

April 2018

Fishers United Methodist Church



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOCIAL MEDIA ROUND UP

Highlighting posts from the past month



Confirmation
Students 2018



Have #faith!
Spring is on its
way, and Jesus is
still on the
throne.
#VerseOfTheDay
- Hebrews 11:1



Fishers United
Methodist
Women Charity
Circle recently
helped out at
the food pantry.
Thank You!



Upcoming Events

April 1 Easter Worship

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00a Traditional
11:00a Modern

April 1 Vacation Bible School

Registration Opens
fishersumc.org/vbs

April 2 Church Office Closed

April 15, 22, 29 Orientation Class

11:00a, Room 282

April 21 Children's Open Gym

10:00a-12:00p, Gym

April 22 Mission Fundraiser Lunch

10:45a-12:30p, Fellowship Hall

COMING IN MAY

May 4	Parent Night Out
May 6	Confirmation Sunday
May 20	Student Senior Brunch



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

LAUNDRY SOAP, DISH SOAP, DISPOSABLE RAZORS,
BAR SOAP

Donations may be dropped off in the pantry boxes located inside Doors 1
& 4 or at the Food Pantry on Wednesdays between 9:30am and 7:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Many of you know that God has been impressing upon me in recent weeks the great importance of the discipline of finding "Sabbath" times and "spaces" in our lives, and for me in my life in particular. I have been trying to better to make room for Sabbath times daily or at least weekly in my life. I'm still not good at it: the Pavlovian response is deeply engrained in me – when the "bell rings" I instinctively answer it. But I'm trying.... I want to share with you here some thoughts about the Sabbath from our former Bishop and my good friend, Bishop Mike Coyner. I hope you will find them as meaningful as have I. It was written with Clergy in mind but it rings true for everyone who follows Christ. Read on....

I recently spent 2 days at our annual clergy retreat. We gathered around a yellow bench, which has become a symbol for the words of Jesus to his first disciples, "Come away with me for a while to a quiet place."

As I have reflected on the need for Sabbath, I have these reflections to share:

1. *Keeping the Sabbath is not about an excuse for laziness or poor work habits, it is about finding rest in order to maintain a busy schedule and a strong work ethic. Sports research teaches us that athletes who train 7 days a week do less well in competition than athletes who train 6 days a week and rest on the 7th. Sabbath is about rest from a busy schedule; it is not about an excuse to be lazy all the time.*

2. *Sabbath is not just about a day off, it is about a day to seek God's guidance intentionally. Sometimes we substitute "day off" for "Sabbath" but that really does not represent the Biblical model. Being a disciple of Jesus is too important to just take a day off and works best when we take Sabbath to seek God's guidance.*
3. *Self-care as a disciple is all about having strength to serve. Much of the popular literature and information about self-care seems to be mostly self-serving. Self-care in serving Christ must be more than that – it must be self-care for the purpose of strengthening our service and witness.*
4. *Most of us, whether in professional ministry or as the lay people in ministry are not very good at Sabbath-keeping or self-care. That fact is not so much a physical fact as it is a spiritual one. We (and I am speaking for myself*

and about myself) try to run hard in ministry on our own strength, rather than taking time to rest, to seek God's guidance, and to care for ourselves.

5. *While we may not have a yellow bench- a formally designated time and place, we need a designated space for Sabbath and self-care. It is not just about schedule, it is a lesson about space. Setting aside a sacred space – physically and spiritually – is the key to keeping the Sabbath.*

It's me again. Where are you finding "space" in your life for Sabbath?

FOR THE ONLY
CAUSE THAT
MATTERS,
Pastor Kevin



VISION TEAM UPDATE

“For Such a Time as This...”



...WE ARE CALLED TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD.

That is why we exist. That is our purpose. That is our mission. And it has been for a long time. Fishers UMC was founded in 1874, with fourteen members who began meeting in a local schoolhouse. Their passion for making disciples of Jesus Christ and transforming the world could not be contained, and they soon built their next place of worship south of 116th street on Lantern road – a building which still exists today! But again, the church had a bigger vision for what God wanted to do in our corner of the world, and so they moved “out to the country” where we are located today.

A lot has changed over the past 144 years, but the core values have remained the same: our love for Jesus, our love for one another, and our love for our neighbors. As our neighborhood grows and new neighbors move in, God is once again calling us to take a leap of faith and to courageously evolve so that more people might come to know the love of God in Christ Jesus.

At our most recent Vision Team Update Meeting, we shared ways we believe God is calling us to courageously evolve in the coming years – specifically through the following Five Emphases:

1. Create a Church-wide MAP (Ministry Action Plan)
2. Enhance our Sunday morning experience to create a 2-hour culture of attending both worship and a Sunday School class
3. Improve our First Impressions ministries so to connect people with ministries that will help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ
4. Identify a Discipleship Pathway that will challenge not-yet-believers and fully-devoted disciples to grow in their journeys with Jesus
5. Align and Resource ministries for greater impact in individuals’ lives and in the world.

God is on the move, and it’s an exciting time to be part of Fishers United Methodist Church! Contact the church office to get a copy of the presentation and learn more about how to get involved with the exciting initiatives that are already underway!

IN PARTNERSHIP TOGETHER, Pastors Kevin, Jared, and Jill

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

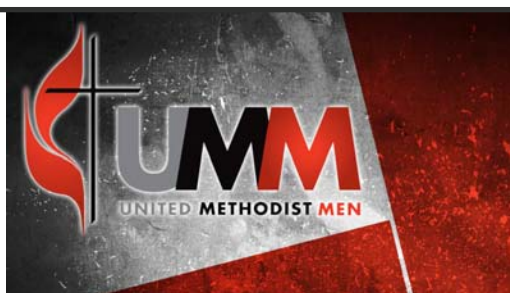
ORIENTATION CLASS



We invite you to join us for a 3-week class as we learn more about our church, our denomination, our ministries and ourselves. Topics covered will be UM History and Organization, the Story of Fishers United Methodist Church, identifying spiritual gifts, and exploring the many ministries and discipleship opportunities our church has to offer.

This will be a great way to get to know OR re-acquaint yourself with Fishers United Methodist Church. Orientation will be held April 15, 22, and 29 at 11:00am in Room 282. Sign up in Connection Central, in the Church app or at fishersumc.org/orientation.

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Wondering what you can do in the realm of your individual mission and outreach? Here's your chance to learn from men in the congregation what is available and how to pursue your passion(s).

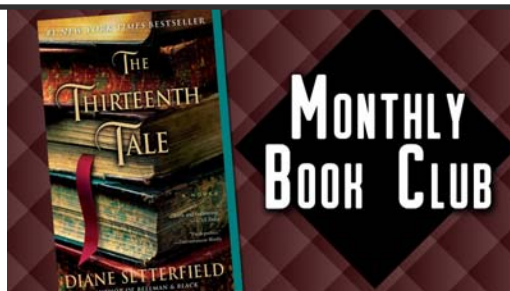
The April breakfast program will be a "Show and Tell" opportunity for men to share outreach activities they are already involved in and an opportunity for you to pick up ideas for yourself. There are heart-breaking needs in the immediate locality and outreach opportunities for everyone.

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 8:00 AM in the Dining Room. A hot breakfast will be available. All men of the congregation are invited.

FIFTY PLUS

Please join Fifty Plus Older Adult Ministries on Thursday April 12 at 11:30 am for lunch, learning and fellowship. We'll share devotions and enjoy another fantastic lunch, and then have a speaker from the group "Dementia Friends." This program is sponsored by CICOA (Central Indiana Council on Aging). Its goal is to create dementia friendly spaces in each community, which may help us be a more welcoming church. No reservations are necessary; we hope to see you there! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact jenni debaun at 317-849-1805 or at jdebaun@fishersumc.org.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB



Join the Monthly Book Club in April as they read and discuss *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. Reclusive author Vida Winter has spent the past six decades penning a series of alternate lives for herself. Now old and ailing, she is ready to reveal the truth about her extraordinary existence and the violent and tragic past she has kept secret for so long. Calling on Margaret Lea, a young biographer troubled by her own painful history, Vida uncovers the life she meant to bury for good. Margaret is mesmerized by the author's tale and

unique characters. Together, Margaret and Vida confront the ghosts that have haunted them while becoming transformed by the truth themselves.

If you are looking for a way to combine your love of reading and books with a small group atmosphere of fellowship, this is the place for you! The Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Library at 7:00pm. **This month they are meeting on April 24.** If you are interested or need more information, contact Kim Arnott at 797-8612 or kimarnott@mac.com.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

Recently students went without food for 30 hours to raise money for those overseas who don't have access to food or other basic necessities like clean water, shelter and education.

So far we have raised over \$2000 with more money still coming in, you can still donate to this cause at <https://youth.worldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=19794>

We ended our evening with an African stew complete with Sadza as well as Kenyan flatbread made by the Morara's (thanks so much).



30 Hour Famine

APRIL FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES

F.I.R.E. (JUNIOR HIGH)

- April 1 Sunday School
- April 7 Believe Conference
- April 8 Sunday School
- April 11 Mission Trip Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- April 19 Third Thursday @ Hamilton Trace @ 3:15 pm
- April 22 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours
- April 29 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Refinery @ 6:00pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm

W.A.T.E.R (SENIOR HIGH)

- April 1 Sunday School
- April 5 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm
- April 8 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours
- April 11 Mission Team Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- April 12 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm
- April 15 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours
- April 19 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm
- April 22 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours
- April 26 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm
- April 29 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Drink Deep @ 6 pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm
Home Bible Studies take place throughout the week

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS Permission forms are available for download at fumcfireandwater.com or can be picked up on the dock in the Wharf. There are very limited spots left, if you wish to go please sign up as soon as possible.



CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM BY SEARCHING FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES OR VISITING FUMCFIREANDWATER.COM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 10-14
6:00-8:30PM

FREE! AGES 4 TO 5TH GRADE

FISHERSUMC.ORG/VBS

BASKETBALL EVENTS

April 21 Open Gym
K-6th, free, 10a -12p
No registration required



July 9 -13 Pacers Camp
Information / sign up
Will be on website



July 16-19 Upward camp
1st – 3rd graders, \$40, 1-3pm,
Registration will be on website

July 23-26 Upward camp
4th – 7th graders, \$40, 9-11:30am,
Registration will be on website

Questions? Larry Crane lcrane@fishersumc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS



EAT A GREAT MEAL, HELP A GREAT CAUSE You are invited to a taco bar lunch on Sunday, April 22nd, in the Fellowship Hall from 10:45am-12:30pm. This is a fundraiser meal that will help send the adult mission team to Shiprock, New Mexico this summer. There is no set price for the meal, rather just a free will donation will be taken.



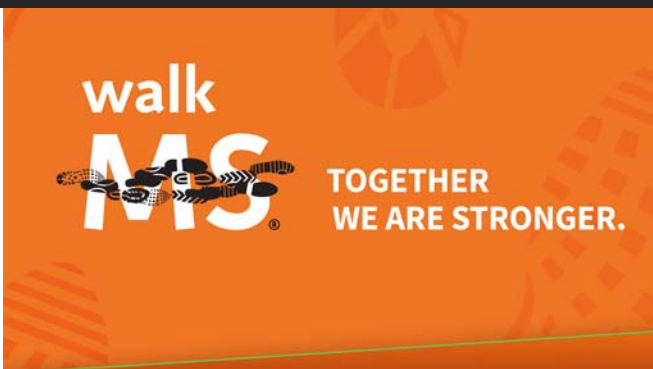
PARENTS, ENJOY A NIGHT OUT on Friday May 4th from 6:00pm-9:00pm! Drop off your infant-5th graders and they will play games, do crafts, watch a movie and eat a snack! There is no cost to this service, but a free will offering will be taken if you feel led to give. Pre-Register by visiting fishersumc.org/parentnightout.

ASCENT 121

Last year, in conjunction with their efforts regarding human trafficking awareness, Fishers United Methodist Women arranged for Ascent 121 to present a community-wide program at Fishers UMC. While there are many organizations that work diligently to raise awareness of and support victims of this tragedy, Ascent 121 recently provided us with this information:

Every year the FBI presents the Director's Community Leadership Award to one person or organization in each state that has made extraordinary contributions to education and the prevention of crime and violence in their communities. We are humbled to be the 2017 winner for Indiana.

Strong relationships with local and federal law enforcement are crucial to our work. The Ascent 121 team works hard to manage the delicate balance of community and law enforcement needs. The FBI is a strong ally in serving the kids in our programs. We are grateful for their partnership and honored to receive this award.



WALK MS helps us team up with friends, loved ones and co-workers to change the world for everyone affected by MS. How can you get involved? Join the MS MILITIA team (Tom Raag's team) to walk on April 21st in Indianapolis, or you can donate to the MS MILITIA team. Find information in Connection Central and on the Fishers UMC App.



KAIROS TORCH PRISON MINISTRY is conducting a program inside Pendleton Correctional Facility 4/20-4/22. 18 year olds and younger will learn Christian concepts as a means of making better choices. Kairos needs cookies, money for meals & prayers. Visit Connection Central for details and sign up to pray for the event in the Fishers UMC App.

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SUNDAYS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am
MODERN WORSHIP 11:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45am



WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF HEALING AND SERVING ROOTED IN JESUS CHRIST