



The Good News

October 2011

The Word

October 2

"Commands and Grace"
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Matthew 21:33-46

October 9

"Of Weddings & Funerals"
Matthew 22:1-14

October 16

"Rock of Ages"
Exodus 33:12-23

October 23

"Greatest and First"
Matthew 22:34-46

October 30

"The Great Turnaround"
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Matthew 23:1-12

Pastors:

Rev. Justin Fisher
Rev. Michael Lawson

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PUMPKIN POWER?!



"Give and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6:38)

Hello friends,

It's fall around here and the signs of the season are everywhere, from the golden fields and the turning leaves, to the shiny red apples, and, of course, the bright orange pumpkins. God has blessed our land with an abundant harvest-in-the-making. Praise him!

It all reminds me of our "pumpkin experience" while serving another church. Teresa and I were novices to gardening and when the trustees dug up a patch in the backyard, we planted with relish. I carefully mounded the pumpkin hills but disregarded the seed packet instructions calling for two or three seeds to the hill. "More is better", was my philosophy, so I put about a dozen seeds in each one. Get the picture? We got a harvest, all right, for by mid-summer the pumpkins had taken over the beans, corn, tomatoes and even the zucchini plants. By late September the garden was ablaze in pumpkins of all sizes and shapes. People would stop and just stare at the sight. We truly did receive more than "a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over", but I do wish I'd read the instructions first.

So too are we blessed in the church each autumn. This year's calendar is full to overflowing. Beginning with worship and praise on Sunday mornings and moving onward to evening study and fellowship activities, from the UMW Soup sales to the returning of our wonderful CHRISTMAS JOURNEY this Advent, from the chatter of 200 preschoolers filling the building to the building up of our 2012 Stewardship Campaign "*Be Our Guest/Bound to Serve*", we are a church seeking to flow *to the beat of God's Spirit*. My prayer is that each activity and every worship moment will contribute to a "harvest" of ministries in the fields of the Lord. Real servanthood is no "*one stop, easy does it*" act. It's hard work, *and*, it's always better to "read the directions" that come along with serving. If we are "*Bound to Serve*," Jesus calls us, in this season and in every other, to deny ourselves, pick up a cross and follow him. There are no short-cuts and he gives the marching orders. His Word is a light unto our feet, and we are lost without Him.

So let us keep our eyes upon Jesus this autumn as we move toward Thanksgiving and Advent and His coming among us once again as Immanuel (God with us). In so doing the harvest we reap will be pleasing in his sight, not because of the number of pumpkins we harvest but by the souls we nurture in His name.

In autumn and always, praise Him!

In His peace, and "pumpkin ready", --Pastor Jake

2011 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:
\$ 341,999.22
Needed to date:
\$ 360,271.47
\$1 Club to date:
\$ 3395.00
Student Day Offering
\$ 185.00

October Mission Prayer Focus

Heifer International
Wesley Manor Good Samaritan
World Communion Offering

Prayer Focus

Farmers - Please pray for our farmers and their families as they prepare for harvest. Pray for safety and good weather.

October Missions

Heifer International is a non-profit organization whose goal is to help end world hunger and poverty through self-reliance & sustainability. With gifts of livestock and training, they help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. Our goal is \$500 with \$375 being budgeted.

Wesley Manor Good Samaritan Fund allows residents to continue their stay

and care after personal funds have been depleted. Our goal is \$2000 with \$1500 budgeted.

World Communion Offering

Provides scholarships for international and US racial- and ethnic-minority graduate and undergraduate students and Ethnic In-Service Training Program scholarships for persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

Be Our Guest
Bound to Serve

The Stewardship Campaign begins Oct. 9. Pledge cards are due Oct. 23.

Christmas Journey

Volunteers are still needed for the Christmas Journey, specifically in the park and as “bobbies” and the doorman. Also, more children are needed in several areas. There is still time to get your forms in. See p. 5 of this newsletter for the volunteer form. Return it to the church office as soon as possible. Rehearsals begin in November.

Looking Ahead....

Don't forget about the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be Nov. 20 at noon.

UMW will have their Fall Fundraiser on Sun., November 6. They will be selling baked goods, noodles, books, Lucille Raines pins, and other items.

2012 Servant Ministries

Servant ministry forms are due to the church on Sunday, October 2. If you forget your form that day, please get it to the church office as soon as possible.

Below is an excerpt of one of the ministries in this church that needs volunteers:

Adult Chaperones Needed

The Youth ministry here at Saint Matthew is in need of adult volunteers to help serve with the youth on Sunday nights. Volunteers will serve at youth group meetings for an entire month. Child Protective Training is required along with a desire to love young people. Open months are December, January and February. See Pastor Michael to apply or check #33 on your volunteer form.

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The November newsletter will be mailed Wednesday, October 26, 2011 .

Deadline for articles is Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

Carla Keafer, Editor

Thank You!

Prayer Concerns

Ryan Bachman
 Harold Banks
 Stacy Baugh
 Andy Ehrmann
 Jim Nickles
 Jim Seatter
 Tom Stout
 Joanne Weston
 Connie Young
 Mary Jane Weaver
 Doug Davis
 Russell Jones
 Fern Ferrel

Person in the Military

Andrew Stewart
 Kris Kennedy
 Jeffery Pearson
 Loren Crone
 Anthony Louk

Birthdays

(for those age 90 and above)

Marian Lungren

Oct. 21

Sheltered Reality Broasted Chicken Dinner was a huge success! We thank you for your support! This money will be used to purchase some additional listening packs and will help provide scholarship money to those who need additional financial monthly support! Thank you!!

Thank you so much for all our work in hosting the North Central District Pastors' meeting last week. The meeting went well. The ladies of the church did an excellent job of providing the refreshments for the pastors and the food that Cosecha Latina provided was wonderful.

Frank J. Beard
 District Superintendent

Thank you for your back-to-school donation of \$1000. Our children at Bashor Children's Home have true appreciation for the supplies that your donation have been able to provide. These items are gifts that help guide each of our children toward a better future. Because you made the choice to serve our children, our prayer is that some day they will, in turn, reach out to the community and serve you

Steve Riikonen
 Director of Development
 Bashor Children's Home

Thank you for your generous support of the Bake-off Auction. We raised close to \$600 will which be very helpful for funding projects for the Christmas Journey and the Drama Dept.

BAKE-OFF Award Winners!

Thank you to all of you who competed in the Bake-off and congratulations to our winners! The judges enjoyed all the baked goods!

Yeast Breads

- 1st Nancy Harshbarger: rosemary garlic braided bread
- 2nd Nancy Harshbarger: two-tone bread
- 3rd Janeen Burrows: orange swirl coffee cake

Cakes

- 1st Deanna Wehr: 2 layer peanut butter cake w/ chocolate p.b. icing
- 2nd Deanna Wehr: hummingbird cake
- 3rd Janeen Burrows: Peach Crème Cake

Pies

- 1st Deanna Wehr: Bumbleberry
- 2nd Janeen Burrows: Caramel Pear
- 3rd Janice Gill: Cranberry/Apple/Raisin/Walnut

Cookies

- 1st Jean Redding: chocolate caramel
- 2nd Robby Keafer: snickerdoodle
- 3rd Mia Price: brownies



Education

Children and Youth Sunday School

Pre-K- Kind.:

Room 10

1st & 2nd grade:

Room 6

3rd & 4th grade:

Rooms 8 & 11

5th & 6th grade:

Room 7

7th & 8th grade:

Room 23

9th - 12th grade:

Rooms 24 & 25

Adult Sunday School

Seekers:

Room 4

Drop-Ins:

Library

Sojourners:

Room 16 (Parlor)

Samplers:

Room 26

Faith 101:

Room 28

Rainbow:

Room 27

Other Classes

Sunday Evening

6pm-7:30pm

Christian Atheist

God In the Midst of
Grief

Wednesday:

W.O.W. (Worship on
Wednesdays)

6:30pm - Room 16

Elementary

Hall of Treats Sun., Oct. 30 6-7pm



Children ages toddlers-6th grade are invited to receive sweet treats from the St. Matthew community by dressing up and trick-or-treating in our hallways. Admission is a canned food item.

Food and music will be in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

Youth

Introducing: THE MATT PACK

The Youth Group have decided to forge a new identity with a new name. Drawing on their creativity, their joie de vive and a certain virtue they term their “complete and utter awesomeness” our youth will henceforth be known as “The Matt Pack”. The Matt Pack meets every Sunday Night from 5:30 to 7:30. If you are a youth grades 7-12 please join us. Youth Calendars are available on the information table in the Lobby.

Bible Study

Bible Studies will begin this month for both Junior and Senior High students on October 19th. Junior High students are invited to meet in the youth room at 5:30pm and Senior High at 6:45 pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

Exploration Acres:

All students grade 7-12 are invited to go to Exploration Acres on Saturday October 22 to find our way through the haunted corn maze, go on hayrides, and have a hot dog roast by the campfire. We will leave from the church at 5:30pm. **The cost of the trip is \$10.00.**

Sign up in the Youth or Confirmation Classroom.

What do you Fear?

Youth Lessons for the month of October all deal with the question of fear. What do you fear? What are you afraid of? What is the solution to fear? By utilizing scenes from horror movies and exploring various clichés, you can come and find out Sunday nights from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Adults

Faith 101 - This is a great class if you enjoy basic Bible study. Members read Scripture, discuss its meaning, and compare it with the rest of the Scriptures. The class meets in Room 28.

Samplers - This class gives adults of all ages and background the opportunity to study from the Christian perspective on a vast array of topics. Members are open-minded and seek to deepen their spiritual development. Class is in Room 26.

D.R.O.P. Ins - Devotions, Reflection, Open hearts, Prayer in the set-up of this class that meets in the library. They read a devotion and end with prayer, focusing on fellowship through Jesus Christ. Drop in any Sunday!

Seekers - This class is interested in connecting their lives with the teachings of the Bible. Great if you're wanting to live the Gospel every day of the week. You will find them in Room 4.

Sojourners - A sojourner journeys from place to place just like the members in this class who journey through the Bible and apply the lessons to their lives. Each lesson stands alone. Find them in Rm 16.

Rainbow Class - This class is for adults who are developmentally disabled. Each lesson is chosen to engage the students.

Events

Meetings in August

- Oct. 3
7:00pm Children's Ministries
- Oct. 10
7:00pm Trustees
- Oct. 11
7:00pm Staff/Parish
- Oct. 12
5:00pm Endowment
- Oct. 18
7:00pm Martha Circle
- Oct. 24
6:00pm Missions
- Nov. 1
7:00pm Finance

Sunday Evenings/Tuesday Afternoons

God in the Midst of Grief: 101 True Stories of Comfort

By Diane Pearson

Offered at two times:

Sundays 6-7:30 p.m. beginning September 11 or Tuesdays noon-1:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 6
Each lesson stands alone, so you don't have to attend every class.

Register: Call the church office at 654-5575.

Childcare arranged if requested.

This 15-week study is based on a book by Diane Pearson, which is in the process of being published. For ten years Diane wrote a weekly newspaper column for the Frankfort paper titled "Real-Life Devotions," true stories of God working in people's lives. Of the 101 stories chosen for this book, nearly all are about local people and fifty of them are from our St. Matthew Church family. Diane's writing shows that ordinary people can experience God in powerful and miraculous ways, especially during times of grief and sorrow. The topics in this book will appeal to people at any age or stage of life, not just those who experienced a recent loss. All of us will experience grief, whether parents and grandparents after a long, full life or babies who never took their first breath. The class will not focus on the sadness and pain of physical death, but on the God-given promises of heaven and eternal life.

A Christmas Journey 2011

If you are interested in being a costumed character, there are spots for speaking and non-speaking characters as well as "entertainers" for the park. Non-speaking parts include doorman, host/hostess, group greeters, bobbies, hall monitor for the sanctuary, and servers. Speaking parts are required to be memorized, including the guides. There will be a few Saturday morning rehearsals as well as a dress rehearsal and the two performance nights. Characters must be available for all of these dates, so please check your calendars carefully.

Preview Night – Tuesday, December 13

Performances – Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 & 17

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Do you sing? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you plan an instrument? _____ Yes _____ No What instrument? _____

Are you interested in a speaking part? _____ Yes _____ No

Children must be 3rd grade or older to participate and have their parent's permission.

Parent signature _____

Events

Building Bridges



**Building
Bridges
Counseling
Services**

Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. ,
DeAnne Kinsey, and
Ruby Burris offer many
counseling services.
Brochures are availa-
ble 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

Denise Goodman

Sherri Howard

Rhonda Hundley

Janet Mennen

Stephanie Orem

Jannine Rule



Fall Harvest Party

Sunday, Oct.16

5-7:30 p.m.

Join Us!



What to bring:
**A kettle of your
favorite soup to
share and your
favorite dessert.**

Paper products, hotdogs & drinks provided



**11:30am-Noon
Wednesdays
Oct. 5—Nov. 2**

Join this weekly class for Toddlers, ages
3 and under, with a participating parent
or caregiver. Children learn about
sharing, movement to music, counting,
colors, and directions all while listening
to music.

Fee: \$25/5-week session or \$5/session.
Walk-ins welcome. Contact Barbara
Strong at 765-242-7477 for more
information.

St. Matthew

Sheltered Reality:

Oct. 9 –

Rehearsal 3-5pm

Nov. 6 - Rehearsal 3-5pm

Nov. 12 - 8am assist with Preschool
fundraiser, rehearsal 10am-noon

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listening packs and will help provide
scholarship money to those who need
additional financial monthly support!
Thank you!!



Hall of Treats

Sun., Oct. 30 6-7pm

We're looking for families and friends
who would like to distribute treats to
the children. The "treating" will be
done in the hallways of the church.
You may decorate your doorway and
Sign up to reserve your doorway/chair.
You are invited to decorate your area
and to dress up! Please arrive around
5:15pm. and plan for approximately
300 guests!

Individually wrapped candy is needed
for our Hall of Treats. Drop off your
donation in the church office or put it
on the desk in Room 5. This
candy helps supplement
supplies of the volunteers.



Lay Speaker School

The North Central District will
be joining up with the Central District to
offer a Lay Speaker School on Saturday,
Nov. 12. It will be held at First UMC,
2051 Monument St., Noblesville. More
details will be available later this fall.

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United Methodist Church
1951 Wilshire Drive

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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*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Worship Opportunities

Sunday Morning

8:45 a.m. Traditional
Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

Wee Worship

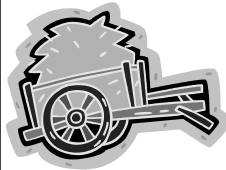
For children 3yrs-1st grade
Sundays 8:45 am & 11 am

Worship on Wednesday
(W.O.W.)

6:30 p.m. in Room 16

Nursery provided up to age
3 for all worship services

Kids 'n Music Wed., Oct. 5 - Nov. 2 Age 3 and under



Camp Cullom Sun., Oct. 16 5—7:30pm

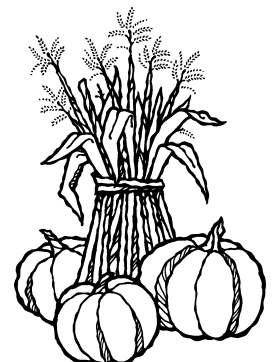
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Exploration Acres Sat., Oct. 22

Jr/Sr High Youth

Confirmation Field Trip Sat., Oct. 22

7th & 8th grade



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