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*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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Labor and Rest

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

I wonder how often I give myself fully to anything. I sincerely believe that when I step into the pulpit, I give myself fully to the task of sharing what God has laid on my heart.

There have been some times when my heart has not been in a certain task and the outcome was less than it could have been. When I was in high school, I became a distance runner. So I ran on the cross-country team and ran the two-mile run in track. I sincerely believe I could have been better if I had given myself fully to practicing in the off season. But I would wait until a week or two before practices officially started and then start running about four miles a day. By that time, it was too little too late, and it was obvious when we began running as a team that I was not where I could have been.

Track and Cross-Country were earthly endeavors. They had some broader purpose in teaching the value of discipline and hard work. In addition there is some value to bodily exercise as a good steward of my body. *"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."* (1 Timothy 4:8)

All Christians have a calling to give themselves fully to the work of the Lord. That means we are focused on the work of the Lord in every endeavor. ***We find some way of advancing the Kingdom of God in all that we do.*** So we work with honesty and integrity, not because we will get in trouble for goofing off. We work with honesty and integrity so those who see us will know that we have integrity and believe our witness for Christ.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3: 23-24

Labor Day was begun by labor unions to acknowledge the crafts by parades and by giving laborers a day off. This Labor Day, I hope you are able to celebrate the work that God has given you and that whatever you do; you can work at it with all your heart.

Be blessed in your work and be blessed in your rest!

Pastor Steve Loft

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Caitlyn	Wenger	1	Larry & Sue	Struble	1963
2	Ron	Mahler	4	Steve & Kathleen	Stout, SR	1976
4	Sue	Raab	17	Adam & Erin	Kennedy	2011
5	Kathy	Eggleston	20	Greg & Melanie	Clark	1980
6	Anna	Farrell	21	Steve & Roberta	Mann	1968
8	Regena	Price		David & LuAnn	Pontius	1974
9	Rene	Haitsma	25	Steve & Betty	Stout, JR	2010
10	Steve	Stout, JR	30	Kirk & Celeste	Weesner	2000
12	Alec	Remaly				
	Faye	Culp				
	Jean	Green				
13	Jan	Slabaugh				
15	Jim	Angel				
16	Brianna	Cook				
18	Marilyn	Bender				
19	Hannah	Gaugler				
	Adam	Remaly				
24	Chelsea	Denton				
	Stacy	Struble				
28	Doug	Cook				
30	Janice	Bender				
	Dave	Polston				

I would like to thank everyone who has honored Doug during this time. Thank you for your cards, letters, prayers and coming to his celebration of life on August 8th. I appreciate it all. He is at peace now with family and friends who went before him. Clo McIntosh



Sun	6 th	7:00 am	UMM Breakfast
Tues	8 th	7:00 pm	Communications
Wed	9 th	7:00 pm	Worship
Thur	10 th	6:00 pm	Finance
		7:00 pm	S/PPR
Tues	15 th	7:00 pm	Missions
Thur	17 th	6:00 pm	Evangelism
		7:00 pm	Trustees
Thur	24 th	7:00 pm	Church Council
Sun	27 th	7:30 am	UMW gathering

Meetings, we have meetings. As you can see, we are trying to get back to a form of normalcy. Remember to bring a mask (just in case) and maintain social distances (6 feet apart).



Senior's Carry-in Lunch
Tuesday, 1st at Noon

One All-Important Word

Sometimes one word makes all the difference. In John 14:16, when Jesus promises the disciples that God will send the Holy Spirit, he doesn't say "the" Helper or "a" Helper but "another" Helper. For there to be "another" of something, we must already be familiar with a first of that thing. Jesus has been, for the disciples, their first Helper. They already "know him for he dwells with [them]" (verse 17, ESV).

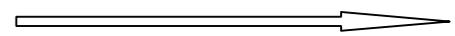
When my infant son was to start full-time daycare, the transition went quite smoothly. That's because his "new" caregiver wasn't new at all: She was Grandma! The sense that my son would be in the hands of *another* family member he already knew eased the handoff for Mama and baby alike.

Not all parents have access to that type of situation, but the care giving arrangement Jesus provided his disciples is available to all. Even when Jesus is no longer physically with us, another who loves us just as much — another we already know and whose truth we've seen in Jesus — is here. We're in good hands.

—Heidi Mann



Sept. 13th – Oct. 11th
Fresh Expressions of Church



God's Surprises

Don't assume that God will always work in your life the way he always has. A sunset is proof that God colors outside the lines. He has no status quo. Even the laws of nature are his to interrupt. As many times as you've prayed before, today may be the day when God sends the answer so swiftly — so divinely — that you're wind burned.
—Beth Moore

FOLLOWERS

Each of the following people followed something. Match the person with what he followed:

1.	Wise Men	Matthew 2: 2	a. An evil woman
2.	Peter	Acts 12: 8	b. His dream
3.	Moses	Numbers 10: 33-34	c. A missionary
4.	Ananias	Acts 5: 3	d. A heavenly vision
5.	Samson	Judges 14: 3	e. A star
6.	David	2 Samuel 11: 2-4	f. A soothsayer
7.	Timothy	1 Corinthians 16: 10	g. A hardened heart
8.	Pharaoh	Exodus 8: 19	h. An angel
9.	Paul	Acts 16: 9	i. Lust
10.	Saul	1 Samuel 28: 7-8	j. A pillar of cloud and fire
11.	Joseph	Genesis 37: 5, 9-10	k. Greed

NAME _____

Return Quiz September 22nd

Answers for "BLINDNESS": 1. Bartimaeus, 2. Elisha, 3. Two angels, 4. Elyman, 5. Job, 6. Moses, 7. Jesus, 8. Jesus, 9. Pharisees, 10. Samson, 11. Saul. Those that were up for the challenge: Jim Angel, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark & Jane Lechlitrer.

TRUSTEES September Report

Fellowship hall & Restrooms: Renovations should be completed by Labor Day Weekend.

Cherry Tree: Down.

Parsonage: Bids for damaged siding, window repair, & new windows. Damage from birds or chipmunks and age.

Next meeting September 17th at 7:00 pm.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our President, Dave Polston, is looking forward to greeting you. Time is the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 a.m. The place is the Fellowship Hall. The reason, as our theme song says, is to "help out where we can". The meal comes from the skillful paws of two of our members. These veteran cooks can really do their thing. Attend whenever possible. We would love to see you. See You September 6th at 7:00.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Join us on September 27th at 7:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and devotions.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: Our September collection will go to Bashor Children's Home. Bashor Children's Home is a child welfare agency affiliated with the United Methodist Church. We provide help for troubled children and their families through residential care, day treatment/ alternative education, foster care, and many other services. Bashor has become a regional provider for services over the last 95 years and works with over 150 children daily from 22 counties and 3 different states. Kids in Elkhart County need a lot of help. Last month our collection of \$20.97 went to LoveWay Thank You.

Church Community Services Food Collection: Our monthly collection focus is: Paper products and personal care products... paper towels, toilet paper, razors, toothpaste... A drop off box will be set up near the church entrances.

Firefighter's Dinner: Don't forget to sign up to provide dinner for our firefighters following their training sessions. October 5th, November 2nd, & December 7th.



MISSIONS

Bashor Children's Home

This year's annual Running With Spoons fundraiser is still happening- but it's gone virtual so you'll have to connect digitally on September 3rd @ 6:00pm! Mark your calendars and if you have any of those fancy computers where you can smell the yummy aroma digitally- by all means- turn it on! 😊

SAVE THE DATE FOR A VIRTUAL WALK

Elkhart County CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 4th, 2020

This year is different. So is the 2020 CROP Walk, yet because it is so important when there is so much need in our community and worldwide, we feel it is important to continue to walk. **Instead of a gathering and group walk, we are asking that each participant or team plan their own walk, either with a small group or individually.** Always keeping in mind current guidelines for COVID19 safety.

We will have an Elkhart County Crop Hunger Walk Video available at a later date to help send-off your team.

There will not be a Team Leader meeting this year. Team Leader Packets can be requested by replying to this email indicating your interest or by calling:

Mike Lavagnilio at 574-262-2154 and we will mail them to you. More information to follow.

This is a county wide walk and a portion of the proceeds will go to Church Community Services.

Sincerely,

Elkhart County Crop Hunger Walk Team



IN UM Children's Home

Prayers are powerful!

That's why we are asking you to pray for our youth through our Prayers of Hope initiative. The youth at the Home have many prayer requests and need the love and support from our staff and from friends of the Home. Here's how our Prayers of Hope works... Sign up to be on our email list; <https://iumch.org/>. On the third Thursday of the month, you will receive five to six prayers from our youth. You may also contact Susan Bennett for a signup sheet which allows for multiple people to receive the prayers. On behalf of our youth, thank you for lifting them up in your prayers.

Prayers of Hope for Children & Home.

The Indiana United Methodist Children's Home asks for prayers for the children we support here at the Home. Pray for our ministry.

We humbly ask for prayers for guidance for our two new Teaching Family Model Homes opened in 2019, prayers for the healing of our fragile children, prayers for strength of our staff, and prayers for happiness and independence of our graduates.

Dear Church Partner,

We hope you and your church members are doing well during these unprecedented times. We are writing to share information about an opportunity for youth at your church that we hope you can share in your bulletin or newsletter.

Thank you and God bless!

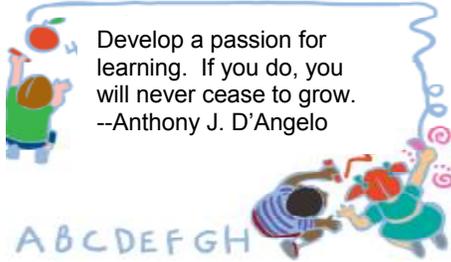
Hayley Tessier

Teen Growers Internship accepting applicants!

Do you know a teen who wants to learn how to grow food for their community and make new friends this fall? Teen Growers is a paid internship where teens grow produce in the Seed to Feed gardens for local food pantries while learning about things like nutrition and food justice and careers in agriculture. We're looking for 6 teens (ages 15-18) to join us to work and learn in the community garden at the corner of Lafayette and Fremont Streets in Elkhart. The internship runs from September 5 - October 17. To learn more and apply go to:

www.churchcommunityservices.org/teen-growers

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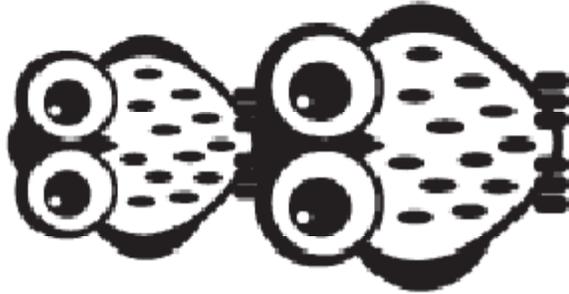
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WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



school _ O _ _ _

paper _ O _ _

wisdom _ _ O _ _

read _ _ _ _ O _

play _ _ _ _ _ O _

learn _ O _ _ _

grow _ _ _ _ O _ _

pencils _ _ _ _ _

pray _ _ _ _ O _ _

art _ _ _ _ _

student _ _ _ _ O _ _

kids _ _ _ _ O _ _

apple _ _ _ _ O _ _

"... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful."

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV