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**From the Pastor- I want to have eyes to see what that little boy saw.**

**John 6:5-13** *Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.*

"Compassion fatigue" is well-documented psychological phenomenon where human beings become shut down when we are overwhelmed by suffering and pain. I think a lot of us are experiencing it. I know I wrestle with it.

All of these crowds of people wanted to hear Jesus preach. They wanted to be close to him—maybe see to see Jesus perform a miracle like healing the sick or maybe they were sick and in need themselves.

I think Phillip and the other Disciples had some degree of compassion fatigue as they looked out at the hungry crowd that day. The people had followed Jesus out into the wilderness—no McDonald's or Aldi's was near them. And if there had been a handy farm market, they didn't have the money to buy food anyway.

The Disciples knew that they didn't have enough strength, or food or resources to help these people. Phillip and his friends were flat out tired and overwhelmed. I can relate. I can feel how incredulous must have been when Jesus said, "You give them something to eat!"

I just want the pandemic and all of its hassles, fear, headaches, challenges and conflict to be over. I don't want to ask people to wear masks. I want people who disagree with one another on how to deal with Delta COVID it to get along. I want a day when I don't pray with someone on the phone who is afraid of dying from COVID or afraid of losing a loved one to COVID or an underlying health condition that has been made worse by COVID. I also want a day when I don't pray with people who feel isolated and alone. Somedays I wonder if I'm making a difference at all. (I know I'm not the only one. Many of you tell me you feel the same way.)

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What the disciples failed to see was that God was in their midst. There was a little boy in the crowd that day with better “vision” than Phillip. His Mom had packed him a sack lunch. He could have held on to it and sneaked a bite to eat so others didn’t see. Instead that little boy fixed his eyes on Jesus and somehow he knew God was with them. The prophet foretold that this one would be Emmanuel “God with us.” He took what the boy offered up—a few loaves and fish and they feasted.

I don’t know about you, but I’m praying for God to give me eyes to see like that little boy, that God is with us right here at Logansport First UMC in the midst of this resurgence of the COVID Delta variant.

May God help me give the little I have--my loaves and fish--to Jesus with faith. Amen.

Blessings and peace,  
Beth Ann



\* Pastor Beth Ann will be on vacation until Sept 11. For emergencies, call Pastor Doug Thomas at 574-992-8979.

### September Daily Bible Reading

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



### New Prayer Requests

- Family of Corporal Humberto Sanchez
- Nancy Beachler
- Sheri Storey
- Chip Geisler
- Joshua Musingo
- Jennifer Burkhart
- Teresa Schroeder
- Steve Bonhomme
- Medical & Educational professionals

- First Responders
- Covid Levels

### On-going Requests

Herb & Mary Ann Bowman  
Ed & Becky Hanawalt  
Tim Taylor



## Birthdays

<b>Sept 6</b>	Deborah Swartzell	<b>Sept 16</b>	Emilia Rogers	<b>Sept 26</b>	Sarah Fisher
<b>Sept 12</b>	Steve Clary	<b>Sept 17</b>	Ryan Wolfe		Diana Geisler
<b>Sept 13</b>	Bill Minglin	<b>Sept 20</b>	Chase Fisher	<b>Sept 27</b>	Teresa Popejoy
<b>Sept 14</b>	Jeannie Byers	<b>Sept 21</b>	Meredith Jones	<b>Sept 28</b>	Hazel Hall
	Matthew Karnafel	<b>Sept 24</b>	Deborah Binford	<b>Sept 30</b>	Heath Karnafel



## Anniversaries

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

## Weekly Schedule:

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

**Tuesday:** Bible Study, 9:30 AM, Parlor, Prayer, 11 AM, Sanctuary

**Wednesday:** Dial-up Devotion & Prayer, 2 PM, Call 605-313-5919, Code 635572

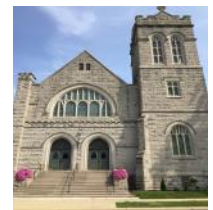


## Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Beth Ann will be on vacation through Sept 11. Pastor Doug Thomas from Mainstreet UMC will be on call. He can be reached at 574-992-8979. Nancy Hamilton will cover Wednesday Dial in and Prayer on Sept 1 & 8.

## September Church Schedule

<b>Wed, Sept 1, 6 PM</b>	Choir/Bell Choir Kick-off Picnic @ Deb Binford's
<b>Mon, Sept 6</b>	Labor Day– Church & LCM office closed
<b>Wed, Sept 8, 9 AM</b>	JOY Circle, Fellowship Hall
<b>Mon, Sept 13, 6 PM</b>	Nominations Committee, Parlor
<b>Tues, Sept 14, 6 PM</b>	Trustees, Parlor
<b>Tues, Sept 14, 7 PM</b>	AD Council, Parlor
<b>Mon, Sept 20, 6 PM</b>	Staff-Parish Committee, Parlor
<b>Sun, Sept 26, 10 AM</b>	Homecoming Celebration Service, Lunch and Concert (see page 5 for details)
<b>Mon, Sept 27, 6 PM</b>	Finance



## Trustee Report- Steve Longenecker, Chair

In August, the following tasks were completed:

1. Selected contractor for Fellowship Hall A/C unit repair
2. Kitchen range pilot tubes to be replaced
3. Repaired one burner control on kitchen range
4. Repaired toilet in restroom across from sanctuary
5. Mold remediation in parsonage crawl space completed
6. Repairs to parsonage gutters completed
7. Parsonage garage door lift spring replaced
8. Adapter installed for parsonage back yard hose hook up
9. Repaired lawn mower at parsonage



**Finance Corner-** Jerry Miller, Chair: No report this month

## Thank you

*Thank you for your hospitality and graciousness in providing food and a place for fellowship. Conna Kitchel & family*



*Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and all of your prayers. They were needed and appreciated. God is good. Sheri Geisler*

*Thank you for the blanket and the flowers for the service. Brandon Collins*

*Thank you to the women's group for making the beautiful purple blanket. Thank you for praying for me and my family. Prayer is working as I haven't had the negative side effects of chemo. I did lose my hair, which is still a BIG DEAL! Also, I'm noticing healing in my health. This isn't a journey that I had planned. God is loving me through His people. I think about when Jesus was in the boat with his disciples. The boat was sinking because of the storm, but Jesus was peacefully sleeping. He calmed the storm and the disciples. Jesus is in our boat. He calms me and I'm at peace. With a grateful heart, Carmen (Shirt-tail relative of Elaine Hall)*

*Bruce and I want to thank you, our church family and staff, for the cards, notes, phone calls and particularly the pre-surgery visit of Pastor Beth Ann bearing the gift from Joy Circle of a prayer shawl. God bless the hands that made this beautiful gift. With the help of home health care, physical therapy and our children I am slowly on the road to recovery of knee replacement surgery. Thanks again, Mary C Stuart*

## Nursing Homes:

**McKinney Place:** Beverly Hess & Beverly Vietti

**Millers Merry Manor:** Sally Mauck

**Milner Community Healthcare:** Bev Bartunek

**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

Diverticula are bulging marble sized pouches within the large intestine (colon). This occurs when the walls of the colon lose elasticity and often occurs as a part of the aging process. Waste can get trapped in the little pockets and cause issues. If those pouches become inflamed or infected, it's called diverticulitis ("itis"= inflammation). Otherwise, when the pouches are not inflamed, the condition is called diverticulosis ("osis"). Having diverticulosis is very common and most people have no symptoms. Half of people over 60 years old have this and less than one forth develop diverticulitis.



If the pouches do become blocked with waste, they become inflamed, leading to tears in the bowel wall and infection. Symptoms of diverticulitis include abdominal pain, bloating and tenderness. Most commonly, this condition occurs within the sigmoid colon so the discomfort is on the left side of the abdomen. Other symptoms include constipation or diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, chills, blood or mucous in the stool and a low-grade fever. Often the pain is worse after eating and can be lessened after a BM or passing gas. A diet low in fiber is linked to diverticulosis. Adding fiber to the diet can help to prevent constipation and may decrease the risk of developing diverticula and inflamed diverticula. To increase your fiber, consume foods such as vegetables, fruit, whole grains and legumes.

In the event of actual diverticulitis, seek medical treatment. You may be prescribed an antibiotic and told to rest your colon by switching to a clear liquid diet for a short period followed by other dietary advice. Uncommonly, diverticulitis is severe enough to require hospitalization and in less than 1% of cases, diverticulitis requires surgical intervention.

Once diverticula have formed, they are permanent. Follow the advice of your primary care provider, as there is some controversy on what foods complicate diverticular disease. If a food you consume triggers symptoms, avoid it. Commonly people will consume a high-fiber diet, drink plenty of water and get regular exercise.

## First UMC Homecoming Celebration Service, Picnic & Concert

Sunday, September 26, 2021 \* 10 AM @ Houston Park 1701 Dividend Drive, Logansport

Please Note— Homecoming activities will continue as planned unless the Cass County Covid level increases to a State Advisory level of RED. First UMC will continue to monitor the situation.

- ◆ Combined worship service starts at 10 AM
- ◆ Picnic lunch—food provided
- ◆ RSVP—Sign up form in the Narthex
- ◆ Bring chairs, cornhole/or other games, pop-up tent for shade
- ◆ Ganger Brothers Concert @ 5 PM in the Sanctuary— A freewill offering will be received.
- ◆ Refreshments following concert in the Prayer Garden





### Little Childrens Ministry: Belinda Jordan, Director

The preschool year has begun. The facility lesson plan has been created, and our staff has begun turning in their weekly lesson plans which will include observation days. These are days the staff will observe each child to see what their abilities are in areas such as communication, English, math, etc. The staff has been given portions of the *IN Learning Foundations* as a guide while observing each child.



The *IN Learning Foundation Guide* outlines skill levels common for a child at different ages. This will help the staff determine if the child is at the correct level or if there is a skill we need to work on throughout the year. This is helpful when speaking to parents. Observations are a part of our Level 3 *Paths to Quality* standard.

Fall Picture days are Sept 2nd & 3rd. LCM will be closed on Monday, Sept 6th, for Labor Day. Parent—Teacher Conferences, another PTQ standard, are set for Thursday, Sept 9th and Friday, Sept 10th. Each class has a sign-up sheet for parents who would like to participate.

Parents will soon be given our annual Facility Survey. This will help LCM understand our strengths and weaknesses. A staff survey will also be available. Surveys will help LCM make improvements. We are looking forward to the results.

Children 3+, staff, and parents are required to wear masks while in the hallways. We have asked the staff to wear a mask when in their classrooms. LCM will follow other COVID guidelines such as temperature monitoring, not allowing parents into the classroom, social distancing during meal times, separate Chapel times, etc. Our goal is to continue to operate safely for our community without any future closures.

LCM would like to thank everyone who participated in our *Back to School* supplies/fundraiser. We were able to purchase (or received in donations) all of the materials each class needed to begin the school year. Thank you!

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

#### Church Staff

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#### Little Childrens Ministry Staff

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**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