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A MONTHLY PUBLICATION ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AT FISHERS UMC

SEPTEMBER 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sep 4 Labor Day Holiday Observed — Office Closed
- Sep 6 "Who Is Jesus?" Study Begins—7 pm, Connection Central
- Sep 8 Parent Night Out—6 pm—9 pm
- Sep 9 United Methodist Men — 8 am, Dining Room
- Sep 11 Dinner and a Cause—6:30 pm, Dining Room
- Sep 12 UMW Executive Committee — 7 pm, Room 276
- Sep 14 Fifty Plus — 11:30 am, Dining Room
- Sep 17 Blood Drive—8:30—Noon, Fellowship Hall
- Sep 26 Monthly Book Club — 7-8:30 pm, Library

## SUNDAY WORSHIP:

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

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Sloppy Joe mix, microwave popcorn,  
cheese/peanut butter crackers,  
granola or breakfast bars,  
fruit chews.

Thank you!

## COMING IN OCTOBER:

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

- Oct 1 Student Ministries Pumpkin Patch opens
- Oct 1 Blessing of the Animals service
- Oct 4 Dan's Fish Fry
- Oct 6 Parent Night Out
- Oct 15 Reynolds Golf Tournament
- Oct 15 IHN/Family Promise guests arrive

## MUSICIAN APPRECIATION DINNER

On Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, approximately 75 musicians and their spouses met at Stone Creek Dining in Noblesville for an appreciation dinner. Our musicians regularly share their gifts with us, and this evening was offered to them in both gratitude and appreciation. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and renewal for the season ahead.





**THE UNITED METHODIST MEN** Join us for the next UMM meeting on September 9 at 8:00 am in the Dining Room. Our speaker will be Tom Shriver from Chaucie's Place. Chaucie's Place works with all of the schools in the area, focusing on body safety for children, as well as offering a program pertaining to suicide prevention and other concerns. Please make it a priority to share breakfast and fellowship with other men from our church. Hope to see you there!



**THIS WEEK KICKS OFF THE FOURTH ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE** at Fishers UMC! We are again collecting diapers for families in Hamilton County to fight the growing problem of Diaper Need. You can help to eliminate this need by donating diapers through Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Collection sites will be in Connection Central and inside Door #4. For more information on specific sizes needed and more facts about diaper need, visit the church's website and check out Connection Central. Please contact Jenica Giffin if you have any questions.

**JOIN THE BOOK CLUB IN SEPTEMBER** as we discuss The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore. Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence? 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! This month we will meet on **September 26**. If you are interested or need more information, contact Kim Arnott at [kimarnott@mac.com](mailto:kimarnott@mac.com), or at 317.797-8612.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

**Weekly Activities:** Sunday School @ 9:45 am, Refinery @ 6:00 pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm  
**Sep 6** – Bible Study @ 7:00 pm  
**Sep 10** – Sunday School, The Refinery, After Hours  
**Sep 13** – Bible Study @ 7:00 pm  
**Sep 17** – Sunday School, The Refinery, After Hours  
**Sep 20** – Bible Study @ 7:00 pm  
**Sep 21** – Third Thursday @ Hamilton Trace 3:15 pm  
**Sep 24** – Sunday School, The Refinery, Pumpkin Patch Set-Up  
**Sep 27** – Bible Study @ 7:00 pm  
**Sep 29** – Fifth Friday @ 7:00 pm  
**Sep 30** – Pumpkins Arrive @ 11:00 am

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

**Weekly Activities:** Sunday School @ 9:45 am, Drink Deep @ 6:00 pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm  
**Sep 7** – Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm  
**Sep 10** – Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours  
**Sep 14** – Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm  
**Sep 17** – Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours  
**Sep 21** – Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm  
**Sep 24** – Sunday School, Drink Deep, Pumpkin Patch Set-Up  
**Sep 28** – Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm  
**Sep 30** – Pumpkins Arrive @ 11:00 am

Home Bible Studies take place throughout the

**THE BRAND NEW 2017-2018 FIRE & WATER PRAYER CALENDAR** is available in Connection Central, in the Wharf, and 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. For those of you praying, thank you so much!

### THE BELL CHOIR IS SELLING TERRI LYNN ASSORTED NUTS, DRIED FRUITS AND CANDY!

Support your bell choir by purchasing these treats for the holidays. Order forms will be in Connection Central soon or see a bell choir member, but don't wait long, the sale will end on October 1st. Please note that money is due when the order is placed.



**PARENT NIGHT OUT** Infants through fifth graders will enjoy crafts, games, a movie and a light snack on Friday October 6 from 6-9pm. Register your kids in the lobby at Door 4. The evening is free, but donations are always appreciated. High schoolers, if you'd like to help that night, please contact Pastor Larry.

**OPEN A HEART, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** It takes courage to engage in conversations about important community issues in order to keep our democracy strong. You are invited to join in a Racial Dialogue Circle on September 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 9 am to noon. Trained facilitators use curriculum from Every Day Democracy to enable discussions that could lead to the real possibility of racial reconciliation in our communities. For more information or to sign up, please contact Linda Shimer at 317.845.2954 or [lindashimer@gmail.com](mailto:lindashimer@gmail.com).



### 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](http://fishersumc.org/upward), or contact Pastor Larry Crane.

**DON'T MISS FIFTY PLUS!** Fifty Plus welcomes Amanda Smith from the Indiana Attorney General's Office. Following lunch, Amanda will speak with us about new ways to avoid identity theft, personal protection and other topics of interest. Join us in the Dining Room on Thursday, September 14 at 11:30 for a great luncheon, fellowship and useful information. Questions, call jenni debaun at 317.849.1805.

**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, you may contact jenni debaun at 317.849.1805. Thank you so much!

## DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS IN MINISTRY....

I love going to airports. But not when I have to fly. It's not that I dislike flying. The actual flying is fine. It's everything else one has to go through these days. The "cattle-call" of the security checkpoint lines where you have to show ID 3 times; emptying all your pockets, your watch and cell phone, your belt, removing your laptop from your brief case; no nail clippers, no liquids over 3 ounces [I lost a wonderful gourmet horse radish sauce to that one]; the anxiety caused because you can't remember – "do my socks have holes in them?" as you untie your shoes to put them into a bin to be scanned; and the list goes on; & then there is the occasional "privilege" of being invited to a table by the wall waiting while a TSA agent handles every item in your carry-on – it makes me feel "so special!" Once past the checkpoint you experience the "joy" of shuffling single file onto these flying greyhound buses and being shoehorned into seats made for the average 5'0" 100lb contortionist. There's more but I think you get the idea...it's not my favorite thing to do.

Still, I love going to airports – not to leave but to watch people coming home. I was recently reminded of going to the airport a few years ago to pick Joyce up as she was coming home from getting her mother resettled in her home in Florida. I got there early [one of my quirks]. As always I position myself near the security checkpoint leading to all gates. I watch others gathered there and those walking toward them from the gates. I watch the faces as people stand on tiptoe and scan every face in the crowd hoping for "that" face they have been waiting for. Those coming from the planes are searching too. Suddenly, eyes light up and grins transform faces, and people press closer, sometimes even running to meet the one they have longed to see. There are hugs and kisses all around!

For a moment everything else fades away. Cell phones are shoved into pockets; brief cases and carry-ons are tossed aside and people gather their loved ones up into their arms. From toddlers to great-grandparents to world weary business travelers and everyone in between - from what I have seen it is almost universal – everyone is looking for someone they recognize as they long to come home at the end of their flight.

But as I watch I have seen a few others in the crowd as well: those waiting for loved ones to return scan the faces of every last passenger only to be left peering down

the empty gateway after everyone has come through. Their loved one didn't come home. And there are passengers who make their way from the gates searching the crowd only to find that everyone who waits, waits for someone else. There is no one to welcome them home. I watch as they sidestep people who have dropped everything for their hugs. They wistfully watch reunions they had hoped to have.

There's a story in the Gospel of Luke that Jesus tells that is all about airports and coming home. At least it would be if there had been airports back then. It's about a man and his 2 sons; 1 who asks for his inheritance and leaves home and blows it ALL on things of no value; and 1 who stays home but fails to see the value of all he has. The boy who spent it all finds himself hungry and lonely and longs to come home. In his hunger for home he finally overcomes his pride and makes the long journey home wondering if his father will accept him back after the way he has turned his back on him and his life and love. The boy finally turns off the road, walks through the gate, and the whole airport scene takes place. His dad has been waiting and watching – peering down the lane hoping to see a face he recognized – THE face he has been waiting so see ever since the boy left home. His dad spots him and he runs. He Runs! He wraps his son in a bear hug, smothers him with kisses, and weeps for joy that his son has come home. It didn't matter where he had been or what he had done or who he had done it with – he was home!

That's exactly what God does with us. We want to do our own thing and we wander away. But all the while God is searching for us, waiting and watching for us to come home. It doesn't matter where we have been or what we have done or with whom, when we finally turn our hearts toward "home" God Runs to meet us. In His love for us, God wraps us in His embrace, smothers us with kisses, and weeps for joy for His son, His daughter, has come home.

I got my reunion that day too. The prettiest girl in the airport came up to me and we hugged and kissed and cried. Finally, I took her suitcase and, with my arm around her, we went home. Like I said, I love going to airports. I think God does too.

For the only cause that matters,  
Kevin



After undergoing lots of redecorating this summer, The Preschool / Mother's Day Out began classes on August 28. Our Preschool /MDO ministers to 175 children in 200 families throughout our community. Please keep teachers, students and their families in prayer during the early weeks of school.

Also, there are opening in several classes. If you're interested in placing your child in this exceptional program, or if you'd like additional information, please contact Jane Musser or Diane Renner.



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