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Sharing God's Love at the Heart of Terre Haute

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FROM THE PASTOR

Jimmy

Every year I watch the calendar for the day when, in baseball parlance, “pitchers and catchers report” to their major league teams for Spring training. This phrase signals to many of us not just the beginning of baseball season, but the arrival of Spring, and the inevitable retreat of cold weather. And even though dreadfully cold days are still with us, so is the hope of warmer weather, and of course, baseball.

So while it may seem odd to some, to me it is completely spiritually appropriate that during the waning days of Winter and the early days of Lent, I am reading a little book written by John Sexton titled Baseball as a Road to God. In one chapter, Sexton describes fans who had shifted their loyalties from one baseball team to another, such as those Brooklyn Dodger fans who, like himself and to his great surprise, became Yankee fans after the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles. He calls this shifting ‘conversion’, noting the obvious spiritual similarity in its embracing of new loyalties.

Sexton writes, “Conversion is not for the faint of heart. It can begin with a dramatic external event; or it can be the result of a lengthy period of reexamination and introspection....All the great stories (of conversion) - the modern ones like C. S. Lewis’ diligent journey and the ones from antiquity like Paul and Augustine—leave something behind as the great leap forward is taken.”

Lent is, fundamentally, about conversion...about a great leap forward. The word “conversion” conjures up images of dramatic decision moments of choosing to follow Jesus, but also contains the whole experience of being a disciple. We are constantly in need of change, of noting new mercies and insights of faith we are called to receive, and new acts of compassion and justice we are called to embrace.

These are days of conversion, of leaping forward, at CUMC. On the one hand, with the pastoral change, you and I are moving to redefine our relationship with each other, even as you make room in your heart for a new pastor, and I for a new congregation. And, CUMC is also in the early days of redefining and implementing a vision that can carry it into a new era of ministry. How shall these things occur? In ways we can barely imagine.

And so, in personal faith and in congregational life, we are called to continue the experience of conversion. In her book Amazing Grace, Kathleen Norris writes, “Maybe the real scariness of conversion lies in admitting that God can work in us however, whenever, and through whatever means God chooses. If the incarnation of Jesus Christ teaches us anything, it is that conversion is not one-size-fits-all. Christian conversion is, in fact, incarnational; it is worked out by each individual within the community of faith.”

This is the Lent we have entered together. I am honored to share the journey with you.

Take good care

Jimmy

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ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

March 1	Don Dodson
Lesson:	The Lamb of God
Scripture:	John 1:29-34
March 8	Bill Dando
Lesson:	Jesus Promises an Advocate
Scripture:	John 14:15-26
March 15	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	The Spirit of Truth
Scripture:	John 16:4-15
March 22	Brian Royer
Lesson:	Receive the Holy Spirit
Scripture:	John 20:19-23; Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4
March 29	Bill Dando
Lesson:	The One Who Comes
Scripture:	Mark 11:1-11 (at Westminster)

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES

March 1, the United Campus Ministries Chili Fest with Silent Auction and Bake Shop will be held at St. Mark United Church of Christ at 475 S. Fruitridge, from 4-7 PM. The price of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under includes, "Build Your Own Chili", hot dog, baked potato, and a beverage. Dessert is extra. We are hoping that Centenary members will provide pies or a dessert for the dessert table as they generously did last year. Carry-out is available.

LENTEN MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES

There will be a Men's Lenten Breakfast for the Methodist churches of Vigo County. You are most cordially invited to participate. The breakfasts will begin at 8:00 AM in each location.

March 7	Temple
March 14	Mt. Pleasant
March 21	Maple Avenue
March 28	Breden Memorial

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



"The vision of the Centenary United Methodist Church is to be a deeply welcoming community that shares God's love and changes lives."

BUILDING FUND GIFTS

As you feel led and are able, will you consider a one time gift to the building fund that will be separate from your ongoing gifts to the church's operating budget? We are grateful to God for your prayerful consideration of this project, and for all you do to serve God in this place.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2015 Altar Flower Calendar is now posted in the Eagle Street hallway. Altar flowers are typically given in honor, memory or celebration of an individual or occasion. Diana's Flower Shop will once again be providing the beautiful bouquets for \$36. Thank you in advance to all who generously provide this tangible beauty to our Sunday morning worship service.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

THEATRE PARTY

Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 PM, everyone is invited to attend the one-hour Children's Theatre production of "Aladdin" in University Hall on the ISU campus (the old Lab school building). Ryan and Lauren Tevlin will be performing and an after-the-show get together is being planned. Ticket forms are in the back of the sanctuary. Checks may be made to Doris Pell. Please give your form and checks to Doris or turn in to the church office.

THANK YOU

Thank you very much to all for the beautiful baby shower. We are thrilled to have such a beautiful welcome for Hannah. We are looking forward to watching Hannah grow up in Centenary with all precious children in this church.

Love and thanks,
Tiffany, Ryan and Hannah Grossman

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 PM. Mid Lenten Service for UMC churches in the Crossroad Cluster at Centenary UMC.

LENTEN SERIES

Central Presbyterian Church has invited members from Centenary UMC to participate in its Lenten study that will meet every Sunday through March 29. Supper will be served at 5:15 PM, followed by worship at 6:00, with classes beginning at 6:15. Adults will be using the study "**Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and The Ecological Crisis.**" Children's activities and lessons will center around the theme, "**Clean Water for All God's Children.**"

SEVENTH CENTS YOUTH GROUP

The Youth had a very successful Souper Bowl of Caring Event. Combined totals for both churches are \$842.36 in cash donations and 220 canned goods. The canned goods were donated to Unity Presbyterian Church food bank and the monetary donations went to 14th and Chestnut Community Center. This is fantastic! Thank you all for your hard work and generous donations.

We kicked off our Lenten Series on Sunday, February 22. Join us for the continuation of "The People Who Knew Jesus" through the end of Lent. We will meet at Central from 5-7:30 PM.

Upcoming Events:

Saturdays March 1-29,
5-7:30 PM at Central Lenten Series
April 5: No Youth, Happy Easter!
April 10-11: Youth Lock In 5:30 PM-9:00 AM
Start at Central, then move to
Centenary

UNION HOSPITAL

Thank you for your recent donation of wash cloths and toilet-ry items to the Chaplain's Office at Union Hospital. These items are much appreciated and the patients are grateful. We appreciate your continued support and generosity to the Chaplain's Office. (I particularly appreciate and love you all). Blessings, Deb Moore-Hardin

CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

We still need volunteers to place the refreshments in the library and set up the area prior to the service. This only takes about 15 minutes or less. Volunteers are also needed to provide refreshments for time. We ask that refreshments be provided for about 45-50 people. Suggestions for refreshments include cookies, or donuts and/or perhaps a fruit. Coffee and juice are provided by the church. You may volunteer by calling the church office, 232-2319, or contacting Cindy Miller, or Mary Ellen Long. Thank you for your help!

MID LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 AT 5:00 PM

The Crossroads Cluster, of which we are a part, will hold a Mid Lenten Worship service on Sunday afternoon, March 15, at 5:00 PM, at Centenary UMC. Tom Heaton, UMC missionary to Guatemala, will discuss the work of that mission, which receives much support from Indiana, and hosts multiple mission trips annually.

A joint choir comprised of singers from all churches will sing. Erich Kendall has announced a rehearsal for Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM, at CUMC, and the choir will gather at 4:00 PM on the 15th, an hour before the service, for rehearsal. If interested in singing, please contact Erich.



KIDS CHURCH

All children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to go upstairs for "Kids Worship" after the children's sermon. There is a nursery provided for children under 4 years old. Guests are encouraged to come and get in on the fun!

DONATIONS FOR ISU ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Working with SCORE international, and as a part of an "Alternative Spring Break", Indiana State University students will travel to Costa Rica March 14-20 on a mission trip. These students will participate in service activities that include distributing food in Costa Rican villages, working with school children, going to orphanages and homes for the elderly, and running a sports clinic. The trip is sponsored by the ISU center for community engagement. CUMC has been asked to provide donations of small toys and games (small toys, balls, jump ropes, etc.) that the students may take to children there. Please bring your donations to the church, and we will collect them in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks for your support of this project.

CENTENARY RINGERS

The hand bell rehearsal on March 3 has been cancelled. There will be no rehearsals planned until further notice.

Manage your giving online

Centenary UMC is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

Visit the church website at www.centenaryth.org

Click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button,

Click on the **CREATE PROFILE** button, then


Follow the onscreen instructions

to create an online profile

and to schedule your recurring contributions.



MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. UMC Chili Fest St. Marks 4-7 Youth Lenten Series Central 5-7 PM	2	3 Centenary Ambassadors Olive Garden 7 PM	4	5 11AM Prayer Group	6 Wedding Rehearsal 6 PM	7 Boyd/Draffin <u>Wedding 5:30</u> Mens Lenten Breakfast at Temple at 8 AM
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins Youth Lenten Series at Central 5-7 PM	9	10	11	12 Library Mtg 10 AM 11AM Prayer Group Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial	13	14 Men's Lenten Breakfast at Mt. Pleasant at 8 AM
15 Cluster Lenten Service At Centenary 5 PM Youth Lenten Series Central 5-7	16	17 	18	19 11AM Prayer Group Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING!	21 Men's Lenten Breakfast at Maple Ave. At 8 AM
22 3:00 Aladdin Performance University Hall Youth Lenten Series at Central 5-7	23	24	25	26 11AM Prayer Group Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial	27	28 Men's Lenten Breakfast at Breden at 8 AM.
29 Psalm Sunday	30	31				

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 8 Sarah Pesavento | 23 Dorothy Smith |
| 9 Eve Seren Kendall | 24 Amy Wollowski |
| 10 George Brattain | Dorothy Thomas |
| 13 Katelyn Kerr | 25 Betty Sparks |
| 15 Shirley Royer | |
| Doris Patterson | |
| 17 Harriet Shagley | |
| Josephine Kelly | |
| 19 Tom Siefert | |
| 22 Mike Ofsansky | |



Wedding Anniversaries



March 1
Michael & Janice Kramb

Weekly Schedule

Sunday	Thursday
8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal	11:00 AM Prayer Group
9:30 AM Worship	
10:45 AM Sunday School	
5:00 PM Middle School Youth	
5:45 PM Supper/Games All Youth	
6:30 PM High School Youth	