




Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church

July - August 2020

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Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day
- Sunday, July 5 – No Communion
- Sunday, July 12 – Peace with Justice Sunday Offering
- Sunday, July 19 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, July 26 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Sunday, August 2 – Communion Sunday (pending)
- Sunday, August 9 – Native American Ministries Sunday Offering
- Monday, August 10 – Wells Cluster meeting - Petroleum UMC at 6:30 PM
- Saturday, August 15– Indiana Annual Conference (Day 1)
- Sunday, August 16 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, August 30 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change



July and August Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

- 1 – Gary Cook
- 6 – Sue Chaney
- 9 – Margaret Hasler
- 12 – Sharon Espich
- 30 – Betty Cary

August

- 1 – Kolson Herstad
- 2 – Amy Horne
- 4 – Paula McAfee
- 10 – Aiden Ford
- 15 – Sandra Imel
- 25 – Jeanette Gilbert
- 30 – Mindy Drayer



****Don't forget****

- * Save your pop tabs and can tabs for Riley's Children's Hospital. Collection can at the back of the church.
- * Save your change for Children Changing the World on the last Sunday of each month.
- * To sign up for CHURCH DUTIES on sheets at back table.

A Word from Our Pastor

Things in Indiana are beginning to open up, and we are going back to some of our previously “usual” activities yet in slightly different ways. The warmer weather is partly responsible since we can go stand outside and talk to our neighbors and friends from 6 feet apart. A group of our neighbors has decided to meet in the middle of the block at 7:00 pm each evening when the weather cooperates. I’m also glad to be back worshipping in our sanctuary, and thankful for friends who’ve decided to worship with us until their church, Ft. Wayne Calvary UMC, is ready to reopen. What are you thankful for since things are opening back up?

As testing for the corona virus has increased around us, especially at nursing homes among their employees, the number of those who tested positive for the virus has increased. This is causing these nursing home employees to have to quarantine at home for 14 days even though they have never had any symptoms. I pray this doesn’t cause the reversal of recent re-openings for businesses, restaurants, and travel in our country.

New dates for the 2020 General Conference of the UMC have been announced: August 29 - September 7, 2021, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Jurisdictional Conferences will be held November 10 - 12, 2021. Our North Central Jurisdictional Conference is planned for Fort Wayne, Indiana. This means that the future separation, or any reconfiguration of our denomination unlikely to occur until some date in 2022. Keep praying for the elected delegates from our Indiana Conference, and for those from every Conference around the world, to the General Conference since the votes they cast will determine the future of the global United Methodist Church.

One of our Sunday scripture lessons for the next few weeks comes from Paul’s letter to the church in Rome, where he writes this about sin: “The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; (Romans 8:6 NIV). Spend some time this week meditating on these words from this familiar hymn.

2. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings, stirred the slumbering chords again.
3. Though sometimes he leads through waters deep, trials fall across the way,
though sometimes the path seems rough and steep, see his footprints all the way.

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

-- “There’s within My Heart a Melody,” #380 UM Hymnal, words & music by Luther B. Bridgers.

Shalom,

Pastor Karen <><



Committee News

Trustees

The church fire extinguishers were inspected and found to be inoperable, therefore, new replacements for all fire extinguishers were purchased. A bucket truck was hired to assist in repairing and replacing the shutters on the bell tower and trim pieces that had been blown off in recent storms. Thanks to all that are keeping the grass cut and sidewalks clear of cut grass and tree branches. Since the door locks were replaced a few months ago, issues inside the church have stopped. Minor issues outside the church continue, primarily with regard to landscape rocks and some trash being left on the property. We appreciate that neighbors on both sides of the church are keeping an eye on things for us.

Wells County Cluster

The next Cluster meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10 at 6:30 PM at Petroleum UMC. The plans for the Henderson Mission trip and the Bluffton Street Fair Popsicle outreach will be determined at this meeting.



If my people who are called
 by my name humble
 themselves, and pray and seek
 my face and turn from their
 wicked ways, then I will hear
 from heaven and will forgive
 their sin and heal their land.
 2 Chron 7:14

Please remember

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"God promises to make something good out of the storms that bring devastation to your life."

ROMANS 8:28



Treasure's Report

May 2020 Budget Summary	May Actual	May Budget	May Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	4,621.84	3,991.83	630.01	21,331.76	19,959.15	1,372.61
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	3,752.43	3,991.80	239.37	18,264.44	19,959.00	1,694.56
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	869.41	0.03		3,067.32	0.15	

A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.

PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.

PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.

PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."

JOHN 14:27

LifeWay

Where is John Wesley's birthplace?



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John Wesley was born June 28, 1703, in Epworth, a small town in northeast Lincolnshire, England.

His father, Samuel Wesley, was the Church of England rector of the Epworth parish. The Wesley family home, the Epworth rectory, still stands. The Queen Anne style rectory was built in 1709 to replace the family's original house, which was destroyed by fire. John Wesley, 5 years old at the time, had to be rescued from the fire. After his rescue, his mother, Susanna, sometimes referred to John as a brand plucked from the burning, a reference to Zechariah 3:2. She believed God saved her young son for a reason, a lesson John took to heart and strived to live out during his entire ministry.

John, along with his siblings, began his schooling in the rectory kitchen, with his mother as his teacher. Susanna also cared for the spiritual well-being of her 10 children by leading Sunday afternoon prayer gatherings. Eventually, many members of the congregation gathered with the family in the kitchen for the devotion time.

The Wesley children were baptized in St. Andrew's Church, where Samuel served as rector for almost 40 years. The font used to baptize all the Wesley children and the chalice used by John for his first Holy Communion remain in the church today.

The Wesley family continued to live in the rectory until Samuel Wesley died in 1735.

After becoming a priest in the Anglican Church, John returned to Epworth in 1742 as an itinerant preacher. Although barred from preaching in his childhood church, John famously preached outside it, standing on his father's tomb. He continued to return to preach in Epworth regularly until a year before his death, staying at the Red Lion Inn and preaching from the Market Cross in the center of town.

Back to School



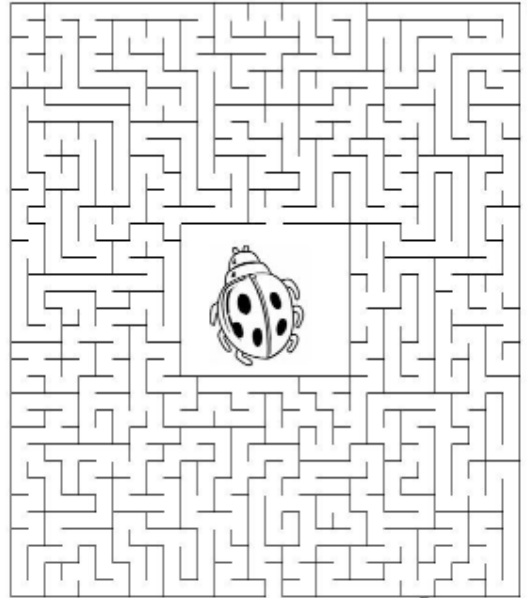
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