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BEARS & BADGES

FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR CROWN POINT FIRST RESPONDERS
PROCEEDS WILL HELP PURCHASE AED UNITS FOR
FIRST RESPONDERS & THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY

SPECIAL GUESTS...

JIM MILLER

QUARTERBACK & NFL RADIO

DENNIS MCKINNON

WIDE RECEIVER & AUTHOR

Tickets
\$ 50



• SILENT AUCTION OF BEARS MEMORABILIA •

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SUNDAY
SERVICE
SCHEDULE

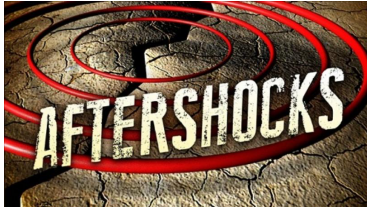
PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY

8:00 AM: TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9:30 AM: CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

11:00 AM: TRADITIONAL SERVICE

UMW BIRTHDAY LUNCH
SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH @ 12:00 NOON
PLEASE SEE THE
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
&
UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MARK

AFTERSHOCK!

By the time you read this, Holy week will be over, and Easter will be in the rear-view mirror. It always amazes me how much preparation goes into our Holy week here, and then how quickly it all passes. Typically, we begin working in earnest on our Holy week in January, and the nearer it draws the pace quickens with plans, meetings and outlines being produced on a regular basis. And then in 7 short days of stress and joy and exhilaration, it's over, and we move on.

Human nature is such that we move on pretty quickly from one thing to another. We think, we dream, we strategize how to get from one point to another in our year and lives, and then no sooner do we arrive then we move on to the next and where we were recedes into the distance.

We do that with Easter. On that morning, we celebrate eternal victory, new life, and ultimate joy, and it feels so real in that moment. Yet by the next week life resumes its usual pace, and we go back to... NORMAL.

Yet in truth there is nothing normal about life after Easter. Easter is about one solitary moment when everything changes, and the reverberations of that moment shook the world, and has the power to shake our lives.

One of the parts of the Easter story that we often miss is the fact that Jesus isn't the only, or even the first person to rise that week. Matthew, writing about the moment of Jesus death, tells us "At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life."

At the moment Jesus give up His life, the division between God and humanity is ripped, and the bodies of the faithful are raised. But the question is, WHY? Why did God go to the trouble of raising these people even before Jesus rises on Easter?

I've wondered about that for years, until I came up with an idea that may not be deeply theological, but I think answers the question for me: I think that God raised those people because He didn't want them to miss the party!

I think that because He knew what the world didn't, because He saw the victory and joy and awe that was about to erupt from an empty tomb, He wanted them to be there to feel it too. So, He called them from death into life so that they could be a part of what He was going to do. And I have to believe that for those raised on that Good Friday, the last thing their lives were was normal from that moment on.

On Easter we too are called to new life. Easter is God's invitation for us to rise too- from the deadening normality of life into new possibilities, new adventures, new LIFE. And if that is real, then the party is just starting on Easter, and we get to live it out with Him. As a people. As a church.

As a Church family, Easter is anything but over. In fact, for us the party, the adventure is just beginning. New life is just beginning. We have a new life to live, and the power of the resurrection to let loose in our world. And there is NOTHTHING normal about that. Let's fire up, move forward, and live out His life in everything we do here!

Pastor Mark



ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
of Crown Point, Indiana
Real People. Real Stories. Real Life.
352 S Main St. Crown Point, IN 46307

- How do you measure a child's smile at an orphanage in Roatan, or laughter from a foster child at Royal Family Kids Camp?
- Or, how great does it feel to get a hug from a senior receiving a Feed the Flock meal or from a mom at Henderson Settlement?

Helping children in poverty on a Honduran island or at a sleep-away camp in Indiana, creating volunteer opportunities for mission work, engaging our teens and young adults, as well as providing equipment for our music and childcare programs are all possible thanks to grants from our Churches' Endowment Fund.

This year, our Endowment Fund was able to support these impactful programs in our church with \$18,450.00 in grants. These funds are from a portion of the yearly interest earned from gifts to the Endowment Funds held in the United Methodist Foundation and the Crown Point Community Foundation.

Our Endowment Fund was established in 1991 to complement our already existing Memorial Fund. Endowment funds give the financial life of the church an added dimension to support ministries that go beyond our budgeted programs and to respond to changing needs.

For more information on grants, or how you can help grow our Endowment Fund, please contact Pastor Mark or Margot Clark, Endowment Committee Chair.



COMMUNITY HELP NETWORK SUMMER BUDDY BAGS PROGRAM

Have you ever wondered what happens to the **Buddy Bags Program** over summer break? It doesn't stop! Birds gotta fly. Fish gotta swim. And kids gotta eat! For 8 weeks of the summer break Buddy Bag families can come once a week to the warehouse at 550 East Burrell Drive and receive groceries.

We are collecting food items for this program during the month of April. We invite you to take your children or grandchildren with you as you shop. Tell them how the Buddy Bags Program helps feed children like them who may not have enough food in the house. Ask them what they like to eat and see if that is what they would want the Buddy Bags children to have, too.

Thank you!
Bonnie and the CHN Board

Here is a list of suggested food items:

Pasta, rice, beans (canned and dry), pasta sauce, condiments, peanut butter, jelly, catsup, mustard, mayo or miracle whip, boxes of cold cereal, side dishes, meal enhancements like hamburger helper, crackers, cookies, cake mixes, muffin mixes, pancake mix, microwave popcorn, canned fruit, canned vegetables, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, granola bars, pop tarts, soup mixes, canned beef, canned chicken, canned ham, and fresh fruit.

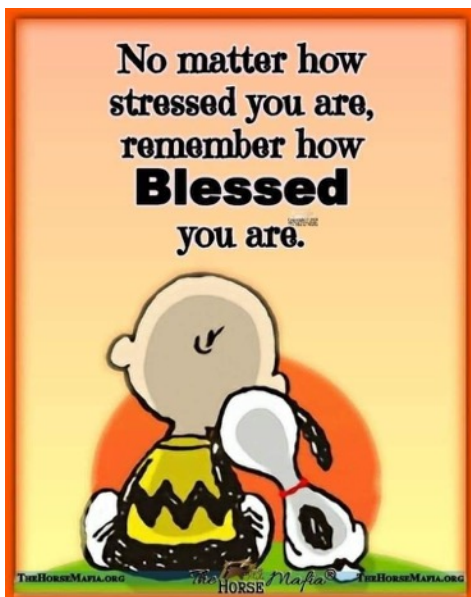


YOU AND YOUR PET(S) ARE INVITED TO OUR PET BLESSING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE FRONT LAWN!

THERE WILL BE HOTDOGS, CHIPS, AND DRINKS FOR SALE AS WELL AS DIFFERENT TREATS AND GOODIES FOR YOU AND YOUR PETS TO PURCHASE. WE WILL ALSO HAVE MUSIC AND A CHANCE TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.

AT 3:00 PM PASTOR MARK WILL BEGIN BLESSING ALL THE PETS! IF YOU DO NOT OWN A PET, YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO COME AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Have you cleaned out your closet lately? Those shoes that have been sitting there unworn actually have value!

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Now through May 13th, 2024, drop off your new or gently used sneakers, boots, dress shoes, sandals, athletic and casual shoes to **EVERY CHILD MINISTRIES**
875 S. State Road 2, Hebron, IN 46341.

Your donated shoes will help us fund our ministry!

THROUGH MAY 13TH WE WILL BE COLLECTING NEW AND GENTLY USED SHOES OF ALL KINDS (SLIPPERS TOO!) FOR KIDS AND ADULTS. THERE IS A SHOE COLLECTION BIN IN DOWNEY HALL.

OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECT 4,000 SHOES! PRAY WITH US THAT WE MEET OUR GOAL, AND HELP US BY SHARING THIS SHOE DRIVE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING ECM BY HELPING US COLLECT SHOES!!





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, APRIL 7TH
2:00 PM IN DOWNEY HALL
- CARD MAKING FOR SOLDIERS -
MISSION PROJECT

Sunday, May 12th @ 2:00 PM
- Mini Golf at Zao Island -
Special Event



SUNDAY, MAY 19TH @ 9:30
- POINT TRADE-IN DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL -
SUNDAY SCHOOL

JUNE 10TH - JUNE 14TH @ 9AM-12PM
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -
SUMMER PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH @ 2:00 PM
- PAINT FAITH ROCKS -
MISSION EVENT



ALICE JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP

THE APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE FOR OUR GRADUATING
SENIORS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON

APRIL 5, 2024.

EACH SCHOLARSHIP IS UP TO \$1,000

THE ALICE JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP
MAY BE USED FOR...

- AN ACCREDITED CERTIFICATE •
- ACCREDITED TRADE SCHOOL •
- ACCREDITED COMMUNITY COLLEGE •
- ACCREDITED COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY •



WATCH OUT ITS...



APRIL
FOOLS
DAY



**GODS BLESSINGS
CARLA SMOLEK
DIRECTOR, OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES**

JOHN 11:25-26

“JESUS SAID TO HER,” I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE; AND WHO EVER LIVES BY BELIEVING IN ME WILL NEVER DIE.

**UPCOMING NEW BEGINNING’S
LUNCH’S**

APRIL 1ST AT 12:00 NOON... DOWNEY HALL

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE OUR OWN KAY HOSMER FROM AMERICA’S SENIOR’S.

MAY 6TH AT 12:00 NOON... DOWNEY HALL

Our guest speaker will be Clarissa on Essential Oils of the Bible.

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



CRAFTY GRANNIES ARE BACK IN SESSION. FRIDAY MORNING FROM 9:30-11:30 A.M. DOWNEY HALL. ALL ARE WELCOME. YOU DON’T NEED TO BE A GRANNIE TO HANG OUT WITH US.

THE GRANNIES HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING BLANKETS FOR PHIL’S FRIENDS. THEY SENT OUR 65 GOODIE BAGS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS.

THEY HAVE ALSO ADOPTED COLONIAL NURSING HOME. THE GALS MADE EASTER BUNNY CANDY BAGS FOR THEIR CLIENTS. THEY WILL BE GOING THERE TO PLAY BINGO.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN MAKING CARDS FOR THE VETERANS AND NURSING HOMES.

Pictured below are some of our Grannies getting ready to pack the “Meals On Wheels.”



Gods Blessings,
Carla Smolek Director of Older Adults



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW BEGINNINGS LUNCH

APRIL 1ST AT 12:00 NOON... DOWNEY HALL

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE OUR OWN KAY HOSMIER
FROM AMERICA'S SENIOR'S.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD

LOVE CIRCLE @ 1:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

ALICE JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
MUST BE TURNED INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

BEARS & BADGES

ON THE SQUARE SPORTS ACADEMY

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION IN THE BEACON &
REGISTER AT FUMCCP.ORG

APRIL 7TH @ 2:00 PM

- CARD MAKING FOR SOLDIERS –
MISSION PROJECT

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH

CHRISTIAN CAREGIVERS @ 8:00 AM
DOWNEY HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH

GLORY CIRCLE
7:00 PM IN THE PARLOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

PET BLESSING

2 – 4 PM ON FRONT LAWN

PLEASE SEE IN THE BEACON

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

UMW BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

12:00 NOON IN DOWNEY HALL

TICKETS: \$ 20

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

LOVE CIRCLE @ 1:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD & 17TH

LIFE GROUP

(FORMERLY YOUNG ADULTS)

7:30 PM IN THE PARLOR

UMW BIRTHDAY LUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH AT 12:00 NOON

TICKETS: \$ 20

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

AT 219-663-1515

FOR TICKET AVAILABILITY

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
352 SOUTH MAIN, CROWN POINT, IN 46307
WWW.FUMCCP.ORG

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



4th Anniversary Dinner/Fundraiser

Saturday April 27th Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Signature Banquets 1908 East Commercial Lowell IN



“Sustaining Our Vision”

**Tickets \$125
per person**



*Guest Speaker
Crown Point Mayor
Pete Land*



*Use QR Code to
purchase tickets*

*Live Music From
Jill Hayman*



*Purchase your tickets before March 29th and
your name will be put in a drawing for one
of two Coach Purses valued at over \$400 each*



The Hotts



**Raffles
Door Prizes
Wine Pull
Mystery Gift Cards**

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