



The Good News

June 2011

The Word

June 5

*"I Am God's Child,
Christ's Friend"*

John 1:12-13; 15:12-17

June 12

*"I Have Direct Access...
Through the Holy Spirit"*

Acts 2:1-21

Ephesians 2:18



June 19

*"I Have Been
Redeemed...
And Forgiven"*

Colossians 1:14

June 26

"I Am Complete in Christ"

Romans 6:12-23

Colossians 2:10

Pastor:

Rev. Justin Fisher

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THIS IS THE TIME....

Welcome

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Hello friends,

As the Writer of Ecclesiastes says, there is a "time for everything", and so there is. In our faith tradition we pastors are itinerant, sent from church to church as the seasons pass, and this is one of those seasons for us at St. Matthew. A full year has come and gone since we said goodbye to Pastor Zach, and come July 1 we will say "hello" to Pastor Michael Lawson as our new Associate Pastor.

Here's the good news: He's a real pastor! On June 11 Michael will be ordained as an Elder in full connection in the Indiana Conference and three weeks later he'll be installed here at St. Matthew and will be settling in at the Forest Drive parsonage. Over the summer months I invite you to get to know him and discover what we on the Staff/Parish Committee have already experienced: He's a great servant of God, talented, humble, excited, biblically faithful, and full of joy. The truth is this: the credentials behind his title only affirm what he already is on the inside – a man called by God, and that's just who we want for our Associate Pastor.

So pray for Michael as he transitions from the Herbst UMC (near Marion) to St. Matthew. Pray for him when this "older white haired" pastor tries to be a little too helpful instead of letting him enjoy the move and the joy of becoming a pastor here in Frankfort. Most of all, pray that the Spirit of God may move mightily among us, affirming our mission in word and deed and reminding us that we are all one family in Christ.

Just as Teresa and I knew we were home three years ago when we saw the spire of St. Matthew Church as we drove into town, may Michael also see it as a welcoming beacon to a family of faith. *This is the season. May God be praised!*

Peace,

Jake

*PS: You can email Michael a greeting this month at michael.lawson@inumc.org
Tell him Jake told you to do it!*

2011 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:
 \$ 186247.32
 Needed to date:
 \$ 193992.33
 \$1 Club to date:
 \$ 2410.00
 Mommy & Me:
 \$ 527.00
 Spring Storms
 \$ 1577.00

June Mission Prayer Focus

Habitat for Humanity

Redbird Mission

Prayer Focus

Michael Lawson and Kevin Raidy - Give praise and thanksgiving that they have completed the process to be "real pastors."

Spring Storms - Pray for those in the south, now including Joplin, MO, as they deal with pain, devastation, and clean-up from the spring storms.

June Missions

During June we will emphasize our support for **Habitat for Humanity of Clinton County** and **Red Bird Mission** in Beverly, Kentucky. Our goals are \$1800 and \$1000 respectively, and we also have designated the Father's Day offering for our local Habitat projects.

The local affiliate is working on two rehabs in Frankfort that are being remodeled with two partner families. The homes are located at 901 W. Green and 209 W. Boone streets, and anyone can volunteer to help with these projects. Email Steve Mullen at sjmul@sbcglobal.net for more info.



We congratulate **Michael Lawson**, our new associate pastor, and **Kevin Raidy**, son of Nancy Raidy and former member of our congregation, for completion of the process to become full elders of the United Methodist Church. They will be ordained **Saturday, June 11 at 10am** at Ball State University. Kevin is currently serving as an associate pastor at First church in Valparaiso.

THANK YOU Pastor John Wortinger! From one pastor to another, many thanks for serving with me these past nine months. Your visits at Wesley Manor, in homes of parishioners, and at various hospitals in Indianapolis, have all been blessings to our congregation and to me. God bless you and Linda as you continue being "retired" and busier than ever!

--Pastor Jake



Sewing Day

Tuesday, June 21
 1 - 4 p.m.
 Making dresses to be sent to Haiti
 Ages 9 and older

Learn some basic sewing skills or share your talents with others as we make simple dresses to send to the children of Haiti. Participants are asked to bring a colored pillowcase.

If you would like to support this project, you may donate colored pillowcases or money to purchase other necessary sewing notions. Please sign up by June 12 so supplies and equipment can be prepared.

Baby Bottle Campaign



If you picked up a baby bottle for the Pregnancy Resource Center in the Narthex in May, please return it—filled with cash or check—by June 16. There are boxes available in the Narthex.

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The July newsletter will be mailed Wednesday, June 29, 2011.

Deadline for articles is Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

Carla Keafer, Editor



Prayer Concerns

- Ryan Bachman
- Harold Banks
- Terry Myers
- Stacy Baugh
- Dave Strange
- Andy Ehrmann
- Jim Seatter
- Maurie Huffer
- Madeline Schubert
- Tom Stout
- Jim Nickles
- Mary Jane Weaver
- Tim Smith

Person in the Military

- Andrew Stewart
- Kris Kennedy
- Josh Laughner
- Jeffery Pearson
- Loren Crone
- Anthony Louk

Birthdays

(for those age 90 and above)

- Ivan Hiatt
June 7
- Marie Christenson
June 27
- Lucille Mehrings
June 29
celebrating 105 years!

The (Preschool) children were great; they knew their songs and were anxious to do their very best for our XYZ group. And your teachers were wonderful with the children! How proud we are of St. Matthew's preschool!

Thank you so much for the program and please thank the teachers and children - you all are the best!

Our tables were so pretty with the flowers. Please thank the children.

Suzy Little

Thank you for my Starbucks gift card! It will get me through my difficult nights of studying! Thank you so much!

Katie Howard

Thank you for the gift card. I am sure it will come in handy during finals week. It is great to know you are thinking about me.

Mark Powers

Thank you so much for delivering the beautiful pink cabbage roses to me last Monday! They are beautiful and I appreciate your thoughts and love.

Kim Redington

What an overwhelming success of the Fazoli's dinner for Sheltered Reality. Thank you, church families, for supporting our new ministry! Our St. Matthew kids are very excited to be a part of Sheltered Reality and are hoping to still raise enough money to

purchase some drumsets! Thank you again for your cookies and for attending the dinner.

Mary Kay Baker

Sixty-four ladies attended Women Under Construction on May 7 and what a wonderful morning we had! Thank yous go out to those that attended, donated breads, muffins, punch, and cakes. Thank you to Barbara Strong for being the emcee, to Carol Price for decorating, and to the distributors. Over \$100 was donated to the Benevolent fund from this brunch!

Mary Kay Baker

Thank you to the 11am service for opening your doors so graciously to our Preschool families. Once again we packed this service and then we hosted an indoor picnic serving hotdogs, chips, and popcorn to many children and their families. Thank you to our youth for providing ice cream and serving and for face painting – the kids loved it! Thank you to our Fishing ministry for providing games and to Mimi the Clown! Many thanks to our college kids for helping serve, to our Preschool Board and their husbands, Todd and Paul DelaCroix and their crew, Bill and Fern Ferrel, Cherri Flora, Jack and Janeen Burrows, and many others I'm sure. Thank you!!!

Mary Kay Baker

For acquaintances of
Dail and Helen Huddleston:

On Sat., June 18, a service will be held at Riverview Cemetery in Monticello, IN, at 1:00pm. to inter their ashes. Friends are invited to the service.

Children and Youth Sunday School

Summer classrooms:

Pre-K - 6th grade:
Rooms 8 & 10

7th & 12th grade:
Room 24-25

Young Adults:
Room 23

Adult Sunday School

Seekers:

Room 4

Faith 101:
Room 28

Samplers:
Room 26

Sojourners:
Room 16 (Parlor)

Rainbow:
Room 27

Other Classes

Sunday Evening:

Forgotten God: Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit
6-7pm (thru June 12)

Wednesday:

W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesdays)
6:30pm each week

Elementary



Vacation Bible School: *Drumming Up Faith* July 18-22 9am-noon

Learn to be fruitful and follow God's beat! Registration forms are now available on the table by the church office.

Promotion Sunday June 5

Children and youth will be promoted to their next grade level on June 5.



Members of the third- and fourth-grade Sunday school class have been working on scripture memorization since September. A total of 20 scriptures remembered equaled a \$5 gift certificate from Walmart. The student with the highest number of memorized verses received a \$10 gift card.

Sarah Schoonveld and Drew Grismer memorized 25 scriptures so they both received a \$10 card. Daniel Ehrmann and Emily Goodman memorized 24 and 20 scriptures respectively.

Congratulations to these students for their commitment and diligence.

Dan and Alvia Frey

Youth



Sr. High Institute June 26 - July 1

Spots are still available for incoming freshman to newly graduated seniors to register for camp. A \$50 deposit is required or, at this point, you can pay the full amount due. Those already registered will be receiving a letter soon with the final payment amount which will be due June 20.

Summer Sunday School:

Pastor Jake will teach "Jesus Loves Me This I Know, or Do I?" during June.

Young Adults

Gathering for 18-24 yr olds 10 a.m. Sunday, Room 23 June 6 - August 14

"Blue Like Jazz — Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality"
by Donald Miller.

Does Christian spirituality seem more like an aspirin to alleviate guilt or a Godlike slot-machine with a lever to pull rather than a relationship? How do you respond to the statement that "the soul of man, unwatched, is perverse"? Where does guilt come from? Do you think Christians are a benefit to society or a nuisance (or both)? Why?

Join us for some interesting discussions! Participants are asked to read 2 chapters each week. Carly Crabtree and Janeen Burrows will be facilitating the discussion of this New York Times bestseller.

Adults

When God's People Pray

Sunday mornings, June 5 - July 17 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else. Learn the keys to unlock its power and turn prayer into a vital link with God and all his resources. You do not need to register for this class, just show up ready to learn!



Faith 101 in Room 28

Faith 101 class is currently studying *Genesis: Creation and Catastrophe*, which is the story of creation and the flood and will finish at the end of May. If there is enough interest to start a new study, we'll continue through the summer. Otherwise, we will take a hiatus in the summer and reconvene this fall.

Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday afternoon study is taking a break for the summer. If you are interested in joining this group but the afternoon isn't quite the best time of the day, contact Jan Gill at 659-2695 and let her know what would work best for you. This group is flexible with their meeting time!

The Encouragers is a grief support group established through the guidance of Pastor Jake for St. Matthew UMC. It meets once a month, presently at the home of Nancy Raidy. She is leading the group through a book entitled "*Good Grief*" by Granger E. Westberg. This book is a faith-based guide to understanding and healing.

The Encouragers is open to anyone who has lost a loved one. You do not have to be a member of St. Matthew. If you wish to join the group please contact Nancy Raidy at 765.659.9088. The next meeting will be June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to our new Associate Pastor

Michael Lawson has been appointed by the Bishop and confirmed by the Staff- Parish committee to be our new associate pastor beginning July 1. Michael's hometown is Frankton, Indiana, where his parents still live. He has a sister, a brother, a sister-in-law and three nephews. Michael graduated from Ball State University with a B.A. in Religious Studies/Classical Languages. He then went on to seminary and graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with an M.Div. in Sacramental Theology and Theology through the Fine Arts.

He has pastored at Warsaw First Church with the youth and currently is at Herbst which is located in the North Central District.

Besides bringing an enthusiasm for Christ and youth, Michael will also be bringing a dog named Prissy who loves wristwatches.

Library News:



Two new titles in the library are:

Promising Waters: Stories of Fishing and Following Jesus

This "draws you into the easy camaraderie of fishermen to discover how you too can develop deeper spiritual understanding, stronger relationships, and renewed commitment to sharing Christ with others."

When God Winks at You: How God Speaks Directly to You Through the Power Coincidence

This book "is packed with true stories demonstrating that God does communicate with us, making incredible things happen in our lives every single day."

Meetings in June

- June 7
7:00pm Christmas Journey
- June 13
6:30pm Drama
7:00pm Trustees
- June 14
7:00pm Staff/Parish
- June 16
7:00pm Ad Council
- June 20
6:30pm Missions
- June 21
7:00pm Martha Circle
6:30pm Vision Task Force

Indiana Annual Conference

Wed., June 8 - 11
DePauw University
Greencastle, IN

Courtyard Services

The Worship Committee announces that the 8am courtyard services will begin July 10 and will run until Aug. 27.



Membership Class

Pastor Jake is forming a new membership class this summer. If you are interested in becoming a member or just want to learn more about United Methodism and St. Matthew, please give your name in the church office.



Summer Donuts

If you volunteered to help with donuts this summer, don't forget! The master list will be in the church office.

Summer Sunday School Teachers

Teachers are needed for the Elementary classes in July and August. If you can teach, see Mary Kay or email her at mkbaker46041@sbcglobal.net

School of Christian Missions DePauw University Greencastle, IN

Weekday school: July 26-29
Sampler day: July 30

Studies:

Geographic study: Haiti
Social Issue Study: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity
Spiritual Growth: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Childcare is provided for children under age 3. Children and youth, age 3 - 12th grade attend their own mission camp. Go to www.gb-gm-umc.org/indumw for more information on cost.

Worship Service & Welcoming

July 3 10:00 am

Due to the holiday week and especially because of our new associate pastor, the Worship Committee has decided to have one worship service at 10am with a reception to be held following the service to welcome Rev. Lawson.



Vacation Bible School: Drumming Up Faith

July 18-22 9am-noon

Volunteer positions still open so see Mary Kay Baker to sign up.

Craft items needed: empty oatmeal containers with lids, empty metal coffee cans with lids, large cool whip containers with lids, old musical instruments



Christmas Journey Work Day Saturday, June 11 9 a.m.

Before the snow starts to blow, we need to make preparations for this year's Christmas Journey.

We need to repair flats, do touch-up painting, sort and check costumes and organize props for each of this year's scenes. We will also have a work area to teach people how to make the Christmas card boxes that will be given to each guest. **LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!** Doing this work in the summer will make the jobs much easier come December -- so plan to gather with brushes, work gloves, screw guns, hammers and a genuine Christmas Spirit!

Please sign the register on Sunday morning so we can plan our work schedule.



Building Bridges Counseling Services

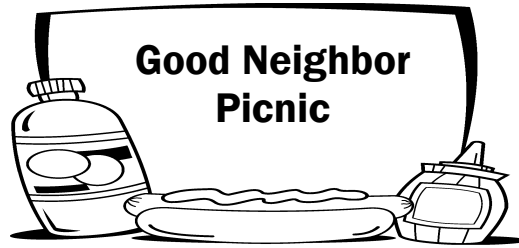
Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. and DeAnne Kinsey, and Ruby Burris offer many counseling services. Brochures are available on table by church office. Phone them at:

Jim 317-846-5912
DeAnne 317-489-8920
Ruby 317-397-3224

Preschool Staff

Administrator:
Mary Kay Baker

- Linda Anno
- Jane Carter
- Jacki Crum
- Kim Ferrel
- Deedie Herndon
- Sherri Howard
- Rhonda Hundley
- Janet Mennen
- Jannine Rule



Good Neighbor Picnic

St. Matthew is invited to practice "extravagant hospitality" to our neighbors to the west in Turtle Creek Apartments. The picnic will be

**Sunday, June 12
5pm-7pm**

Menu: hot dogs, chips, popcorn, ice cream, lemonade
Bring yourself, maybe a lawn chair, and your charming personalities!
There will be face painting and other activities.
RSVP to the church office so we can buy plenty of "dogs!"



**P.A.C.K.
(Performing Arts
Camp for Kids)**



"Movin' In the Right Direction"

June 27 - July 1
9am - noon

Incoming Grades 2 - 6
\$30 per child

Enrollment limited to 30 children

Sign-up to be a part of a 5-day fun-filled camp with singing, dancing, dialogue, lights, costumes, and props. Campers will be preparing in all these ways which will lead to a performance at 11am on Friday, July 1.

Director is Barbara Strong.
Contact her at 242-7477 with any questions.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

(the same being the members of the Corporation, St. Matthew Community Preschool, Inc.)

Pursuant to the By-Laws and the direction of the Board of Directors, the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation, St. Matthew Community Preschool, Inc., will be held at 7 p.m. (EST) on TUESDAY, June 16, 2011, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 1951 Wilshire Dr.

The principal item of business to come before the meeting will be the election of directors. Dated this 24th day of May, 2011. /s/Lori Davis, Secretary

Thank you!

We would like to honor and thank Deedie Herndon for her 20 years of service to the Preschool program.

Did you know...

While Preschool may be done for the school year, Super Summer begins in June. Children who are currently in the St. Matthew program have the opportunity to attend class two days per week in the morning, each week being a special theme.

**St. Matthew Community
Preschool Public
Registration**

**8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
In church office**

**Enroll for 2- or 3-day classes.
Must be 2, 3, or 4 by Aug. 1, 2011**

Congratulations!

Confirmands

On Sunday, June 5, twelve eight-grade students will be confirmed as full members of St. Matthew. These students have attended confirmation classes during Sunday school, gone on field trips to a synagogue and other churches (United Methodist as well as other denominations), and have attended a weekend retreat. Their Sunday school teachers were Pam Nichols, Rev. Ella Nickles, and Alan Schoonveld. Rhonda Hundley and Pastor Jake oversaw the program. We congratulate them on making this commitment.

Lindsey Isenhower
Megan Ferrel
Jordan Flora
Charles Frey

Annaka Grismer
Griffin Hundley
Katie Linger
Andrew Seifert

Taylor Smith
Sami Smith
Grace Stewart
Madigan Strange

High School Graduates

	<u>High School</u>	<u>Future Plans</u>
Clayton Cassell	Frankfort	Undecided
Taylor Ferrel	Clinton Central	Indiana State
Daniel Howard	Frankfort	Depauw
Alex Noble	Frankfort	Ball State
Andrew Rohrabagh	Rossville	Anderson
Julie Pritchett	Frankfort	Purdue
Bethany Segraves	Clinton Prairie	I.U.P.U.I.
Christopher Seifert	Frankfort	Purdue
Andrew Sharp	Frankfort	Ball State
Beau Smith	Frankfort	Ivy Tech
NathanIel Snyder	Clinton Prairie	Indiana University
Katelyn Wann	Frankfort	

College Graduates

Sarah Mullen Goza	University of Houston, Masters in Social Work
Erin Madison	Ball State University Bachelor of Arts—English and Creative Writing Minor in Telecommunications
Ali Crawford Mullen	Indiana Wesleyan University, M.A. in Business
Mark Powers	University of Indianapolis Bachelor of Science from the School of Kinesiology
Laura Russell	I.U.P.U.I., Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Our Vision

*Make Disciples
of Jesus Christ*

Our Mission

*Worship God and
Experience God's Love
Invite Others to Faith in
Christ
Grow in the Likeness of
Christ
Love and Care for
Others
Go Forth to Serve,
Sent by the Holy Spirit*

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Worship Opportunities

Sunday Morning

8:45 a.m. Traditional
Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

Wee Worship

For children 3yrs-1st grade
Sundays 8:45 am & 11 am

**Worship on Wednesday
(W.O.W.)**

6:30 p.m. in Room 16

Nursery provided for age 4
and under for all worship
services



Sat., June 4	Confirmation Dinner at 6:30 pm.
Sun., June 5	Confirmation Sunday Students will be confirmed at both services
Wed., June 8	Indiana Annual Conference begins at Depauw University
Sat., June 11	Ordination Services at 10am
Tues., June 14	Sewing Day 1pm-4pm
Sun., June 26	Youth leave for Sr. High Institute
Mon., June 27	PACK begins
Sun. July 3	One worship service only at 10am service Reception for Rev. Lawson at 11am