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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 summer and the middle of grass mowing season. Some of you, I am sure, do not like to mow or do other kinds of yard work. I borrowed the following "dialogue" from my friend Rev. Scott Johnson at Memorial UMC. I believe he found it at the-compost-gardner.com. I thought it was humorous.

God: What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

St. Francis: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord, "The Suburbanites." They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

God: Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

St. Francis: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

God: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

St. Francis: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it - sometimes twice a week.

God: They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?

St. Francis: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

God: They bag it? Why? Is it a crop? Do they sell it?

St. Francis: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

God: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St. Francis: Yes, Sir.

God: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

St. Francis: You're aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

God: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

St. Francis: You better sit down, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

God: No!?! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

St. Francis: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

God: And where do they get this mulch?

St. Francis: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

God: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore.

Have a great July.

For the only cause that matters,

Mel

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

July 3	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Ignoring God's Truth Within Us
Scripture:	Romans 2:17-29
July 10	Bill Dando
Lesson:	We Are All Under Sin's Power
Scripture:	Romans 3:9-20
July 17	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	God Set Things Right
Scripture:	Romans 3:21-31
July 24	Brian Royer
Lesson:	Not Without Hope
Scripture:	Romans 5:1-11
July 31	Bill Dando
Lesson:	Death Becomes Life
Scripture:	Romans 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23

PRAYER SHAWL & FIBER MINISTRY

There will be a work session to knit, crochet, quilt, weave, etc. on July 21 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Bring your supplies and be ready to work! For more information, talk to Donna VanSandt or Lea Ann Camp. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.

FIFTH SUNDAY BLESSINGS

JULY 2016

Every month that has five Sundays we will honor 14th & Chestnut Community Center by giving from our abundance. For July, tennis shoes are needed for back to school. There is a basket with the greatest size needs located in the back of the church. Please take a card and return the shoes by Sunday, July 31. We will bless the shoes prior to taking them to the children. Thank you for your generosity!



NEWS FROM 14TH & CHESTNUT

The Summer Program is serving an average of 100 children. Their main needs for the remainder of the Summer are:

- Juice pouches for sack lunches
- Hygiene products for boys
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Lunch meats for sandwiches for field trips
- Gas cards to fill the vans for field trips

UMW MEETING

There will be a United Methodist Women's Circle Meeting on Wednesday, July 20 at Joan Youngen's home at 21 W. Lawrin Blvd. We will share books that we have read from the UMW reading program.



CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will begin meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each odd-numbered month, at 5:30 PM. Future meetings will be:

- Wednesday, July 13th, 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, September 14th, 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 2nd, 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, January 11th, 2017, 5:30 PM

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.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS FROM CONNOR

July 10: Cookout at the Weatherwax's (please RSVP, email Connor)

We will meet at Central at noon and will arrive back to the church at 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

July 18-23: Triennium Conference at Purdue University

August 6: Holiday World Trip, meet at Central at 8:00 a.m.

August 14: Back to School Retreat, time and place TBD

August 21: Game Night at Centenary from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

August 28: Church Picnic at Deming Park

NEW OUTREACH MINISTRY COMING SOON

Several folks at Centenary United Methodist Church have decided that they want to try a new outreach ministry. We do not have a name for it yet, nor do we have a definite date. We are hoping to start no later than September 1. The ministry will be the serving of a meal around the noon hour, probably from 11:00 to 1:00. It will be on a week day once a month and will be open to anyone who wants to come. It will be a free meal, though donations will be accepted.

This is an opportunity for you to be involved. We will be looking for folks to help serve, to prepare dishes such as casseroles, soup, desserts and the such. We are currently checking regulations so that we can do this the proper way.

If you would like to volunteer to help or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Mel. May God guide us in this new endeavor.

WESTMINSTER LUNCH

Pastor Mel Camp will be at Westminster on Wednesday, July 6 at 11:00.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



FOUR CHURCH 2016 VBS


Bonded by love and serving God by example, the Four Church 2016 Summer Vacation Bible School taught love through Jesus' parables. It provided an exciting Christian learning experience for over 100 adults and children on Friday evening, June 17, and 31 children and 13 adults on Saturday, June 18. It also provided 50 tote bags for those in need at the Lighthouse Mission. The success of the VBS was due to the efforts of the following: Cheryl Moles from Central Presbyterian, Orbie Bryant from St. Stephens, Suzy Bloomer from Trinity, and Doris Pell from Centenary; the services of Donna VanSandt, B. J. Carlson, and others; the adult refreshments by Janice and Ken Lane; the stories by Steve and Deb Hardin; the presentations on parables by pastors Mel Camp, Scott Paul-Bonham, Dana Newhouse, and Drew Downes and by Brian Royer, Dorothy Drummond, Richard Dierdorf, and Tom Barnett; and last but not least, the \$395 contribution given by Centenary. Children and young adults helped each other, worked together, learned together, and bonded. They learned that Jesus cares for them and they are to care for each other. The adults learned much about the parables and about being a model for Christian life. God's blessings on all who were involved.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Remember that we offer 3 Adult Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings after the Worship Service. The Fellowship Class meets downstairs and follows a weekly lesson plan that is listed in the Sunday morning bulletin. A more informal class meets in the Thirza Bunce Room for a discussion of the Sunday sermon, no preparation needed. The College Age/Young Adult Class meets downstairs in the Discipleship Room and will resume next semester. We hope you will join us at one of these classes for some lively discussion and fellowship!



JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				11:00 AM Prayer Group	1	2
3		5	6	11:00 AM Prayer Group	8	9
10 Youth Cook-out	11	12	13	11:00 AM Prayer Group	15	16
17	18	19	20 UMW Circle 10:00 AM at Joan Youngen's, 21 W. Lawrin Blvd.	11:00 AM Prayer Group 5:30 PM Prayer Shawl	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	11:00 AM Prayer Group	29	30

JULY BIRTHDAYS



1 Maxwell Nicoson
 5 Will Buchanan
 9 Abigail King
 15 Corrine Cowden
 Bill McKee
 18 Don Rogers
 21 Chris Schellenberg
 Don Dodson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



5 Phil & Evelyn DiLavore
 15 Don & Julie McBride
 16 Mark & Angela Frisz
 19 Bill & Caroline Dando
 22 Jimmy Moore & Mary Beth Morgan
 23 Seibert & Dorothy Jean Thomas

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday		Thursday
9:30 AM	Worship	11:00 AM Prayer Group
10:45 AM	Sunday School	
5 - 7 PM	Youth Group	