

## Monthly Messenger FEBRUARY 2025

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## Souper Bowl of Caring - Through February 9

The competition is on! Sunday school classes from January 26th - February 9th, you will compete amongst each other to receive a breakfast served to you by our youth. How do you win this opportunity? Each week there will be an envelope in your classroom for monetary donations to Andrew's Harvest Food Pantry. Fill those envelopes and return on clipboard. Also, bring canned goods and other items for the pantry, leave them in your classroom to be counted. Look for updates each week in the narthex for class standings.

The class with the most monetary donations and the class with the most items will receive a breakfast. Also, Sunday, February 9th we will have an open collection after the services for our food pantry. Thank you for helping to tackle hunger and support Andrew's Harvest Food Pantry!

## From Pastor Greg Pimlott, Senior Pastor

So, it's February. How are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? Not so good?

You're not alone. Quitter's Day is a "holiday" observed on the second Friday in January. It's called that because it's the day by which many people have already abandoned their New Year's resolutions.



New Year's Eve and Day may get a lot of hype each year, but I've always found them to be a little bit of a letdown. Sure, they're a good excuse to go out dancing or get people together to play cards, but I always wake up on January 1 to find out that nothing much has changed since December 31. Turning the calendar just isn't enough to build a meaningful holiday on.

If we're being honest, most of our resolutions made on New Year's Day are not much more than glorified wishes. "I wish I ate healthier food." "I wish I had cleaner closets." "I wish I visited my family more." All of us wish some things in our life were different, but wishes aren't enough to motivate us to change. That's why Quitter's Day is a thing!

Changing something in our lives requires more than a hastily made resolution timed to the turning of the calendar. It requires long-term commitment, determination, and motivation. It needs to be based on something more significant than the changing of the year. If we want to truly change our lives, we need not wishes, but commitment.

Maybe we just need a more robust holiday to base our efforts on. In contrast to easily-made, easily-broken resolutions to clean out our closets or drop a few pounds, Easter invites us to make drastic, life-long changes: to give our heart to Christ; to commit to a lifetime of Christian service; to join a Bible study that will help us dig deeper into the words and ideas of Scripture.

Easter is a few months away, but you don't need to wait until then to make a life-changing commitment of faith! If you want help thinking through what that might look like, give me a call. I'll be glad to help.

## **All-Church Visioning Retreat**

YOU are invited to Christ Indy UMC's All-Church Visioning Retreat! Join Rev. Greg Pimlott and members and friends of CIUMC who are passionate about growing the ministries and witness of our church. Here's what you can expect when you come to the church annex (the room next to the Fellowship Hall) on **Saturday, March 1 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm:** 

- · A short worship service with a reflection by Greg to start the morning
- Discussion about our church's mission and vision
- A brainstorming session on the theme "In the Shadow of the Steeple," resulting in six-month, twelve-month, two-year, and three-year goals for our church
- A delicious lunch will be provided
- The chance to be part of visioning the future of Christ Indianapolis United Methodist Church
- Clarity about the ways that God is calling us forward as a church

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## Outreach Committe News February Housewares Drive for Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis



The Outreach Committee met on January 8, 2025, to discuss 2025 funding needs for CIUMC Outreach programs and other projects for 2025.

In 2024, the Outreach Committee supported outreach efforts of Christ Indianapolis UMC, including Andrew's Harvest food pantry general budget assistance and hospitality needs (\$7,400.00 total), hosting IMPD roll-call meals, Easter Eggstravaganza, VBS snacks, back-to-school splash, trunk or treat, breakfast with Jesus and Santa, and other projects. In 2024, we also made \$2,000.00 grants to Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis, Johnson County KIC-IT, and Exodus Refugee and Immigration. All these outreach-related expenditures are made from proceeds of the CIUMC annual fish fry. The final reported profit of the 2024 Fish Fry was \$15,825.00.

The next project planned by the Outreach Committee will be a February housewares and furnishings drive for one of the more than 20 apartments leased by Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis to house homeless families. With the assistance of Family Promise caseworkers and after-care providers, vetted homeless families are helped to get on their feet and regain self-sufficiency after many adverse life events. The families are helped to obtain employment and/or government assistance to qualify for their own apartment or obtain other housing within an average of 120 days. Then the apartments that were leased for them by Family Promise are either leased in their own name or occupied by a new homeless family. The families keep the donated housewares and furnishings in their apartment after they take over the lease, or move out.

The housewares and furnishings needed for the Family Promise apartment include kitchen and household items, small kitchen appliances, a flatscreen TV with remote, kitchen table and chairs, TV trays, lamps and end tables, vacuum, cleaning supplies, bathroom items, towels, mattress pads, sheets and blankets (XL twin and queen sizes) and many more items. The donated items do not have to be brand new. Gently used items in good condition are perfectly acceptable. Gift cards on the list will be used by the Outreach Committee to stock food for the family's cupboards, refrigerator and freezer, and by Family Promise managers to provide additional needed items for the families. A complete sign-up list and board with pull-off tab hearts will be in the narthex during February. We thank the congregation for their past and future support for this project to help homeless families.

## **Mission Guatemala Stock Sale**

#### Mission Team Guatemala Stock Sale Begins January 26!

Check out our mission team! Support one or more of our team members and receive "stock" in them. We are asking



that you prayerfully support your selected team member for the next few months and especially while we are in Guatemala. Upon our return, you will be invited to a dinner where we will speak of our adventures while working alongside Guatemalans. Look for our table set up in the Narthex.

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## From Becky Morris, Music Director

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We welcome in February with songs of praise to the Lord. When you sing songs the words stay with you longer.

When February arrives each year, the subject of Love seems to come to the forefront because of the 14th. Yes, there really was a man named Saint Valentine who lived back in the third century. There are many hymns that feature Love as the focal point. The one I've chosen certainly expresses the subject at hand very well.

Naı	me This Hymn.	O Love	that will	not let m	ne go	
O L	ight that fóllov	vs all my wa	y		Ū	
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O Joy that seekest me through pain....

O Cross that liftest up my head

O Cross that liftest up my head.....

Look for the answer in the newsletter on page 6.

#### Rehearsal Schedule

Resurrection Bells: Wed. Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 11:00 -12:00 Noon Chancel Choir: Thurs. Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm Music with Becky: Sun. Feb. 9, 16 & 23 | 9:45 -10:15 am

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 to rehearse the anthem for 15 minutes if you aren't able to make Thursday nights possible. We would Love to have you♥

#### Save the Date

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon concert with The West Winds Big Band February 23 | 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary

When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of LOVE RUSHES IN. In Song, Becky

Andrew's Harvest Food Pantry Update

Andrew's Harvest Food Pantry had a record year in 2024 serving 3,117 families which included over 14,000

individuals! Such success brings additional challenges. The two most immediate needs are for more volunteers, especially for the next few months, and increased monetary donations as food prices continue to go up. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the pantry, please contact Will Mays at 317-373-7771 or wlmays69@gmail.com.

## Monthly Family Activity A Free Resource from Ignite Parenting

Scripture Psalm 51:10, ESV Create in me a clear heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Activity Draw portraits of each other.

How-To

- 1. Find some paper and pencils/markers/crayons.
- 2. Sit across from each other.
- 3. Draw portraits of each other and then show them to each other when everyone is done.

  Alternative Activity Have a craft night using random household supplies

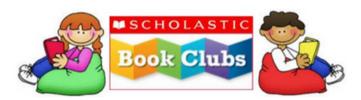
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## From Jennifer Land, Preschool/Childcare Director



Preschool registration is coming soon. Watch for details to follow. Don't forget! If you are looking for children' books, use our scholastic code via the link below. When you purchase books through Scholastic using our class code, the preschool gets free classroom supplies.

https://shop.scholastic.com/parentecommerce/parent-store.html Class Code: RBKIY



## From the Board of Trustees

Brrr! It is cold outside! In an effort to ensure the church stays warm, we need your help! Please make sure you are not propping exterior doors open and letting all that cold air in! That includes the inside doors at each entrance.

When it's cold – there's snow and ice! We do our best to ensure the parking lot is cleared and the walkways are salted – but please be careful when walking through the parking lot and walkways. Bitterly cold temps can cause small amounts of water to freeze rapidly, leaving slick spots.

You know in the Titanic, at the beginning of the movie, when older Rose is visiting the wreckage site, and she says "It's been 84 years..." That's how it feels about the updated sign along US 31. However, I have been told that we will have a permit in hand within the next two weeks! We are excited to have this new sign installed. The Indiana Department of Transportation Traffic Count Database indicates nearly 38,000 vehicles pass through the intersection of US 31 and Stop 12 Road – each day. With the addition of a new traffic signal installed at the entrance of our parking lot, we are excited to have the ability to readily advertise events, spread messages of hope, and inform people of our church services!

As always, if you have questions or concerns – feel free to reach out to Damon Cox or David Haehnle.



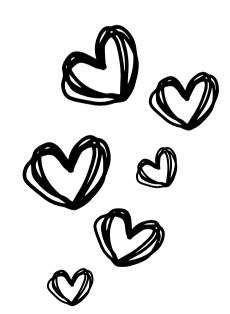
# Happy Birthday

- 2.02 Tommy Sharpe
- 2.04 Kristi Cox
- 2.04 Sharrod Brown
- 2.07 Ruth Clay
- 2.07 Will Mays
- 2.07 Joe Tutterow
- 2.08 Emily Alesia
- 2.08 Betty Hendricks
- 2.08 Don Pollachek
- 2.11 Dana Hersberger
- 2.11 Virginia Reynolds
- 2.12 Nanette Hammond
- 2.12 Chelsea Roberts
- 2.12 Sophia Valant
- 2.14 Wanda Brinkerhoff
- 2.14 Jane Graff
- 2.15 Julie Bingham
- 2.15 Bethany Hartman
- 2.15 Jon Pitman
- 2.16 Beth Hutson
- 2.16 John Parsons
- 2.17 Richard Stocker
- 2.18 Roseanna Brown

- 2.18 Katrina Thackery
- 2.19 Joyce Brown
- 2.19 Peyton Land
- 2.20 Matthew Cox
- 2.20 Lisa Spiegel
- 2.21 Brandy Burgess
- 2.21 Tracy Cox
- 2.22 Mary Thurman
- 2.23 Josh Douglas
- 2.23 Brandon Hargis
- 2.23 Thelma Moran
- 2.24 Lilly Boyd
- 2.24 Ella French
- 2.25 Ainsley Merrell
- 2.27 John Hollingsworth
- 2.27 Alex Sabo
- 2.28 Mackenzie Carr
- 2.28 Jerry Sherer



- 2.02 Greg Delp & Dawn Wilson
- 2.13 Rob & Becky Gooding
- 2.17 Mike & Roseanna Brown
- 2.25 Harry & Joan Cartwright



Music Department Question of the Month:

ANSWER: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go PAGE 6

## Thank You Notes



Thank you so much for allowing us to meet in your space. Getting to use your building is truly a blessing and we are so grateful. Thank you! We also want to thank you for all the work being put into this building. Thank you for the upgrades to the furnaces, new tables, and the new closet shelves. Everything is much nicer. Thank you for all the effort and care being put in to this place. You have done a fantastic job! Thank you!!! With Love and Care, The S.O.S. Group of Narcotics Anonymous.

Thank you for your recent gift to Fletcher Place Community Center. As we continue to celebrate 150 years of service to our community, we continue to see unprecedented need for our services. Our Hope Starts Here campaign will make a significant difference in the lives of the families we serve and allow us to continue to meet those needs whether hunger for food or hunger for education. We are so grateful for your support that gives HOPE, COMPASSION, and RENEWAL as we strive to break the cycle of poverty for our neighbors. - Melissa Drew, Executive Director

We are so grateful for your donation that enables the Gospel work to happen worldwide. God continues to bless OMS through the generosity of donors like you!

Thank you for your gift. It is deeply appreciated and gratefully received. Through its varied ministries, Joy in the Harvest is reaching Africans with Christ's love. Your generosity makes it possible for our work to continue. - Lowell & Claudia Wertz

Thank you for your recent gifts to Samaritan's Purse. We are deeply grateful for your partnership. We are a nonprofit Christian relief and evangelism organization that specializes in meeting the needs of victims of war, poverty, disease, and natural disaster, while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.- Franklin Graham

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, words of encouragement, cards (especially from the YES class). The support from my Sunday school class, the Remnants. Also thanks to Pastor Greg for coming to the Surgery Center for prayer before my surgery. - Nancy Temple

Thank you! Thank you to everyone who sent cards at Christmas, especially Beth with pictures. I loved them! - Norma Jean Whitley

Clyde & I want to thank the church members for all their prayers and many Christmas cards. We appreciate all your love and concern. Love, Clyde & Marlene McAdams

We want to thank you for all the Christmas cards from the SS classes. We enjoyed them all and thanks to Roseanna for the delivery and delicious cookies. Love you all! - The Brentons

Thank you all so much! I really enjoyed reading all of the Christmas cards. I really appreciate all of you thinking of me. - Carolyn Bullock

Thank you! So many of our homebound have responded with words of thanks, overwhelming joy of receiving Christmas cards from so many people in our congregation. Thank you all for making this possible.

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## In Sympathy

Please keep the family and friends of Eloise Cala in your prayers, especially her son, Dave Cala and his wife Susie, grandchildren, Kathy Lawrence and Andy Cala as well as her great-grandchildren. Eloise passed on January 2nd, 2025.



Please keep the family and friends of Ronnie Brenton in your prayers, especially his wife, Janet for his passing on January 13, 2025.-grandchildren.

## Save the Dates

February 11th - Worship Committee March 1st 10am - 2:30pm All Church Visioning Retreat- Childcare and lunch provided.

March 2nd 5pm - Chili-cook-off VBS

**Fundraiser** 

March 4th - Staff Parish

March 5th - Ash Wednesday

March 11th - Trustees

March 18th - Finance

April 6th- Basket Auction for Camp

Scholarships

April 8th - Worship Committee

April 17th - Maundy Thursday

April 18th - Good Friday

April 19th - Easter Eggstravaganza

April 20th Easter

May 4th - Spring Tea

## **Winter Nutrition Considerations**

#### By Midori Adams

Unfortunately, I don't think anyone is wearing their sunglasses and sporting sunkissed skin at the moment, and it's pretty obvious why. During the winter months, the sun is not giving off the same intensity of rays as it does during the summer, or even other seasons. Although we may feel a bit gloomy because of it, it does carry some other implications on our health. When we expose our skin to the sun, our bodies synthesize vitamin D, an essential micronutrient. This occurs quite efficiently during the months of greater sunlight, but during the winter, this process is greatly reduced. Why is this important? For our older individuals especially, as it's linked to bone health.

Vitamin D allows for the increased availability and absorption of calcium, an essential mineral contained in the structure of our bones, and when in adequate levels, reduces the risk of fractures and injury. When vitamin D synthesis and consumption are low, the absorption of calcium follows suit. How do we fix this during the winter? The first best answer is through consuming food sources of vitamin D. Luckily, many of these sources are also rich in calcium, compounding the effects of both micronutrients. Some sources look like fortified foods such as breakfast cereals, milk, some orange juices, and other dairy products, like cheese and yogurt. Other sources include tuna, eggs, mushrooms, salmon, sardines, and halibut. Start incorporating some vitamin D sources into your diet this winter, and give your body the effect of a summer vacation without the sun!

## From the Youth Department



JAM? WE R 1? WAREHOUSE 242? Who are we? We are a group of youth from all different walks of life that love Jesus! Each week we meet at 5:30 pm for a meal, games, and lessons. Do all of the youth have families that attend our church? No, actually we have several youth that do not attend our church. Invite your friends and neighbors! We would love to have them join us!

A big THANK YOU to Jenn Land and Julie Pimlott, along with the Trendsetters and the Crossroads Sunday School classes for providing Youth Group dinners during the months of December and January. Your gifts of service were delicious and very much appreciated!

Youth Upcoming dates

February 2 - 5:30-7:30pm

February 7- Setup for Evening in Tuscany

February 8 - Evening in Tuscany

February 9- Souper Bowl of Caring collection

February 9- NO Youth Group

February 16 - NO Youth Group

February 23 - 5:30-7:30pm



## **An Evening in Tuscany**



The 19th annual fundraiser dinner for youth will be held on **Saturday, February 8th.**Appetizers will begin at 5:30pm with dinner and music to follow. This event is a fundraiser for youth events as well as a fundraiser for camp scholarships. Last year we sent over 20 youth to church camp, thanks to the support from our church! We thank you for the dedication and support you have shown over the years. Tickets will be on sale from January 19th thru February 2nd. You may still purchase at the door if needed. Earlybird tickets are \$15. Cost for tickets after January 23rd will be \$17.50/ticket. The same price as last year! Dinner will include appetizers, chicken, pasta and sauce, vegetables, breadsticks, salad, and of course cheesecake!

### **Conference News**

From the Conference: The Bishop and Cabinet gathered last week in retreat to continue to do the redistricting work of reimagining the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church. The retreat was centered in prayer and guided by the Holy Spirit, as we intentionally processed all that was learned throughout the 2024 Charge Conference season. From October through December, each of the seven Superintendents presented a unified message that informed the congregations and clergy about the process of redistricting. A draft of the proposed geographical boundary lines was presented, and all who attended the Charge Conferences were invited to provide feedback to the following questions:

- What do you believe congregations, clergy, and laity will need missionally as we move from 10 to 5 districts?
- How can the Conference, via the districts, best serve the congregations of the Indiana Annual Conference?
- What do you see as unique opportunities with the expanded areas?
- What can you offer to be the district names?

The information from the 800+ respondents was compiled, and the common themes that needed attention were the following: Communication, Connection/Relationships, Collaboration, Consistency, and Presence. Additionally, there was expressed interest for the district names to continue to be directional.

The Bishop and Cabinet took into careful consideration each response. They informed the decisions and work in relationship to the foundational values for the missional purpose of districts, the naming of the districts, and the formation of the district structure and leadership.

The local church is the most significant arena for disciple-making, and we are committed to equipping and resourcing the local church to increase their capacity for making disciples. The local church's mission field, the local church's mission, how a local church worships, and how a local church disciples will not change with the redistricting. The values that were foundational in forming the new districts include: providing greater alignment of resources to the local church, creating systems to increase connection and collaboration, ensuring there will be intentional bi-directional communication, and having a more equitable balance of responsibilities for the superintendents.

#### **NEW DISTRICT NAMES**

Effective July 1, 2025, the new district names will be:

- Southern Rivers District
- West Central Plains District
- Northern Lakes District
- Eastern Rivers District
- East Central Heights District

#### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ASSIGNMENTS

Effective July 1, 2025, the Bishop's Assignment of District Superintendents are:

Southern Rivers District- To Be Appointed West Central Plains District- Rev. Dr. Saneta Maiko Northern Lakes District- Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy Eastern Rivers District- Rev. Russ Abel East Central Heights District- Rev. Dr. In Suk Peebles

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## Conference News Continued from previous page DISTRICT PURPOSE/STRUCTURE/STAFFING

Our working definition and purpose of the district is:

An extension of our collective witness as the Indiana Conference,

A connection between the local church and the resources of the Conference,

To build and foster relationships,

To support and resource clergy, lay leadership, and congregations,

To encourage and cultivate "the call" of all persons,

To serve as a vehicle of mission.

The structure for each new district will have a District Missional Strategy Team (DMS Team), comprised of twelve (12) persons, which will include the District Lay Leader, the Superintendency Chairperson, the Church Building and Location Chairperson, and an Emerging Leader. This team replaces the former Operational Team and will operate similarly to the "one board model." This team will come alongside the district superintendent to provide district governance, engage ministry partnerships, provide connection within the district, care for and support of the district superintendent, and continue to foster the vision of the Indiana Conference and further the mission of The United Methodist Church. Each district will continue to have a District Committee on Ministry (dCOM), a Disaster Response Team, and United Women in Faith.

There will be great intention to recruit persons from across the district, with emphasis on inclusion and diversity. The paid staffing of the new districts will be served by no more than three, 1/4-time, Associate District Superintendents; and one District Administrative Assistant. There will be a process for discernment and these persons will be named in future updates.

#### **OUR CONNECTION**

The new districts will create a connecting system to provide opportunities for learning, nurturing, and connection. This ecosystem of connection will be called "Life Together." We will be ALL IN to do life together, share life together, and be the church together as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. More information about this new ecosystem will be forthcoming.

There are ongoing conversations and work being done to ensure better collaboration between the district and Conference programming. This will help to reduce redundancy, provide greater access, and make available relevant resources to the local church.

We are ALL IN and on the move, multiplying love, cultivating joy, and inspiring hope, as we live into this new year and in great anticipation of our shared "Life Together."

Bishop Tracy S. Malone

## Forever Young Senior Exercise Class

When we age (gracefully) our everyday life may become harder to maintain flexibility & strength.

Movement and exercise are the best remedy for stiffness. These exercise classes will cater to each person's abilities. We will be working on balance, and getting our bodies some well needed stretching & workout. If you need to start out with a chair, that's fine. You will be amazed at how much better you will feel after your workouts and the friendships you will make in this class. These classes are offered on Tuesdays from 5 - 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Christ Indianapolis United Methodist Church for \$40 for 4 class a month. We accept cash or checks made payable to Sherry Brown. Wear those tennis shoes and bring a bottle of water and I'll see you there!

## Thank you, church

Thank you, church.

For several months now I have sat down in an attempt to write a newsletter article. I certainly don't mind writing; I find it a soothing experience for the stress one experiences during everyday life. I would not say, by any means, that I am a "good writer", I just always have something to say – which is both a gift and a fault. Each month I would sit down and attempt to come up with different subjects to write about, something that has happened, something upcoming, something thought provoking – and each month I came up blank. But as the year 2024 comes to a close and we move into a new year with new beginnings, aspirations, and stories – I did some reflection, and I just want to say, thank you, church.

I joined the staff of Christ Indy UMC and the congregation just over ten years ago. I was 22 years old and had been married for 58 days and unemployed for close to the same. In those ten years, I have experienced a tremendous number of life changing moments. Some of these moments proved difficult, unmanageable, and a struggle while other moments turned out to be something more extraordinary than I ever could have imagined. When I was waiting for a career opportunity out of college, guess who was there offering random jobs at their homes and their businesses, offering advice, prayer and support? This church.

When surgeries happened and hospital stays occurred with no end in sight, when stress became too much, when emotions become overwhelming, guess who was there offering me prayer, comfort, and a shoulder to lean on? This church.

When my children were born, guess who was there with open arms to provide meals, assistance, and guidance? This church.

These are a glimpse of the things that I, one person, have experienced over the last decade. When you sit back and take some time to think about the impact that this church has had on the community over the last sixty years, it's simply astonishing. We don't have a lot of the fancy things that other churches have, nor do we have a big budget, a brand-new building, or a large staff to handle every small thing that happens. But we do have a church full of incredible people, genuine people, who have a deep passion for serving God and when a need is present, they are too.

In April of last year, I had the honor of presenting the Sunday message to you. During that time, we covered three objectives: (1) God uses small moments and small things to complete extraordinary moments and extraordinary things; (2) All are significant in making an impact on our commUNITY; and (3) God is using us to do big things. I still believe these things to be true, and I still believe that despite all of the tough moments that have taken place within these walls over the last sixty years, we never strayed from serving those who needed it most, which is the biggest thing of all! None of that would have been possible with you.

It's always impressive to see the sheer number of volunteers that turn out for large events like Vacation Bible School or the Fish Fry, which happens to be my favorite event of the year, not only because it's delicious, but because of the tremendous amount of fellowship that takes place amongst each other.

There simply are not adequate words I could use to express the overwhelming joy I feel and emotions I experience when I witness my boys (6 and 2) experience such love, grace, and patience provided by this church. Despite times when they are making too much noise during a church council meeting, finance meeting, or Sunday morning service. I could not possibly explain to you the relief and happiness I feel knowing that my boys will grow up in a healthy, thriving, and loving congregation.

This church has been pivotal in the further development of my relationship with Jesus, and it will be the very foundation of the faith of my children, to which I am grateful. Thank you, church, for being a light in this community. - Damon Cox

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## From the Education Team



SAVE THE DATE!!!!! NOTICE VBS IS IN JULY!!! Due to changes in vacation schedules, **VBS will now be July 6-10th**. Mark your calendars now for our Alaskan Adventure! Each night will take us through a different aspect of Jesus' life from birth to teaching to resurrection and the Great Commission. We are looking for some amazing volunteers who have a passion about God's word and a love of children. If you are interested in being apart of this amazing week of outreach - contact Beth Hutson or Terri Haehnle.

Speaking of VBS! Our annual **Chili Cook-off/Dessert Bake-Off**. VBS fundraiser is next month! March 2nd at 5pm. Categories are regular chili, fire-engine hot chili, poultry, and exotic chili. And what better way to end the evening but with a dessert bake-off. Categories will be cookies, bar desserts, cake, or cheesecakes.

- Ways to participate-Bring a chili for entry
- Bring a dessert for entry
- · Show up and taste!

How does this work? It costs \$1/spoon to taste for the evening. Each entry will have a basket for voting. How do I vote? You vote with your monetary donations. There will be a winner in each category. And best of all! All proceeds will benefit our 2025 True North VBS!

#### **Bible Studies in February:**

- Monday nights beginning February 3rd at 6:30pm- Bible Stories for Grown-ups by Josh Scottfacilitated by Terri Haehnle. Cost of book \$17. We will NOT meet February 17th.
- Wednesday nights beginning February 26th at 7pm- Ephesians- A Study of Faith and Practices. Who is God? Who Am I? and Who am I in the light of who He is? In this 7-session study, Bible teachers, authors, and friends Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes, and Melissa Kruger walk through the book of Ephesians, examining the invaluable truths Paul's letter holds for us today. Along the way, they'll help us understand the riches of our inheritance as daughters of our heavenly Father, as well as what it means to walk in a manner worthy of our calling. Study will be facilitated by Melody Frazee. Cost of book \$21 (includes video access).



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday - Office Closed. Appointments for other times can be arranged.

#### **Church Staff**

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Terri Haehnle, Christian Education
Jennifer Land, Preschool Director
Damon Cox, Facilities Coordinator
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## The Five Pillars of Christ Indianapolis United Methodist Church

- 1. Fellowship
- 2. Service
- 3. Prayer
- 4. Community
- 5. Witness

## Sundays

9:00 am: Sanctuary

Worship

10:15 am: Sunday School

(All Ages)

11:15am: THIRST Worship

in Fellowship Hall