

But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Mark 13:32

I love 1980s music—which isn't surprising considering that it is the decade in which I graduated from High School. (Although I am decidedly not a fan of the fashion of that era! I recently saw an ad for shoulder pads and cringed. Surely that isn't going to make a comeback is it?) A song from back then is experiencing a resurgence in play. It is REM's 1987 hit *It's The End of The World as We Know It (And I'm Feeling Fine)*. The upbeat apocalyptic song has struck a nerve in the era of COVID, murder hornets, protests over racial injustice, a coin shortage, and an impending close call by an asteroid.



Over the years many people have tried to predict the day when Jesus will return. So far they have all been wrong. In fact Jesus said in Mark's Gospel that while he was on earth he didn't know the day or the hour of the end of the world.

2020 has been a wild ride. More people are asking me, "Pastor are we living in the end times?" than at any point in my 20+ years of ministry. My answer is I'm not sure. But I'm going to live like I am. I'm going to be prepared for His return. I'm also not going to be panic stricken about it. I'm feeling fine. Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I belong to him. Regardless of all of the tragedy and uncertainty in the world, I know I can trust him. So I'm feeling fine—even if it is the end of the world as we know it.

For the first couple of weeks in September we will be looking at what the Bible says about the summation of history and Jesus ultimate victory over evil. Then on Wednesday, September 23, at 6 PM, we will begin a journey through the Book of Revelation line by line. I invite you to study the Bible with me. I also invite you to read the terrific book by Craig Keener and Michael Brown "Not Afraid of the Antichrist." I think you too will be encouraged.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Beth Ann

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First UMC is Celebrating return to two Sunday morning services on September 6!

Traditional Service @ 8:15 AM

Contemporary Service @ 10 AM

Haitian Service @ 11:30 AM

Looking forward to seeing you!

2020 Infant Baptisms



Hall Family



Hamilton Family



Peterson Family

Praying Scripture

Learn the power of praying God's Word With Leaders

Paula Shrock, Kayc Mykrantz & Shirley Saddler

Logansport First UMC * Saturday, September 26, 2020, 9:30 am to 12:30 PM

- Cost \$5 per person For In Person participants.
- Free for Zoom Participants

Space for in person participation strictly limited due to COVID!

Pre-registration and pre-payment (for in person) required. Mail name and check to Logansport First UMC, 800 E Broadway, Logansport, IN 46947. For information email loganfirst@comcast.net or revbethanncook@gmail.com. You can also call 1-574-753-3491.



PRAYER CONCERNS

- ◆ Sharon Barr
- ◆ Tommy Smith
- ◆ Family of Jeff Cox
- ◆ Sharon Barr
- ◆ Barb Leffert
- ◆ Lauren Hanawalt
- ◆ Tim Taylor
- ◆ Those who have lost jobs
- ◆ Caregivers
- ◆ COVID 19
- ◆ Those who are ill
- ◆ First responders, front line workers
- ◆ School children, teachers, staff and administrators
- ◆ State and National leaders



Library News

New books have been placed in our library recently. Most of them are fiction and were donated by Edith Beatty. There is a new series, *Tearoom Mysteries* and others by popular authors such as Tracie Peterson, Kimberly Woodhouse and Gilbert Morris.



Altar Flowers



There are only a few weeks left to underwrite altar flowers for 2020.

See the sign up sheet on the Missions Bulletin Board to reserve a week.

Finance Corner

The Finance Committee met recently for the first time since the start of the Pandemic. I think all attending came away with the feeling that our church finances are in excellent condition, probably the best they have been in years. I believe this is attributable to two things. The first is a loyal base of members who support First Church in good times and bad. Second, with only virtual church for a few weeks our expenses have been lower.

This is no time, though, to rest on our success. What is good today can just as quickly turn bad tomorrow. Blessings to all our good and faithful followers of His word.

Jerry Miller, Finance Chair

Trustee Report

During the last month we have accomplished the following items:

1. Added a new sink and cabinet in the small classroom by the Fellowship Hall for the new infant class that LCM is adding. Vic Sutton, Dave Miller, Ted Patacsil Plumbing and I worked on this project.
2. Added a half bath to the classroom above the parlor for the LCM expansion. Prime Contractors were the contractor on this project.
3. Replaced new latches on the Narthex doors (Anderson Glass) and added pull handles to all the Narthex doors.
4. Replaced three hand soap dispensers for LCM.

Steven Longenecker, Trustee Chair

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

- Wed, Sept 2** Dial-Up Devotion and Prayer, 6 PM
- Sun, Sept 6** Traditional Service, 8:15 AM
Contemporary Service, 10 AM
Haitian Service, 11:30 AM
- Mon, Sept 7** Labor Day— Church & LCM office closed
- Tues, Sept 8** Trustees, 6 PM, Parlor
- Wed, Sept 9** JOY Circle, 9 AM, Fellowship Hall
- Sat, Sept 19** Loaves & Fishes, 11 AM-12:30 PM
- Sun, Sept 20** *Better Together Sunday*
- Wed, Sept 23** DIAL-up Devotion w/Pastor Beth Ann
2 PM
Revelation Study, 6 PM, Parlor
- Sat, Sept 26** Prayer Seminar, 9 AM-12:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Sun, Sept 27** New message series

BIRTHDAYS

- Deborah Swartzell 9/06
- Steve Clary 9/12
- Bill Minglin 9/13
- Jeannie Byers 9/14
- Matthew Karnafel 9/14
- Emilia Rogers 9/16
- Ryan Wolfe 9/17
- Chase Fisher 9/20
- Meredith Jones 9/21
- Deborah Binford 9/24
- Sarah Fisher 9/26
- Diana Geisler 9/26
- Teresa Popejoy 9/27
- Hazel Hall 9/28
- Heath Karnafel 9/30



ANNIVERSARIES

- Dave & Marjorie Miller 9/01
- Donald & Frances Shelhart 9/24
- Paul & Erica Yerkes 9/13
- Brian & Shelby Graham 9/29

JOY CIRCLE



JOY Circle will kick off the fall with its first meeting on Tuesday, September 9, at 9AM in Fellowship Hall.

Doris Regan and Judy Williamson will serve as hosts, Marge Miller will give devotions. Pastor Beth Ann will speak on the topic of human trafficking.

All women of the church are invited to attend. We hope you will consider coming to this meeting! If you have a question call Jayne Sullivan or the church office.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Scripture Reader:

Tad Wilkinson

Communion:

Lori Shewman

8:15 AM Greeters:

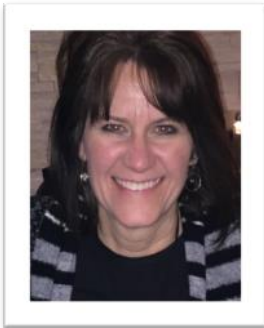
Dave & Marj Miller
Jerry & Ann Miller

10:00 AM Greeters:

(In need of volunteer to coordinate 10 AM schedule)

SIGN UP TO SERVE ON THE MISSION BOARD!





World Heart Day

World Heart Day is celebrated on September 29th and is intended to spread awareness about heart health throughout the world.

While genetics contribute to our heart health, we do have control over other modifiable risk factors. Such risk factors include our diet, physical activity, smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Heart problems are a leading cause of death worldwide and contribute significantly to the number of premature deaths. By modifying lifestyle choices, we can reduce mortality and improve the quality of our life.

Women are not sheltered from heart disease, as some believe. In fact, women experience over half of the heart disease deaths in the United States. Heart disease accounts for a third of all deaths in women nationally.

Male or female it is important to stay informed, know your cholesterol level, your blood sugar and know your blood pressure. If you require medication for high cholesterol, diabetes or high blood pressure, take your medication as prescribed. Monitor your weight and make lifestyle changes if you've gained a couple of pounds instead of waiting until the number feels out of reach. Know your family history and share that information with your healthcare provider. Stay informed and educate your family so they too can make necessary lifestyle changes to prevent premature death or live with a poor quality of life.



Here are things you can add or change about your life to improve your heart health:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Quit or never start smoking
- Move! Exercise at least 3-4 times/week
- Eat a healthy diet by limiting saturated fat, reducing carbohydrates, processed foods and salt
- Eat 5 servings of fruits and veggies daily
- De-stress by doing whatever makes you feel peaceful like prayer, walking, or reading
- Sleep about 7 hours/night whenever possible

Make your health a priority.

Bottom line, realize your risk for heart disease and take care of yourself for yourself and those you love.

Take care,

Heather



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

Adoption Celebration!



Peter Dominic is the son of former pastor Mike and Shirley Dominick. He and his wife are pictured here in Ukraine with their newly adopted children.

We praise God for opening the doors so this adoption could happen!

Nursing Homes

McKinney Place: Beverly Hess
Woodbridge: Mike Doering,
 Ruby Palmer-Hinkle
Millers: Donel Evernham

Military Service:

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

Thank you!

We sincerely appreciate your recent donation. Your gift helps to provide services to those in our community who are struggling during these difficult times. It is only through your kindness that we can continue to serve their needs. God Bless, Emmaus Mission Center



Dear Church family,

Thank you so very much for all your kindness for the wonderful luncheon you gave our family. And for the many beautiful cards you sent to us. Thank you from all our family. You mean so much to us, so much love for all your kindness. Love,
 Herb, Mary Ann, Susan and family

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the faith sharing New Testaments with the Psalms given to the seniors this year. Sara and Lauren Hanawalt thank you all for your love, prayers and concern for us during this time. Lauren is starting her fourth year of chemo and treatments. We cannot express our thanks to each of you. We feel God's presence with us. We travel to St Louis, Mo. every Wednesday for treatments. Her tumors had decreased 13% at the last scan. P.T.L. Thank you all again,
 Grandma Sonja Hanawalt for Sara and Lauren Hanawalt

Little Children's Ministry

LCM preschool began on Wednesday, August 12th while Logansport School Corporation resumed its in-class learning on August 18th. Although things have changed, we are doing our best to proceed with our preschool and school year with as much normalcy as possible. Both the children and the teachers are excited to be in a new class!

We have recently completed our newest infant room. The newest room is located in the basement by the Fellowship Hall. It will accommodate eight 1-1 ½ year-olds. The \$20,000 *Come Back Stronger Grant* was designed for specific purposes, one of which was creating extra space to accommodate a need in your community. We have enrolled 3 new families and have several more starting at the end of this year or beginning of 2021. We are doing everything possible to regain what our attendance was prior to the pandemic.



LCM would like to give a special thank you to Steve Longenecker, Vic Sutton, and Dave Miller who helped us prepare the new rooms or renovate things in existing rooms. We are extremely grateful for all you do!

Paths to Quality will be returning in October for its annual review. PTQ will be making sure that we have continued to meet the standards to keep PTQ Level 3. One of which requires staff to participate in 20 training hours per year. We are very lucky to have such a great staff that is committed to following the standards to keep our Level 3 rating.

As an update on COVID procedures, we continue to have guidelines in place for both the staff and the families

- Masks are mandatory for families and children over the age of 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, and the indoor play area is still closed until further notice

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

Thank you to everyone who donated Kleenex or money for school supplies. We deeply appreciate the many ways First UMC supports LCM!

Sincerely,

Belinda Jordan, Director

LCM STAFF

Director - Belinda Jordan

Administrative Assistant– Stormie Rivera

Treasurer - Julie Slater

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Open Sanctuary Worship– 8:15 AM & 10 AM

We practice safe distancing and require everyone to wear face masks when entering the building

Live Streaming

10 AM: FaceBook Live @ LoganFirstUMC

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- ◆ **Worship Leader:** Ali Williams
- ◆ **Media Coordinator:** Luann Hamilton
- ◆ **Pianists:** Deb Binford, Jeff Smith, Elaine Hall

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Our Bishop

Bishop Julius Trimble

First UMC

Pastor Beth Ann Cook

Conference

Superintendent

Rev. Lori Blinn

Main Street UMC

Pastor Doug Thomas

Wheatland Ave UMC

Bert Stover

Associate

Superintendents

Rev. Rob Seewald

Rev. John Randall

Church Cluster

Crosswind UMC

Pastor Nick Robinson



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



2020 Confirmation Class