money that parents will have to contribute.

Upcoming Events:

June 3- Youth trip to Splash Island. 1-8:30 pm. Meet at Central, bring a change of clothes, towel, and some money for concessions. Dinner will be provided.

June 11- Serve breakfast at 14th and Chestnut Community Center. 8-10 am. Meet at 14th and Chestnut at 8 am.

June 13- Set up for Vacation Bible School 10 am-? At St. Stephens Episcopal

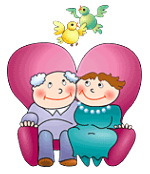
June 14-18- Vacation Bible School 6-8:30 pm daily. If your youth is volunteering, please arrive by 5:45 pm.

June 23- Making blankets and crafts for CODA. 6-9 pm at Central. We will order pizza and make blankets/crafts. You may also bring donations of personal hygiene products for CODA.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

Please join us for a 50th Anniversary Party honoring Jack & Joy Johnston on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Hosted by Rob & Belinda Johnston and Paul & Roberta Wagner. RSVP to Roberta at 812-243-6722 (call or text) or email at RAWgnr67@gmail.com.

No gifts please



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BIKE EVENT

Centenary members hosted their thirteenth annual Habitat for Humanity Bike Riders event on Monday, May 11. Each year, bicycle riders from all over Indiana and the United States participate in a 380-mile journey through Indiana, their purpose being to raise awareness and money for Habitat. In providing them with a place to rest, eat a nutritious meal, and spend the night, Centenary members are helping the cyclists to realize their goals, and in turn, we are realizing one of our mission goals--to serve Habitat for Humanity.

On May 11, more than 65 cyclists and their crew arrived in Terre Haute and made their way to Centenary U. M.

Church. They repaired their bikes and stored them in places within the Church, prepared their sleeping bags, and took showers at ISU. While they rested, Centenary members prepared food for their supper.



A big thank you to all who contributed to this worthwhile event by giving funds for food, working to set up and prepare the food, and donating food. A special thank you to Judy St. Clair for coordinating this event and to her husband Bob for grilling the hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers served to the bicycle riders. More than one rider reported that Centenary is their "favorite place to stop." We hope to continue this mission to Habitat for Humanity as long as we have generous Centenary members who make it possible. God bless you.

CONTRATULATIONS!

Jeff and Sandy McClain have become the proud grandparents of Gunner Dean McClain born on May 27, 2015 at 8:41 AM. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and is 22.5 inches long. A warm congratulations to all!





2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Youth go to Splash Island 1-8:30 PM	4 11:00 AM Prayer Group	5	6
7 Graduates Recognized During Worship	8	9 VBS Volunteer Meeting 7:00 PM St. Stephens	10 Jimmy at Westminster 11:30 AM	11 (8-10 AM) Youth serving breakfast <u>14th & Chestnut</u> 11:00 AM Prayer Group	12	13 Wagner/ Johnston 50th Anniversary Party 5:00
14 VBS Starts <u>5:30 PM</u> Jimmy's Last Day and Reception	15 VBS 6-8:30 PM	16 VBS 6-8:30 PM	17 VBS 6:8:30 PM	18 11:00 AM Prayer Group VBS 6-8:30 PM	19 Twitchell/ Seliger Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 PM	20 Twitchell/ Seliger Wedding 4:30 PM
21	22	23	24	25 11:00 AM Prayer Group	26	27
28	29	30				

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1 Patricia Kostyo	13 Diane Stouffer
Kelli Buchanan	Bill Dando
Max Pesavento	Jude Roberts
Katie Buchanan	14 Jane Berg
6 Chuck Smith	Emma Nicoson
Teresa Depasse	19 Tiffany Grossman
7 Nancy Hansell	21 Lily Pesavento
Anthony Ornduff	22 Ron Maxwell
8 Christopher Thompson	
9 Heidi Buchanan	
Brian Depasse	

Wedding Anniversaries

5 Ryan & Tiffany Grossman	16 Don Richards & Martha Crossen
7 Bob & Corrine Cowden	
8 Jim & Mary Ellen Long	19 Rod & Karen Heefner
12 Steve & Patricia Kostyo	30 David & Jerry Mitchell
13 Terry & Beth Tevlin	

Weekly Schedule

Sunday	
9:30 AM	Worship
10:45 AM	Sunday School
5:00 PM	Middle School Youth
5:45 PM	Supper/Games All Youth
6:00 PM	High School Youth
Thursday	
11:00 AM	Prayer Group