




# Messenger

## Uniondale United Methodist Church June 2015

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Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.



### June

#### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- 2nd-Brent & Paula McAfee**
- 4th- Madison Herstad**
- 6th-Keeghan Shuman**
- 7th- Larry & Elaine McAfee**
- 9th-Abigail Swineford**
- 13th-Kasetyn Shuman**
- 16th-Connie Hix**
- 17th- Bryan & Natalie Swineford**
- 18th- Larry McAfee**
- 19th- Kent Herstad**
- 21st-Kamdyn Shuman**
- 22nd-Tonia Evans**
- 30th- Cory Elzey**

### Upcoming Events

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| June 7        | Communion Sunday                                                                                                |
| June 14/10 AM | Worship at Elzey's Pond                                                                                         |
| June 21       | Food Bank – bring your donations<br>Get newsletter articles to Connie Hix                                       |
| June 28       | Kids “Changing the World” -bring your change                                                                    |
| July 5        | Communion Sunday                                                                                                |
| July 11       | All Church retreat – Ouabache State Park                                                                        |
| July 19       | Food Bank – bring your donations<br>Get newsletter articles to Connie Hix<br>Board Meeting after church service |
| July 26       | Kids “Changing the World” -bring your change                                                                    |

### Our Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it...*  
**Dad**  
- Author Unknown

### **\*\*Don't forget\*\***

- \* Save your pop tabs and can tabs. Collection can at the back of the church
- \* Save your change for Children Changing the World

## Thoughts from Pastor Troy

*And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named **Peter**, and **Andrew** his brother, and **James** and **John**, and **Philip**, and **Bartholomew**, and **Matthew**, and **Thomas**, and **James the son of Alphaeus**, and **Simon** who was called the Zealot, and **Judas** [also called Thaddeus or Jude] the son of James, and **Judas Iscariot**, who became a traitor.*

Jesus Christ selected 12 men from among his early followers to become his closest disciples. After an intensive discipleship course and following his resurrection from the dead, the Lord fully commissioned the apostles (Matthew 28:16-2, Mark 16:15) to advance God's kingdom and carry the gospel message to the world.

These men became the pioneering leaders of the New Testament church, but they were not without faults and shortcomings. Interestingly, not one of the chosen 12 disciples was a scholar or rabbi. They had no extraordinary skills. Neither religious, nor refined, they were ordinary people, just like you and me.

But God chose them for a purpose—to fan the flames of the gospel that would spread across the face of the earth and continue to burn bright throughout the centuries to follow. He selected and used each of these regular guys to carry out his exceptional plan.

I am so excited to be preaching a summer series on the 12 disciples—men who helped ignite the light of truth that still dwells within our hearts today and calls us to come and follow Jesus Christ. I will be starting on June 7<sup>th</sup>, starting with Andrew and finishing on September 7<sup>th</sup>. This has been on my heart for a few months, and God has opened some great resources for learning about The Church—its early beginnings.

Memorial Day is past and we start summer with beautiful weather. Remember to thank God for all His goodness, and tell others of His love.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Troy*

### **Uniondale United Methodist Vision Statement**

*“Uniondale United Methodist Church is a refuge to the surrounding Community from the bombardments of everyday life, by providing a welcoming, friendly, and Christ centered atmosphere along with a “back to the basics” traditional approach to service, music, fellowship, and community outreach.”*

#### **An unknown author once said:**

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall, but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again. A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes, but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt. A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

## **United Methodist Council of Bishops**

**May 7, 2015**

### **United Methodist Council of Bishops issues**

#### **Pastoral Letter on Racism**

BERLIN: The Council of Bishops issued a pastoral letter on racism to the 12.8 million people of The United Methodist Church affirming the sacredness of all lives and renewing their commitment to work for an anti-racist, pro-humanity church. The action came at the end of the Council's weeklong meeting in Berlin after prayerful reflection and discussion about the topic. Earlier in the week, President of the Council Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. had also issued a letter calling for prayer and healing.

The letter reads:

"Grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ!

We, the bishops of The United Methodist Church, are meeting in Berlin, Germany, 70 years after the end of World War II. As we gather, we renew our commitment to lead, as together we seek to become the beloved community of Christ.

We are a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. On every continent, people called United Methodist are boldly living the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Yet, the people of our world are hurting, as injustice, violence and racism abound. Our witness to the dignity of all human life and the reign of God is needed now more than ever.

Our hearts break and our spirits cry out, as we see reports of migrant people being attacked and burned in the streets of South Africa, note the flight of Jews from Europe, watch the plight of Mediterranean refugees and see racially charged protests and riots in cities across the United States that remind us that systems are broken and racism continues. The evidence is overwhelming that race still matters, that racism is woven into institutional life and is problematic to communal health. This reality impacts every area of life – in the church and in the world.

Racism is prejudice plus intent to do harm or discriminate based on a belief that one is superior or has freedom to use power over another based on race. Xenophobia is an unreasonable fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers or of that which is foreign or strange. Racism and xenophobia, like other sins, keep us from being whole persons capable of living up to our full potential. They deny the profound theological truth that we are made in the image of God with the handprint of love and equality divinely implanted in every soul.

As bishops of the Church, we cast a vision for a world community where human worth and dignity defeat acts of xenophobia and racism. We acknowledge that silence in the face of systemic racism and community fears serves only to make matters worse.

We commit to lead, model and engage in honest dialogue and respectful conversation and invite people of faith everywhere to join us. Let us repent of our own racial bias and abuse of privilege. May we love God more deeply and, through that love, build relationships that honor the desire of people everywhere to be seen, valued, heard and safe. As we proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, may we lead the way in seeking justice for all, investing in and trusting God's transforming power to create a world without hatred and racism.

As United Methodists, we affirm that all lives are sacred and that a world free of racism and xenophobia is not only conceivable, but worthy of our pursuit. We renew our commitment to work for a Church that is anti-racist and pro-humanity, believing that beloved community cannot be achieved by ignoring cultural, racial and ethnic differences, but by celebrating diversity and valuing all people.

"This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also." 1 John 4:21 (CEB)

#### **RESOURCES**

A New Dawn in Beloved Community: Stories with the Power to Transform Us, Linda Lee, ed., Abingdon Press, 2012

Pan-Methodist Statement on Racism from the 72nd Consultation of Methodist Bishops

Understanding and Dismantling Racism: the Twenty-First Century Challenge to White America, Joseph Barndt, Fortress Press, 2007"

#### **About the Council of Bishops**

The Council of Bishops provides leadership and helps set the direction of the 12.8 million-member church and its mission throughout the world. The bishops are the top clergy leaders of The United Methodist Church, the second largest Protestant denomination in the U.S.

## Preschool News

Our 4th year came to an end May 15<sup>th</sup>, although we didn't get to have our wet and wild day outside due to Mother Nature. We still had fun playing games in the basement. At graduation the kids dazzled their families with a sliver of what they had learned throughout the year. From counting to 10 backwards to using sign language to saying their abc's, we had a terrific year full of fun, tears, frustration, laughter, wild stories and sadness! Eleven students graduated, some on their way to kindergarten and some on their way to a second or third year of preschool. All of these kids hold a special place in our hearts, and we thank their parents for letting us be a part of their journey to kindergarten. We also want to thank the UUMC family for all their prayers, help and support over the last year and especially the last 3 years. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Charlie and I saw John. He looked good. He had been moved out of ICU and into a pediatric room. He recognized Charlie and I and just smiled and giggled. We joked that we were there to take him to preschool and he just smiled! He still doesn't have much movement on command and still can't talk. They are waiting on the insurance to approve his rehab at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, fingers crossed and prayers needed! His family thanks everyone for their continued prayers for his recovery. He has come a very long way, but still has a long road ahead of him.



**Jennifer, Charlie &  
IBEP Class of 2015**



### Please remember:

Mary Etta Blessing  
3890 W. Oak Rd.  
Bluffton, IN 46714

Bernie & Lura Burke  
3505 E. 800 N.  
Ossian, IN 46777

Betty Cary  
300 Caylor Blvd. Apt.#200  
Bluffton, IN 46714

Barb Cook  
300 Caylor Blvd. Apt. #100  
Bluffton, IN 46714

Jeanette Gilbert  
100 Caylor Blvd. Apt. #115  
Bluffton, IN 46714

Opal Gilbert  
Christian Care Retirement Comm.  
720 E. Dustman Rd.  
Bluffton, IN 46714

Margaret Hasler  
37446 Carson  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

### Committee Reports

**Education Committee** – Education will have a meeting soon to plan for our July camp out. Sunday school has ended for the summer, and we are gearing up for our summer lessons in junior church. I would like to thank all of our current teachers for all their hard work teaching our kiddos. Please start signing up for June and July teaching slots!!

**Faith Circle** -Faith Circle's final meeting of the year was held on May 17. Several women met at Pasquetti's Italian restaurant in Bluffton for a delicious buffet luncheon including many Italian favorites. Our Faith Circle/Education Committee Garage Sale will be held on June 5 - 6. Donations are still being accepted, so please bring them to Jennifer Cook's home, two houses south of the parsonage. Thank you! During the summer, Faith Circle will continue to take donations of canned or packaged food which will be delivered to the Wells County Food Bank. Thanks for your support of this mission. Our next meeting will be in the fall, with the date announced later in August.

# 12 Things Every Dad Should Say to His Kids

By Debbie McDaniel, Crosswalk.com Contributing Writer

If you are blessed to be a Dad, you've been given a priceless gift in this life. The gift of pointing your children to him. The gift of leading. The gift of loving. Your actions matter, how you choose to live makes a difference in the lives of all you know.

Words matter. Our kids need to hear them. They thrive under encouraging, supporting, heart-felt words. And young children grow up into adults and yet they still need to hear, loving words from a father's voice. Wisdom from a daddy's heart, that lives on long in the lives of others.

Here are 12 things every dad should say to his kids:

1. I love you. Period. No matter what. Unconditionally. And nothing will ever change that.
2. I believe in you. You can do it. Anything is possible. You are a winner.
3. Love God. Love your spouse.
4. I am with you. And even when you can't see me, you can be assured I'm thinking of you.
5. I am proud of you. You are beautiful. You are amazing. You have great purpose in this world.
6. Respect yourself. Respect others. Respect your Mom.
7. Your character is always more significant than your reputation. Never forget who you are and that you first belong to God. Who you are in secret is just as important as who you are in public, because God sees both.
8. I am sorry. Would you please forgive me? I forgive you.
9. I am praying for you. You have my blessing in all that God calls you to do in this life.
10. Work hard. Save some. Spend a little. Give a lot.
11. Don't take yourself too seriously. Laugh. Have fun in life. Every day is an adventure.
12. Be brave. Be strong. But always remember that it's OK to be afraid. And it's OK to cry.

Whether or not you ever heard these words from you own Dad is not the end of the story. Because God is both the beginning and the end of your story, and He speaks love over you today.

Dads, you are powerful in the lives of your kids. You are hero status. You are a solid foundation. You hold the potential for great influence in the generations to come.

Live wisely. Live well. Live strong. Live with grace. Your Father God is with you, always.

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the [faith](#), be men of courage, be strong. Do everything in love" ([1 Corinthians 16:13-14](#)).

"...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" ([Joshua 24:15](#)).

"He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge" ([Proverbs 14:26](#)).

## Happy Father's Day!



## The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden in the puzzle below.

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- Andrew
- Bartholomew
- James
- James Alpha
- John
- Judas
- Matthew
- Matthias
- Philip
- Simon
- Simon Peter
- Thaddeus
- Thomas

*This includes the original apostles and the one select to take Judas' place.*

## And Bee Renewed in the Spirit of Your Mind

### Ephesians 4:23

