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**Changing Seasons–** Pastor Michael Goodspeed



In the past week we have had snowstorms, icy conditions, and sunny days with temps in the 60’s. What a weather mix we experience in Indiana! Most of us love Indiana for just that reason – it has a mix of seasons that each offer something unique and wonderful. My favorite season is Fall. As I write this, I have yet to begin at Logansport First Church. It is with great anticipation that I begin a new season of ministry. I look forward to my days of working alongside you for the glory of God. I pray for you and for your hearts in the midst of a changing season in the church. As with the seasons, change is an inevitability in our lives.

Change is a constant whether we like it or not. Our bodies are changing – just look in the mirror. Our families are growing up and seem to be in a constant state of flux. Our culture is certainly changing – what used to be true is no longer true. There really is just one thing that has never changed. That one unchanging entity is God almighty. According to Malachi 3:6 God never changes. God’s promises are always certain and faithfully fulfilled. As the perfect God, God could never slip from a state of perfection.



So, the next time your life seems to be uncertain cling to the unchanging God of the scriptures. God always is as he is. He never tires or grows weary of us. God never changes his mind about you. “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9). May your March be a month of gathering strength and enjoying the God who holds us steady.

I welcome you to the Ash Wednesday service the evening of March 2nd – this will be my first time at First Church. On Sunday, March 13, I look forward to being in Sunday morning worship with the church. I hope you will meet my family and me in worship soon!

Blessings, Pastor Michael



*First UMC is pleased to welcome Pastor Michael Goodspeed to our church. In an effort to provide Pastor Michael and his family the opportunity to meet, greet and begin learning what a great church family we are, we will have one service at 9 AM on March 13. Please join us following the 9 AM service for refreshments in the basement to enjoy a time of fellowship.*

**“Reflections of the Heart” —Pastor Tim McKaig**

Have you ever heard anyone say, “I feel closer to God here than anywhere else?” You can fill in the blank where “here” is. Maybe it’s under a shade tree or at a lake cabin or in the mountains; maybe it’s in a fishing boat or on the golf course or in a shopping mall!



I am not certain that I’ve ever had a place that I felt that way about...until a couple of years ago when we went to Edisto Beach in South Carolina. I loved our morning walks on the beach, hearing the roar of the waves crashing on to the shore, watching the birds dart to and fro...until they swooped into the water and emerged with a fish. One morning, I sensed God with us in a new way. We had taken our chairs to the beach on a particularly foggy morning. As we got out our books and began to read, we watched the fog as it gradually rolled out to sea. Moment by moment we could see more than the previous moment until it was a bright and sunny day. Early in the afternoon we went to the local grill for lunch. As we were eating, Annetta pointed to the fog that was rolling in again. By the time we finished eating, we couldn’t even see the beach which was less than 100 years away.

I was thinking that the fog is a little bit like God’s love for us...not that it rolls in and out. His love is a constant in our lives. God envelopes us in a blanket of His love just like that fog enveloped the entire area where we were having lunch. The fog was a powerful force in the sense that traffic moved more slowly and beach traffic came to a standstill. God’s love impacts us in similar ways. Whether we can see what He’s doing or not, God is always working for our good.

This week we are at the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday (March 2) signals the beginning of 40 days of reflection about what God is doing in the world, how we fit into His world, and who we are in relationship to His saving grace. It’s a time when, hopefully, we will invite God to have His way in our hearts...much as Psalm 139 invites God to search our hearts for ways that are not pleasing to Him. Lent is a time when the Holy Spirit of God convicts our hearts of sin and calls us to repentance so we are ready to celebrate Easter.

There is a tradition that people “give up” something during Lent. The purpose of this self-denial is to focus more on Jesus and His voluntary sacrifice of Calvary’s cross. Sadly, this self-denial often becomes an ordeal and we spend more time complaining about what we’ve given up than we spend focusing on Jesus.

I have a different suggestion this year. Instead of giving something up this year, “take on” something. Here are a few suggestions: Take the opportunity to get to know Pastor Michael...invite him for coffee or a meal; spend time each week reflecting on who God is and what He’s done in your life to bless you; attend the men’s weekly Lenten Breakfasts each Saturday; attend worship each Sunday during Lent; plan to attend the community Good Friday service at Calvary Presbyterian; attend Easter worship and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



As you “take on” this commitment to participate, open your hearts to the Lord and allow Him to work in your heart. It may be much easier to “give up” something, but I hope that you will “take on” the heart of Jesus so that Easter might be an incredible celebration for you this year.

## Birthdays

Dale Sullivan 3/06	Jerry Miller 3/15	John Beachler 3/24	Rosie Schafer 3/30
Max Baker 3/12	Jan Blackburn 3/17	Morgan Sailors 3/24	Erica Yerkes 3/30
Steve Longenecker 3/12	Phil Starkey 3/19	Gary Provo 3/27	
Sally Mauck 3/14	Sophia Hamilton 3/23	Beverly Vietti 3/28	



## Anniversaries

Bill & Angie Minglin 03/14	Duane & Lori Sailors 03/23
Brad & Heather Platt 03/24	Dale & Jayne Sullivan 03/15

## Weekly Schedule:

**Monday:** Staff Meeting, 10 AM, Parlor

**Tuesday:** Prayer, 11 AM, Sanctuary

**Wednesday:** Bell Choir, 5 PM, Sanctuary, Choir, 6 PM Sanctuary  
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 PM, Parlor

## March Schedule:

**Wed, March 2** Ash Wednesday Service, 6 PM, Sanctuary

**Sun, March 6:** Trustee Meeting, 7 PM, Parlor

**Tues, March 8:** LCM CPR Training, Fellowship Hall, 5:30– 7:30 PM  
Pastor Parish Meeting, 6 PM, Parlor

**Sun, March 13:** Combined Worship Service/Pastor Michael's First Sunday, 9 AM  
Reception following Service in Fellowship Hall

**Tues, March 29** JOY Circle, Honeywell Center, Carpool from the parking lot at 12:30 PM for lunch and a play



## March Daily Bible Reading

1 Deuter. 5-7	9 Deuter. 29-31	17 Joshua 18-20	25 Judges 14-16
2 Deuter. 8-10	10 Deuter. 32-34	18 Joshua 21-22	26 Judges 17-19
3 Deuter. 11-13	11 Joshua 1-4	9 Joshua 23-24	27 Judges 20-21
4 Deuter. 14-17	12 Joshua 5-7	20 Judges 1-3	28 Ruth 1-4
5 Deuter. 18-20	13 Joshua 8-9	21 Judges 4-6	29 1 Samuel 1-3
6 Deuter. 21-23	14 Joshua 10-11	22 Judges 7-8	30 1 Samuel 4-7
7 Deuter. 24-26	15 Joshua 12-14	23 Judges 9-10	31 1 Samuel 8-10
8 Deuter. 27-28	16 Joshua 15-17	24 Judges 11-13	

## Prayer Requests

- Mary Sutton
- Marvellen Dunwoody
- Keith Binkerd
- Donna Lou Smith
- Ukraine
- Family of Mike Van Hine



## Nursing Homes

**McKinney Place:** Beverly Vietti

**Millers Merry Manor:** Sally Mauck, Beverly Hess, Jayne Sullivan

**Milner Community Healthcare:** Bev Bartunek

**Woodbridge:** Mike Doering & Charlotte Sibley

**Five Star Residence of Clearwater, Indy:** Marvellen Dunwoody

## Military Service

Braxton Baker

Jacob Kaley

Alex Karnafel

Mickey Karnafel

Oakley Lewellen

Joshua Lyons

Tim Strubell

## Take Care– Heather Platt, Parish Nurse

Shingles is caused by a virus called Varicella-Zoster and usually causes a painful rash. Once we've had chicken pox, we carry this virus in our bodies in a dormant state. Sometimes it never reappears and other times, it presents itself in the form of a blistering rash. The rash is typically found on the trunk on one side of the body, but it's not uncommon to see this rash on the face or neck. The course of a shingles infection typically lasts 2-6 weeks and often the blisters will begin to dry out on days 7-10. We continue to be contagious until the blisters are fully dried. We are not able to give another person shingles, but we can give another person chicken pox.



One way to reduce the risk of having a shingles outbreak is to get the shingles vaccine. It's found to be 90% effective in protecting us from an infection.

Shingles infections should be reported to your healthcare provider as there are treatment options they may choose to order based on your risk. Again, symptoms include a painful, burning rash that may itch and have some tingling associated. People can also develop a fever, headache, light sensitivity and fatigue. There are potential long-term complications from shingles including vision loss if the rash affects the eye, hearing damage, balance problems, and nerve damage manifesting in chronic pain. Take care!



## ***Mask Update:***

Face masks are now optional at First UMC  
and Little Children's Ministry.



### **Little Childrens Ministry–** Belinda Jordan, Director

The children are loving the new indoor play area!! It has plenty of activities for all ages. We are still in the process of ordering some additional toys with the remainder of the money that was designated for the area. It has been a blessing to once again give the children an area to play outside of their classrooms. Being able to give them such a nice area to use their motor skills has made it even better! They have waited a long time to get past COVID and return to some sort of normal.



We have begun using the grant money to purchase new shelving and new toys for several rooms. This Stabilization Grant gives us the opportunity to be able to afford operational costs while still meeting the educational needs of the children. According to Paths to Quality, we need to provide 10 different centers with at least 3 choices for children. We are using some grant money to add Math, Science, Manipulatives, Reading, Blocks, Sensory, and Large Motor Skills activities to the rooms. This will help to enhance the learning atmosphere. We are also having vinyl flooring installed in 2 classrooms.

The outdoor playground will be our next focus. The mulch has disintegrated. Therefore, we are looking into options to help keep the mud and dirt outside. The Build, Learn, and Grow Stabilization Grant will cover the cost of updating the playground mulch. The LCM Board has agreed to begin requesting bids on a new fence to surround the playground. This will create a safer environment for our children. LCM had a large contribution that would be used for this renovation.

### **Meet Miss Carrie**



The staff member highlighted this month is Carrie Robison. Carrie teaches in our Gecko Room which includes children 2 – 2 ½ years old. She began her employment with LCM in April of 2004. Carrie is very reliable and has a wonderful way of keeping order in a room full of 2 year olds. She creates terrific lesson plans that prepare the children to move on to the Tiger Room (last step prior to preschool). We are honored to have such a caring, wonderful, and dedicated staff member!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Dr Seuss Week February 28- March 4
- Picture Day March 15 and 16 in Fellowship Hall

### **March Scripture:**

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, Rejoice!



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## Church Staff

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## 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 Michael Goodspeed



## 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...*

## Helping Ukraine:

UMCOR is providing one time assistance and the need extends beyond that. If you would like to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and those in Romania who are receiving refugees, please direct your gifts to World Methodist Evangelism. You can give online at [worldmethodist.org](http://worldmethodist.org) and put Ukraine-Romania in the description box, or by placing a gift in the offering plate marked "Ukraine" on the notation line.

