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From the Pastor- Beth Ann Cook

"May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another." —Genesis 31:49



Goodbyes are hard—and they never get any easier.

I asked for this move so I can be close to my Mom and Dad; yet saying goodbye is difficult. I've been a United Methodist Pastor for over 20 years at this point. When you are ordained you stand up before God and about 1000 people and promise to move where ever, whenever—to serve and glorify God. You mean it with all your heart and soul. You promise to do this "with God's help." What you don't really know is how hard the leaving will be—or how much we will need God's help in the process. I'll let you in on a little secret. You can't be a pastor—at least not a good pastor—without loving the people in your church. You get attached. Really attached.

Every morning you pray with a cup of coffee or tea in your hand for their hurts and heartaches. People give you extraordinary access to their lives. You experience their joys and their sorrows. You are one of the first to see (and before COVID hold) new babies. You pronounce couples man and wife. You sit with them at hospitals or nursing homes. You hold the hands of a widow or widower at a grave as they say goodbye to their spouse of many years. You wait with them for pathology report to come back. You love people in the name of Jesus. All of that makes you deeply, deeply attached.

My time at Logansport First UMC is drawing to a close. It will hurt to say goodbye to all of you and this place. I love this congregation, it's people and the community.

When I leave I'm going to do what is expected of UMC pastors—make space so that the new pastor can be your pastor. This means that I won't return to officiate at weddings or funerals or baptisms. I will also be focusing my energy and time on my new congregation. That is right.

I will practice healthy boundaries. I won't comment on all of your posts as often. I will steer clear of commenting about Logansport First UMC local church stuff and Little Children's Ministry.

If we are friends on social media I won't unfriend you there. (Someone asked about that.) If you ask for prayer, I may not comment. But you can honestly know that when I see it I've lifted you up to the LORD. It's what I always do--with everyone I know on my timeline.

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Basically I'm going to shift my relationship with you on January 17th. I will no longer be in the role of your pastor. I will still be your friend and your sister in Christ. Know that I will never stop loving you. You will always keep a piece of my heart. It's the way this Pastor thing works. I think it's the way God intends for it to work. As I move on I entrust you into the hands of the ONE who called me. He is able to do more than we can ask or think or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

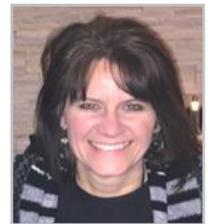
After all, I am always ONLY the sheep dog. Jesus is the Shepherd. You are His.
Blessings and peace,
Pastor Beth Ann



Pastor Parish Committee– Heather Platt, Chair 2021

With heavy hearts, the Pastor Parish Committee would like to wish Pastor Beth Ann farewell.

Pastor Beth Ann, we are grateful for your leadership, countless acts of kindness, the support you generously extend and the creative ways in which you deliver sermons. Please know that the work you put into your messages has resulted in great spiritual growth in our congregation. The impact you have in ministry is felt globally and we can see God's love radiate from you.



As you have heard, Pastor Beth Ann has accepted an appointment at St. Paul's UMC in Poseyville, Indiana, which is located in southern Indiana in close proximity to her beloved parents. She will be able to continue to actively practice ministry as well as provide the nurturing that her parents need.



We are comforted by the fact that Rev Tim McKaig has kindly agreed to serve as our interim Senior Pastor beginning January 16 to February 28, 2022. The role of serving as an interim pastor includes worship planning and leadership, sermon planning and leadership, presence at AD Council if needed, plus emergency pastoral care and follow up. His office time will be Mondays for staff meetings and Wednesdays by appointment.

Meanwhile our District Superintendent, Rev Lore Gibson, has met with the members of Pastor Parish Committee and completed a detailed assessment of our theological perspectives and vision. She is praying over our potential pastoral candidates and will make a recommendation to Bishop Julius Trimble once she feels she has found the person who is best fit to lead us. The Bishop will then officially make the determination and appointment of our new pastor.

Although we are sad to see Pastor Beth Ann go, we can agree that we are better Christians for having known her. Soon we will be blessed by another pastor who also loves our Lord!

Finance Report-

Ad Council approved the 2022 Budget for \$298,566. The breakdown is as follows:

- \$ 9,000 Administrative
- \$ 18,074 Apportionments
- \$ 1,500 Communication
- \$ 1,835 Education
- \$ 10,000 Missions (Includes \$5,000 support of LCM)
- \$ 101,857 Pastoral Support
- \$ 800 Program
- \$ 77,300 Property
- \$ 80,435 Staff Support
- \$ 2,765 Worship

The 2022 budget includes a 3% raise for staff and increases for postage and utilities.



Trustee Report- Steve Longenecker, Chair

1. Replaced Fire Alarm system charging circuit card.
2. Replaced all brakes in the old church bus.
3. Repaired arch lights.
4. Denny's Lawn Care will be our snow removal company.
5. Prime Contracting added a water faucet on the kitchen garbage disposal.
6. Increased the water flow during dish cleaning and dishwasher use.
7. Ted Patacsil replaced a leaky valve and hose on toilet in nursery.
8. Ordered tags to label important valves and switches.
9. Replaced a fluorescent diffuser on light in nursery.
10. Replaced grounded outlet and cover on outside outlet.
11. Replaced a socket cover on outlet that was missing in Café hallway.
12. Installed a "bumper" board on wall by basement nursery to protect carts from punching holes in the wall.
13. Flooring stripped and resealed in kitchen and dining area.
14. Carpets throughout the LCM classrooms were cleaned.
15. Carpet in Parlor cleaned.
16. Order placed with LMU for LED bulbs for use in the church at a reduced price.



Sunday Morning Child Care Position

First UMC is looking for an individual to provide Christ-centered child care for younger children during the 10 AM worship service. This individual will typically work 9:40-11:40 AM. A few services per year are combined and begin at 9 am. Pay is approximately \$17/hour. Must be 18 years old. Child safety training, CPR, and background check required. Training can be provided. Employer will pay the expense of background check and for hours spent in training. If interested contact the church or LCM office.



Birthdays

Jan 1 Jeff Smith	Jan 14 Marvellen Dunwoody	Jan 26 Mark Hammons
Jan 7 Chase Karnafel Drew Sailors Susan Swartzell	Jan 17 Pat Wilkinson	Jan 27 Kerigan Weese
Jan 8 Kit Clary	Jan 21 Carol Easterday Conna Kitchel	Jan 30 Anne Boonstra
Jan 9 Susan Long	Jan 22 Dawn Fisher	Jan 31 Cynthia Deane
Jan 12 Don Collins	Jan 23 Connie Graf Donald Tribbett	
Jan 13 Vicki Byrd	Jan 25 Nolan Clary	



Weekly Schedule:

Monday: Staff Meeting, 10 AM, Parlor

Tuesday: Prayer, 11 AM, Sanctuary

Wednesday: Bell Choir, 5 PM, Sanctuary, Choir, 6 PM Sanctuary



January Events:

Jan 9 Worship Services at 8:15 & 10 AM– Baptism Celebration Reception between services
Levi Hamilton Baptism @10

Jan 12 JOY Circle, 9 AM, Fellowship Hall

Jan 15 Loaves & Fishes, 11 AM– 12:30 PM

Jan 16 Combined Service at 9 AM, Reception for Pastor Beth Ann to follow service

Jan 23 Worship Services at 8:15 & 10 AM

Jan 30 Worship Services at 8:15 & 10 AM



Daily Bible Reading

1 Genesis 1-3	9 Genesis 26-28	17 Genesis 48-50	25 Exodus 22-24
2 Genesis 4-7	10 Genesis 29-30	18 Exodus 1-3	26 Exodus 25-27
3 Genesis 8-11	11 Genesis 31-32	19 Exodus 4-6	27 Exodus 28-29
4 Genesis 12-15	12 Genesis 33-35	20 Exodus 7-9	8 Exodus 30-32
5 Genesis 16-18	13 Genesis 36-38	21 Exodus 10-12	29 Exodus 33-35
6 Genesis 19-20	14 Genesis 39-41	22 Exodus 13-15	30 Exodus 36-38
7 Genesis 21-23	15 Genesis 42-44	23 Exodus 16-18	31 Exodus 39-40
8 Genesis 24-25	16 Genesis 45-47	24 Exodus 19-21	

Prayer Requests

- Rich Wid
- Jayne & Dale Sullivan
- Jeff Smith
- Marvellen Dunwoody
- Nancy Beachler
- Mary Stuart

Continued Requests:

- Larry Nulf
- Ed & Becky Hanawalt
- Tim Taylor
- Mark Dodrill



Nursing Homes

McKinney Place: Beverly Vietti

Milner Community Healthcare: Bev Bartunek

Five Star Residence of Clearwater, Indy: Marvellen Dunwoody

Millers Merry Manor: Sally Mauck & Beverly Hess

Woodbridge: Mike Doering & Charlotte Sibley

Military Service

Braxton Baker

Jacob Kaley

Alex Karnafel

Mickey Karnafel

Oakley Lewellen

Joshua Lyons

Tim Strubell

Take Care– Heather Platt, Parish Nurse

Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) is a common finding affecting almost 6 million Americans. CHF means that the heart does not pump as well as it should. Symptoms of CHF include shortness of breath, fatigue, cough, bloating, weight gain, swollen feet/legs/abdomen and a rapid heart rate.



Damage to the heart causes the muscle to weaken. Conditions such as these can contribute to the risk of developing CHF: coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy, heart attack, high blood pressure, kidney disease, obesity, diabetes, arrhythmias or chemotherapy.

There are four stages of heart failure and the key with CHF is to learn how to keep ourselves in balance. Healthy dietary choices such as low sodium and low fat diet, being as physically active as possible each day, taking our prescribed medicines in a timely fashion and doing daily weights as ordered by our physician will help keep the muscle as strong as possible while maintaining the best fluid balance that we can.

While CHF does tend to worsen in time, we can delay the advancement of the disease by following the advice of our healthcare provider to maintain a good quality, long life. Take care.

Little Childrens Ministry– Belinda Jordan, Director

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The staff of LCM is very excited to start a New Year. We have prepared the rooms, lesson plans, and projects for the children that will enrich their lives academically, socially, and spiritually. Please pray for a year of health without interruptions in operation!



We are also starting the new year with new Teacher and Parent Representatives. Angelica Duffee is the new Teacher Rep. She has been with LCM several years and is currently teaching in the Tiger room, where children prepare for the preschool class. They finish potty training, work on listening skills, following directions, as well as curriculum. Angel has done a wonderful job of preparing the children for preschool. She was previously in a 3 year old preschool class, but, with changes in staff, she was moved to the Tiger Room. Angelica is also pursuing a degree in Elementary Ed. She is a treasured staff member who helps us meet our PTQ standards educationally and with great performance. We are lucky to have her and look forward to her being our Teacher Rep for 2022.

Molly Long is our newly nominated Parent Representative. Molly became a part of Little Children’s Ministry when she enrolled her son in 2021. She has since shown strong interest in LCM. She currently works at a bank in Logansport and is excited to be a part of the LCM Board. We look forward to her ideas on how to further parent participation in LCM missions and to represent the parent views of changes, concerns, and new ideas to improve the facility. We welcome her with open arms and look forward to what she will bring to LCM in 2022.

Every month I plan to highlight a staff member in The Alive. This will give everyone the opportunity to get to know our staff and what they bring to Little Children’s Ministry.

2021 ended with the Annual Christmas Program, Christmas Spirit Week, Classroom Christmas Parties, and a very productive mission. The December Mission was to provide Christmas to LCM families in need. JOY Circle generously provided the funds that provided several gifts to 14 children at LCM. The children of LCM made ornaments that were sold for \$1 to contribute to the Christmas mission fund. We would like to thank the ladies of JOY Circle for bringing such happiness to the parents of these children. I am sure lots of smiles were had on Christmas morning!

LCM has maintained the Paths To Quality Level 3 rating! It has taken a great deal of preparation and hard work from the staff to maintain this rating. It is not a short- term preparation review, but an accomplishment that has to be maintained all year. Great job to the staff! This rating has helped us to receive many grants that have ultimately kept us in business throughout the pandemic.

LCM is ready and excited to have another successful year in the lives of every child who attends! Please continue to pray for our children and our staff throughout 2022.



First Church Committees & Roles 2022



AD COUNCIL

Chair Judy Williamson
Vice-Chair Don Collins
Lay Leader Marjorie Miller
Lay Delegate Marjorie Miller
Recording Sec Brian Newell
Church Treasurer Elaine Hall
Fin & Mem Sec Nancy Hamilton
Prayer Coord Nancy Hamilton

MEMBERS FROM COMMITTEES

FELLOWSHIP

Finance Jerry Miller
LCM Mary Ingram
Missions Brian Newell
Staff-Parish Heather Platt
Trustees Steve Longenecker

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Scott Schafer
Carmen Jones
Heather Platt

FINANCE

Chair Jerry Miller 2024
John Jones 2022
Susan Swartz 2022
Joyce Sandberg 2022
Casey Jones 2024
Fin & Mem Sec Nancy Hamilton
Treasurer Elaine Hall
Ad Council Chair
Lay Leader Steve Longenecker
Staff-Parish Rep
Trustees Rep Steve Longenecker

TRUSTEES

Chair Steve Longenecker 2022
Mike Swartzell 2022
Mike Martin 2022
Duane Sailors 2023
Mary Sutton 2023
Elaine Hall 2024
Joe Leffert 2024
Vic Sutton 2024

MEMORIAL FUNDS

Chair Elaine Hall
Jeannie Byers
Milt Hess
Mark Baker
Rich Wild
Conna Kitchel

MISSIONS

Chair Brian Newell
Deb Swartzell
Doris Regan
Dawn Fisher
Scott Peattie
Jacob Fisher
Lori, Morgan, Drew Sailors
Open to all interested

NOMINATIONS

Elaine Hall 2021
Jan Blackburn 2021
Sonja Hanawalt 2022
Brian Newell 2022
Luann Hamilton 2022
Karen Starkey 2023

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Chair Teresa Popejoy 2024
Ann Miller 2022
Don Collins 2022
Scott Shafer 2023
Jeff Smith 2023
Steve Clary 2023
Milt Hess 2024
Dale Byers 2024
Helen Gray 2024

LCM BOARD

Chair Cindy Collins 2022
Marjorie Miller 2023
Tammy Bartlett 2023
Sarah Fisher 2024
LCM Director Belinda Jordan
LCM Secretary Stormie Rivera
LCM Treasurer Stormie Rivera
LCM Teacher Rep Angelica Duffee
Parent Rep Molly Long
Staff-Parish Rep
Trustees Rep
Finance Rep

CHURCH HISTORIAN

Jim Moore

LAY LEADER

Marjorie Miller

PARISH NURSE

Heather Platt

WORSHIP

Chair Deb Swartzell
Tammy Bartlett
Diana Geisler
Francis Shelhart
Dave Danhauser
Ann Wooden
Worship Leader: Ali Williams
Accompanist Deb Binford
Accompanist Jeff Smith
Bell/Choir Director Elaine Hall
Open to all interested

WORSHIP ARTS

Chair Jane Williams
Rosie Schafer
Dawn Fisher
Erica Yerkes
Lori Sailors
Keith Binkerd

COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers by Month

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Volunteers by Month

FUNERAL MEALS

Jeannie Byers
Nancy Hamilton
Pat Wilkinson
Marjorie Miller
Mary Sutton
Conna Kitchel
Kit Clary
Fran Murr
Doris Regan
Deb Binford

FUNERAL MEAL SET UP

Steve Clary
Kirk Hamilton
Brian Newell
Dave Miller
Vic Sutton

HEAD USHERS

8:15 Mike Swartzell
10:00 Kirk Hamilton

First UMC Contact Info:

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- **Sunday Services:** 800 E Broadway, Logansport IN, 46947
- **Worship:** 8:15 AM & 10 AM * Face masks required until seated
- **Live Streaming:** 8:15 & 10 AM on FaceBook Live @ Logansport First United Methodist Church

Church Staff

- **Pastor:** Beth Ann Cook, revbethanncook@gmail.com
- **Treasurer:** Elaine Hall, Email: loganfirsttreasurer@comcast.net
- **Administrative Assistant:** Lori Shewman, Email: loganfirst@comcast.net
- **Financial Secretary:** Nancy Hamilton
- **Worship Leader:** Ali Williams
- **Media Coordinator:** Luann Hamilton

Little Childrens Ministry Staff

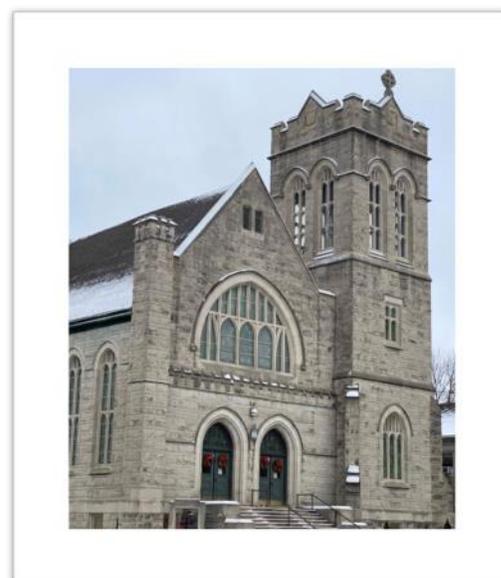
- ◆ **Director:** Belinda Jordan, Email: fumlcm@gmail.com * 574-753-6058
- ◆ **Administrative Assistant:** Stormie Riveria, Email: lcmsec@comcast.net

Church Leaders:

- **Our Bishop:** Bishop Julius Trimble
- **Conference Superintendent:** Rev. Lori Blinn
- **Associate Superintendents:** Rev. Rob Seewald & Rev. John Randall

Church Cluster:

- **Crosswind UMC:** Pastor Tim Powers
- **Main Street UMC:** Pastor Doug Thomas
- **Wheatland Ave UMC:** Bert Stover
- **First UMC:** Pastor Beth Ann Cook (thru Jan 31)



Our Mission

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

Our Vision

REACH...EQUIP...SEND