

May 2018

Fishers United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

S O C I A L M E D I A R O U N D U P

Highlighting posts from the past month



Geist elementary 4th graders recently learned about the Food Pantry and the need here in Hamilton County.



Today's #VerseOfTheDay is a great reminder: "My grace is sufficient for you ... " 2 Corinthians 12:9



Jr. Highers, we'd love your help with Bingo at Hamilton Trace. Third Thursday of every month at 3:15pm.

Questions?
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Upcoming Events

May 4 Parent Night Out
6:00-9:00p

May 6 Confirmation Sunday

May 10 Fifty Plus Luncheon
11:30a

May 20 Student Senior Brunch

May 23 Ladies Night Out
6:30p

COMING IN JUNE & JULY

June 10-14 Vacation Bible School

June 17 Pastor Jill Farewell

July 15 IHN Guests Arrive

July 19-23 Booth At 4H Fair



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

CANNED CHILI, SUDDENLY SALAD (PASTA IN A BOX), SMALL JARS OF MAYO, SMALL JARS OF SWEET RELISH, KLEENEX

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

Have you ever made an impulsive decision that led to unexpected consequences for which you were not prepared? Sometimes it's curiosity that gets us in trouble [you know...curiosity killed the cat...]; other times we act impulsively to get out of difficulty or pain, only to find that we have "jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire." Most of us have at least one such story. I have more than a few, and the scars to prove it. But that's another article...

Years ago when our kids were still growing up, we served a thriving church in the country and had a large yard on church property with woods and flowers and wide open spaces. If the weather was nice and the kids were home the garage door was open most of the time for quick entry/exit or to help with ventilation for some of their many "projects." One early summer day I walked into our open garage and heard the strangest loudest buzzing sound. Confession: I hate bees! Well actually anything with wings and weaponized body parts! [My fear comes from trauma from my childhood....don't ask.] So when I heard this deep buzzing noise zipping from one side of the garage to the other, I ducked for cover trying to find the biggest hornet or dragon or something infernal ready to impale me. I finally saw the object of my fear. It was a hummingbird that must have flown in through the open garage door looking for something sweet to drink. But once inside, it could not find its way back out and it was flying across the ceiling and diving

into walls in a blind panic. My panic at my impending death from my apian nemesis quickly eased only to be replaced with my real concern that this terrified fragile creature would either break its neck or die of exhaustion in very short order. I quickly tried to help it find its way out to safety. I waved a broom at it; then a towel; I even contemplated grabbing my tennis racket but was afraid I might accidentally send it into the next county! Then I spied it! My fishing net. After several failed attempts, as the hummingbird began to tire, I was able to catch it in the net. I took it outside, laid it on the ground, and was able to get it untangled and out of the net. It just sat shaking all over – traumatized and too exhausted to move at first. Finally, it gathered itself enough to fly away to the safety of a nearby tree. [By the way – I have since learned that if I had shut the garage door and turned off all the lights the little guy would have drifted to the floor – they won't fly when it's dark. Great to know, if only I had known it before that moment.]

After putting the net away and letting my own pulse settle back down I began to think about how that hummingbird was much like us sometimes. We go through life flitting from one place to another looking for things that pique our curiosity or that might scratch some personal itch. Only too late do we realize we have flown into something strange and can't find our way out. In our panic we look for a way out but in our fear we can't seem to find the open door. And then I thought of God and his plan

for us. God gave us the Bible to tell us there is a door out of our peril; God sent his son, Jesus, to show us the door and then become that open door through which we can pass to safety; God gives us the Holy Spirit to be with us intimately – even in our blind panic – to catch us gently in his net and set us free.

I learned a few things that day – hummingbirds are amazing creatures; everybody needs somebody to help them find their way to the open door that is waiting for us to lead us safely home; and bees are still "death merchants" with wings...[I'm still working on that last one.]

**FOR THE ONLY
CAUSE THAT
MATTERS,**
Pastor Kevin



PRESCHOOL

YEAR-END FUN!

In addition to beautiful weather, spring brings a plethora of activities to the Preschool / MDO program! In addition to more playground time, the classes raise butterflies, studying their life cycle, and then celebrate when they fly away. Bubbles and sidewalk chalk are also a big part of the end of the year. Be sure to look for the artwork outside of entrance #4. Finishing journals and preparing to say good-bye engage both teachers and students. We will miss all of this year's students and look forward to starting a new school year in the fall.

There are still a few openings in classes for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact the preschool at 317.842.0452 for more information.

GRADUATION

On Friday May 18th, the Fishers UMC Preschool will graduate 75 children who have completed their early childhood education. These kids represent families from 10 different countries across the globe, and 40 of them have either a younger sibling who currently attends or an older sibling who did attend this great preschool. The children will attend 11 elementary schools in the HSE district, as well as schools in Carmel, Lawrence and Indianapolis. We wish these children and their families well and pray for their future.



Let **heaven** and **earth** praise him, the **seas** and **everything** that moves in them.

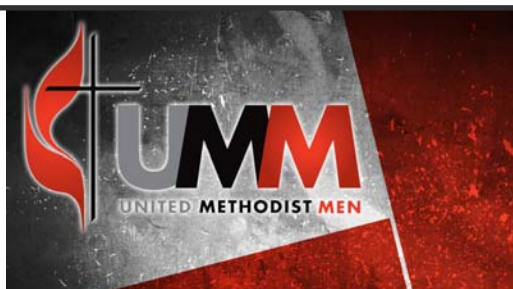
Psalms 69:34

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

COVENANT STUDY

Covenant Bible Study will be starting Sunday, May 6 at 11:00am in room 284. Covenant is an in-depth group bible study in which participants read and discuss the bible together, learning how to love God - and each other - better. This will be an eight week study examining how the Covenant community is created and established. Covenant represents a relationship - a living, breathing conversation. And we invite you to join in it.

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Men! Here is a chance to build on your own discipleship. Learn more about Man in the Mirror, a way to take advantage of small groups, one-on-one discipleship, and individual study to develop thriving, living relationships with God, Jesus, and those around you.

The May UMM breakfast program will be a presentation by Dan Hindman, of Man in the Mirror, a resource available to guide you in a journey to biblical manhood. All men of the congregation are invited to this thoughtful, challenging presentation. Come Saturday, May 12, 2018, 8:00 AM in the Dining Room for a hot breakfast and fellowship.

FIFTY PLUS

Please join Fifty Plus Older Adult Ministries on Thursday May 10th at 11:30 am for lunch, learning and fellowship. We'll share devotions and enjoy a wonderful lunch, and then Dave Nelson will present his research into one of the worst maritime catastrophes in American history. Dave has a family connection to this tragedy and has worked for years to develop this program. 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 May as they read and discuss Any Dream Will Do by Debbie Macomber. This is a powerful novel about Shay Benson, a woman forced to start her life over again after making some unfortunate choices. She embarks on the most courageous journey of all - to a place where she learns what love and trust really mean.

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, because of a scheduling issue, they are meeting on May 29.** If you are interested or need more information, contact Kim Arnott at 797-8612 or kimarnott@mac.com.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

As much as we love being with teenagers, this isn't something we can do alone. To the many adults we have helping us, we thank you so much for all you do!

But, we're always looking for more Sunday School teachers, people to prepare meals, lead discussions, come on trips and just have fun with us, like these people on our Mystery Adventures. If helping teenagers discover Jesus (as you deepen your own relationship with Him) is something you'd like to pursue, we'd love to talk to you about being a part of FIRE & WATER Student Ministries Adult Team.

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Volunteers Rock!

MAY FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

- May 2 Mission Trip Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- May 6 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours
- May 13 Sunday School
- May 17 Third Thursday @ Hamilton Trace @ 3:15 pm
- May 20 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours
- May 27 Sunday School

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

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

- May 3 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm
- May 6 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours
- May 10 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm
- May 13 Sunday School
- May 17 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm
- May 20 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours
- May 24 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm
- May 25 Promotion Camp Out @ 4:30 pm
- May 27 Sunday School

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Drink Deep @ 6 pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm

PROMOTION CAMP OUT

Sign up online at fishersumc.org/ministries/student-ministries/forms/ where you can also download the permission form for more details. This is for those going into ninth grade through graduating seniors.

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS


Permission forms are at fumcfireandwater.com or can be picked up on the dock in the Wharf.

MYSTERY DAYS START SOON

These events happen with 24 hours notice. You can watch our social media pages to see the announcement, download the Fishers UMC app or you can sign up to be a FIRE & WATER Insider to get text alerts for these events.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WOMEN OF FISHERS UMC
meet up for a Ladies Night Out at Houlihan's at Hamilton Town Center on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 for food, fun and fellowship. Sign up to attend at fishersumc.org/ladiesnightout or in Connection Central. Questions? Email Tina Medalen at tmedalen@gmail.com.



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.

BASKETBALL CAMPS



July 9 -13 Pacers Camp

9:00am-2:30pm

\$230 (Includes t-shirt, basketball, and a ticket to a 2018-19 Pacers Game)

tnbabasketball.com/programs/pacers/?event=2018-pacers-summer-basketball-camp-fishers-unitedmethodist-church



July 16-19 Upward Camp

1st – 4th graders, \$50, 1:00-3:00pm

registration.upward.org/UPW66399

July 23-26 Upward Camp

4th – 7th graders, \$50, 9:00-11:30am

registration.upward.org/UPW66401

Questions? Larry Crane lcrane@fishersumc.org

Basketball Camp in April, Join in the fun this July!



LIMITLESS

LIMITLESS The Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Women is presenting Limitless 2018: The Mission Crawl, June 22-24. During this event young women (ages 15-40) and experienced mentors have a chance to make a difference in the Indianapolis community. Learn more and register at www.inumc.org/limitless by May 25th.

WORSHIP SCREEN TECH

DO YOU LIKE TECHNOLOGY?

Looking for an easy way to serve at Fishers UMC? Run worship screens one Sunday a month! The screens are already programmed, so it isn't complicated, and it is a great way to be a part of worship. Training is provided. Learn more and sign up in Connection Central or fishersumc.org/screens.

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S U N D A Y S

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