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Sharing God's Love at the Heart of Terre Haute
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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Well, here we are in the middle of summer. Growing season is well under way and people are enjoying fresh produce. Nothing tastes better than fresh vegetables. Let me state the obvious, in order to get a certain vegetable you have to plant that kind of seed. You cannot plant tomato seeds and expect to get cucumbers.

In my Wesley Study Bible the other day, I came across this Life Application topic:

“Why is today's harvest so poor? Why does today's harvest yield hunger, violence, and war? We reap what we plant. What seeds are we spreading around the world: crass individualism, selfishness, irresponsibility, lack of accountability, oppressive power, our-way-or-no-way? Those are the seeds some are planting. O God, let the birds devour these seeds, let them be scorched by the sun, choked the thorns. Help us, loving God! Help us to do whatever is needed so we can fill our sacks with seeds of justice, love, care, tenderness, reconciliation, and peace. Only then will we be able to reap the abundance of life.”

I thought those words were great. So, what kind of seeds are we sowing? What do we want to harvest?

For The Only Cause That Matters,

Mel

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

August 6	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Called to Witness
Scripture:	Acts 6:1-8
August 13	Bill Dando
Lesson:	Called to Break Down Barriers
Scripture:	Acts 8:26-39
August 20	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	Called to Preach
Scripture:	Acts 9:10-20
August 27	Brian Royer
Lesson:	Called to Be Inclusive
Scripture:	Acts 10:19-33

ALL CHURCH CARRY-IN

United Methodist Women will be hosting an All Church Carry-In on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to bring a dish to share or just come and partake. There should be enough food for all. Entertainment will include a Hymn Sing, directed by Dr. Robert Cowden, Chair Emeritus of the ISU Music Department, and accompanied by Madonna Nally, playing the piano. Hostesses will be: Martha Barnett, Mary Ellen Long, and B.J. Carlson.



There will be no UMW Circle Meeting for August. The next meeting will be on September 20 at Caroline Dando's home.

HOLYPALOOZA

There are several things being planned for "Service Palooza". A blood drive will be at Central Presbyterian Church August 15. Beginning August 27, we will be collecting items for 14th & Chestnut and United Campus Ministries. A list of needed items will be coming soon. On September 16, the Race for the Cure Survivors Breakfast will be at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We will need volunteers to help serve. Also, we will be working with Servants At Work (SAWs) on some ramp building projects. They provide ramps for people in their homes to help them remain in their homes. Sign-up sheets will be out later. We will need to know the number of volunteers for SAWs by August 20, in order to determine how many projects there will be. Then, on September 30, we are asking the four faith communities that participate in Holypalooza participate in a sale at each location. Chris Schellenberg has agreed to head up that event. For more information please contact Pastor Mel.

14TH & CHESTNUT

The Summer program is exciting - over 100 kids are attending! The Back To School Blast will be August 3. The most urgent needs are **school supplies** and **donations for new shoes for each child**. Also needed are Sponsors for monthly birthday parties. School supplies needed are:

Scissors
3x5 Index Cards
Pencil Boxes (Carrying Cases)
Composition Notebooks
3-Ring Binders
Folder with Pockets
Rulers (Inches & Metric)
College Rule Filler Paper
Markers
Colored Pencils
Erasers (Both Big & Pencil Toppers)
Wide-Ruled Spiral Bound Notebooks
Glue (Bottle & Stick)
Facial Tissues
Calculators
Highlighters
Dry Erase Markers
Ball Point Pens (Blue, Black & Red Ink)

(If you would like to collect an item in bulk, please contact the front office at the center, 812-232-3126 to see what is needed). Thank you for your generosity!

55:1 COMMUNITY MEAL

Our last community meal was held on July 24. We served 31 people not including workers. Of those 31, ten were college students and four were children. So, for the 7 months that we have done this we have averaged 40 guests and 14 workers per month. Thanks to all who helped, including Tom and Martha Barnett, Vicki Boyd, Ann Bloxdorf, Mary Halsted, Evelyn Dilavore, Donna VanSandt, Jim and Mary Ellen Long, and Mel and Lea Ann Camp. Also thanks to the Dando's for some of the pulled pork.

ATTENDANCE SHEETS

Please remember to fill out the attendance sheets in the Pews during Worship Service. Thank you!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS FROM CONNOR

August 5th will be the middle school mystery trip. This is for incoming 6th graders through incoming 8th graders. We will be meeting at Central at 10:00 a.m. and getting back to the church at 5:00 p.m. I will be covering lunch and the event, so students don't need to bring any money. If you are a parent and really need to know where your child is going, ask me and I would be more than happy to tell you. **I need you to RSVP with a permission slip before the day of the trip so that I can figure out rides.**

August 12th we will be going to ISU field campus from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **We will be meeting at the field campus.** We will be doing a high ropes course, canoeing, studying the Bible, and team building games. We will also have lunch out there. There is going to be a wavier that each student has to fill out plus a permission slip from the church.

WALL REPAIR

We have a wall in the basement that is in need of repair. The north wall in the basement leaks. The good news is that it can be fixed. The bad news is that it will cost \$40,000. If it is not repaired, it will eventually collapse and our building will be destroyed. If you would like to give to this project, place your donation in an envelope and mark it for wall repair. You can also drop your donation off at the office.

COFFEE HOUR

We are looking at making our Coffee Hour after church a little easier for those who wish to sign up. It was suggested that the menu be donut holes and a small amount of fruit. We will continue to have the coffee and juice.

If you have signed up and do not wish to follow the new menu, you can bring what you have planned in a smaller quantity, or you may cross your name off the list. Thank you for helping us with this matter.



I DON'T WANT TO DO IT THE STORY OF JONAH

The Lord was telling Jonah
To be a messenger He sent
To Nineveh's sinful people
To demand that they repent.

Jonah replied, "I don't want to do it
It's a job that I must flee
Let someone else go talk to them
It's not a job for me."

So he caught a ship to Joppa
And the waves were very steep.
Meanwhile the wayward Jonah
Was lying fast asleep.

The crew awakened Jonah
Told him to pray the waves would cease
And finally asked, "Are you the one
Who interrupts our peace?"

Jonah admitted he was the one
For whom the waves were meant
"Just throw me overboard" he said
"And you can rest content."

So the sailors threw him overboard
As had been Jonah's wish
And right away he was swallowed whole
By a great big hungry fish.

Jonah prayed and the fish released
Him out onto the beach
And again God's message came to him
To go to Nineveh and preach.

Jonah must have hurried
He must have even run
To make a three day journey
In just a single one.

Jonah predicted its overthrow
If Nineveh did not repent
They fasted with sackcloth and ashes
Because Jonah there was sent.

God had mercy on Nineveh
And did not cause it woe.
Jonah's anger made him say
"Why did I have to go?"

Barbara Keller



August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 PM All Church Carry-In	3 11:00 AM Prayer Group	4 4:30 PM Newell Wedding Rehearsal	5 4:30 PM Newell Wedding
6	7	8	9 5:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting	10 11:00 AM Prayer Group 5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	11	12
13	14	15 Blood Drive At Central	16 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	17 11:00 AM Prayer Group	18	19
20	21 8:00 AM Donaghey Day helpers here	22 ISU Starts Classes	23	24 11:00 AM Prayer Group	25	26
27	28 55:1 Free Community Lunch	29	30	31 11:00 AM Prayer Group		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joy Johnston
- 3 Leonard Thompson
- 4 Mallory Bell
- 5 Kelsey Hamilton
- 9 Linda McKee
- 13 Elise Miller
- 16 Beth Camp
Leah Allman
- 21 Nicole King
- 28 Lynsee Smith
- 30 Emily Bell
- 31 Steve Dodson



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



- 5 Charles & Carol McCrory
- 14 George & Susan Brattain
- 16 Bob & Lavonne Dodson
- 18 Lou & Jan Harmening
Steve & Ellen Ornduff
- 19 Tom & Mary Lynn Siefert
- 20 Tim & Gail Hayes
Don & Nancy Rogers