



Monthly Messenger

MARCH 2025

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Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Bake-Off **Sunday, March 2 | 5 PM**

Our annual Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Bake-Off VBS fundraiser is this Sunday! 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!

From Pastor Greg Pimlott, Senior Pastor

On Saturday, March 1, members and friends of Christ Indy UMC who are interested in the future growth and direction of the church will gather from 10 am to 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our All-Church Visioning Retreat. Here's what we'll do during our time together:

- We'll talk about where God has brought us as a congregation so far and where God might be leading us.
- We'll discuss our core values—the fundamental characteristics that make us who we are.
- We'll brainstorm our hopes and dreams—and even our wildest ideas—of activities, missions and ministries for our church to get involved with.
- We'll share a delicious meal together, so come hungry!
- We'll set a number of six-month, one-year, two-year, and—if we're really ambitious—even three-year goals.

So, why are we having an All-Church Visioning Retreat?

- The past five years have been eventful for you as a congregation. Between the COVID-19 pandemic, the season of disaffiliations in the United Methodist Church, and several pastoral transitions, you've made it through some challenging times with grace and courage. While we can't predict what the future will hold, now is the time to plan for a season of stability in which we can grow existing ministries and develop new ones.
- During the eight months I've been your pastor, we've gotten to know each other and begun to build trust. Now it's time for our future to begin to take shape as we work together to grow the ministry of Jesus Christ here at the corner of Stop 12 and US 31.
- This fall will be the 60th anniversary of the founding of Christ Indianapolis United Methodist Church! With this in mind, we might choose to tie some of our six-month and one-year goals into a celebration of 60 years of ministry for CIUMC (but only if we decide together).
- Visioning brings churches together. When we all have a voice in the direction the church is headed and a common purpose to work toward, it unites us. Unity makes us stronger as a congregation.
- Visioning is fun! You can expect to work hard at the All-Church Visioning Retreat, as we're aiming to accomplish a lot in a short amount of time. You can also expect to laugh! CIUMC is a fun church, and some folks will bring ideas that—whether or not we choose to use them—will delight us and make us think about our congregation in a new way.

The discernment of the Holy Spirit is, by its very nature, a group project. This means the more people we have, the more effectively we can discern the Holy Spirit's vision for Christ Indy UMC. I look forward to seeing you at the All-Church Visioning Retreat!

From the Trustees

Spring is a season of renewal—trees burst into bloom, flowers emerge from the soil, and the warmth of the sun begins to take over. Of course, along with the beauty of spring comes the less welcome guests: allergens swirling in the air, bees buzzing about, and weeds popping up faster than we can pull them—especially around a 60,000-square-foot building!



Keeping the outdoor spaces tidy is no small task, but this year, the Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining the flower beds, keeping them free of weeds and debris—and we need your help! Whether you can spare 10 minutes or an entire day, every effort makes a difference.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office, where you can mark the areas, you've worked on and when. Let's work together to keep our grounds looking their best this spring!

Have you ever wondered what the Building Fund is and what purpose it serves? Originally, it replaced the "Debt Retirement" fund after the church mortgage was paid off many years ago. Since then, the Board of Trustees has relied on the Building Fund to cover important projects and maintenance needs that go beyond the scope of the regular church budget.

From upgrading the HVAC system to installing a new alarm system or adding security cameras around the property, the Building Fund ensures that we can keep our church safe, functional, and well-maintained. These improvements not only enhance the building itself but also help create a welcoming and secure environment for everyone who walks through our doors.

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the Building Fund so we can continue making these necessary improvements. Our goal is to stay ahead of maintenance and repairs—preventing small issues from turning into larger, more costly problems down the road.

Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a part in keeping our church in the best possible condition for years to come. Thank you for your support and for being a vital part of our church family!

Mission Guatemala Stock Sale

Stock Sales will continue over the next month as we prepare for our upcoming mission trip. We are so excited to have 17 people going on our trip from the ages of 7 and up! This is the largest group we have taken and we are all very excited to be going. The cost of our trip alone is \$1500 plus many have to get passports, vaccinations, etc. The purchase of stock helps us offset our costs. Also, the donation is tax deductible like your regular offering. Please consider sponsoring one or more of our group. Thank you!



From Becky Morris, Music Director



As winter fades and spring emerges, March brings a unique blend of history, traditions, and natural wonders.

Did you know the hymn, *Be Thou My Vision* was of Irish origin?

Music Rehearsal Schedule:

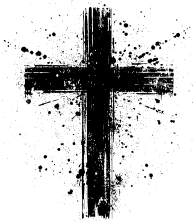
Resurrection Bells: Wed. March 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 11:00 — 12:00 Noon
If interested in learning how to play bells, please join us.

Chancel Choir: Thurs. March 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 6:00 — 7:30 pm
If you can't make choir rehearsal on Thursday but would like to sing with us, please join us on Sunday morning by 8:30am.

Music with Becky: Sun. March 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 9:45 — 10:15 am

Hope is the Music of the soul that keeps us dancing through life!

In Song,
Becky



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE MARCH 5 AT 7PM IN MAIN SANCTUARY



Beginning this month, communion will be offered both the first and third Sundays of the month. For the month of March, communion will be offered March 2nd and March 16th. Java with Jesus will move to the fourth Sunday of the month to accommodate timing.

From Jennifer Land, Preschool/Childcare Director

CUMC Preschool and Childcare Fee Structure 2025-2026 School Year

<u>6 wks.—12 mos.</u>	12-24mos.	2's	3's and 4's	Pre-K	Extended Care
\$250	\$250	\$180	\$190	\$200	\$50

Tuition Fees

Class Option	Monthly	Class Days	Class Hours	Extended Care Available
Full Time Infant	\$1,250	> 25 hrs. a week	7:00am-5:30pm	_____
Part Time Infant	\$900	< 25 hrs. a week	7:00am-5:30pm	_____
Full Time Toddler	\$1050	> 25 hrs. a week	7:00am-5:30pm	_____
Part Time Toddler	\$880	> 25 hrs. a week	7:00am-5:30pm	_____
3 Days	\$450	T/W/Th	10:00am-2:00pm	Yes
4 Days	\$585	M/T/W/Th	10:00am-2:00pm	Yes
5 Days	\$650	M /T/W /Th /F	10:00am-2:00pm	Yes
Extended Care	\$275	M/T/W/Th/F	7:00am-10:00am & 2:00-5:30pm	_____



NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL



MARCH

Happy Birthday

HAPPY Anniversary

- 1- Emily Matthews
- 2- Tyler Scott
- 3- Nick Brammann
- 3- Jeff Bullock
- 3- Kelsey Mayse
- 4- Rozlee Russell
- 5- Jason Inman
- 5- Myelin Lewis
- 6- Abby Messersmith
- 6- Carey Moore
- 8- David Charnstrom
- 8- Timothy Clark
- 9- Linda Banta
- 9- Teena Crist
- 9- Janet Nowlin
- 10- Liz Cala
- 10- Harry Cartwright
- 10- Jeanine King
- 10- Bob Sabo
- 11- Jennifer Garner
- 11- Marilyn Thale
- 12- Mia Embrey
- 12- Oumpounini Lompo
- 12- Jim Pitman
- 13- Erik Karpinski
- 14- Andrea Brown
- 14- Grant Embrey
- 14- Rich Kakoczki

- 14- Keith Spenny
- 14- Ruby Thompson
- 15- Angie Stephenson
- 16- Hazel Carnagua
- 17- Kaileb Luyk
- 18- Jerry Bristow
- 18- Jennifer Walls
- 20- Arvinder Rao
- 20- Adam Walls
- 21- Lindsay Alexander
- 21- Luke Burgess
- 21- Leah Qualls
- 22- Bill Banker
- 22- John Winter
- 23- Katie Eilerman
- 23- Grace Poe
- 23- Corinne Schnepp
- 23- Mya Taylor
- 24- Stan Collins
- 24- Pat Hasecuster
- 24- Mike Morris
- 24- Erin Valant
- 24- Rita Woodruff
- 25- Alyssa Bingham
- 27- Carol Morris
- 27- Austin Stephenson
- 28- Charles Paget II
- 28- Daniel Pimlott
- 29- Sherry Rose

- 2- Sam & Robbie Radicella
- 11- Jason & Amy Kallio
- 12- Mike & Patt Quattrocchi
- 16- Denny & Kathy Lawrence
- 18- Brian & Whitney Hall
- 28- Mike & Janis Dutton
- 31- Shawn & Erin Craig

Thank You!



THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support the Youth at Evening in Tuscany. With your help, we were able to raise over \$1500 for youth activities as well as over \$550 for camp scholarships.

A big THANK YOU to the Remnants Sunday School class and Jenny Gabbard for providing Youth Group dinners during February! Your gifts of service were delicious and very much appreciated!

Thank you from Fletcher Place Community Center- Dear friends at Christ Indianapolis UMC. Many blessings to your church family as we've entered 2025! Thank you so much for your generosity! 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.

Servant's Heart of Indy- On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Servant's Heart of Indy, Inc. thank you for your continued, generous support of this organization.

Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis- On behalf of all of us at Family Promise, thank you so much for your generosity last year. It was a pivotal year for the staff here at FPGI with promising transitions and additions to the team. With a full roster, our programs have expanded with the Apartment Shelter Program at a capacity of 28 units (3 of which are part of winter contingency), and Diversion and Aftercare serving a record number of families as well. We look forward to a bright and impactful 2025!

Here are just a few examples of what you made possible last year:

- Case management for 177 Diversion and 209 Aftercare members
- Shelter for 185 Apartment Shelter Program members (105 children)
- Investing \$283,598.71 on families in our programs for things such as first month's rent, job certifications, childcare, and transportation from the Family Assistance fund- an initiative that you have continued since 2016!

The need continues to grow, but your continued support has been monumental in navigating the journey of homelessness and helped pave the way for a path to permanent housing for our families! We know that we couldn't do the work we do without each and every one of you. Thank you for your support!

In Sympathy

Please keep the friends and family of Ronald Brenton in your prayers, especially his wife Janet. Ronnie went home to the Lord on January 15, 2025.

Please keep the friends and family of Shirley Haines in your prayers. Shirley went home to the Lord on January 16, 2025.

Please keep the friends and family of Lynda Prather in your prayers, especially her niece Whitney Hall. Lynda went home to the Lord on January 31, 2025.



March Meetings

March 4th- Staff Parish Relations Committee 6pm
March 10th- Stephen Ministry 6pm
March 10th- Missions Team Meeting 7pm
March 11th- Trustees 7pm
March 12th- Guatemala Team Meeting 6pm
March 18th- Finance Committee 7pm

Save the Dates

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17 @ 7pm

Prior to the service at 6pm the choir will sponsor a soup pitch-in! More information to come! But join as a church family before service to enjoy a bowl of hot soup and bread.

Good Friday Service

April 18 @ 7pm

Easter Eggstravaganza

April 19 @ 9am-10:45am

Free Pancake Breakfast

Egg Hunt @ 10:30am

Easter Sunday Services

April 20th

9am & 11:15am

Faith Promise Sunday

April 27th

Ladies Tea at Christ Indy

Sunday, May 4th 2-4 PM

Fellowship Hall

Speaker - Kathy Buck representing Book Pillows of Hope

VBS 2025



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.

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!

Youth Upcoming Dates

- **March 2- 5:00-7:30 (chili cook-off)**
- **March 9- 5:30-7:30**
- **March 16- 5:30-7:30**
- **March 23- 5:30-7:30**
- **March 28- Cookies and Canvas 2-4pm**
- **March 30- NO Youth Group**



IMPACT 2818: Outdoor Ministries
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana



Going to church camp is one thing many of our youth look forward to in the summer. Impact 2818 outdoor ministries offer camp opportunities all over the state of Indiana- from Rivervale, Indicoso, and Moneto in the south and Lakewood, Pine Creek and Epworth in the north. Traditionally our high school and middle school youth attend camp at Camp Indicoso. This year, that week of camp will be June 29th- July 4th. There are many camps for elementary ages that vary from 3 days to 5 days a week. The cost for a week long camp is \$389 per youth. That is down \$40 from last year! Our youth fundraisers like Evening in Tuscany and Silent Easter Auction Baskets help us offset the costs for camp but other funding sources are always needed. If a Sunday school class would like to sponsor a youth please reach out to Terri Haehnle, Damon Cox (Senior High Camp Director) or Amanda Schnepf.

If there is a youth that would like to register for camp or a family that is interested in more information please reach out to us as well. There are camp codes available to offer a 75% percent discount plus if it is your first year to camp- we will cover \$100%.

United Women in Faith

Ladies of Christ Church,

Please join us for the first meeting of United Women in Faith.

The United Methodist Women transformed into United Women in

Faith in 2022. Who are the United Women in Faith: We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. This gathering will be an opportunity for ladies to get together, eat a bit, we are Methodist, hear a speaker from a women's program in the church, and plan what we want UWF to be in our church.

First gathering is Sunday, April 6th at 5 PM in the conference Room. We guarantee some fun and fellowship. If you desire bring some food to share.

I hope to see you there.

Susie Cala



United
Women
in Faith

From the Parrish Nurse

Did you know ...

The Parish Nurse ministry here at CIUMC has a loaner program for adaptive health equipment.

Because of the generosity of some of our congregation, currently and in the past, we have a variety of health-related pieces of equipment to loan for short periods of time. Two of our newest pieces of equipment were purchased in February with money acquired from a grant sometime back. We are excited to be able to add these items. It is the first purchase ever made for the ministry.

Our inventory of equipment includes wheelchairs, bedside commodes, bath chairs, walkers, rollators, canes, crutches and more.

The process for signing out one of those items is as follows: Call or come into the office during the week Monday through Thursday. Tell us what you need, and one of the office staff will help you find a suitable piece, if we have it. The borrower and the staff will bring the item to the office where the office staff will sign it out on the equipment sign out clipboard.

It is helpful to have the borrower's name and phone number on file. Sometimes a borrower forgets to return it. When forgetting happens, another potential borrower is unable to get the equipment they are now in need of.

Our loaner program is used very often. We are pleased to be able to provide this very helpful, convenient and money-saving service/ministry.

When a piece of equipment has been out on loan for a while we may call to see if it is still in use or if the borrower just forgot to bring it back.

** If you are a borrower, either for yourself, a family member or a friend and still have it but are no longer using it, please return it at your earliest convenience. It would be very helpful to let us know by phone if you have had an item for a while and it is still in use. We are missing at least 2 items that are very popular loaner items. Thank you in advance for checking.

Patt Quattrocchi RN, Parish Nurse

Caring for our Congregation

At CIUMC we all joyfully take responsibility for caring for each other, the congregation. We are all a caring ministry. The list of caring and kindness activities, and ministries at our church is amazing, for all ages and multifaceted. It is all good for our health and wellbeing and Christian growth. Along with the care that we all give daily and beyond, one of those areas of caring ministry is the Congregational Care Committee that is responsible for specific, individual acts of caring and kindness and help.

If you are interested in joining one of our caring teams within the Congregational Care committee, or any other of our many ministries, please contact the office. Our church ministries at CIUMC are welcoming. The ministries within the Congregational Care Committee currently include visiting our folks who are homebound and those who want or need support. We also have a team of volunteers who prepare funeral dinners. We send greeting cards for Christmas, and other occasions. We prepare a "Home Touch" publication that is mailed to our home-bound group. This last Christmas we had a card shower that was well received by the many givers and recipients. Calling people who are acutely ill and, in the hospital, or having surgery is another one of our major points of care.

Many of our areas of ministry overlap with our Parish Nurse program. We have been an active group for about a year. There is a lot of growth that we hope for in our future. We meet quarterly to check in, for ideas of help and support from each other and for each other. At each meeting, and often in between meetings, we informally discuss new or continuing projects, caring and change of status for one of our congregants.

We are always open to suggestions to reach out in other ways. Please feel free to share your thoughts with us.

We give glory and praise to God for his guidance in this ministry

Patt Quattrocchi RN, Parish Nurse and facilitator/Chair for the Ministry of Congregational Care

Courtyard Update

As you may remember, the Trustees approved a plan to redesign the courtyard, replacing the invasive plants with plants native to Indiana that support the members of God's creation that live here. The invasive ivy and vinca were removed, and native shrubby St John's wort and a button bush were planted in the fall. The remaining wildflowers have been ordered and will be planted in the spring.

Great news! The Indiana Native Plant Society awarded us a \$300 grant, the maximum amount, to help fund this project!

See the [design plan](#) by clicking the link or looking at the postings in the narthex and conference room.

Progress!

Progress! This past month, I have been working on what we call "Check Day". No, it is not about writing checks or calling someone to check-in on them. It is known by UMC church administrators as crunch time- we are looking at the past year- in numbers. Lots of numbers. We report numbers such as giving, giving units, how much we sent to UMCOR, how much we sent to non-UMC ministries, average attendance, how many members we have gained, lost, etc. So this involves running many reports and some spreadsheets. These numbers are entered into a system, accepted and then given to The General Conference on Finance and Administration. These numbers are then public knowledge and are used as official tracking of our church. This is the second year that I have completed all of the numbers for reporting process. I would say we are making progress. Pastor Greg asked me what my thoughts were on the numbers and I said "potential." Last year, with all we had been thru we had an increase in giving- even without the financial gift. We didn't increase in a lot of areas, but what I saw was potential for growth. That we reach over 12,000 every year with our ministries- food pantry, vbs, trunk or treat and more! How powerful is that! We make a difference in our community! And I am grateful that God has placed me in a church that cares!

-Terri Haehnle

Scouting

Our scout ministry is growing! At the end of February, we began hosting Girl Scout Troop 2640 on Monday evenings in the shelter house and Boy Scout Troop 264 on Tuesday evenings. Both of these troops will meet in the shelter house. We continue to host our Cub Scout Troop 545 on Wednesday evenings in our main building. We are excited to continue the tradition of scouting here at CIUMC. We hope to be able to form a Venture Crew- a scouting program for 14-21 years of age. For more information on scouting contact Jeff Bullock.



Share the News!



Spring Fish Fry 1 Day Only

Friday - April - 11th
11am-7pm



On Sunday, February 23rd, we blessed 65 quilts created by our very own Quilting with a Spot of Tea. This group meets the second Saturday of the month at 9am. This talented group creates stockings for youth at Indiana UM Children's Home, quilts that are dispersed to different organizations, such as KIC-It with Johnson County, Julian Center, Wheeler Mission, UM Children's Home and more. All are welcome to join us! For questions, please reach out to Donna Pfister.



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

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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