



# THE GOOD NEWS

November 2010

## The Word

**November 7**

*"Shakedown"*

Haggai 1:5b - 2:9

**November 14**

*"All Is Well"*

Isaiah 65:17-25

**November 21**

*"ThanksLiving"*

Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9

**November 28**

*"Getting Ready"*

Psalm 122

Matthew 24:36-44

Pastor:

Rev. Justin Fisher

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## On Giving Thanks

*"Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give THANKS to God except this foreigner?"*

*(Luke 17:17-18)*

Every Thanksgiving since I can remember my family has shared the story from Luke about the healing of the ten lepers, and we always ask the question as to why the other nine didn't come back and give thanks to Jesus for their healing? *Perhaps* they were so amazed that they ran off in celebration without thinking. *Perhaps* they felt that no expression of gratitude was necessary. *Perhaps* they thought they might never see Jesus again, so why bother? *Perhaps* they were so pre-occupied with their own lives; they failed to appreciate the Giver. *Perhaps*....

*"Perhaps,"* I've learned, is an interesting word. It implies one might do something, but doesn't guarantee it will be done. So when I read the story of the healed lepers, I am often convicted that I live in a world of *"perhaps"* too, and I'm very often the guilty offender, the one who thinks about doing something positive, but doesn't always get it done.

"Larry the Cable Guy" says "git -'er done"! He's right, of course, whether it means hooking up the cable, taking out the trash, or stopping to give THANKS for the gifts that have come our way. And so at Thanksgiving I heed his advice, and read the story about the healed ones with renewed gratitude for the One who provides for my needs over and over and over again. This holy season, as we sit down at our Thanksgiving tables, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for all that God has provided us through the grace of His Son Jesus. May His name be praised!

So however you do it this year, "git-'er done" with a heart of thanksgiving. Take time to say and give thanks.

Peace,

*Pastor Jake*

### Please note:

The church will be closed Nov. 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**BACK** to the **BASICS**

Bible - Belief - Benevolence

## 2010 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:  
\$ 388,566.61  
Needed to date:  
\$ 391,450.50  
\$1 Club to date:  
\$ 3397.00  
October missions:  
\$ 602.00

## November Mission Prayer Focus

Tubman-Gray School  
CWS Blankets and Tools  
Ganta Hospital

## Prayer Corner

**Salvation Army** - Our local chapter is struggling financially to keep up with the intense needs in our community from financial assistance to food distribution.

## SHARE Food Distribution

November orders are due **November 5**. Call or stop by the Salvation Army (9:30am - 3:00 pm) or the Paul Phillippe Resource Center (noon - 4:00pm) to place your order. A **Classic unit** includes 3 frozen meats, a minimum of 6 fresh produce items, and one bonus item for \$17. A **Deluxe unit** includes 5 frozen meats, a minimum of 9 fresh produce items, and one bonus item. A **Fruit and Veggie unit** includes a minimum of 9 fresh produce items for \$13. Extra value packs are available. Information about the extra value packs was not available at this time. That information will be posted on the bulletin board next to the church office as it becomes available.

Extra Value Pak A - \$26 Holiday Dinner: 10-12 lb turkey, stuffing mix, one frozen vegetable, 1 pumpkin pie, and 6 fresh produce items

Extra Value Pak B - \$9 Cookie Dough: 1 - 2.7 lb chocolate chunk, 1 - 2.7 lb M&M

Extra Value Pack C - \$19 10lb Chicken Tenders: fully cooked and breaded

\*\*Pick-up is **Sat., November 20** at 9:30a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church \*\*



## November Mission Projects

### Tubman-Gray School

A K-12 school in Liberia under the auspices of Operation Classroom. Priorities include a new elementary building and scholarships for needy children.

### CWS Blankets and Tools

A cooperative ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in some 80 countries.

### Ganta Hospital

A United Methodist Hospital in Liberia that supplies medical needs to a large population in the bush country. They are known for their outstanding nurses training program.

## SHARE Closing its Doors

For the past twenty four years, SHARE Food of Central Illinois has been blessed to serve its communities as one of the most unique food ministries, mobilizing volunteers to follow in the footsteps of Christ with the familiar slogan, "*People Helping People.*" We have seen increased trucking, fuel, and food costs, more competition with the supermarkets, and fewer orders from host sites. As we take a critical look at forecasting our sustainability, we feel that in the best interest of stewardship it has been determined that SHARE Food of Central IL will end services following the December 2010 distribution.

So, let us always remember the SHARE Food ministry for the unconditional gifts we gave our communities, going well beyond nutritious valued food, as the SHARE Food family truly answered Christ's call of people helping people.

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The December newsletter will be mailed Wednesday, November 24, 2010 .

Deadline for articles is Wednesday, November 17, 2010.

Carla Keafer, Editor

## From Our Family

Thank You!  
THANK YOU!

### Prayer Concerns

Harold Banks  
Andy Ehrmann  
Sam Altman  
Rick Stevens  
Ed Northrup  
Robert Burrows  
Justin Parker  
Mike Druley  
Elizabeth Nickles

### Persons in the Military

Bill Taggart  
Andrew Stewart  
Kris Kennedy  
Michael Kennedy  
Josh Laughner  
Loren Crone

### Birthdays (for those age 90 & above)

Virginia Good  
Nov. 11

Frieda Loveless  
Nov. 18

Thanks to our small but hard-working group of Alan & Sam Schoonveld and Gordon Cassell who took time on Sat., Sept. 25 to trim and mulch at the Maple Drive parsonage. Alan supplied the truck and trailer and Barrett Farms donated the mulch.

*Phil Keck  
Maintenance Supervisor*

Thank you for your gift of \$737.25 in support of the boys and girls here at Bashor Children's Home. Your generosity sustains our mission and enhances the traditions of providing "help for today and hope for tomorrow" to hundreds of abused, neglected and troubled children and their families each year.

Serving Children through Christ,

*Bashor Children's Home*

Thank you to Clara McNeal, Nelle Everitt, and Judy Gingrich who brought me flowers and had a nice visit with me.

*Joan Platt*

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. And thank you to Mary Ellen Brown and the funeral committee for the delicious meal.

*The Dale Family*

Thank you to those who volunteered to work at Backyard Ministries this fall. You are all wonderful servants! Catherine Frey, Rachel Noble, youth, Pastor Jake and his crew and to Sherri Howard, Denise and Emily Goodman, Laurie and Madison Kimball who wanted to serve but got rained out.

*Mary Kay Baker*

Thanks to everyone who attended the Harvest Party at Camp Cullom. We could not have asked for a prettier day. It was great weather to hike and throw the football and have a hayride. The soups were all delicious and filled us up and we had some great desserts. A special thank you to those who helped with set-up and teardown.

To the congregation,

Thank you for saving soup labels and boxtops. We collected, trimmed and counted 797 soups labels and sent them with the work team to Henderson Settlement. Also, we were able to send 4,560 boxtops to the Red Bird Mission school which are worth \$456.

Keep up the good work!

*Don And Alice Hardwick*

### Congratulations to our "Gems of Clinton County."

Steve and Jan Mullen and Jim and Barb Siegfried were recognized at a special ceremony on October 23.

### We welcome new members to St. Matthew

Lucretia Altman  
Connie Garrett  
Brad and Carrie Pickard  
Jeremy Rushton  
Thaya Sterrett

## Children and Youth Sunday School

### Pre-K - Kindergarten:

Room 10

### 1st & 2nd grades:

Room 6

### 3rd & 4th grades:

Rooms 8/11

### 5th & 6th grades:

Room 7

## 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

### Wednesday:

#### Women's Bible Study

2:00pm every week

#### W.O.W. (Worship on

Wednesdays)

6:30pm every week

### Sunday:

#### Ekklesia: The Unstop- pable Movement of God

6:00-7:30pm

(24-week study)

## Elementary

**B****A****C****K** to the **B****A****S****I****C****S**

The children's Sunday morning program is going well. We sure appreciate our teachers! If your kids aren't in a class yet, this is a great time to start! Make Sunday school a ritual of attending for you and your family so that we can all get **Back to the Basics** of God's word and sharing His love.

Here is a sample of what the 3rd & 4th graders will memorize for November:

November 7: Ruth 12:2

November 14: Deuteronomy 6:5

November 21: Psalm 9:1

November 28: Micah 5:5

## Youth

### Welcome

We welcome **John Seppala** as our youth intern. John is a 2009 graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Adolescent Ministry. In addition to his part-time position here, he works at a Kroger Supermarket in Indianapolis. John likes all things sports and has been a part of many mission teams including going to Madagascar and Swaziland.

### Confirmation

The confirmands are going on a field trip to Beth-el Zedek synagogue in Indianapolis on Fri. Oct. 29. They will enjoy a meal at Shapiro's Deli before going to participate a Jewish worship service.

The confirmation retreat will be Nov. 19 & 20 at the church. More information will be available at a later date.

### Jr & Sr. High UMYF

November 7, 14, and 21 - Regular meeting from 5:30pm-7:30pm

November 28 - No youth group

## Adult

Advent begins Sun., Nov. 28. Several classes will be participating in special studies through the Christmas season. Watch the Things to Note for more information.

### **Adult Sunday School: 10:00am**

Faith 101 (Room 28) - New Study begins Oct. 31

Sojourners (Parlor) - Revelation: The End of Time

Samplers (Room 26) - When You're a Christian, the Whole World Is from Missouri

D.R.O.P. Ins (Library) - Devotions and prayer

Seekers (Room 4) - Jesus the One and Only

Rainbow (Room 27) - Lessons for adults with special needs

### **Wednesdays at 2pm:**

Women's Bible Study (Room 26)

# Events

## Meetings in November

- Nov. 2:  
7:00pm Finance
- Nov. 8:  
7:00pm Trustees
- Nov. 9:  
5:30pm Churchwide Fellowship  
7:00pm Staff/Parish
- Nov. 11:  
6:30pm Children's Ministries
- Nov. 15:  
6:00pm Missions  
7:00pm Worship
- Nov. 16:  
7:00pm Ad Council  
7:00pm Preschool Council
- Nov 30:  
7:00pm Facilities Needs

## Due Dates

- Servant Ministry forms are due Oct. 3
- Pledge forms are due Oct. 24
- Facilities Needs Survey is due Oct. 24



Monday,  
November 29  
11:30 a.m.

Program: Frankfort High School Orchestra

Reservations will be due Nov. 23

### "Stable Mouse's Gift"

Christmas Eve,  
December 24 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsals :  
Sat., October 30  
9:00a.m.

Sat., November 20 9:00a.m.  
Sat., December 4 9:00a.m.  
Sat., December 18 9:00 a.m.  
Thurs., December 23 9:00a.m.

Call Janeen Burrows for more information at 659-4227



## UMW Fundraiser Great Success



*Many words of appreciation must be voiced to those who helped make the United Methodist Women Fundraiser a success. Thanks to the following, the UMW will be able to dispense approx. \$2,000.00 to various mission projects which aid women and children in Frankfort and around the World.*

First, thank you to the congregation for bringing in items for our bake sale. This was a wonderful help. Thanks to the ladies who helped make noodles and all that delicious soup. Thanks to Marilyn Chittick for baking all those delicious angel food cakes. Thanks to Mary Ann Carr and Teresa Fisher for arranging all those great used books. **(These will still be available for a donation for a few weeks in Fellowship Hall.)** Thanks to Betty Clark for calling all our cookie bakers and thanks for their contributions. The few leftover cookies were contributed to the Hope UMC Fundraiser. Thanks to all the ladies for helping on Saturday and Sunday - pricing and selling. **(The catalogs for SHARE products will continue to be in Fellowship Hall.)**

As you can see, it takes a lot of work and many helping hands to have a successful fundraiser, but we feel grateful to be able to raise this money to help others in need.

The United Methodist Women as an organization does wonderful work in supporting programs to benefit woman and children around the world. Our individual Circles give us a place to support each other and fellowship together in small groups with other Christian women. There's always an open invitation to join one of our Circles or perhaps you would like to start a new daytime or evening Circle. For more information on how you can join us, call Carla Keafer in the church office (654-5575) or Janice Gill (659-2695).

THANKS!

Janice Gill

Chairman Martha Circle

## Reminders

The following forms are due into the office:

Servant (Volunteer) Ministries

Facilities Needs Survey

Pledge Cards

*All of these forms are available on the table by the church office.*

## Preschool Staff

Administrator:  
Mary Kay Baker

Linda Anno

Jane Carter

Jacki Crum

Kim Ferrel

Deedie Herndon

Sherri Howard

Rhonda Hundley

Janet Mennen

Jannine Rule

## 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, teacher or call 654-4546.

Cheese pizza \$9

Sausage pizzas \$10

Pepperoni pizzas \$11

Sausage and Pepperoni pizzas \$11

Orders and money due by Nov. 5.

(Make checks payable to St. Matthew Community Preschool)

Pick-up on Sat., Nov. 13  
from noon - 3pm



## Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers for their annual Kettle Campaign. This is THE fundraiser for this organization. They ask for volunteers to serve 2-hour shifts. To volunteer call 654-7896; after 4pm call Linda at 659-4464.

St. Matthew challenges its members to participate in this project. As we go "back to the basics," we are to give of ourselves and out of our bounty so we ask members to help support this worthy organization by their presence and their gifts.



## Emmaus Gathering - Nov. 12

Anyone who has been on an Emmaus Walk is invited to the next gathering here at St. Matthew. Refreshments begin at 6:30pm with worship to follow at 7. The St. Matthew Praise Team will be leading the music portion of the service.

## All Saints Sunday October 31

We will be celebrating the lives of those who have gone before us in the past year. Also, the Endowment Committee will be honoring Doris MacLachlan with a gold leaf for our Tree of Dreams.

Mark the date!

*The Gospel According to  
Lucy VII:  
Less Is More*

March 4-6, 2011

at Lindenwood Retreat Center  
Donaldson, IN

Call Alvia Frey at 654-7534  
if you have any questions.

## Building Bridges Counseling Services



Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. and DeAnne Kinsey offer many counseling services. Brochures are available on table by church office.

## Lay Speaker School

Sat., November 6 8am-3:30pm

St. Mark's UMC Carmel, IN

Cost: \$20

Classes are available for Basic, levels A and B plus Advanced courses will be offered.

To register and/or see course offerings, go to [www.indymetro.org](http://www.indymetro.org). At the bottom of the page, click on the bar for Lay Speakers School.

Questions you have may be directed to  
Christin Nevins at 317-924-4140

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*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 a.m. Courtyard Service  
(June-August)

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 2 Election Day**



**Sunday, Nov. 7**  
**Don't miss church!**

**Sunday, Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**All Church Dinner at 12:15pm**

**Sunday, Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent**