

First United Methodist Church

To Africa & Back

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. **Psalm 117:1**

Growing up on the West Side of Evansville, Indiana, I never thought I would travel to as many places around the world as I have. I have a love/hate relationship with travel. I love seeing new places and meeting new people. I hate jet lag.

I was recently privileged to participate in the *Africa Initiative Prayer and Leadership Summit* in Nairobi, Kenya. Leaders from every Annual Conference in Africa were nominated by their Bishops to attend. For the first time all 18 Annual Conferences had participants at the event at the same time. Africa is doing an amazing job of growing the church. They are seeing tremendous numbers of new converts and new church plants. They are doing amazing work in the areas of peace, justice, and care for the poor. I met leaders who are working in places where being a Christian is literally dangerous. Others lead churches in some of the poorest slums in the world.



What do they need us for?! They should come teach us.

Like most United Methodists, our African brothers and sisters are concerned about the future of the UMC. They are also trying to maneuver through complex UMC legislative process. So part of their time together was spent talking about and preparing for the upcoming 2020 General Conference.

In theory the special called General Conference in 2019 was supposed to end all of our conflict around how to be in ministry with LGBTQ persons. The Commission on a Way Forward brought recommendations, a year was spent in prayer and discussion, and delegates voted.

The Special Called General Conference in February in St. Louis brought our deep divisions to the surface. Local churches and individuals who were unaware of our conflict now know about it. In the wake of GC2019 there have been protests, allegations that the vote was rigged, and political efforts to get a mulligan. They are convinced that the vote in St. Louis can't possibly reflect the will of the church.

The next opportunity to formally address these allegations will be during the May, 2019, General Conference in Minneapolis. So, in response to these divisions, African brothers and sisters invited some US delegates familiar with the intricacies of parliamentary procedure and submitting legislation to equip and empower them. (The petition submission rules are very tricky. They must be submitted in the right electronic format, double spaced, etc. or the petitions are rejected.)

During this event one of my main purposes was to answer questions about how General Conference rules work. (I was supposed to do this with my African friend and sister Betty Katiyo. She and I served on the Rules Sub-Committee of the Commission on General Conference together. We were at that meeting in Lexington a few days before I got on the plane for Nairobi. I hugged her goodbye and said, "See you Tuesday on your Continent." Little did I know that would be the last time I would see her until the Father's House.)

I'm sure I learned far more from the African leaders in my time in Nairobi than they did from me. One of my favorite lessons is that if Jesus is really LORD, then He is worthy of whole hearted worship.

Praise and worship with African brothers and sisters isn't perfunctory or lackluster. They don't just mumble the words to a hymn. They put their hearts, souls and bodies into it.

I was reminded of John Wesley's instructions for singing when he cautioned "Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan."

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There is power in really praising God! This is especially true in the midst of hardship, grief, challenges, and uncertainty. I pray that my life will be filled with real worship of the King of Kings no matter what happens at General Conference or anywhere else.

By the way, I posted some video clips of worship from Nairobi on my Facebook page. Enjoy! One of my friends commented on the movement of the camera. Yes, I was dancing while filming!

Blessings and peace,
Beth Ann

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Congratulations, Andrew Dean on your job promotion and future move to Fort Wayne. You will be greatly missed as our second service Worship Leader! We wish you well. The Pastor Parish Relations committee will be meeting in Sept to recruit a replacement for Andrew. His last Sunday will be October 6, 2019.

One Another—Homecoming Celebration- September 13 & 15

Friday, Sept 13 First UMC is hosting a **Family Fun Night and Cookout** in the church parking lot from 4-7 PM. Join us for food, fun games, prizes, face painting, an art table, Bouncy House and other activities. On Sunday, Sept 15, we have a will combined church service at 10 AM and honor our 50 year members. A potluck in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service. Together, we will celebrate God's faithfulness to us as a church, renew old friendships, hear wonderful music, share stories and enjoy a special meal.



9/11 Prayer and Remembrance Service



Cass County Pastors invite you to a 9/11 Service of Prayer and Remembrance on Wednesday, Sept 11, 12 PM, at the Logansport Fire Station, 630 High Street.

The Epic of Eden: Ruth— Wednesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Beth Ann will begin this new study on Wed, Sept 18, 6 PM in the Parlor. Suggested donation for study guide is \$10 while supplies last.

Paint with the Pastor— Sept 30, 6:30 PM

Pastor Beth Ann is hosting a Paint with the Pastor at the Logansport Art Association. She will also provide a short devotion on "Let Go and Let God." Participants will have the option of choosing one of four fall designs to paint. When registering, painters must designate which design they have chosen. Cost is \$15 p/p. Deadline to register is Wed, Sept. 25.





Every second counts/Know how to use an AED



Are you aware that we now have an AED (automated external defibrillator) at First United? We have been equipped with this lifesaving device through a generous donation from our memorial funds. Please take note that the AED is located in a cabinet, inside the elevator alcove, beside the nursery. An AED is a sophisticated medical device that will analyze the heart rhythm and if necessary, deliver a shock or defibrillation in an effort to restore an effective heart rhythm. This high tech device was designed for non-medical people to be able to use in a cardiac arrest emergency to save a life.

According to the American Heart Association, one in six males and one in eight females aged 45 years and up have had either a stroke or a heart attack. Cardiac arrest affects people of all ages but more commonly in adults with a history of heart disease.

When cardiac arrest occurs (the heart stops beating effectively), seconds count. Studies show that immediate CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) plus early defibrillation can more than double a person's chance of survival. When high quality CPR is given within the first four minutes, brain damage is unlikely to develop. If CPR is delayed 4-6 minutes, the person will possibly have brain damage. CPR that is started between 6-10 minutes after arrest the person has a high probability of brain damage but if CPR is delayed 10 minutes or more, it is most likely that brain damage will have occurred.

Delivering high quality CPR places a big emphasis on proper hand placement and compressing the chest 2 inches deep on people aged 1 year through adult. The rate of chest compression is also very important and it needs to occur at a rate of 100-120 times per minute in order to provide blood flow to the heart and brain.

If you witness or find a person who may have experienced sudden cardiac arrest, you will find someone who is unresponsive, not breathing effectively and without a pulse. Do not waste time trying to find a pulse or determine how well someone is breathing. Your number one priority is to get help. Call 911, start CPR and have someone bring the AED to the unconscious person. Do not stop giving CPR while someone sets up the AED.

The most important thing to remember with our AED is to lock in the battery pack and electrodes into the back of the AED then power it on. Remember that here, we have both the adult and child battery pack and electrodes so you need to decide is this person is 1-8 years old = child and greater than 8 years old = adult. From that point on, the AED will tell you what to do. Stay as calm as you can and listen for the instructions.

1. Remove shirt/bra-scissors are included in the kit.
2. Remove excessive chest hair before placing pads- look at pictures on pads for location but most commonly under the right collarbone and under the left breast. The kit includes duct tape to quickly rip off hair or a razor if preferred but don't delay.
 1. If the person is wet or sweaty, use the towel and wipe skin dry before placing pads.
 2. If the person has a hard round lump under their skin located under the collarbone, do not place the pad directly over this potential pacemaker.
 3. If the person has a medication patch on the chest, remove the medicine patch and wipe the chest wall where the patch was to remove excess medication. This is done to avoid energy arcing during defibrillation. (Wipe your hands if you get the medication from the patch on you.)

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4. Place the pads. The AED will tell you “do not to touch the patient” while it is analyzing the heart rhythm. The AED will then say “shock advised” or “no shock advised.”
5. If a “shock is advised,” this means the AED determines the lethal heart arrhythmia is either ventricular fibrillation (VF) or ventricular tachycardia (VT). Both of these rhythms require defibrillation to convert back into a normal rhythm. The AED will tell you to ensure all responders to NOT touch the patient, then it will tell you to deliver the shock (meaning you need to press the button with the lightning bolt). The reason that all responders must step back and not touch the patient is because if you touch the patient, you too will be shocked!
6. If the AED says, “no shock advised”, this means the patient is in a heart rhythm that will not improve with defibrillation. This type of rhythm requires CPR only. Leave the pads on the chest and continue to follow the prompts until the EMS arrives.

Remember that the AED needs to stay on the patient until the EMS arrives no matter if you’ve shocked/defibrillated the patient multiple times or not. You may have a situation where you are delivering CPR for 2 minute intervals followed by a period of rest while the AED ‘analyses the rhythm’ and tells you to ‘not to defibrillate’ or ‘defibrillate’ and continue CPR.

If your patient suddenly starts to take breaths or awaken, great job!! But leave the AED on and follow commands until help arrives.

Know this about an AED- if you are able to help a person in their greatest time of need and place the AED, you improve their survival rate dramatically! Defibrillation is especially effective if the first shock is delivered in less than 2-3 minutes from cardiac arrest. For every minute that defibrillation is delayed, the person’s survival rate drops by 10%. An AED that is placed upon collapse with responders who perform effective CPR and defibrillation will increase the person’s chance of survival by 90%.

The next AED training is 8/18, between 9:30-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. You may also want to look on the internet for a video to have a better understanding. Please reach out to me for additional questions or concerns. Be a hero and be prepared!

Thanks, Heather

The Finance Corner

In reviewing the Church financial statement through the first seven months of the year, there are two pieces of good news. The first is that our income is up, not a lot, but it is up. The second is that expenses are down over two percent. Blessings to Elaine Hall for her management of the Church finances. She makes the job of Finance Chair a lot easier.

Jerry Miller, Finance Chair

JOY Circle

JOY Circle resumes on Tuesday, September 11, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome to attend.



Trustee Report

Some of the things that we have been working on around the church:

1. We have replaced one more of our older A/C units that wore out after only 19 years! This was the unit that cooled the Library on the third floor, the hallway and the upper sanctuary stairwell.
2. We completed the repairs on the drain pipe near the kitchen that wore out and the dry wall that had to be replaced around it.
3. We repaired the contactor that kept failing on the west Sanctuary air handler.
4. The fire door releases on all three floors between the sanctuary and education building have been completed.
5. The drain to the wash tub next to the washing machine has been replaced.

Steven Longenecker, Trustee Chair

Concerns & Schedules

Prayer Concerns

- * Sandy Stuart
- * Joyce Decker
- * John Seth
- * Jay Kitchel
- Larry Fry
- Jim Somsel
- Elizabeth Billman
- Barb Leffert
- College Students
- Family of John Dodill
- Family of Barbara Hanawalt
- * Denotes new request

Nursing Homes

McKinney Place

Beverly Hess

Woodbridge

Mike Doering

Military Service

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

Praying Together

To help us partner with you in prayer, please submit all requests in writing so we can add the names to our written prayer list. (Even if you have verbally requested prayer during a church service.) Thank you.



**9-11 Prayer Service
And Remembrance**
Wednesday, Sept 11
12 PM
**Logansport Fire
Station**

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 Nick Robinson

First UMC

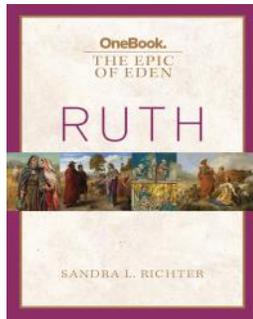
Pastor Beth Ann Cook

Main Street UMC

Rev. Colleen Hardin

Wheatland Ave UMC

Bert Stover



The Epic of Eden: Ruth
study guides are available at the resource table.

Suggested donation is \$10 while supplies last.

This Wednesday Night Study begins September 18 at 6 PM in the Parlor.

Door Hosts & Sunday Volunteers



We are looking for a volunteer to schedule Door Hosts for the 8:15 AM service. If you have an extra 15 minutes each month to make a few calls, please contact Lori in the church office. Thank you!

	Education Wing	Nursery Hallway	Narthex Hallway
8:15			
10:45	Kit Clary	Conna Kitchel	Larry Kitchel

1st Service

Scripture Reader:

Brian Newell



Communion Prep:

Dale & Jeannie Byers



Café Servers:

- Sept 1** Conna Kitchel
- Sept 8** Doris Regan
- Sept 16** Jane Williams
- Sept 22** Conna Kitchel
- Sept 29**



Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Bible Reading Plan

1 Ezekiel 17-19	12 Ezekiel 44-45	23 Amos 1-5
2 Ezekiel 20-21	13 Ezekiel 46-48	24 Amos 6-9/ Obad.
3 Ezekiel 22-23	14 Daniel 1-2	25 Jon.1-4/Mic.1-2
4 Ezekiel 24-26	15 Daniel 3-4	26 Micah 3-7
5 Ezekiel 27-28	16 Daniel 5-6	27 Nahum/Habak.
6 Ezekiel 29-31	17 Daniel 7-8	28 Zeph./Haggai
7 Ezekiel 32-33	18 Daniel 9-10	29 Zechariah 1-6
8 Ezekiel 34-36	19 Daniel 11-12	30 Zechariah 7-10
9 Ezekiel 37-38	20 Hosea 1-7	
10 Ezekiel 39-40	21 Hosea 8-14	
11 Ezekiel 41-43	22 Joel 1-3	

Standing Meetings/Studies

Mondays

7:00 AM Men's Fellowship, Parlor
10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

Tuesdays

9:30 AM Bible Study, Parlor
11:00 AM Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary
1:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:00 PM Choir, Fellowship Hall
 Bell Choir starts Sept 18 @ 5 PM
6:00 PM Bible Study resumes Sept 18

Events & Meetings:

Sun, Sept 8 AED Training, 9:30, Fellowship Hall
 KIDS CLUB, 10:30 AM
Mon, Sept 9 Worship Team, 6 PM, Parlor
Tues, Sept 8 Trustee Meeting 6 PM, Parlor
Wed, Sept 9 JOY Circle, 9 AM, Fellowship Hall
Wed, Sept 11 9/11 Remembrance, 12 PM, Fire Station
Fri, Sept 13 Family Fun Night 7 Cookout, 4-7 PM, First Church parking lot
Sun, Sept 15 Homecoming Service, 10 AM, & Potluck
Tues, Sept 17 SPRC, 6 PM, Parlor
Wed, Sept 18 Bible Study on Ruth, 6 PM, Parlor
Sat, Sept 21 Loaves & Fishes, 11-12:30 PM, Fellowship
Sun, Sept 22 KIDS Club, 10:30 AM
Mon, Sept 23 LCM Board Meeting, 5 PM, Parlor
Sun, Sept 29 Burmese Paint with the Pastor
Mon, Sept 30 Paint with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, LAA

August Celebrations

Birthdays

Sept 6 Deborah Swartzell
Sept 12 Steve Clary
Sept 14 Jeannie Byers
 Matthew Karnafel
Sept 16 Emilia Rogers
Sept 17 Ryan Wolfe
Sept 20 Chase Fisher
Sept 21 Meredith Jones
Sept 24 Deborah Binford
Sept 26 Sarah Fisher
 Diana Geisler
Sept 27 Teresa Popejoy
Sept 30 Heath Karnafel



Anniversaries

Sept 1 Dave & Marjorie Miller
Sept 13 Paul & Erica Yerkes
Sept 24 Donald & Frances Shelhart
Sept 29 Brian & Shelby Graham

Third Thursday



3rd Thursday is First UMC's outreach to families enrolled in Little Children's Ministry. Family Fun Night on Sept 13 will replace 3rd Thursday this month.

KIDS CLUB— 2nd & 4th Sundays , 10:30 AM

If you are interested in helping with KIDS CLUB, please see the sign-up form on the registration table or contact the church office.



Little Children's Ministry News

Hello,

LCM is very appreciative of the recognition from First UMC during LCM Sunday. We are very blessed to be able to minister to so many children in this facility. Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, church members, and the Pastor who have made LCM as strong as it is after 29 years!

Preschool is underway, and we are excited to teach the children and watch them grow both academically and spiritually. We currently have 20 preschoolers who will graduate in the Spring. If this number does not change, it will be one of our largest graduating classes! We still have a few openings for ages 3-5, so if you know anyone interested in enrolling a child in preschool, please contact the preschool office.



Yankee Candle Fundraiser dates are August 26th-September 8th. We have completed our "Project Playground" fundraisers so we will be concentrating on improving LCM in other ways. The Yankee Candle fundraiser profits will go towards a 1-year subscription of Bloomz for the parents, and purchasing one Tablet for each classroom. Bloomz offers an online childcare communication program which will allow parents and staff to communicate more efficiently. Staff will be able to communicate upcoming events, daily reports, post pictures, and many other things that will keep our parents involved throughout the day. Parents will also be able to communicate more easily with their child's teacher. As of now, the families that go to work early or get off late are currently unable to see and talk to their child's classroom teacher. This will allow them to communicate with them personally, rather than through other staff members. We are excited to add this to LCM. Please help us to sell or purchase candles so we can achieve this goal!



Fall is right around the corner. LCM has some upcoming Fall events. On September 11, a few of the preschool classes will be going to McClure's Apple Orchard. This is an annual field trip that is a lot of fun for the children! Fall pictures will be taken September 4th and 5th in the Fellowship Hall. Grandparent's Day festivities will occur on October 4th. The preschool program will be at 9 AM, and the toddler program will begin at 2:30 PM. If anyone is available that day and would like to be a "Grandparent" for the program, please contact the front office.



LCM will also have parent-teacher conferences this year. This is part of our Level 3 Paths to Quality Improvement Plan. These conferences will be October 7-9.

We will keep you updated on our Paths to Quality Level 3 progress. We should receive this in September!

Sincerely,

Belinda Jordan, Director

LCM STAFF

Director - Belinda Jordan

Administrative Assistant - Nicole Hacker

Treasurer - Julie Slater

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Church Office Hours: M-F, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

LCM Office Hours: M-F, 6 AM-6 PM

Sunday Services

8:15 AM - Worship/Traditional

9:30 AM - Sunday School/Fellowship

10:45 AM - Contemporary Worship/*The Stand*

2:00 PM - Burmese Worship

Bible Studies

Men's Monday Fellowship - 7 AM, Parlor

Tuesday - Women's Study- 9:30, AM, Parlor

Wednesday Night Bible Study- 6 PM, Parlor

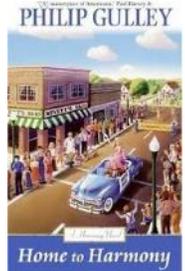
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Notes from the Library

A new book series has recently been donated to our church library. The Set, *Home to Harmony*, is by Philip Gulley who is an Indiana author.

These books are as enjoyable as the James Herriot books. They were donated by Rich Wild in memory of Karen. Another set of books, the *Chicory Inn* novels, have been given to the library by Nancy Hamilton. Thank you to both members, for their donations.



One Another: Living Life Together Sermon Series

The Bible is clear; we need one another. There is no such thing as a solo Christian! Our two English words "one another" are actually just one word in the Greek of the New Testament. The word (allelon) is used 100 times in 94 New Testament verses -usually in commands that tell Christians about how we should live life together. This message series begins on Sunday, September 15.



Our Vision

REACH | EQUIP | SEND

Our Mission

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