

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:13-14, NLT



The staff at Logan First jokes about how my laptop seems permanently attached to my hands. They never see me around the office without me carrying it. The truth is it is the only way I can stay organized! Without my laptop I'm lost.



I especially love the computerized calendar function—I enter something here and it also shows up on my cell phone. But there are times when I miss my old fashioned paper calendar. [Back in the day I used a Franklin Planner—anyone else have one of those?] The best thing about a paper calendar is getting the new year when it is blank slate. There is something about a clean new calendar that speaks of possibilities and fresh starts to me.

We serve a God who offers us a fresh start. The best news is we don't have to wait for New Year's Day to receive it. Grace is available to us anytime we acknowledge our need for forgiveness and a divine "do-over." In the book of Philippians Paul encourages us to forget our past mistakes and the things that weigh us down and embrace the gift of grace!

I pray that in 2019 we will all experience God's grace in new and powerful ways.



Blessings and peace, Pastor Beth Ann

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I wanted to thank all of you for your generous gifts, cards, and most of all words of affirmation. I have never felt more appreciated by a congregation than I do by Logan First. I'm blessed to be your pastor.

Pastor Beth Ann

The Finance Corner

Thanks to Deb Binford and Scott Schafer for chairing this committee for several years. Under their leadership, we paid off our mortgage last year and will end 2018 solidly in the black.

Trustee's Report

Steve Longenecker will be the Trustee Chairman for 2019. Welcome to new Trustee members, Dane Hamilton and Milt Hess.

The LCM new bathroom project is underway. The new boys bathroom is operational with a few details to be completed. The old boys bathroom is being remodeled and will be part of the new expanded girls bathroom. Expect completion early in the new year.

Larry Scott has been hired to perform our janitorial services for 2019. Welcome, Larry.

Evert Wolfe
Trustee Chair



Pastor Beth Ann,

In our saddest days you were a rock and our comforter. The guidance you gave in planning the most inspiring service, the perfect words, and then the sweet bird painting Karen would love.

From deep in our hearts we offer our profound thanks. The Family of Karen Wild

Gentlemen,

Slowly getting caught up with my thank yous. Sincere thanks for your kind expressions and support thru the hardest days and nights I will ever experience.

It is so comforting to have the uplifting of such long time good friends. Karen so enjoyed the good times we shared.

Rich

Men's Fellowship



contact Rich Wild.

The Men's Fellowship will resume on Monday Jan 7, 2019. The men of First Church meet weekly at 7 AM in the Parlor. All men are invited to join us for a time of fellowship. If you have questions,

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

JOY Circle



JOY Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 9, at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is the annual pledge service and business meeting. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Concerns & Schedules



Prayer Concerns

- * Family of Donna Bartlett
- * Farris Family
- * Barb Sickafus
- * Pastor David Payton
- * Clarence Campbell
- * Family of Natasha Brannick

Military Service

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

Nursing Homes

McKinney Place
 Beverly Hess

Woodbridge

Pat Siefert
 Mike Doering

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. Prayer concerns are usually listed for two weeks.

Church Leaders

Our Bishop

Bishop Julius Trimble

Conference

Superintendent

Rev. Lori Blinn

Associate

Superintendents

Rev. Lamar Imes
 Rev. Rob Seewald

Church Cluster

Crosswind UMC

Pastor Nick Robinson

First UMC

Pastor Beth Ann Cook

Main Street UMC

Rev. Colleen Hardin

Wheatland Avenue UMC

Bert Stover

Indiana Laity Delegates

To Called GC 2019

Tyler Best
 Alison Curtis
 Ed Fenstermacher
 John Lomperis
 Amy Land
 Leanna Zimmerman
 Doris Clark
 Jim Ottjes

Laity Alternates:

Manet Shettle
 Doug Worthington

Clergy Delegates:

Kim Reisman
 Tony Alstott
 Dave Neckers
 Lisa Schubert Nowling
 Russ Abel
 Mitch Norwood
 Beth Ann Cook
 Cindy Reynolds

Clergy Alternates:

Jill Howard
 Mike Dominick

January Door Hosts

Sign up on the Mission Bulletin Board in the Café Area.

		Education Wing	Nursery	Narthex Hallway
	8:15	Don & Frances Shelhart	Kendra Hall & Family	6th & 27th: Heather Platt 13th & 20th: Becky Shaw Larry Kitchel
	10:45	Karla Padfield	Conna Kitchel	
13	8:15	Don & Frances Shelhart	Kendra Hall & Family	
	10:45	Karla Padfield	Conna Kitchel	Larry Kitchel
20	8:15	Don & Frances Shelhart	Kendra Hall & Family	
	10:45	Karla Padfield	Conna Kitchel	Larry Kitchel
27	8:15	Don & Frances Shelhart	Kendra Hall & Family	
	10:45	Karla Padfield	Conna Kitchel	Larry Kitchel

January Volunteers

1st Service

Scripture Reader:

Tad Wilkinson

Communion Prep:

Hamiltons

Café Schedule:

We need volunteers. Servers provide 4 dozen baked items on the Sunday they have selected. They set-up the coffee, serve during the Hospitality Time between services, and clean up after the second service. Sign-up sheets are located on the Mission bulletin board.

VOLUNTEER



Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Genesis 1-3	9 Genesis 26-28	17 Genesis 48-50
2 Genesis 4-7	10 Genesis 29-30	18 Exodus 1-3
3 Genesis 8-11	11 Genesis 31-32	19 Exodus 4-6
4 Genesis 12-15	12 Genesis 33-35	20 Exodus 7-9
5 Genesis 16-18	13 Genesis 36-38	21 Exodus 10-12
6 Genesis 19-20	14 Genesis 39-41	22 Exodus 13-15
7 Genesis 21-23	15 Genesis 42-44	23 Exodus 16-18
8 Genesis 24-25	16 Genesis 45-47	24 Exodus 19-21

New Sermon Series

Sunday, January 13 kicks off Pastor Beth Ann's sermon series, **A Firm Foundation**. In this series you will learn how to build your life on solid truth.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Beth Ann has chosen the book, **Isaiah**, by OT Scholar, Sandra Richter, for our next Wednesday Night Bible Study. Learn how to apply the message of this great champion of the faith to your life today. The Isaiah study begins on Wed, Jan 16 at 6 PM in the parlor. Donations for books appreciated—our cost is \$20. Please sign up at the Resource Table.

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, Parlor

Wednesdays

5:00 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary
6:00 PM Choir, Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Study on Isaiah- Jan 16, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Events & Meetings:

Wed, Jan 2 LCM Open
Sat, Jan 5 Staff Advent Party 6 PM
Sun, Jan 6 **Church United Service 2 PM, McHale Auditorium**
Tues, Jan 8 Trustees, 6 PM, Parlor
Tues, Jan 15 Finance, 6 PM, Parlor
Wed, Jan 16 Pastor Beth Ann's Bible Study on Isaiah
Sat, Jan 19 Loaves & Fishes, Fellowship Hall, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

January Birthdays

01/07 Chase Karnafel
 01/07 Drew Sailors
 01/07 Susan Swartz
 01/08 Kit Clary
 01/09 Susan Long
 01/12 Don Collins
 01/13 Vicki Byrd
 01/14 Marvellen Dunwoody
 01/14 Carolyn Michael
 01/17 Pat Wilkinson
 01/21 Carol Easterday
 01/21 Conna Kitchel
 01/22 Dawn Fisher
 01/23 Connie Graf
 01/26 Brian Graham
 01/26 Mark Hammons
 01/27 Andrea Thomas
 01/27 Kerigan Weese
 01/31 Cynthia Deane



January Anniversaries

1/17 Gil & Betty Thomas





Happy New Year!

LCM is excited to begin a New Year. We have completed last year's goal to buy new playground equipment. New toddler equipment has been purchased and installation is still pending. Thank you for all your help!

The Preschool Bathroom renovation is on its final stretch. We are very excited to have extra facilities on the third floor.

As you know, LCM had obtained a \$26,000 *Early Learning Indiana Grant* to support this project. We are in the process of meeting the Paths to Quality criteria associated with this grant. The staff will be starting their online CDA certification soon. This should give us the opportunity to obtain Level 3 by the deadline in September. Paths to Quality is a program that helps facilities provide the safest and best learning environment for children. LCM is dedicated to obtaining Level 3 by this fall.

LCM is looking to purchase a newer activity bus this year. This bus will replace the passenger van. If you are aware of any individual or business that has one for sale, please contact the office.

The LCM Annual Christmas Program once again filled the sanctuary. We are blessed to have so many families gather together for this special event at Christmas time.

Happy New Year from the LCM Staff!

Sincerely,

Belinda Jordan, Director

LCM STAFF

Director - **Belinda Jordan**

Administrative Assistant - **Nicole Hacker**

Treasurer - **Tina Collins**

January Bible Verse:

"Sing to the Lord a new song..." Psalm 96:1



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

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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

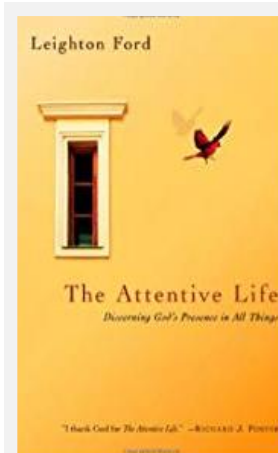
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Book of the Month

The Attentive Life by Leighton Ford



“Distractions, fear and busyness were keeping Leighton Ford from seeing God’s work in and around him. So he began a journey of longing and looking for God. And it started with paying attention. The way toward God starts with intention and attention-and eventually becomes a way of life,

awake and alive to the peaceful, powerful presence of God.”

The Attentive Life is available in the church library.

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