



THE GOOD NEWS

March 2011

The Word

March 6

"Looking Good"

Matthew 17:1-9

Gideon Ministry Emphasis

March 13

"The Devil Made Me Do It"

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11

Daylight Savings Time!

March 20

"Night Light"

Psalm 121

John 3:1-17

March 27

"Water, Water, Everywhere"

Exodus 17:1-7

John 4:5-42

Matthew 6:24-34

Guest Preacher:

Rev. John Wortinger

Pastor:

Rev. Justin Fisher

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A Note from Jake:

This month I've invited Rev. Jim Witty to be our guest writer for the pastor's page. Jim is a good friend and he and his wife, Sandy, are new residents of Wesley Village. As a valued professional in counseling, I recommend Jim and his colleagues at Building Bridges. Welcome, Jim!

BRIDGE BUILDING

In my counseling practice and having served churches in our Indiana Conference, I have learned the importance of "bridge building." I would like to share with you some thoughts about that.



Bridge building represents the core of ministry. The very word for "priest" in Latin is "pontifex," meaning "bridge builder."

Historically the church at its best has sought to create connections between peoples and between God and humanity.

We just celebrated at Christmas God coming to be with us in Jesus the Christ.

Jesus came into this world to connect with us in ways that were previously unprecedented. In a very personal way, in the life of Jesus, we have seen an example of what the goodness of life looks like. The Gospel writers and Paul did their level best to communicate the importance of God's loving goodness in our daily lives.

Jesus calls us to follow him, to be like him. You and I sometimes handle that very well and at other times we fall flat on our faces. One of the major prophets of the Old Testament, Jeremiah, writes...The Lord said to me, "Go down to the potter's house, where I will give you my message. So, I went there and saw the potter working at his wheel. Whenever a piece of pottery turned out imperfect, he would take the clay and make it into something else...You are in my hands just like the clay in the potter's hands." (18:1-6).

In the words of Daniel Iverson's hymn: "Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me." All of us need the fresh, out-of-the-box approach to life. Thank God that newness of life is always available to each of us as we create loving connections between one another and with God.

Jim Witty

Building Bridges Counselor
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Administration and Missions

2011 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:
 \$ 70,218.38
 Needed to date:
 \$ 73,901.84
 \$1 Club to date:
 \$ 1303.00
 February Missions:
 \$ 310.00

March Mission Prayer Focus

Jim Doepken

Camp Re-Yo-Ad

Clinton Co. Ministry Of Hope

One Great Hour of Sharing

Prayer Focus

Travel - Please pray for students and families who will be traveling for spring breaks this month.

Middle East - Pray for peace to prevail in the countries with uprisings.

March Missions

Jim Doepken serves as a missionary at Girdwood Chapel UMC in Girdwood, Alaska. Our goal for support is \$2000.

Camp Re-Yo-Ad is camp for youth and adults, ages 16 and over, who have physical and mental disabilities. They meet at Epworth Forest in northern Indiana for a week of fellowship and learning about Jesus in a safe environment. Our goal is \$1000.



Time to Spring Ahead

Be sure to set your clocks **AHEAD** on Sunday, March 13. I wouldn't want you to miss church!

--Pastor Jake

Clinton Co. Ministry of Hope serves free meals to 60-75 people every Tuesday evening at the Phillippe Resource Center. Our goal to support this volunteer mission is \$500.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of our conference special offerings. This offering helps people who are affected by storms, war, disaster or disease.

Gideons Presentation Sunday, March 6 10am in the Parlor

We will welcome the ministry of the Gideons to our service and will have a special program during our Sunday school hour at 10am in the Parlor. Everyone is invited to the special program.

Enjoy fishing?

Help children learn to enjoy fishing and learn about Jesus, the fisher of men. The first outing for this year will be **Thurs., April 7 at 6pm** at the Frankfort Lagoons. If you are over 17 and plan to fish (not just assist a child), you will need a license. The next date scheduled is May 12. A schedule will be distributed later with more fishing dates. Contact Jerry Lesley for more info at 654-6563.



World Day of Prayer Fri., March 4

Church Women United is sponsoring the World Day of Prayer program at Wesley Manor in the chapel at 1pm on Fri., March 4. The theme for the year is "How Many Loaves Have You?" which has written by the women of Chili. All persons, women and men, are invited to attend and participate in this service. Any questions may be directed to Eleanor Pershing at 654- 7893



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 Deadline for articles is Wednesday, March 23, 2011.
 Carla Keafer, Editor

From Our Family

Prayer Concerns

Ryan Bachman
Harold Banks
Andy Ehrmann
Jean Grove
Jerry Harshbarger
Ed Northrup
Jack Sharp
Dick Swackhamer
Stacy Baugh
Bert Miller
Gladys Miller

Person in the Military

Bill Taggart
Andrew Stewart
Kris Kennedy
Josh Laughner
Jeffery Pearson

Birthdays

(for those age 90 and above)

Raymond Carroll
Mar. 9

Louise Morell
Mar. 10

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Thank you for the beautiful fresh cut flowers and an uplifting visit with Clara McNeal. Steve and I are still enjoying them every day. Clara has been supportive and such a dear friend before, during, and after my radiation.

Patty Jackman

Thank you to the congregation for your wonderful support of the bake sale for my mission trip to Guatemala this spring. With your help I was able to raise over \$200. I appreciate the support I receive from my church.

Rachel Redington-Noble

Dear Church Family,

On Jan 22nd our building was the scene of 96 persons receiving education and medical help at a Preschool Family Health Fair. Our church provided many, many volunteers and the space was fabulous for the event planned. We used the kitchen, fellowship hall, the library, the choir room and 8 Sunday school rooms. I want to thank you for providing such a wonderful facility and wonderful caring church members as volunteers to help so many in our community. You provided a wonderful community outreach and many were blessed by your provisions. Thank you

Carol Price

*Coordinator for Tobacco and
Asthma Education and Prevention*

As I sat savoring my last bite of Bob's cheesy potatoes at the youth fundraiser dinner, I recalled my time as a youth in this church.

The opportunities for showing my love of the Lord were endless and they have helped define the person I am today. From being on the liturgical dance team to going on my first mission trip, there were always ways in which to practice and share my faith. Church camp was always an exceptionally special time for the group as a whole which is why I am moved every year to chaperone for the week. I have also helped with Backyard Ministries which is an amazing outreach program.

I would like to thank the congregation for supporting and embracing the youth over the years. I would also like to encourage you to continue providing the youth with opportunities for missions and outreach within the church and community. I know youth love being involved in and out of church.

Catherine Frey

We have more "Gems!"

Congratulations to our Gems of Clinton County, Russell Jones and Jim Goar. They were honored at a special ceremony on Sunday, February 20.



Education

Children and Youth Sunday School

Pre-K - Kindergarten:

Room 10

1st & 2nd grade:

Room 6

3rd & 4th grade:

Rooms 8/11

5th & 6th grade:

Room 7

7th & 8th grade:

Room 23-24

9th - 12th grade:

Room 26

Adult Sunday School

Seekers:

Room 4

Faith 101:

Room 28

Samplers:

Room 26

Sojourners:

Room 16 (Parlor)

Rainbow:

Room 27

D.R.O.P. Ins

Library

Other Classes

Sunday Evening:

Ekklesia

24 week study

Defining Moments

Feb. 6 - Mar. 27

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study

2pm each week

W.O.W. (Worship on

Wednesdays)

6:30pm each week

YMCA Party Sunday, March 13 4:00pm-6:00pm

Lots of activities: swimming, wallyball, basketball, etc. (except fitness room). Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Hot dogs, drinks, and paper products supplied

Make a Difference

Once again the children are asking you to help make a difference in the lives of others in Clinton County. For a \$1 donation you can help us purchase Aldi's gift certificates to help those in our town who don't have enough food to eat.

Elementary

EASTER Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 23



Meet at 10:00a.m. in the sanctuary. Enjoy a story, hunt for eggs, have a snack!

Easter Candy - Individually-wrapped candy is needed for the Easter Egg hunt. If you can help, turn it in to Mary Kay or the church office

Important Information to Note:

Vacation Bible School:

July 18-22 9am-noon

This is one week earlier than usual. This year's theme will be something totally different than we've ever done before! Please write this on your calendar. And, it's never too early to volunteer!

Youth

Sr. High Institute June 26 - July 1



Students ages 8th grade - seniors are to register for camp in the church office. **A \$50 deposit is due April 1.** After this date, the extra spots will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Conference scholarships are available and must be mailed in. Forms are available in the church office.

Meetings in March for Jr./Sr. High Youth

Mar. 6 5:30pm-7:30pm Regular meeting

Mar. 13 4:00pm-6:00pm YMCA Night

Mar. 20 5:30pm-7:30pm Regular meeting

Confirmation Parent Meeting

**Sun., March 13
10:00a.m. in Choir Room**

Adults: Leap Into Lent!

Lenten studies to join:

Faith 101 at 10am on Sundays in Room 28

Pastor Jake's study of "Hard to Dance With the Devil on Your Back." Books cost \$5. Those who join will meet a couple of times during the Sunday school hour to discuss the readings.

Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays at 2:00pm. These ladies will be studying "Divine Presence" beginning March 2. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Events

Meetings in March

- Mar. 7
7:00pm Drama Team
- Mar. 14
7:00pm Trustees
- Mar. 15
7:00pm Martha Circle
7:00pm Staff/Parish
7:00pm Preschool Board
- Mar. 17
12:30pm Deborah Circle
1:30pm Ruth Circle
7:00pm Ad Council
- Mar. 21
6:00pm Missions
- Mar. 28
7:00pm McTeam
- Mar. 29
6:30pm Facilities Needs



UMW Special Meeting Tues., March 15 7:00pm at the Wesley Manor Social Center

Ellen and Callie Daniels-Howell will be presenting a program on Kenya, Africa. Callie is 17 and a senior in high school. She spent her fall semester in Kenya working with the UMOJA project, which is an interfaith program to help AIDS victims. She has many stories to tell of the people she met and worked with while in Africa. Her mother, Ellen, will also speak about the UMOJA project of which she is the director. Ellen and Callie are daughter-in-law and granddaughter of Eleanor Per-shing

Everyone invited this evening. You do not need to belong to a circle or be a female! Refreshments will be served.

Call Eleanor (654-7839) to RSVP so there are enough refreshments and seats.

A Day with Legislators

Tues., March 8

9:30am-3:30pm

Human Trafficking

Speakers:

Rosa Bernard and Darlene Bradley
Indiana Capitol Building, Indianapolis

Women's Spiritual Retreat

April 1-2

"Abundant Living:

Holistic Living for Body and Spirit

Leader: Rev. Susan Jennys

Marriott Inn East in Indianapolis

Cost: \$65 -\$125 (includes one night with breakfast & lunch and determined by number of people in a room) or \$35 for commuters.

Registration forms are in the office

Deadline for registration: March 1

Information is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



NEW DATE!

Mental Health cookies

April 4

Please help us reach our quota of **40 dozen cookies** for the Mental Health program. Any type of cookie is acceptable; however, do **not** use any type of nuts. Diabetic cookies welcome. Bring the cookies to the church kitchen and label them, "Mental Health." (this helps keep Pastor Jake out of them...or at least makes him feel a bit more guilty for snitching!)



A Christmas Journey from Scrooge to the Savior

It's not too early to start thinking about this event! What scenes shall we do? Do we do 2 days or 3? What worked, where can we improve? We'd like your input!

We'll meet on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. to discuss ideas.

If you are not familiar with this event, it is a scene-by-scene walk through various traditions of Christmas, starting in the mid-1800s and traveling back through time to the Nativity. It involves lots of people both in the scenes and behind the scenes. This is St. Matthew's Christmas gift to the community.



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

A message to St. Matthew United Methodist church members from Carol Price:

As most of you know I work in Clinton County to provide Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Education and Assistance. I would like to share with you part of an article that was printed in our "Hoosier United Methodists Together" newspaper in January and ask for your help. The author, Daniel R. Gangler, wrote: "If Wesley were alive and a Hoosier, he would probably spend a portion of his time at the Indiana Statehouse, advocating for the common good of the state. In that tradition, United Methodists have collaborated with other faith and health advocates in an active coalition this year to pass legislation for a comprehensive smoke-free workplace law to protect all the workers in Indiana from the deadly effects of tobacco smoke in workplaces."

This year there is a bill (House Bill 1018) that began in the House, passed through committee, passed out of the House and now goes to the Senate committee. It has been watered down with some exemptions such as bars, nursing homes, private clubs and casinos. We hope that some of these

exemptions will be removed in committee and the rest in the Senate and that Indiana can join the other 27 states that have a law of this type in place.

Every year over 9000 Hoosier children become addicted to tobacco and 1/3 of them will die prematurely because of a tobacco related illness. The cost of health problems due to the use of tobacco is more than \$2 billion per year, including \$487 million paid by state Medicaid.

Help lower the cost and the death rate by contacting your senator and letting him know you want this for Indiana and your community. Contact Senator Brandt Hershman at s7@in.gov or phone him at 317-232-9840 (home- 574-581-2000) and Senator Phil Boots at s23@in.gov or phone him at 317-234-9054.

Let's all be Wesleys and act for the greater good of our people. Thank you! If you have questions you can contact me at ciprice19@comcast.net or call 765-659-3240.

St. Matthew Community Preschool Pizza Fundraiser

St. Matthew Community Preschool is selling freshly made pizzas. Great to have for the freezer! Order NOW from any preschool child or teacher or call 654-4546.

Cheese \$9
Sausage \$10
Pepperoni \$10
Sausage and Pepperoni \$11



Orders and money due Apr. 1
Pick up on Sat. Apr. 9 noon-3pm

Super Summer Registration

WHEN: TUES. & THURS.
beginning June 7
8:30-11:30 A.M.
COST: \$20 A WEEK

For preschool children currently enrolled in our 3/4's and Pre-K classes

Students may enroll for up to 4 weeks.
June 7 - Preschool Pizzeria
June 14 - Bicycle Roundup
June 21 - All Aboard!
June 28 - Birthday Bash



Tuition is due at time of registration.

Lenten Schedule

Shrove Tuesday

(also called Mardi Gras)



Tuesday, March 8 6 p.m.

Pancake Supper

Free will offering

Please call the church office, 654-5575 to help us plan our pancakes!

6:45 p.m.

Magic Show

For children of all ages!!

The evening will end about 7:30 p.m.

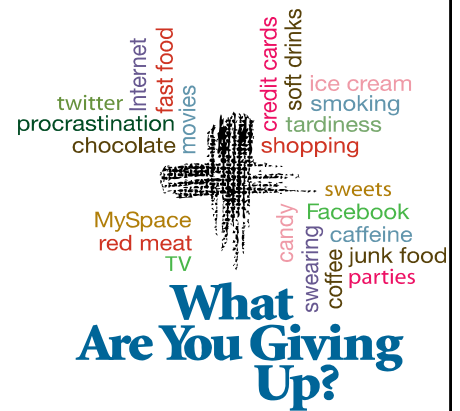
A Celebration before the season of Lent begins

Ever wonder why people talk about giving up something during Lent?

“... generally it's a time to return to Christ by cutting out all that distracts us. For some people that means giving up something like candy, TV, soft drinks, beer, cigarettes or meat as a way to purify their bodies and lives. Others take something on and collect food

for the needy, volunteer once a week to help children, or decide to be kind to someone they don't like. Whatever "stuff" is given up or taken on, the intent must be to draw us closer to Christ. Lent is a resolution to simplify our lives, and to return to the One who loves us -- Jesus.”

-taken from [Lent 101](#) by Penny Ford, Upper Room Method X website.



What Are You Giving Up?

Wed., March 9

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

Imposition of ashes

Special music by Chancel Choir

(Childcare available for Pre-K and Younger)

Lenten Breakfast Schedule

8 a.m. at the following churches:

March 12	St. Matthew UMC
March 19	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
March 26	First Christian Church
April 2	Kelley Crossing Church of God
April 9	Rossville Living Stone Church
April 16	Wesley Manor

Holy Week Services & Activities

Palm Sunday, April 17

Procession of Palms with children

8:45 - Traditional Service

11 am - Contemporary Service



Easter Egg Hunt

(Weather permitting)

Saturday, April 23

10 a.m.

Gather in the sanctuary

Ages 3 yrs to 6th grade



Maundy Thursday, April 21

6pm

Light meal and service in Fellowship Hall, remembering Jesus' last supper



Easter Celebration

April 24

Christ is risen!!

8:45 – Traditional Service

10am - Brunch (RSVP, please)

11am – Contemporary Service

Good Friday, April 22

7pm

Musical Tenebrae Service in the sanctuary, reflecting on the death of Jesus



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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 up to age
3 for all worship services



Lenten Schedule for March

Shrove Tuesday



Tuesday, March 8

6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a Mardi Gras celebration with
pancakes and a **Gospel Magic** Show by
Pastor John! RSVP in church office or on
pew pads. All St. Matthew friends are invit-
ed. Freewill offering.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wed., March 9 at 7pm

Childcare provided

Ash Wednesday

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