

THE BEACON


JANUARY
2024

THE BEACON IS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CROWN POINT, IN

HAPPY
New
Year
2024

SUNDAY

SERVICE

SCHEDULE

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY

8:00 AM: TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9:30 AM: CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

11:00 AM: TRADITIONAL SERVICE

“JANUARY’S NAME DERIVES FROM THE ROMAN GOD JANUS, KNOWN FOR HAVING TWO FACES THAT ALLOWED HIM TO LOOK BACKWARD INTO THE PAST AND FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE. THIS MAKES JANUARY THE PERFECT TIME TO LEARN FROM OUR PRIOR EXPERIENCES WHILE ENVISIONING THE YEAR AHEAD.”

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We would like to thank everyone for your generosity this Holiday Season for the most gracious Christmas Gift. Our congregation continually surprises us, and this goes well beyond the Christmas Gift.

Your unwavering support of the staff is deeply appreciated!

Thank you once again for your gifts of love this Holiday Season!

First United Methodist Church Staff.

Jayne Dill
THANK YOU!

Julie Schulz
You are all wonderful!

Denise
Lucy Liskey

Patricia Smith

Carol

Kimie Smith

Tim Kaiper

Jim Fogle
Janice Malchow

Les Ash

Carla Smolek

Leslie Trachout



GROW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**JOIN US THIS FOR THESE EXCITING
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
YOUR FAMILY & CHILDREN!
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP
TO ATTEND PLEASE SEE OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE
@FUMCCP.SUNDAYSCHOOL**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH @ 2:00PM
ICE SKATING AT BULLDOG PARK
SPECIAL EVENT**

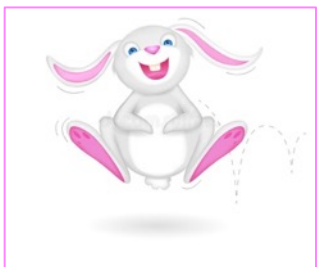


**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH @ 2:00
BLANKETS FOR LINUS PROJECT
MISSION PROJECT**



Project ♥ Linus

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD
10:00-12:30 PM
BUNNY HOP**



The United Methodist
Committee on Relief –
UMCOR - was originally

founded in 1940 in response to displaced and vulnerable populations in the wake of World War II. UMCOR is a ministry of the United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries.

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church, UMCOR assists United Methodists and churches to become globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events – to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable.

UMCOR provides relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

YOUR MISSION DOLLARS AT WORK

Your Missions Committee would like to share with you just how much we have been able to accomplish through your generosity. These donations include both monies from pledges and additional donations from congregational giving. In addition, you provided over 3,000 pounds of food and household products to local food pantries, countless pairs of pajamas for a domestic abuse shelter, gift cards for caring ministries near and far, and abundant prayers for projects and mission teams. FUMCCP continues to be God's hands on earth! Blessings to all in 2024!

Adopt a Family	\$ 1,000
Clinica Esperanza (Roatan Free Clinic)	\$ 1,000
Community Help Network (Buddy Bags, Household Pantry)	\$ 3,775
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 1,000
Haven House NWI (Domestic abuse shelter)	\$ 3,583
Henderson Settlement Mission Trip	\$ 5,309
Henderson Settlement Missionary Support	\$ 1,000
Kokomo Urban Outreach	\$ 1,500
Ladle of Love (CHN Bimonthly Luncheon)	\$ 500
Lake County Child Abuse Prevention	\$ 500
Little Help Food Pantry (Lake Village, IN)	\$ 500
Meals on Wheels	\$ 500
Roatan Methodist Bilingual School Scholarships	\$ 2,084
Midwest Missions Distribution Center (Springfield, IL)	\$ 1,500
Northwest Indiana Food Bank	\$ 1,000
NWI Cancer Kids Foundation (NICK /Assistance to families)	\$ 500
Pack Away Hunger	\$ 500
Pets N Vets	\$ 500
Phil's Friends (Care packages for cancer patients)	\$ 500
Friends/Methodist Churches Roatan	\$ 6,915
Project Love Food Pantry	\$ 2,500
Rebuilding Together	\$ 1,000
Roatan Mission Trip Scholarships	\$ 1,000
Royal Family Kids Camp	\$ 2,055
Sheltered91 (Shelter for victims of human trafficking)	\$ 500
South Lake County Community Services (Utility Assistance)	\$ 1,500
UMCOR (Disaster Relief)	\$10,097
Welcome Network (Aid to Refugees – Local)	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$53,318

(Does not include Advent monies which will go to Little Help Food Pantry)

New
Beginnings

An Older Adult Ministry



GODS BLESSINGS

CARLA SMOLEK

DIRECTOR, OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

2: CORINTHIANS 5:17... "THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, NEW CREATION HAS COME: THE OLD HAS GONE, NEW IS HERE!"

UPCOMING NEW BEGINNING'S LUNCH'S

FEBRUARY 5TH AT 12:00 NOON

LUNCH AT PARK PLACE OF ST. JOHN

RSVP BY JANUARY 25TH AT 12:00 NOON

YOU WILL NEED TO FURNISH YOUR OWN

TRANSPORTATION

March 4th at 12:00 noon... Downey Hall

Speaker: Lake County Sheriff's Office



WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BRING A
PERSONAL HYGIENE OR
HOUSE CLEANING PRODUCT FOR THE
LITTLE HELP FOOD PANTRY
THNAK YOU!



WE WILL **NOT** BE HOLDING OUR
MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE – BLOOD
SUGAR SCREENING IN JANUARY. THIS
PROGRAM WILL RESUME AGAIN IN
FEBRUARY.



The Crafty Grannies would like to thank the church congregation for all your support.

Crafty Grannies will not get together in month of January! We will resume our regular schedule in February on Fridays in Downey Hall from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

The Grannies had a little potluck to finish off our year.



FRIENDS OF THE METHODIST CHURCHES
OF ROATAN HONDURAS INC.

WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT 50 ELDERLY
ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY OF FLOWERS
BAY BY HAVING DINNERS DELIVERED TO
THEM. WE CONTINUE SUPPORTING THEM
ON THEIR FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS.
THANK YOU!



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO DONATED HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES. THEY WERE PASSED OUT TO SCHOOL CHILDREN IN EAST CHICAGO AND FOLKS BEING HELPED BY THE LITTLE HELP FOOD PANTRY.



ALSO, BLESSINGS TO ALL FOR YOUR ADVENT OFFERINGS FOR THE LITTLE HELP FOOD PANTRY. THEIR LITTLE

CONGREGATION OF 25, SERVED 125 FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS. YOUR OFFERING WILL HELP THEM CONTINUE HIS WORK.

JUST A FEW OF THE FOOD BAGS PASSED OUT TO OVER 125 FAMILIES SO THEY COULD HAVE A CHRISTMAS DINNER.



Merry Christmas folks! I wanted to let you know I received a phone call from Bob Carnagey at the DAV. The Indiana Veteran's Home in Lafayette has a brand new one hundred-thousand-dollar bus.

He said that he had been trying to drum up support from different veterans' groups across the state for a couple of years and never got any traction. So then when we gave them the \$ 20,000 from VetRock, he used that as a prybar.

Bob went back to all these groups and threw it in their face, and he said when he did that, he heard the sound of checkbooks across the state opening. He shamelessly used us to guilt these groups and they have the rest of the money.

That means God took our \$ 20,000 and great it into \$ 100,000 for the veterans at the Indiana Veterans Home.

Well done folks! THATS why we do this!

Merry Christmas .



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT WILL BE SPEAKING

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

THERE WILL BE **NO** BLOOD PRESSURE OR BLOOD
SUGAR SCREENING. THIS HEALTH SERVICE WILL RETURN
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
352 SOUTH MAIN / CROWN POINT, IN
PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON THE NEXT PAGE
FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

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Giving

WARMS THE HEART

DONATE BLOOD

NATIONAL
BLOOD
DONOR
MONTH 

**Monday
January**

8

3:00PM – 7:00PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.



*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only; 18+. Ends 1/16/24. Two separate weekly drawings. Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules at [versiti.org/winsuv](https://www.versiti.org/winsuv) for details. Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

First United Methodist Church - FELLOWSHIP HALL
352 S MAIN ST
CROWN POINT, IN 46307

Appointments Preferred; Walk-in's Welcome!
Please make your appointment on-line.

SCAN QR CODE TO
MAKE APPOINTMENT



EVERY DONATION SAVES UP TO 3 LIVES!!

Donate blood and be entered for a chance to win an SUV!*



Blood Center of <state>