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A MONTHLY PUBLICATION ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AT FISHERS UMC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

- Oct 1 Student Ministries Pumpkin Patch opens 10:00a
- Oct 1 Blessing of the Animals service 1:00p
- Oct 4 Dan's Fish Fry 4:00-7:15p
- Oct 6 Parent Night Out 6:00-9:00p
- Oct 12 Fifty Plus - 11:30a
- Oct 15 Reynolds Golf Tournament
- Oct 15 IHN/Family Promise guests arrive
- Oct 22 Laity Sunday
- Oct 22 Membership Class 12:15p
- Oct 29 Trunk Or Treat 3:00-5:00pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

TRADITIONAL 8:30, 9:45, 11 am -Sanctuary
MODERN at 11 am - Family Life Center
Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 am

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Soup, Boxed Stuffing, Boxed Dried Potatoes,
Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Chili

COMING IN NOVEMBER:

Parent Night Out November 3rd

NEW HOPE WHERE IT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED!



Hope Center Indy is a Christ-Centered aftercare program for women victims of human trafficking. Aptly named, this 13-month program gives victims of human trafficking HOPE to start a new life away from the nightmare they have endured.

Your donations of over 500 personal care items, clothes, shoes, new bedding, books and art and school supplies will help make this hope a reality.

Thank you!



The Fourth Annual Diaper Drive is complete, and it was a great success! THANK YOU to everyone who has donated diapers, wipes and baby essentials. Because of your generosity and love, babies and toddlers in our community will get to be dry, clean and happy! Also, the Come to Me Food Pantry does take diapers year-round, so please keep that in mind when donating items!



JOIN THE BOOK CLUB IN OCTOBER as we read and discuss Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. When tragedy unexpectedly comes to call on his family, which includes his Methodist minister father, his passionate, artistic mother, Juilliard-bound older sister, and wise-beyond-his-years kid brother, 13-year-old Frank finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal. Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, it is a moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. 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. This month we will meet on **October 24**. If you are interested or need more information, contact Kim Arnott at 317-797-8612 or kimarnott@mac.com.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

Weekly Activities:

Sunday School @9:45a

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

Oct 1 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

Oct 4 Fish Fry @ 3:45 pm

Oct 8 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

Oct 11 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

Oct 15 Sunday School

Oct 18 Pumpkins Arrive @ 4:00 pm

Oct 19 Third Thursday @ Hamilton Trace 3:15 pm

Oct 22 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

Oct 25 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

Oct 29 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

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

Weekly Activities:

Sunday School @9:45a, Drink Deep @6:00p, After Hours @7:30p

Oct 1 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours

Oct 4 Fish Fry @ 3:45 pm

Oct 5 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p

Oct 8 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours

Oct 11 "Who Is Jesus" Study @ 7:00p

Oct 12 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p

Oct 15 Sunday School

Oct 18 Pumpkins Arrive @ 4:00 pm

Oct 19 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p

Oct 22 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours

Oct 25 "Who Is Jesus" Study @ 7:00p

Oct 26 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p

Oct 29 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours

WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH! Sign up to work a shift (or more) at <http://signup.com/go/PVWCNVV>.

THE 2017-2018 FIRE & WATER PRAYER CALENDAR is available in Connection Central, in the Wharf, & online. If you want to know what is going on with FIRE & WATER and/or would like to pray for us this calendar will help you do both.



DAN'S FISH FRY Join us for a Dan's Fish Fry Fundraiser on Wednesday October 11th from 4:00-7:15p. All proceeds benefit the Come to Me Food Pantry. For more information or to volunteer to work at this event, please visit Connection Central or fishersumc.org.



PARENT NIGHT OUT Infants - fifth graders will enjoy crafts, games, a movie & a light snack on Friday October 6 from 6-9pm. The evening is free, but donations are appreciated. High schoolers, if you'd like to help, email lcrane@fishersumc.org.



UPWARD REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018 SEASON HAS BEGUN!

Upward is a program of more than just basketball for children in grades Kindergarten through Sixth, and runs from January to March. To register, please go to fishersumc.org/upward.

DON'T MISS FIFTY PLUS Fifty Plus is a group of active older adults who meet monthly for lunch, learning and fellowship. On Thursday October 12, rather than meet in the Church dining room, the group will meet at the Olive Garden Restaurant at Hamilton Town Center. Reservations are for 11:30, and while there won't be a guest speaker, there will be lots of fun and fellowship. All are welcome; come see some good friends and make some new ones. Contact Jenni Debaun at jdebaun@fishersumc.org if you would like more information.

This fall, our community welcomes several new businesses, among them Ikea, Portillo's and Top Golf. We are excited to see what this will bring to the area as well as to discern new opportunities for ministry. Please join us in extending hospitality to those who work at these companies and to those who patronize them.

DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS IN MINISTRY....

They say "confession is good for the soul." Let me start with one of mine. For many years, faced with the complexities of living and of ministry and the seemingly endless "opportunities" ministry brings [translate opportunities to demands: i.e. weekly sermons, ministry team meetings, pastoral care, charge conference preparation, budgets, nominations, vision team process, seasons of the Christian year, etc.], I often felt like a lumberjack faced with a dense forest of trees that had to be felled. I would faithfully swing away with my axe and after a while it seemed the trees got harder and harder to cut down. It seemed as though I was making less progress at important things and I couldn't really understand why.

Then one day in a time of desperation an older, wiser lumberjack asked me how long it had been since I sharpened my axe. Intellectually, I knew it was true that I needed to sharpen my axe but I got caught up in the anxiety that if I stopped to do it I would lose cutting time I could not afford. So I swung harder and harder and cut down fewer and fewer trees. Maybe you know what I'm talking about. Finally, as I have grown older and wiser, I am learning to work smarter and have begun to make more time to sharpen my tools for ministry [and hopefully, for all areas of my life]. The forest is still as dense and the trees still stand before me but every blow of my sharpened axe cuts a little cleaner and a little deeper and, one by one, the trees that need to come down, fall before me.

Now, steel toed boots, stocking caps, flannel shirts, & Carhart overalls may not be your preferred fashion statement but every one of us is a lumberjack with trees to fell.

THANK YOU! Your contributions to flood relief efforts sent 28 complete flood buckets, a value of almost \$70 each, to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) this month. Our Fifth and Sixth grade classes helped pack the buckets. In addition, over \$1,000 in cash was donated to buy additional badly needed supplies for flood victims.

WE ARE AGAIN COLLECTING BLANKETS and lap robes as Christmas gifts for the residents at Hamilton Trace Assisted Living. We are grateful for donations of lightweight handmade or purchased items to help show Jesus' love to folks who need it so much. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Jenni Debaun at jdebaun@fishersumc.org

THERE IS A LOT GOING ON AT FISHERS UMC! In the month of October we are collecting Coats, Cookies, Candy, Gifts for Operation Christmas Child, as well as selling Nuts and Butterbraids all for great causes! On top of that we are hosting homeless families through out partnership with Interfaith Hospitality Network. Be sure to check out your weekly bulletin or the Fishers UMC App to keep up with all the ways you can give and support the many ministries that call Fishers UMC home!

Your trees may have different names than mine but you still have to put your "axe" to them and bring them down to clear at least a path in the forest which surrounds you and those you love.

Have you noticed lately that your trees seem to stand more stubborn against the blade of your axe?

How long has it been since you stopped to take the time to maintain your equipment and sharpen your axe?

What sharpens your axe best? Is it a walk in the woods or sitting by a lake or stream or even kicking back with a good book & your favorite hot or cold beverage? Maybe it's something else entirely - like joining a Bible study or other discipling course or small group or ministry team here at Fishers United Methodist Church.

Whatever sharpens your axe and renews your energy and rekindles your fire - I encourage you to spend some time over the upcoming months to intentionally sharpen your axe. We can wear ourselves out swinging a little harder and making a little less progress [and the older we get there's only so much harder we can swing] or we can tend to our "tools" and make our tasks easier and more impacting.

After all, our "forests" remain and there are many more trees to be felled for our families and the cause of Christ in the lives of people in our communities. I hope you will allow God to continue to bless you and work through you as you find ways to keep a keen edge on your axe....

For The Only Cause That Matters,

Kevin



A WORD FROM OUR PRESCHOOL/MDO

Our Preschool/Mother's Day Out Program began its 31st school year on August 28, 2017. There've been lots of changes over the years, but one of the most significant is the installation of a locked door with an entry buzzer at Door #4 that will be used on Monday through Friday, from 9:30a – 1:00p. While we faithfully rely on the Lord's protection, the Preschool Board decided it was time to join other preschools in the area and secure the classrooms as much as possible. The lock will not be operative after 1:00p during the week or on weekends.

Entrance #1 (which faces 116th Street) will remain unlocked so that weekday visitors may easily enter the Church office, but access to the preschool will be possible only through an additional set of locked doors.



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An evening of celebration for all of the Come To Me Food Pantry volunteers and supporters was held on Wednesday August 30th.



Fishers UMC has supported the mission of helping others with food insufficiency for 10 years and this milestone was celebrated with a catered meal. The 200 guests in attendance enjoyed the theme of "Hats Off To You" and volunteers were given Thermal mugs for 5 years of service and cooler bags for those who have served 9-10 years.

