

Going Live: Here, There, & Far



**Matthew 28:16-20** *Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Want to know a secret? I’m a bit intimidated by livestreaming our worship services, Bible Studies, and our recent Prayer Workshop. We always seem to have some problem or another with sound, bandwidth, etc. Every week it stretches me.

Technology is not my strongest suit. I’ve faced a steep learning curve as we have tried in this COVID season to make content available and continue to be the church. Yet God is using our highly imperfect internet webcasts for His glory. Even when we are less than polished God takes our weak words and brings fruit. I’m reminded of Paul’s words in 2 Corinthians 12:9. *It is God’s strength that really matters.*

Many people have shared that this on line ministry is making a difference in their lives. Who is watching on Sunday mornings? We expected to reach our members who have health concerns and cannot attend worship because of COVID. And they are being blessed. But we are also reaching people who don’t regularly attend but consider us their church, people who were once part of our congregation but moved away, and unchurched friends and relatives. Some of our “snow birds” who winter in warmer places have also said they like being able to watch our services from there. Because of my global connections within Methodism we have even expanded our reach to the other side of the globe. Some pastors and leaders in other places in the UMC have told me that they are using my materials for their own teaching and ministries.

I’m most excited about the unchurched people who are tuning in. We are planting seeds of the Gospel literally here in Logansport, around the US, and globally through this ministry. Jesus said in the great commission for us to make disciples in our community, in nearby places, and around the world. We are actually doing this with our streaming! So it is worth being stretched.

All of this technology is also stretching us in another way--financially. I won’t lie. Recently general fund giving is down at Logansport First. We have been good stewards and we are making it. But money is at times tight. And technology is expensive.

We have hired a new part time staff person to help with video steaming—money that was not in the budget. We are also investing a lot in new equipment. We are spending over \$10,000 on live streaming equipment for the sanctuary. (The memorial committee is giving \$5000 or about half of the new equipment cost.) I would love to be able to do a better job with web-streaming Bible Study. I am trying to run that without any assistance. But that



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would require more man hours and equipment.) If funds were available we could also offer both our contemporary and traditional services online. Right now we are choosing one or the other each week to stream.

Will you join me in praying for God to: 1) Use this ministry to reach new people for Jesus. 2) Use this ministry to draw new people into our church family. 3) Provide finances to grow this ministry? If the Lord lays it on your heart to give for this ministry, please write "internet" on your offering envelope or check.

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Beth Ann



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#### SUNDAY SERVICES:

**OPEN SANCTUARY WORSHIP:** 8:15 AM & 10 AM

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#### LIVE STREAMING

10 AM: FaceBook Live @LoganFirstUMC

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

- ◆ Nancy Lapierre
- ◆ Pregnancy loss
- ◆ Family of Carl Carmen
- ◆ Family of Donel Evernham
- ◆ Family of Randy Kline
- ◆ Family of Patricia Beety
- ◆ Olivia Vasquez & preborn child
- ◆ National Elections
- ◆ Interpersonal relationships
- ◆ Students applying for college



## ON-GOING CONCERNS

Anne Boonstra	Barb Leffert
Betty Thomas	Connie Graf
Dick Graf	Deb Swartzell
Ed Hanawalt	Larry Merritt
Lauren Hanawalt	Sharon Barr
Tammy Bartlett	Tim Taylor
Victims of natural disasters	
Those who have lost jobs	
Those struggling with addiction	

## COVID:

Those waiting for test results  
Students, teachers and school staff, administration  
Parents  
First responders, caregivers  
Development of a vaccine

## NEW PRAYER ROOM

To our First Church Congregation, Greetings! I was honored to create a prayer room that would honor God and honor us all. It pleases me to see a long time dream of Tracy Stuart's come to fruition. I hope that this room feels warm, soft and invites us all into the presence of the Lord.

Sometimes in our lives we need a place to fight the battles of life alone with God.



At this time, there are chairs, an altar with a kneeler, a cross and battery operated candles. After the pandemic ends, we will be able to add books and inspirational literature.

Our new prayer room is located in the northwest corner behind the sanctuary. I pray that this room will bring you into a closer, loving relationship with the Holy Spirit. Sincerely yours in Christ, Kirk Hamilton

## Trustee Report

A message from the Board of Trustees:

I was recently told about a window in the church that needed cleaning. As I thought about who would clean this window it occurred to me, many of you may not know that we do not have a paid janitor at the church to whom we can assign such a task.

True, the Little Children's Ministry has a janitor, but his job is to clean the Day Care rooms and areas. We can't task him with cleaning up after us. I say that to ask that if you see small jobs that need addressed, why not do that job yourself? If the job is beyond your capability maybe you can recruit a group to address it. If it is not possible by one of these methods, let the Board of Trustees know and we will see who we can ask or hire to get the job done.

Steven Longenecker, Trustee Chair



# Important Dates

## OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

- Sun, Oct 4** *Actually* Message Series Starts
- Wed, Oct 7** Revelation Bible Study, 6 PM,  
Fellowship Hall
- Wed, Oct 14** JOY Circle, 9 AM, Fellowship Hall
- Wed, Oct 14** Revelation Bible Study, 6 PM, FH
- Wed, Oct 21** Revelation Bible Study, 6 PM, FH
- Mon, Oct 26** Ad Council
- Wed, Oct 28** Revelation Bible Study, 6 PM, FH



### JOY CIRCLE

We have made some program changes. Please note these in your program folder:

#### October 14, 2020

Hostesses: Nancy Hamilton & Nancy Beachler  
Devotions: Nancy Hamilton  
Program: Historic Preservation

#### November 13, 2020

Hostesses: Penny Schaefer & Doris Regan  
Devotions: Jayne Sullivan  
Thank Offering (Bring your offerings)  
Program: Thelma Conrad, Churches in Logansport

**December 9, 2020:** To be announced

Meetings start at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.  
All women of the church are invited to attend.

## BIRTHDAYS

- Oct 1** Beth Ann Cook
- Oct 4** Scott Peattie
- Oct 7** Justin Geisler
- Oct 8** Marjorie Miller
- Oct 9** Rachel Geer
- Oct 11** Paulette Waltz
- Oct 14** Jackie Danhauser  
Joseph Leffert
- Oct 16** Mary Stuart
- Oct 18** Bindi Baker
- Oct 19** Kirk Hamilton  
Jane Williams
- Oct 24** Donald Shelhart
- Oct 25** Sharon Jones
- Oct 26** Athena Eisan
- Oct 27** Hayley Jess
- Oct 30** Dick Graf



## ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct 19** Herbert & Mary Ann Bowman
- Oct 21** Jennings & Carly Hall  
Mitch & Laura Karnafel
- Oct 25** Milt & Christ Hess
- Oct 30** Mike & Helen Gray

## OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

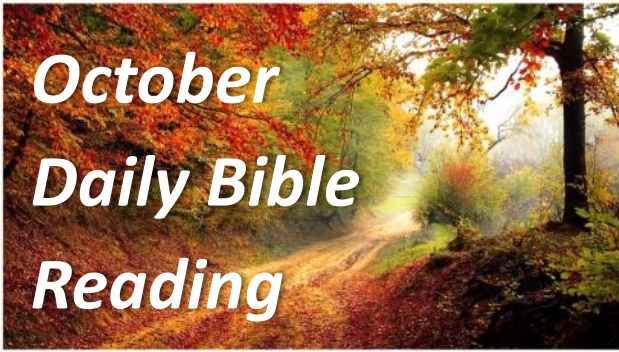
### SCRIPTURE READER:

- Communion:** Nancy Hamilton
- 8:15 AM Greeters:** Dave & Marj Miller  
Jerry & Ann Miller

### 10:00 AM GREETERS:

(In need of volunteer to coordinate 10 AM schedule)

## SIGN UP TO SERVE ON THE MISSION BOARD



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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 Zechariah 11-14 | 17 Mark 8-9   |
| 2 Malachi 1-4     | 18 Mark 10-11 |
| 3 Matthew 1-4     | 19 Mark 12-13 |
| 4 Matthew 5-6     | 20 Mark 14-16 |
| 5 Matthew 7-9     | 21 Luke 1     |
| 6 Matthew 10-12   | 22 Luke 2-3   |
| 7 Matthew 13-14   | 23 Luke 4-5   |
| 8 Matthew 15-17   | 24 Luke 6-7   |
| 9 Matthew 18-20   | 25 Luke 8     |
| 10 Matthew 21-22  | 26 Luke 9     |
| 11 Matthew 23-24  | 27 Luke 10-11 |
| 12 Matthew 25-26  | 28 Luke 12-13 |
| 13 Matthew 27-28  | 29 Luke 14-16 |
| 14 Mark 1-3       | 30 Luke 17-18 |
| 15 Mark 4-5       | 31 Luke 19-20 |
| 16 Mark 6-7       |               |

**2020 LOGANSPORT LIFE CHAIN**  
**RIGHT TO LIFE**  
 OF  
**NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA**

Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring the annual Life Chain on Sunday,

October 4, from 2-3 PM (rain or shine). Participants will stand along 6<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets in Logansport, holding non-graphic signs provided at no cost. Those who can't stand are welcome to bring a chair. Signs can be picked up at Veterans Freedom Park (NE Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Market) beginning at 1:45 PM that day. For more information, go to: [www.nci4life.org](http://www.nci4life.org)

### NURSING HOMES

**McKinney Place:** Beverly Hess, Beverly Vietti  
**Woodbridge:** Mike Doering,  
 Ruby Palmer-Hinkle  
**Millers:** Betty Thomas

### MILITARY SERVICE:

Braxton Baker	Jacob Kaley
Alex Karnafel	Matt Karnafel
Oakley Lewellen	Joshua Lyons
Tim Strubell	



Thank you to our wonderful church family for your prayers, calls, cards, and the prayer shawl. I've wrapped up in it several times. It is lonely not being able to have visitors here (at Miller's). Everyone has been so kind,  
 Betty Thomas

Dear First UMC Church family,  
 To those who made a phone call, sent a card with a caring message, or visited the family with kind words during visitation, along with the thoughts and prayers of many, we thank you so very much. A special thank you to Pastor Beth Ann for helping us through this difficult time. It is greatly appreciated. May God bless you all,  
 The Family of Jeffrey Cox

### PRAYER SHAWLS & BLANKETS :

First UMC is in need of more prayer shawls and blankets. If you can help with this please let Pastor Beth Ann know.  
 Thank you.



# Little Children's Ministry

LCM would like to welcome several new children and employees. We have added Miss Emma, Miss Bayli, and Miss Lexi to our infant rooms. We have also added Miss Morgan and Miss Azithri to our toddler rooms. They have completed all of their trainings and are presently in the classrooms taking care of children. We are excited to have them as a part of LCM!



LCM has some scheduled activities in October. First of all, the staff will have Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 7th and 8th. This is a requirement of PTQ Level 3. Last year was our first year offering conferences, and the parents seemed to really like them. We will also have Fall Vacation from October 19-23. LCM will be open and offering care for our regular children, as well as school age children. We will have our Preschool rooms open, but no curriculum will be scheduled for that week.

Finally, we have decided to go forward with our Halloween Party & Trick-or-Treat. It will be in the hallways. We will not allow the children to go into the classes, but they will still be able to enjoy walking around and getting candy with their friends. We figured that many children may not be able to do their normal Halloween activities this year so this will give them the opportunity to Trick or Treat while still being safe! The festivities will be on Friday, October 30th. Unfortunately, Grandparent's Day had to be cancelled for this Fall. We are looking at possibly rescheduling in the Spring.



The year 2020 has been challenging for all of us. The LCM staff is really looking forward to the upcoming holidays. We will know more about what activities and programs will be possible when it becomes a little closer to time. We will definitely keep you posted!

We are continuing to have our COVID guidelines in place for both the staff and the families.

- Masks are mandatory for families and children over the age 3 while in the hallways
- No one is allowed into the classrooms except staff and children
- Temperature checks of children and staff are performed daily upon arrival
- Classes are socially distanced during meal times
- Chapel is being held in the classrooms
- The indoor play area is still closed until further notice

We ask for prayers that everyone that attends and works at LCM stay healthy and that our facility remains COVID-19 free!

Thank you to First United Methodist Church for all of your support!

*Sincerely,*

*Belinda Jordan, Director*

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