

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.

*Point your kids in the right direction—
when they're old they won't be lost.*

Proverbs 22:6 MSG

I never knew when it happened or how it happened. There is no way that this has happened, especially to me! I mean I am still trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up! Suddenly, out of nowhere the other day my world was rocked to the very core of its existence. My knees



buckled, I gasped for air, I became dizzy, thoughts raced through my head...heart attack...stroke...death was eminent! Nine little words had sealed my fate; "Do you need help carrying this to your car?" Then this little youngster hit me with the death punch, they called me the most offensive name ever, "Sir"! Holy "fecal-matter" Batman, there is no way that I am a "SIR"! That form of respect is left for...old men! Oh, I feel that heart attack coming on again.

In all honesty I must admit that a few years back I went to wearing relaxed- fit jeans - they are more comfortable. I have noticed that I creak when I walk and grunt when trying to get up from a recliner. Oh, my word! When did I become my Dad? Oh, I must sit down - my head is spinning! This clerk just hit me with reality as she was trying to be nice. She was showing respect for the old fella. I am still trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up. I have resisted this day my entire life. I try to keep my thoughts from the phrase, "back in my day". I still listen to my music in the truck loud, but now it's because it's easier to hear. I have found myself in the last couple of years going to bed right after the evening weather report.

What is that all about?

Do I really need to know what the weather is predicted to be tomorrow? Am I destined to senior coffee with the fellas at McDonald's, sharing lies about "back in my day"?

During my geriatric moment I recognized something - respect is still alive and well in

this troubled society. This young clerk provided me with hope for tomorrow's community. As I recovered from the initial shock of slip on shoes for comfort and relaxed-fit jeans, I was being respected not for something I did, but for who I was in her eyes.

Something else I have noticed lately through the chaos of our lands. By and large our younger communities are filled with amazing people. People who embrace others for who they are and not for their economic status, not for the color of their skin, not for their nationality, not for their sexual orientation, and many other identifiers - these amazing young people of today truly care about others.

I feel the church needs to listen to the voices of the young. We must each recognize that the church is called to be ever-growing, ever-changing, and always meeting people where they are. Interestingly Jesus listened to the pleas of the people and then he guided them on their journey.

I think I will go wait for the fellas for some coffee, in my relaxed jeans, and perhaps I will talk about the weather.

Peace and relaxed jeans,

- **Pastor Terry**

Newsboys Concert

We are so excited to invite the youth of the church to a Newsboys concert at the Mill in Terre Haute on **Sunday, September 10th!** The concert will start at 7:00 pm, Indiana time, so the bus will roll out at 4:00 pm. We will be stopping for dinner and then off to the concert! Pastor Terry said it's a really great show! So you don't want to miss out on the fun!

FUMC will cover the cost of all the tickets for the youth attending and if you chaperone will take care of your ticket too! Can't chaperone the show but want to help? You can make a donation to cover a ticket or two, get it to Kirbie in the office by September 1st!

Sign up at the welcome center! Please provide your number with your sign up so that we will be able to communicate more information regarding the trip as the date approaches! If you have any questions call 618-544-8016.

NOW

The Just One Item for September is a full size bottle of shampoo! We accept adult and children's shampoo. Donations can be made to the box outside Kirbie's office!

Movie Night

Movie night will be Friday, September 29th at 6:00 pm! Popcorn and drinks will be provided! Come wearing your comfy clothes, bring your blankets, and anything you need to make this movie night great for you!

Movie Hint: "Before they were incorporated, they had to be educated!"

See you at the movies,
Kirbie & Wryn

Worship Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers that would like to help out during our worship services on Sunday morning. We are in need of liturgists, greeters, ushers, communion servers, and welcome center hosts.

Volunteers help the worship service run smoothly and Pastor Terry really appreciates every one of you! Sign ups for each will be on the welcome center! If you have any questions please call Kirbie in the office!



Halloween Fun

Spooky season is upon us and we are gearing up for our Spooky Walk and Trick or Treating at FUMC! While Jen is planning our Halloween night, we are asking for donations of candy for all our kiddos! Last year we had over 750 of Halloween's finest trick or treaters, so that means we will need all the candy! There will be a donation bucket in the sanctuary if you want to drop off your candy there or you can bring them to Kirbie in the office. Monetary donations are also accepted, please just designate in the memo that it is intended for Trick or Treat at FUMC.

Happy Halloween!

Second Wednesday Dinner

This month's 2nd Wednesday dinner we will be raising funds for our Trick or Treat at FUMC! We will have a spooky menu with Ghoul-ash as the main course! Please join us and help to fund our 7th annual Trick or Treat at FUMC!

CHEW Bible Study

"Hey, what's for supper?" An age-old question that has been asked since the beginning of time. In fact, growing up every Saturday night my father would force the family to watch the television show, *Hee Haw*. There was a character on the show - Grandpa Jones. Every Saturday night there was a segment in the show that would find Grandpa Jones washing a fake window. Someone off camera would then yell, "Hey Grandpa, what's for supper?" And Jones would break into some sort of thought-provoking pondering. Well, it is time to ask the question again, "What's for Supper?" The CHEW Study group is returning on Tuesday evenings for supper and study on Tuesday September 5th @ 6:00 PM. The meal as always will be free of charge. Our study will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. Our study will be focused on "Crazy Faith" by Michael Todd, and will end at 8:00 PM. Annetta will be again be providing studies for the Middle School "Chewies". All ages are invited to attend, and childcare will be provided. Thursday morning CHEW will also resume, Thursday September 7 @ 9:00 AM. The Thursday session is limited to adults only and there will be no childcare provided.



Christian Book Exchange

Greetings from the Book Exchange! Located next to the elevator in the narthex, our September highlight is *Enter the Ring*!

Enter the Ring takes a fresh, powerful, vulnerable approach to marriage by framing it as the fight that it is. The world uses different assaults and tactics to distract us, tempting us to walk away, in order to destroy our marriages. But there is hope: The constant forgiveness, grace, and intervention of God can preserve and protect us from not only the world but also ourselves.



Blast from the Past

Hello Friends! Here's your blast from the past for the month of September. I have come across an old postcard of what I believe our church building looked like in 1910



Care News From Stephen Ministry

“So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold - though your faith is far more precious than gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Life Transitions

Julie and her husband had made plans. Because their children were grown and living on their own, the couple would retire and take the extended vacations they had talked about for many years. Then Julie's life was turned upside down in a series of "lifequakes" (lifequake - a forceful burst of change in one's life that leads to a period of upheaval, transition, and renewal). The transitions hit her one after the other. They began when Julie turned in her official notice to retire, and three months later her husband served her with divorce papers after 29 years of marriage. A few weeks later Julie's sister was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, and Julie became her caregiver. Julie's sister moved in with Julie, and Julie's adult son lost his job in a corporate downsizing and took up residence in the basement. The ten year old SUV needed four new tires, and the roof was leaking. And then,.....

The Stephen Ministers recently participated in a continuing education session on "life transitions". One resource was *Life is in the Transitions: Mastering Change at Any Age*, written by Bruce Feiler. Over the course of several years, Feiler traveled to all 50 states where he collected hundreds of life stories and compiled data. Feiler says that our ability to master the skills to face and deal with transitions in our lives is important and urgent. His insights provide specific strategies we may use to reimagine and rebuild our lives. To learn more about facing and dealing with "lifequakes", check out Bruce Feiler's book from the Stephen Ministry Library.

And, if you are going through a difficult time and would like someone to talk with on a regular basis, please contact Janelle Oxford. (618 553-9598). Stephen Ministers are available to provide Christian Care.



September Birthdays

9/1	Allison Reinoehl
9/2	Valerie Weck
9/3	Alexis Inboden
9/4	Madison Utterback, Karen Villalobos
9/7	Mark DeDoming
9/9	Jack Davis, Pyke Nethery
9/10	Samantha Davis
9/15	Lora Simons
9/17	Jerry Conner, Marjorie Pfeiffer
9/22	Jeff Murrell; Robin Davis
9/26	Ryan Kubiak
9/27	Judith Adams, Gloria Devonshire
9/29	Krosby Goebel, Emily Midgett

Prayer Requests

Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton; Michael Brady; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; Lisa Schaefer; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Vonnetta Shipman; Thelma Gifford; Jennifer Newlin; Bernie Limper; Melinda Wehrle; Mandy Harris; Cindy Weger; Blain Loll; Miranda Waddell; Ruth Fiscus; Rhea Hayden; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Margaret Beaman; Alexander Forrey; Ninette Faith; Lou Bonnell; Claudette Mejean; Laurie Vaugh; Susan Rodgers; Adrian Hays; Rachel Tracy; Paula Aydt, Connie Calvert; Randy Butcher; Stephen Ministers; Care Receivers; Dorothy Fasig; Doug Finkbiner; Clem Aydt; Annette Leighty; Spencer Meagher; Tom Price; Brenda Graham; KJ Reid, Tricia Anderson; Jon Anderson; Alex Townsend; Brad Harris; Andy Limper; Karen Villalobos; Dason Douglas, Dorris Ballard; Lora Simmons; Mary Etta Whitmer; Joy Anderson; Rhonda Moade; Barbara Bell; Jocelyn Ramsey; Leth and Jeff Stanford; Mary Correll; Becky & Donna Beabout; Beth Rynke; Roger Hamilton; Bennett Smith; Breanna & Melissa Young; Fran Dorn; Jimmy Vinson; Sarah Valdez; Rhea Hayden; Kirtrina Carter; Judy Rice

September Anniversaries

9/1	Max & Debbie Tedford
9/4	Brent & Joyce Owen Chris & Laura Dhom
9/7	Ron & Becky Veenstra
9/10	Larry & Phuong Quick
9/11	Diane & Darold Crampton
9/12	Tyler & Kristy Veenstra
9/18	David & Sandy Anderson
9/28	Greg & Kathy Harbison
9/20	Greta & Allen Lowry
9/23	Keith & Kirtina Carter

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Deep Dive	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 5:30 pm - CHEW	6	7 9:00 am - CHEW 4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Bagging	8	9
10 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School 4:00 pm - Newsboys Concert	11 4:00 pm - Happy Hour Gardening Group	12 5:30 pm - CHEW	13 4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Bagging 5:30 pm - Second Wednesday Dinner 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry	14 9:00 am - CHEW	15	16
17 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School	18 4:00 pm - Happy Hour Gardening Group 5:30 pm - SPRC Meeting	19 5:30 pm - CHEW	20 6:00 pm - Team Meetings 7:00 pm - Church Council	21 9:00 am - CHEW 4:00 pm - NOW Bagging 6:00 pm - SPY	22	23 5:00 pm - Veenstra Lake Party
24 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School	25 4:00 pm - Happy Hour Gardening Group	26 5:30 pm - CHEW	27 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry	28 9:00 am - CHEW 4:00 pm - NOW Bagging	29 6:00 pm - Movie Night	30 7:30 am - Proverbs & Power Tools



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