



# The Good News

September 2011

## The Word

### September 4

*"Putting On"*

Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

### September 11

*"Walking on Dry Land"*

Exodus 14:19-31  
Matthew 18:21-35

### September 18

*"Complain, Complain..."*

Exodus 16:2-15  
Matthew 20:1-16

### September 25

*"Is the Lord Among Us,  
Or Not?"*

Exodus 17:1-17  
Matthew 21:23-32

*Pastors:*

*Rev. Justin Fisher*

*Rev. Michael Lawson*

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## Back to School

*"The major task of the Christian student is to be a student. He or she goes to their desk as to an altar. They study with their whole heart and a single mind because God has called them to that vocation." – Robert Hamill*

I wish I had known in the early ages of my life what Robert Hamill was saying with these words. I wish someone would put it together in just these terms: go to your desk as to an altar! I wish I had presented myself to my education as I presented myself at baptism, and at my ordination, prepared and stilled for a holy moment, consecrated to a holy purpose. While I am still wishing, I wish I could go back to kindergarten knowing everything I know now. Then I would relive my life as Michael Lawson, boy genius.

My parents were there of course, fighting to hand me those hard won lessons about the importance of education. My teachers tried, as did an unknown multitude of educators. Eventually the lesson did take, but had I known what a marvelous treasure education is, I would have done better, tried harder, and gone further.

Many people say that youth is wasted on the young. Now in my middle years I find myself thirsty to return to school again. I want to fill my life up with classes on a dizzying array of subjects. Sadly though, like many of you, I haven't the energy or the time. We all have jobs now, and chores to do, and haven't the resources to spend discovering the dimensions of the universe, or parading through the history of the world. Though I never stop learning, I wish I could hand off to our returning students just what a blessing having an education is.

You may not know this, but as a student in this country you are presented with more educational opportunities in your first grade year than many young people across the world will be presented with in a lifetime. You are fortunate in that you are able to have the benefit of free education, offered to all, merely by virtue of where you were born. It is easy to overlook the awesome value of the treasure you are being given since it is offered to you in such an open handed fashion. So I remind you in the coming academic year, go to your desk as to an altar! Seek after knowledge until you have it, and then seek it out still further. The mysteries of our world are limitless.

Good luck in the new school year guys! And I'm always here to help you on the way to brilliance!

*Pastor Michael*

# Administration and Missions

## 2011 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:  
\$ 306,915.22  
Needed to date:  
\$ 323,320.55  
\$1 Club to date:  
\$ 3128.00  
Retired Ministers  
\$ 350.00

## August Mission Prayer Focus

African University  
Operation Classroom  
Kissey Eye Clinic  
United Methodist Student Offering

## Prayer Focus

**Hurricane Irene** - Pray for the people and the communities as they clean up from the recent hurricane and winds.  
**Middle East** - Pray for the people in this area who are caught between the various factions of government.

## September Missions

**Africa University** in Zimbabwe, Africa, is a United Methodist University supported by donations to assist with its operations and student scholarships. Our goal is \$1000 with \$750 budgeted.

**Operation Classroom** is a program that was started in Indiana to support schools in Liberia and Sierra Leone, West Africa. Funds and donations help with books, school desks, YES kits (school kits), teachers' salaries and scholarships to name a few of the items. Goal amount is \$1000 with \$750 budgeted.

**Kissy Eye Clinic** is part of a larger medical facility in Freetown, Sierra Leone that provides basic care for acute eye infections and diseases. Goal amount is \$1000 with \$750 budgeted.

**United Methodist Student Offering** is an Advance Special. These funds assist students who attend United Methodist-related institutions of higher learning. There will be a special offering taken during the month of September.

## Missions Report

The Missions Committee is pleased to report that as of the end of July, all mission project goals for the first 7 months have been fully funded for a total of \$25,400, of which \$19,050 is from the church budget. In addition, over \$9400 has been collected for special offerings and other distributions.

We would like to thank our church members for their generosity in helping us to become the hand of Jesus to the world.

## The Mountain Mission

truck is returning to our church on Sept. 26.

Items most needed are:

Men's summer and winter clothing, Dishes, pots & pans, household items, cleaning supplies for the plant which includes toilet paper, handsoap, Clorox wipes, Windex, brooms, garbage bags, bleach, and newspaper. Other items will be accepted but these listed are of most concern.

Items may be placed in the east coat closet in the Narthex. If you have larger items, such as furniture, please call the office in advance so you can unload directly into the garage.



*Be Our Guest*  
*Bound to Serve*

Volunteer/Servant forms will be mailed by Sept. 18 and are due Oct. 3.

The Stewardship Campaign begins Oct. 9

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The October newsletter will be mailed Wednesday, September 28, 2011 .

Deadline for articles is Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

Carla Keafer, Editor

### 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

### Person in the Military

Andrew Stewart  
Kris Kennedy  
Jeffery Pearson  
Loren Crone  
Anthony Louk

### Birthdays

(for those age 90 and above)

Howard Hoehn  
Sept. 1  
  
Deloris Goshorn  
Sept. 19  
  
Maxine Cline  
Sept. 20  
  
Madeleine Schubert  
Sept. 22

# Thank You!

I wish to express my deep and heartfelt thanks to my family and all of the residents and staff of Wesley Manor and the many other friends of St. Matthew Church and far beyond who have supported us by their services, cards, letters, words of joy and well-wishing and attendance at both the celebration of Wilma's 80th birthday and our 60th wedding anniversary on June 25. I appreciate the support and words of comfort afforded me since Wilma's death on July 25. It has all been profoundly felt.

*Lowell Brown*

On behalf of myself and the attendees on Optimistic Day for Special People, I would like to thank all of who helped both before and during the day on July 31. We were blessed with good weather (tho hot) and a safe day. Our Special Guests and their caregivers enjoyed good food, games and friendships, thanks to you. A special thank you to the cake bakers, set-up help and clean-up crews. Without your help this day could not have taken place. May God bless you.

*Lu Whitaker (Mimi the Clown)*

From Optimistic Day:

Thank you for another wonderful day for Josiah. You all bless him and us so much with your kindness and generosity and hard work. You are so kind to us! Josiah enjoyed everything especially the food and games. He likes to throw the bean bags. Thanks for all the gifts for him, too. You are all very special people. Thanks again for the fun day!

*Lorri Perigo*

On behalf of the Clinton County YMCA Board of Directors, our YMCA staff and all of the children and parents involved with our programs, we would like to say a big thank you for the church's generous love and support of the YMCA's Youth Sports programs. Without the use of the church's back lot, our youth sports program would not have seen as many successes. Our sport programs give children the opportunity to grow physically, build character, mature socially and spiritually, and to have fun.

*Bob Commings*

*Executive Director*

Thank you so much for your donation in support of (Rainbow Connection). We also appreciate your prayers very much. Thanks again!

*Jackie Kevasigroh*

Thank you for all your prayers during our mom's/grandmother's/aunt's illness and eventual passing. We want to thank everyone for the funeral dinner and flowers. Words cannot express the warmth we feel from our entire church family.

*Helen Whitaker family*

Thank you to the following individuals that helped with the church/parsonage shrub trimming Saturday, Aug. 20th: Ruth and Glenn Lock, Helen Rayles, Gordon Gill, Bob Pearson, Gary Wehr, Lin Pearson, Phil Keck, and Larry Price

*Trustees*

# 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



Congratulations to our 3rd graders: Sydney Cesare, Logan Harris, Neva Hendrix, Owen Smith, and Max Smith, who received their new Bibles and survived the Bible Retreat! The children discovered how the Bible has the best advice and more knowledge than any other book they will ever own.

*Thank you, Libbi Smith and Jerry and Sherry Troyer, for being the leadership in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible retreat! Teaching the kids how to use the Bible will be something the kids will never forget! Thank you for making this a fun learning experience!*

Mark your calendars! **Camp Cullom is Oct. 16 from 5pm-7:30pm**  
**Hall of Treats is Oct. 30 from 6pm-7pm**

## Youth

This fall, Youth Group will meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30pm-7:30pm

First meeting of the year is Sun., Sept. 11

First Lock-In of the year is Fri., Sept. 16 9:30pm– 6:30am Sat., Sept. 17

First Parent meeting is Sun., Sept. 25 at 10:00am in the choir room.

## 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.

**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.

## Education

### Meetings in August

- Sept. 7  
7:00pm Youth Council
- Sept. 12  
7:00pm Trustees
- Sept. 13  
5:30pm Churchwide Fellowship  
7:00pm Staff/Parish  
7:00pm Education
- Sept. 15  
7:00pm Ad Council
- Sept. 19  
7:00pm Finance
- Sept. 20  
7:00pm Martha Circle
- Sept. 25  
10:00am Youth Parent mtg

### Fall Membership Class

**Sun., Sept. 18 at 10:00am**

Meet with Pastor Jake in his office to begin membership classes. This is open to all persons interested in joining St. Matthew or who are just wanting more information about United Methodism and our local church. Reception into the church will be Sun., Oct. 23 at the service each person attends.

### Confirmation Parent Meeting

**Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m.**

Pastor Michael would like to meet with the parents of the 7th and 8th graders who are taking part in the confirmation process. At this meeting, Pastor Michael will explain the scheduling and requirements as well as answer questions. Eighth graders should return their interest form by this time.

### Sunday Evenings

#### The Christian Atheist

**Sunday night 6-week study for adults**

**6-7:30 p.m. beginning September 11**

**Believing in God But Living as If He Doesn't Exist**

**Class Leader: Ed Pearson**

This six-session DVD group study leads you and your group on a personal journey toward an authentic, God-honoring life. Become more than "Christian in name" through this eye-opening look into the ways you can surrender to God completely, living every day depending upon the Holy Spirit. Each lesson stands alone, so you don't have to attend every class. Register by calling the church office at 654-5575. Childcare arranged if requested.

#### 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**

**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.

## Events

### Building Bridges



#### Building Bridges Counseling Services

Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. ,  
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

Denise Goodman

Sherri Howard

Rhonda Hundley

Janet Mennen

Stephanie Orem

Jannine Rule



### Chancel Choir

It is not too late to join Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. We sing at the 8:45 service. High School students are welcomed and encouraged to join the choir. Hope to see some new faces.

### Thank You - Summer Special Music

Did you miss the fantastic summer music specials at 8:45? Thank yous go to Paige Schoonveld, Elaine Schoonveld, Bob Pearson, Kerry Kiphart, Dena Seifert, Barbara Strong, Carole Ferris, Home Echoes Ensemble, Handbells, and our dedicated summer choir. What a joyous sound lifted to our God!



### Broasted Chicken Dinner

**Sun. Sept. 18 noon–1:30p.m.**

In Fellowship Hall

Bake-off auction at 12:45

Adults \$7

Children 7 & under \$5

Fundraiser for Sheltered Reality

### Menu

Chicken  
Steak Fries  
Cole Slaw  
Dessert



### Preschool

It's the month before preschool and all through the rooms, not a creature was stirring but the teachers with their brooms! Yes..the teachers have been busy bleaching, cleaning and gearing up for a new preschool year. We are excited to start off this year with 15 classes, 11 teachers and 214 preschool kids! This is a record year!!!!

With this being said, let's put on our welcome hats and invite these preschool families into our church home!

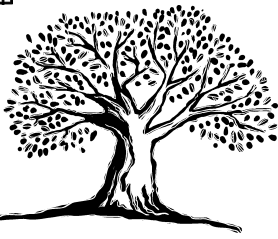
Since this is a record year, we have hired two new teachers. Stephanie Orem comes to us from Forest. She is

married to Ronald and is an active member of Stockwell UMC. They have 2 elementary age children. Stephanie is not a stranger to our staff she has been a volunteer for the last couple of years. We also welcome Denise Goodman. Denise is a St. Matthew member who is married to Jeff and has 3 daughters and is a new grandma!

### Preschool Readers

If you are interested in reading to the Preschoolers during their church time on Monday or Tuesday, please contact the Preschool or mark the appropriate box on the volunteer form that you will receive in September.

## Events & News



### *Gold Leaf Dinner*

*Thurs., Sept. 22 at 6pm*

You are invited to a Gold Leaf Dinner on Thurs., September 22 at 6pm in celebration of our Endowment program here at St. Matthew. It is a catered dinner and FREE! Therefore, please RSVP to the church office.



Mon., Sept. 26

11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Program: Andrea Houston from  
St. Vincent Frankfort Hospital

Reservations are due Tues., Sept 20

### **St. Matthew Sheltered Reality:**

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Performance at Rensselaer

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – Broasted Chicken Dinner at noon

practice at 2pm

Oct. 9 – Rehearsal 3-5 pm

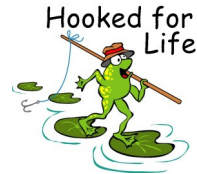
Our group has now grown: we have 7 elementary students, 3 youth, and 2 adults. We are always open to new members. Attendance at St. Matthew not a requirement.



We are in need of a laptop computer to play our music so we can use our own sound system. If you are upgrading your computer, we'd be happy to use your old computer. Contact Mary Kay Baker for more information.

### **Weight-y Issues?**

Pastor Michael is looking for a group of people to join with him on his journey with Weight Watcher's. If you are interested in joining the Frankfort Area meeting and dropping some pounds along the way, please contact him.



Hooked for Life

Preschoolers and older, come fish with Jerry Lesley and his crew out at the Frankfort Lagoons this summer and learn about the ultimate fisher...of men.

The next fishing date is:  
Sept. 1 at 6:00pm.



Our Backyard Ministries resumes this month! What do we do? Sell food/water for 25¢ and be a friendly face. We still need people to help on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. Contact Mary Kay Baker.

### **Lay Speaker School**

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

### **Mental Health America of Clinton County**

After 58 years in Clinton County, we have started the process of disbanding. The Mental Health Board did not reach this decision lightly. Due to the rising costs, the lack of donations and the lack of funds, Mental Health feels ...we cannot help in our community as we feel we should.

(We) have had the privilege to serve Clinton County and help thousands of residents in our community. We will always cherish the good things we have done in Clinton Co. and the smiles we have put on our citizens' faces. We would like to give a huge thank you for your continued support over the years.

*Editor's Note: We have given dozens and dozens of cookies year-after-year to this organization through our United Methodist Women's organization.*

Events

Bake-Off & Auction

Sunday, Sept. 18th

Categories are:

Children - Cookies & Brownies;

Adults - Pies, Cakes & Yeast Products

Bring items to Fellowship Hall by 10 a.m.

(Please no refrigerated items)

Auction to be held at 12:45 p.m. during the Broasted Chicken Dinner

Three ribbons will be awarded in each category - PLUS!

The Judges Choice and "Golden Spoon Award"

Proceeds will support "The Christmas Journey" and other Drama Ministries

A Christmas Journey 2011

Christmas is getting closer! That means it's time to start work on the Christmas Journey! There are a few work projects that still need to be completed, and we need to start gathering names of people who would like to actually be in the Journey, either behind the scenes or as characters.

In the Narthex, you will find a Christmas tree with jobs and work areas. Sign your name on the sheet and take the ornament with that job as your reminder.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

A Christmas Journey

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**United Methodist Church**  
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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

**There's something for everyone!**

- Preschool Begins - Sept. 7**
- Sunday School Kick-off - Sept. 11**
- Jr/Sr High Youth Group resumes - Sept. 11**
- Sunday Evening Classes begin - Sept. 11**
- Jr/Sr High Lock-in - Sept. 16**
- Backyard Ministries resumes - Sept. 17**
- New Member classes begin - Sept. 18**
- Broasted Chicken Dinner - Sept. 18**
- Bake-Off Auction - Sept. 18**
- Endowment Gold Leaf Banquet - Sept. 22**



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