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Sharing God's Love at the Heart of Terre Haute

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FROM THE PASTOR

It is almost May, and life is unfolding all around us. Flowers are breaking into full bloom, and the bright days are growing longer. Many of our young ones see life changing as they graduate and move to the 'next level' of life. And in our church, we are transitioning from one pastor to another. Clearly, life is changing before our eyes.

As I write, another community is witnessing its own tragic and explosive kind of change. The well documented tensions between police and aggrieved racial minorities have ignited in Baltimore, and we have watched our television screens as violence erupted in the same city in which Frances Scott Key saw the U.S. flags "broad stripes and bright stars." How do we respond to so many kinds of change?

In the Christian world, the Easter season will soon give over to the Pentecostal explosion of the Spirit's presence. In the Pentecost story, Holy Spirit inspired energy allowed for a confused and conflicted people to find reconciled community. People understood the strange things they were hearing, witnessed acts of dynamic power, and watched as relational barriers broke down right before their eyes. For the church, life was unfolding by the power of the Spirit. And by faith, it still does.

But change does not "just happen". From flowers in the field, to graduates in our schools, to riots in Baltimore, change is preceded by a history that to the attentive witness makes much that follows predictable. Young people grow, flowers arise from seed, and violence is preceded by a series of interactions not addressed in healthy ways. And though it may be difficult to detect, much change happens because of the contributions we humans make to it, for good or for ill. In short, as God gives us grace, we can participate in redemptive transformation for Jesus' sake.

Many of our most beautiful flowers have been nurtured by faithful gardening. Successful students have had significant people in their lives who nurtured them and held them accountable. In Baltimore, a coalition of concerned citizens, many acting on the basis of their faith, are inserting themselves into the fray to soothe tensions, confront vandalism and violence, and clean up the damage.

So in this season of Pentecostal change, resist the temptation to passively watch change happen, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, engage the world. Write notes and speak words of congratulations to our graduates and their families. Ask the trustees how you can help make our church more safe and attractive, inside and out. Respond to our community's needs by voting, and by reaching out to a broader collection of folks. And write notes of welcome to incoming pastor Mel Camp and his wife Lea Ann. (Their address can be found in this newsletter.)

Remember...in the bud there is a flower. And in death, a resurrection.

Take good care.

Jimmy

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

May 3	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Coworkers With the Truth
Scripture:	3 John
May 10	Bill Dando
Lesson:	Gifts of the Spirit
Scripture:	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
May 17	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	The Spirit Creates One Body
Scripture:	1 Corinthians 12:12-31
May 24	Brian Royer
Lesson:	Gift of Languages
Scripture:	Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 14:1-25
May 31	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	The Greatest Gift is Love
Scripture:	1 Corinthians 13 (at Westminster)

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.

Please forward names of Centenary graduates to the church office by phone, 812-232-2319 or e-mail by May 27 to: cetenary301@hotmail.com. Thank you!



LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Library Committee Meeting on May 14 at 10:00 AM.

LAYETTE KITS FOR MMDC

United Methodist Women is supporting the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, which is a disaster relief facility near Springfield, IL. They are collecting supplies for layette kits for disaster victims and would like donations. Layette kits include new cloth diapers, 2 undershirts/onesies, 2 infant size washcloths, 2 gowns/sleepers, 2 diaper pins, a sweater or jacket (opens in front), and 2 receiving blankets. Monetary donations may also be made (each kit is valued at \$35). Please contact our church office for more information or if interested in donating.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on Sunday, May 17 during Sunday School.

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 fund, 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.

UMW ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

Be sure to attend the All Church Carry-In sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Plates and utensils will be provided. It will be held on **Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM**. Pastor Jim Byerly, Associate Director of Disaster Response & Disaster Response Coordinator for UMCOR (United Methodist Commission of Relief) will give a presentation. This is the 75th anniversary of UMCOR. An offering will be taken to benefit this ministry.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "FUN RUN"

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 14-18 with registration at 5:30 PM. Churches involved are Trinity Lutheran, Central Presbyterian, St. Stephens Episcopal, and Centenary UMC. Times are 6:00-8:30 PM. The Host Church this year is St. Stephens. Don't forget that there is an Adult VBS class at the same time! The Adult Class will meet at Centenary.

CAMPUS UNITED MINISTRIES FILM

On Monday, May 4 at 6:00 PM, Campus United Ministries Center will present "A Place at the Table"; a 2012 documentary concerning hunger in the United States.

"A Place at the Table forcefully makes the case that hunger has serious economic, social and cultural implications for the nation." - Julie Makinen, Los Angeles Times

"Beautifully shot and edited. The craft is of a very high level." - Toronto HotDocs Film Festival "Must See List".

The film was nominated for Grand Jury Prize at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival.

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

Happy Spring everyone! We are almost to the end of the school year. It's time to focus on Youth Sunday and celebrating our graduates. Youth Sunday will take place on Sunday, May 10 (at Centenary) and Sunday, May 17 (at Central). This is a collaborative celebration of our youth so we ask that all youth participate in both services. Mark your calendars for these great worship services.

The youth are looking forward to our mission trip to Buckhorn, Kentucky from July 16-19. We will have a fundraiser for this mission trip after Youth Sunday worship on May 17. All are invited to join us for this meal. Spaghetti with meat sauce or marinara, macaroni and cheese, gluten free pasta, salad, breadsticks, and dessert will be served. A free will offering will be collected, but we suggest a donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 for children. Parents, if your youth would like to participate in the mission trip, please let Tiffany know by Sunday, May 3.

Summer is quickly approaching and we look forward to all the activities this season brings. The youth will not have regular Sunday meetings. We will continue Sunday meetings through May 31 (see events below). Through the summer there will be several community service activities planned for the youth. These activities may include serving breakfast at the 14th and Chestnut Community Center, helping CODA, the Lighthouse Mission, and other local organizations. Dates and times for these opportunities will be announced soon. It is a great way for our youth to earn community service hours.

Upcoming Events

May 3- Youth Group 5-7:30 pm at Centenary for all youth.

May 10- Youth Sunday at Centenary. All youth please arrive at 8:30 am for practice. The service will begin at 9:30 am. No evening youth meeting.

May 17- Youth Sunday at Central. All youth please arrive at 9:30 am for practice. The service will begin at 10:30 am. No evening youth meeting.

11:45 am to 1 pm- Youth Pasta Fundraiser. All are welcome to join the youth for a pasta lunch fundraiser. A free will offering will be collected to help fund the youth mission trip to Buckhorn, Kentucky in July.

May 24- Youth Group 5-7:30 pm at Central for all youth.

May 31- Youth Group 5-7:30 pm at Central for all youth.

June 3- 1-9 pm. Youth trip to Splash Island Water Park in Plainfield, IN. Please RSVP to Tiffany by May 29. Permission forms are required.

SYCAMORE SOCIAL

Our next installment of the Sycamore Social will take place on May 18, 2015 at the Terre Haute Armory at 7:00 p.m. Our church invites people with developmental disabilities to join us for dancing, refreshment and fun. If you would like to help with the Sycamore Social, please contact the church office at 812-232-2319 or email at centenary301@hotmail.com. Thanks for making this event a priority as we share the love of Christ in a playful way.

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



Youth Pasta Lunch

Come enjoy Spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, or macaroni and cheese. Gluten free pasta will be available.

Central Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 17 11:45 am-1:30 pm
Free Will Offering (\$10/adult suggested)
Help us raise funds for our Mission Trip!



PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO CHILDREN

On Sunday, May 17, the children will be presented their own Bibles. Presentation will be made to children who attend Kid's Worship and/or Sunday School. Each will receive an age-appropriate Bible—ages 4 and up to 5th grade. A large part of Sunday School classes and Kid's Worship sessions for the summer, will include getting to remember different books of the Bible, why they are there, and who wrote them.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANNUAL BIKE RIDE

The annual Habitat for Humanity Bike Ride will be on Monday, May 11. The riders will arrive in the afternoon and spend the night in the church. We expect 70 riders this year plus staff. We provide dinner for them and Habitat brings in breakfast Tuesday morning. We need volunteers to be here when they start arriving early afternoon and also need desserts to go with their evening meal. Please contact Judy St. Clair at 812-870-7475 or the church office.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 6:30 PM All-Church UMW Potluck	7 11:00 AM Prayer Group	8	9
10	11 Habitat For Humanity Bike Riders here afternoon and all night	12 Endowment Committee 5:30 PM	13	14 10:00 AM Library Committee Meeting 11:00 AM Prayer Group	15	16
17 11:45-1:30 Youth Pasta Lunch at Central <u>Presbyterian</u> Bill Cain's Student Recital in Sanctuary 3 PM	18 Sycamore Social 7—9 PM National Guard Armory 3614 Maple Ave. Terre Haute	19	20 UMW Circle Meeting 10:00 AM Thirza Bunce Room	21 11:00 AM Prayer Group	22	23 Peggy Cobb's 100th Birthday!
24	25	26	27	28 11:00 AM Prayer Group	29 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 PM	30 Jeff/ Hoffman 31 Wedding 3:30

MAY BIRTHDAYS



2 Gerri Varner	16 Jo Ellen Ornduff	28 Lauren Witty
4 Cynthia Phelps	Kaci McBride	31 Seibert Thomas
5 Stephen Lamb	17 Autumn Kelly	
7 John Hutchison	18 Charles McCrory	
9 Jana Kearns	20 Jim Long	
10 Lauren Smith	22 Claire Witty	
11 Sarah Frisz	23 Ethan Valentine	
Delaney Brown	26 Will Hayes	
George Shagley	27 Lindsey McBride	
Nicholas Tennis	Rachel Siefert	
12 David Hutchison	28 Vanita Gibbs	
15 B.J. Carlson	Lou Harmening	

Wedding Anniversaries



- 14 Michael & Andrea Nicoson
- 20 Jerry & Denise Smith
- Jack & Joy Johnston
- 24 Tom & Martha Barnett

Weekly Schedule

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