

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOCIAL MEDIA ROUND UP

Highlighting posts from the past month



Upward Basketball donated 1648 cans of Soup to the Food Pantry. The Silver Stars collected 242 cans. Wow!



Our 2018 confirmands and their mentors at the Confirmation retreat. Thanks to the Reynolds family for opening their barn.



It's Lent - a season of introspection and preparation. Today's #VerseOfTheDay from Mark 8:34 is an appropriate one.



Upcoming Events

March 2 Parent Night Out

6:00p-9:00p, Various Rooms

March 4 IHN Guests Arrive

March 11 Celtic Sunday

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

March 18 Blood Drive

8:00a-12:00p, Fellowship Hall

March 25 Palm Sunday

Vision Team Update

4:00p-5:00p, Sanctuary

March 27 Book Club Meeting

7:00p, Library

March 28-31 Prayer Experience

Open 2-7p, Gym

March 29 Maundy Thursday

7:00p, Sanctuary

March 30 Good Friday

7:00p, Sanctuary

COMING IN APRIL

April 1 Easter Sunday

April 1 VBS Registration Opens

April 2 Office Closed

April 22 Mission Fundraiser Lunch



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

OATMEAL, TOASTER PASTRIES, CANNED CHILI, REFRIED BEANS

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

In the few minutes I have set aside to think of what I want to share on this page three people have called to ask to meet with me, my calendar has reminded me where I must be by my design today, and I am already late for another appointment. Sound familiar to you? Probably. For most of us our lives seem to rush forward from one obligation, opportunity, or responsibility to the next. With them, sunrise gives way to sunset and starts over again. Life becomes a blur and we satisfy ourselves to take each thing as it comes, often deciding who we will be and what we will do in each moment as we are faced with it. We show up for our next appointment, perform the task we are called upon to perform, and go on. Sometimes we go on with celebrations. Sometimes we face the hardest challenges of our lives – family members who lay dying; loved ones facing battles of all kinds; the loneliness of grieving one who has always been there and now is gone in death – you know as little as I what the next moment may bring. Very little in our lives seems constant. Does anything last?

But as I look at my calendar I am reminded that Easter is coming. True, it means more things to do and places to be. But it means something much different as well. Amid a world of constant change and endless demands Easter calls us to remember that some things do remain. Donald Harvey Tippet brings this into focus for us:

If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail

it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes, and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again. Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow or to drink the cup of poisoned hemlock in a Grecian jail, but with an inevitable certainty after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

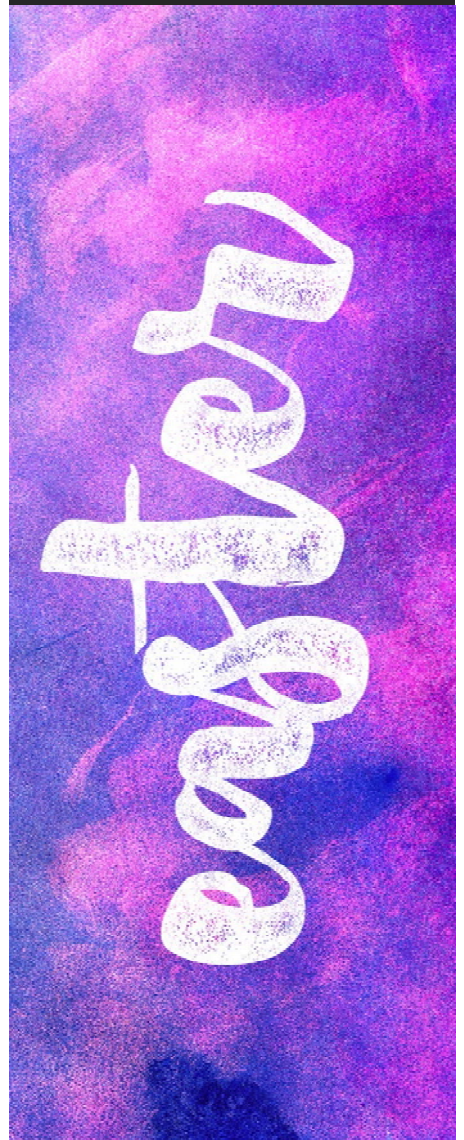
As Easter approaches I invite you to step back from life's rush for just a moment. Whatever your days have brought you – whether it is the celebration of new life and the joy of single moments in time or the struggle of Black Friday where, in your pain, you question everything around you. Remember, eternal truth is exactly that, eternal. Life may attack it, and us as well, with all the force the events of our days can muster but the eternal truth of Easter cannot be destroyed. It will rise again. After every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter sunrise.

Oh, and speaking of Easter morning, why not join your brothers and sisters in Christ in celebrating Eternal Truth with us at worship on Easter morning. And invite someone who may not know the Eternal Truth to come with you. Tell them you will take them to breakfast or buy their lunch. You will be amazed at how easily they will say, Yes. And we will all watch darkness give way to the dawning of Resurrection as we gather in different towns and places –

some inside, others outside. But together [even in different locations] we can witness to the world around us the certainty that remains – Because Jesus the Christ – Eternal Truth lives, so will we! Amid a world of constant change this one Truth remains. Thanks be to God.

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CAUSE THAT
MATTERS,

Pastor Kevin



VISION TEAM UPDATE

"For Such a Time as This..."



On Sunday, March 25, all are invited to attend the next Vision Team update. We will be meeting from 4-5pm in the Sanctuary to hear what the Vision Team has been working on, and to dialogue about how our church can more fully become the church God longs for us to be "at such a time as this."

WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED?

One of the things that will be shared is the need to become more passionate and intentional in living out our mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This mission is rooted in Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20), and is shared by United Methodists around the world. It is our purpose, our commission, and our call – to make disciples of Jesus and transform the world with His Good News!

But what does that mission look like here? Now? And how can we impact our community with the Kingdom of God? Great questions, We're glad you asked!

The Vision Team has identified Five Core Values that create a pathway to shape and align our ministries for more fruitful disciple-making. They are listed and depicted in a graphic below. Come Sunday, March 25 from 4-5pm to learn more about the ways God's Holy Spirit is on the move here at Fishers UMC! and children's ministries, and Sunday School opportunities.



TOGETHER...

- Worshipping God
- Becoming like Jesus
- Serving the World
- Inviting Others

IN PARTNERSHIP TOGETHER, Pastors Kevin, Jared, and Jill

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Lent is a great time to reflect on our commitment to follow the role model of Jesus in our lives. The 2018 North Central Indiana District United Methodist Men Lenten breakfast series, "Standing in the Need of Prayer," can be an integral part of that reflection and commitment. All men of the congregation are invited to participate.

Starting time for all the breakfasts is 7:30 AM. Car pooling for Fishers UMC men will be available from the north parking lot per the schedule below.

Date:	Location:	Car Pool Departing:
March 10	Christ Westfield UMC	6:55 AM
March 17	Noblesville Emmanuel UMC	7:05 AM
March 24	Fishers UMC	N/A

BISHOP'S LENTEN STUDY

In light of a rising anxiousness for what will become the United Methodist Church after the Special General Conference in February 2019, how can we journey together through the Season of Lent, to engage in critical conversations, while strengthening the covenant with God and one another?

There will be a weekly series of guided discussions using the book *Is It Time?* while understanding that NOW IS THE TIME for the United Methodist witness in Indiana to model what it means to be the Church on Mission! The book, in paperback and kindle, is available at www.amazon.com.

Pastor Jared will assist in the study that will meet from 6:30-8:30 on March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at St. Luke's UMC in Kokomo. For more information or to sign up, please contact him at jkendall@fishersumc.org.

FIFTY PLUS

Please join Fifty Plus Older Adult Ministries in the dining room on Thursday March 8 for lunch, learning and fellowship. Following devotions and a wonderful lunch, Bob Shimer will present his original program about the man we know as St. Patrick. Bob knows all kinds of interesting pieces of material that'll make for a great presentation. In addition, Bud Moore will display his collection of steam engines and tenders. No reservations are necessary; we hope to see you there! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact jenni debaun at the church office or at jdebaun@fishersumc.org.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB



Join the Monthly Book Club in March as they read and discuss *Illusion* by Frank Peretti. After a car wreck tragically claims the life of his wife and magic partner, Mandy, Dane Collins finds himself in a coffee shop transfixed by a magician whose illusions even he cannot explain. Even more mysterious is the performer herself. Nineteen-year-old Mandy has never met him, doesn't know him, is certainly not in love with him, but is in every respect identical to the woman he met and married forty years earlier. They begin a cautious relationship as mentor and protégée, but as Dane tries to figure out who Mandy really is, and she to understand why she is mysteriously drawn to

him, she is being watched by those who not only possess all the answers but who also have the power to decide her fate. 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 at 7:00pm in the Library. **This month they are meeting on March 27.** If you are interested or need more information, contact Kim Arnott at 797-8612 or kimarnott@mac.com.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

Last month we had our annual Football Party to watch the big game. The problem is, no one really wanted to watch. They all wanted to play football! Having fun and playing games that are not all that competitive happens every time we meet on Sunday nights at After Hours, fun for everyone after our time together experiencing Jesus.

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FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES



Football Party

MARCH FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

March 4 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

March 11 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

March 15 Third Thursday @ Hamilton Trace
@ 3:15 pm

March 18 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

March 25 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Refinery @ 6:00pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm

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

March 1 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm

March 4 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours

March 7 "Who Is Jesus" Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

March 8 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm

March 11 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours

March 14 "Who Is Jesus" Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

March 15 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm

March 18 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours

March 21 "Who Is Jesus" Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

March 22 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm

March 23-24 30 Hour Famine

March 25 Sunday School

March 28 "Who Is Jesus" Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

March 29 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm

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.

30 HOUR FAMINE This event is for anyone in high school who wishes to starve themselves for 30 hours to raise money for those starving overseas. If you are a teenager who wishes to participate for the weekend you need to have sponsors to be a part. To sign up to be a part and get online sponsors, or if you wish to give to a student and support them in their famine, visit youth.worldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=19794



WELCOME JORDAN!

Please welcome Jordan Vaughn as the new Connections Ministries Coordinator. In this position, Jordan will be building teams of greeters, ushers and additional volunteers to provide hospitality to our congregants and guests. She is looking forward to helping people get plugged into ministries that strengthen their relationship with Christ and the church, as well as working to develop strategies to help connect people with one another and with opportunities to serve. Jordan's gift of hospitality and her natural friendliness and warmth make her a perfect fit for this important position.

Jordan, her husband Daniel and their children have been part of the congregation since 2013. Since then, she has grown tremendously in her faith by serving in areas as diverse as Vacation Bible School and the United Methodist Women. Prior to being a full-time mom to Tanner and Ainsley, Jordan taught in both elementary and middle school settings.



WANT TO CONNECT WITH JORDAN? [JVAUGHN@FISHERSUMC.ORG](mailto:jvaughn@fishersumc.org)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CELTIC SUNDAY Why celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Celtic music and green clothing during worship? Part of the reason is that many of our ancestors came from the Celtic lands, and we're at home with the lilting sounds and upbeat music. St. Patrick was best known for spreading Christianity throughout the area, using what was available - the shamrock - to teach the meaning of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So let yourself be lifted up on Sunday, March 11 in all traditional worship.



JOIN US HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 3/25 8:30, 9:45 & 11am
Traditional in the Sanctuary, and 11am Modern in the Family Life Center Gym
Maundy Thursday 3/29 7pm In the Sanctuary with Communion
Good Friday 3/30 7pm In the Sanctuary, Tenebrae Worship
Easter Sunday 4/1 8:30, 9:45 & 11am
Traditional in the Sanctuary, and 11am Modern in the Family Life Center Gym
Prayer Walk Experience 3/28-3/31
Come anytime between 2-7pm in the gym and reflect on Jesus' last week on earth

THROW BACK



THE ORIGINAL SANCTUARY AT OUR CURRENT LOCATION. DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT WAS? IF NOT, ASK AROUND, MAYBE YOU WILL EVEN FIND SOMEONE THAT REMEMBERS WORSHIPPING IN THERE!



PARENTS, ENJOY A NIGHT OUT
on Friday March 2nd and 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.



CURRENT AND FUTURE GREETERS!

We need your friendly faces and welcoming hearts to help us greet our friends and neighbors as they come to worship each Sunday. All ages are welcome! Sign up in Connection Central, at fishersumc.org/greeters or in the Church App. Also, mark your calendars to attend a brief Greeting Ministry refresher course between any of the services on Sunday, March 18th in the Library. Questions? Please contact Jordan Vaughn at jvaughn@fishersumc.org; by phone at 765-760-5689 or visit her in Connection Central between services.

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



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