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Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!

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CHURCH STAFF

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Administrative Assistant
- **Kristin Farwig**
Choir Director
- **Sandra Metcalf**
Organist/Pianist
- **Diana Cook**
Pianist
- **Geri Angel**
Custodian

He's Making All Things New

Finding joy in serving God... (from Pastor Bette)

As I sit down to write this month's newsletter, I find my heart full of gratitude and joy. The Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season has passed, and I want to take a moment to share something truly special that has been unfolding right here within our church walls. It's a story of love, grace, and discipleship—the kind of story that reflects the heart of Jesus himself.

Many of you know that Sharon, our faithful and hardworking Administrative Assistant has retired. Sharon has been a cornerstone of our church office for over 17 years, serving with excellence, compassion, humor, and an unshakable commitment to our church, but also to Christ. Through every phone call, bulletin, conversation, and scheduling challenge, Sharon has shown us what it means to serve as if serving the Lord himself.

But Sharon's impact doesn't stop there. As she prepares to step into this new season of life, she has been pouring her time and wisdom into Tammy, who will be stepping into this role. Watching Tammy and Sharon work together has been a delight for me. It is a profound reminder of how discipleship is meant to look within the body of Christ.

Sharon has approached this transition with humility and grace, embodying a spirit of joy. She has not only been diligent in passing on the practical skills Tammy will need but has also modeled the Christlike character that makes those skills effective tools for her work in the office.

In addition, Tammy has stepped into this training with a teachable spirit and an eagerness to grow. She exemplifies the kind of humility we see in Scripture to value others before ourselves and to look not only to our own interests but also to the interests of others. Tammy's willingness to learn, ask questions, take good notes and honor Sharon's instructions speak volumes about her heart for service.

(cont.)



And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

— Revelation 21:5

Bible Study resumes Monday, January 27 @ 9:30am, and Tuesday evening @ 6:30pm. We will be studying the book of Philemon.



BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Allen Angel
1/1	Pam Hochstetler
1/3	Jill Biller
1/6	Brooklyn Johnson
1/6	Brooke Stout
1/8	Nancy Mahler
1/11	Isabella Ullery
1/12	Mike Beehler
1/17	Roger Stoops
1/18	Marci Struble
1/18	Erica Young
1/23	Jackie Ullery
1/28	Steve Squibb
1/29	Roe Skibbe
1/31	Betty Stout

ANNIVERSARIES

1/19	Adam & Stacy Remaly	1992	33 yrs
1/22	Ed & Sue Raab	1956	69 yrs
1/30	Gary & Becky Buss	1972	53 yrs

What has struck me most is the love and respect that flows between them. Their interactions are marked by kindness, encouragement, and mutual support and a whole lot of laughter! I see a living picture of the "love one another" commandment being lived out. They are not merely completing a task; they have built a friendship rooted in Christ, and that is a gift to all of us.



As Sharon retires, we will certainly miss her steady presence and joyful spirit in the office. But I know her legacy will continue, not only through Tammy's capable hands but also through the example she has set for all of us. And as Tammy continues to step into this new role, adding her own flare, let's surround her with our prayers, encouragement, and support. Let's be the kind of church that continues to reflect Christ in everything we do.

This transition reminds us that our work in the Kingdom is never done alone. We are called to walk alongside one another, to lift each other up, and to pass on the faith with intentionality and grace. Sharon and Tammy have shown us what it looks like to do this well, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

There is an important truth to realize. That God makes all things new. And friends, we aren't exactly number one fans of anything that is new. In fact, oftentimes we "dislike" new. We don't like it when things are unpredictable and when things we have become used to change. It is human nature to be uncomfortable with changes.

But we experience newness in life as we follow Christ together, and a sense of belonging as members of his body. We aren't going to like everything that God asks us to do, but when we embrace it with humor, excitement and our willingness to be obedient and say, "yes, I'm willing. Yes, I trust you God..." Just like Mary said "yes" to God's call, and Jesus said yes to God in the Garden of Gethsemane, and many others as well. So we say yes, every day to God's call. Through our "yes" God will draw others to himself.

Let's take a moment to praise God for his abundant grace and for leading us all. We accept God's promise to us that he is making all things new. May our example to each other inspire us all to be faithful in our own ministries and to invest in one another with the love of Christ.

In grace and love,

Pastor Betty

Your answer:

THE EARLY CHURCH

“The Apostles”

1.	At first, how many disciples did Jesus choose to become apostles?	Luke 6:13	a. 2 c. 11	b. 4 d. 12
2.	Because of health reasons, Paul encouraged Timothy to drink what beverage instead of only water?	1 Timothy 5:23	a. milk c. orange juice	b. wine d. olive oil
3.	Which apostle was stoned but survived?	Acts 14:19-20	a. Matthias c. Stephen	b. Philip d. Paul
4.	On what day did the Holy Spirit descend upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire?	Acts 2:1-3	a. Purim c. Easter	b. Pentecost d. Passover
5.	Where were the apostles first called Christians?	Acts 11:26	a. Bethlehem c. Samaria	b. Antioch d. Damascus
6.	Who was chosen as an apostle to replace Judas?	Acts 1:26	a. Joseph c. Stephen	b. Matthias d. Thomas
7.	Which apostle did Herod execute?	Acts 12:1-2	a. Nicodemus c. John	b. Philip d. James
8.	Which apostle was a Roman citizen?	Acts 21:39	a. Peter c. Thaddaeus	b. Paul d. Matthew
9.	What is the hometown of the apostle Paul?	Acts 22:3	a. Antioch c. Lystra	b. Tarsus d. Damascus
10.	Who, with his wife, sold a field and brought money to the apostles?	Acts 5:1-6	a. Joseph c. Alexander	b. Ananias d. Rufus
11.	Who does Paul declare himself to be when addressing the high council?	Acts 23:6	a. Zealot c. Pharisee	b. Sadducee d. Samaritan

NAME _____

Return Quiz by January 31st

Answers for “Who?”: 1. d; 2. c; 3. h; 4. j; 5. k; 6. e; 7. a; 8. f; 9. b; 10. g; 11. i; Those that were up for the challenge in December: Jim Angel and Marta Clark.

“Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.”

-- Elizabeth Elliot

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

We need you to volunteer to help lead our children during the worship service. Our children are dismissed following the Choir Anthem to go downstairs to participate in Children’s Church. So it is only about 25 minutes. Lesson plans are chosen and ready for you. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entry. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping!

Thank you all for the many Christmas cards, gifts and the congregational gift you presented me and Rich with. Thank you for loving us! I am blessed beyond belief to be serving here with you all as your pastor!

--- Pastor Bette and Rich

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MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offering for January:

Riverview Adult Day Health Center: Provides daytime care that supports seniors, adults w/special needs, and their care givers in Elkhart County. You may donate anytime this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it “loose coin”. Thank You for your generosity. December’s Loose Coin Offering went to Susanna’s Kitchen \$ 238.52.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

January giving... paper products, tissues, toilet paper, personal care items, shampoo, deodorant, soap....

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
5 th	Kristin Farwig	Alex & Jake Pyfer	Carolyn Landis	<i>Luann P. & Jane R.</i>
12 th	Kristin Farwig	Linda Vest & Lana Berg	Pastor Bette	<i>Jane R.</i>
19 th	Linda Vest	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Jane Rapp	<i>Jane R. & Paula L.</i>
26 th	Linda Vest	Keith & Tammy Bainter	Jeff Clark	<i>Jackie U. & Maria M.</i>
Ushers	Marcia Cook, Jimmie Johnson, Dave Pontius & Jon Pyfer			

Leadership University 2025



**Saturday, February 1, 2025
9 am to Noon EST
all are via ZOOM**

You may only register for ONE per session. Workshops include:

- Staff Parish Relations Committee; led by Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy
- Finance and Trustees; led by Rev. Paul Arnold
- Church Council/Single Board Governance; led by Rev. David Schrader
- Growing Young/Youth Ministries; led by Emily Krach and Rev. Lori Grasty
- Lay Leadership; Led by North District Lay Leader, Denise Parker and others
- Digital Church; let by a team from Clay UMC
- Fresh Expressions; led by Trish Johnsen
- Outreach: Food Pantries and Beyond; led by Pastor Carl Hetler
- Planned Giving and Endowments; let by Manet Shettle, IN United Methodist Foundation
- Chat with the Chancellor: Legal Tips for Every Church; led by Sarah Jenkins
- Beyond Sunday Morning: Innovative Worship and Study; led by Pastor Mike Beezley
- Leading Worship without Musicians; led by Pastor Chris Matthews

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/leadership12525>

If you should have any questions, please contact the church office 574-293-3905 or Pastor Bette 574-229-7810. If you do register online on your own, please let us know.

To you:

Just a reminder to conserve energy and keep us safe. The Church building belongs to all of us and we need to take care of it.

- If you unlock it, Lock it back up.
- If you turn it on, Turn it off.
- If you open it, Close it.

Thank You!!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next breakfast, Jan. 5th at 7:30 a.m.

Invite your neighbors.

Following month breakfast, February 2nd.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

There will not be a regular meeting in January.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, February 9th the United Women in Faith will be having their annual Superbowl Subs fundraiser after church.

Sandwiches can be eaten at church or taken "TO GO" – Sign up sheets and more information at the Welcome Center.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

January Carry-In is Tuesday the 7th at Noon.

February Carry-In is Tuesday the 4th at Noon.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know we only have 2 people and the Pastor that take Communion to some of our homebound members every month.

This is a ministry of our church. This is a chance for you to be included in our busy family of volunteers. A way to take care of our people, to let them know we are thinking of them.

Will you please prayerfully consider helping take Communion to some of our members.

If you want more information or would like to volunteer, sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 574-293-3905.

Is God nudging you?

POSITION OPEN AT JUMC

A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsal, Sunday morning services and special programs. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler, 574-596-7624 or the church office, 574-293-3905.



Susanna's Kitchen has filled the position they had for a new cook! Their current person, Judie is retiring after many years of cooking for them. She will help train the new person (her granddaughter) in the months ahead. Praise God for answered prayers!!!



The deadline is coming soon! We need people from the North District to be Equalization Members at Annual Conference this June.

The District Equalization Members' Willingness to Serve form gathers names of those willing to serve as an equalizing member at the 2025 Annual Conference Session. The application deadline is February 2 at 11:59 p.m.

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To express your willingness to serve and find more information, fill out the form here:

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/eqserve2025>

Ministers in ACTION!



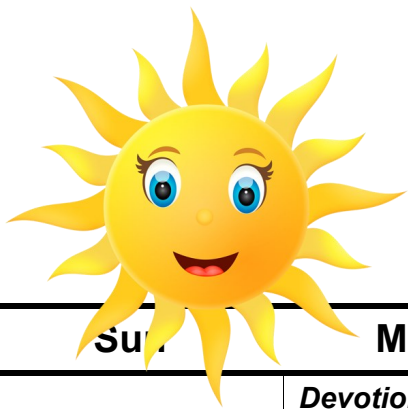
Jake and Alex lead the way. They served as acolytes during our worship service.



Mrs. Landis teaches the children about giving up, and how Jesus doesn't ever give up on us!



Geri greets guests Matthew and Alyssa, who sang during our worship service.





January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Devotions & Drumming --- Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays 8:30-9:30am		1 6:00 Choir	2 4-8 Open Quilting	3	4
5	6 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Girl Scouts	7 6:00 S/PPRC 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts #624 7:00 Bible Study	8 5:00 Yg Girl Scouts #56008 6:00 Choir	9 4-8 Open Quilting	10	11 5:00 Hall Rented
12	13 9:30 Bible Study	14 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts #624	15 6:00 Choir	16 4-8 Open Quilting 7:00 Church Council	17	18 Hall Rented
19  Human Relations Sunday	20  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts #624 7:00 Bible Study	22 5:00 Yg Girl Scouts #56008 6:00 Choir	23 4-8 Open Quilting	24	25
26 1:00 Hall Rented	27 9:30 Bible Study "Philemon"	28 6:30 Cub scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts #624 6:30 Bible Study "Philemon"	29 6:00 Choir	30 4-8 Open Quilting	31	Hall Rentals 5—Jeff Clark ? – Girl Scouts

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JESUS IS REJECTED AT NAZARETH

LUKE 4:16-30

Jesus went to His hometown, Nazareth. He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He read from a scroll of Isaiah. What did He read?

Find these words. Cross them out.
Read the ones that remain.

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| Apple | Corn | Glow | Pet | Walk |
| Arm | Cow | Golf | Queen | Wave |
| Bat | Dig | Ice | Radio | Web |
| Bell | Dog | Leg | Rain | Wig |
| Big | Eye | Lion | Salt | Yes |
| Bird | Face | Napkin | Spoon | |
| Boat | Fan | Oars | Tiger | |
| Book | Feet | Path | Vacuum | |
| Car | Fork | Pearl | Van | |
| Cat | Frog | Pen | Vase | |
| College | Game | People | Vessel | |

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