

THE BEACON



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CROWN POINT, IN



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY
8:00 AM: TRADITIONAL SERVICE
9:30 AM: CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
11:00 AM: TRADITIONAL SERVICE

JOIN US SUNDAY, MAY 12TH.
AS WE CELEBRATE
MOTHER'S DAY
8:00, 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

YOUTH MISSION TRIP



If you joined us on Sunday, April 14th you learned that our Youth Mission Trip this year will be taking us (20 youth and 4 adults) to Bayou La

Batre, AL.



Bayou La Batre lies along the Mississippi Sound on the Gulf of Mexico in So. Alabama and is a community steeped in Southern history and a heritage with a distinct French

impression. The community is both culturally and economically tied to the waterfront.

Over the years the area has repeatedly faced impacts from **coastal hazards**, including Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Today, roughly 36% of the population live below the poverty level.

During their trip to Bayou La Batre our Youth Mission Team will encounter the resilient spirit of the residents as they serve through home improvement projects, elder care, and children's ministries.

What does this trip mean to our youth... please read below:

"I know it might sound like just another trip, but trust me, it's so much more than that. As a follower of Christ, I believe this journey isn't just about helping others; it's about answering God's call to serve and love one another as He has loved us."

"First off, going to Bayou La Batre opens our eyes to the struggles and hardships faced by our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as well as those that may not know Him, yet. It's easy to get caught up in our own lives and forget that there are people out there who need our help and prayers. By immersing ourselves in their community, we can show them the love and compassion that Jesus taught us."

"Secondly, this trip gives us the chance to live out our faith in a real and tangible way. We're not just talking about being Christians; we're putting our faith into action by serving those in need."

"Whether it's rebuilding homes, feeding the hungry, or comforting the broken-hearted, we're following in the footsteps of Jesus and spreading His message of hope and redemption."

"Moreover, going to Bayou La Batre helps us grow closer to God and deepen our relationship with Him. Away from the distractions of our everyday lives, we have the opportunity to spend time in prayer, worship, and reflection. We can listen to God's voice speaking to our hearts and guiding us on the path He has planned for us."

"And let's not forget about the friendships and bonds that we'll form along the way. There's something special about serving alongside other believers who share our faith and values. We'll encourage and support each other, laugh together, and maybe even shed a few tears together. These shared experiences will strengthen our faith and remind us that we're not alone in our journey."

"In conclusion, the mission trip to Bayou La Batre isn't just a fun time away for us teenagers; it's essential for our spiritual growth and development as Christians. Through service, faith, and fellowship, we can make a real difference in the lives of others and bring glory to God's name."

"Please pray for us on our journey and if you are called, please prayerfully consider helping us financially to get to our destination."

Our Youth have been busy raising money to help support this year's mission trip through their Super Bowl Sub Sale, selling food, pet treats and bandannas at this year's Pet Blessing and through the upcoming Geranium Sale on May 12th.

We thank you for your continued support of our youth and especially their Mission Trip. If you would like to contribute to this year's Mission Trip you can contribute in the following ways:

- 1) Place your contribution in the collection on Sunday.
- 2) Drop your contribution off in the office.
- 3) Mail your contribution to the church.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our youth.

In God's Love,

Ed Warren

Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee



"HER SPIRIT LIVES ON, IN WHISPERS OF WIND, IN THE LIGHT OF THE DAWN. SHE'LL FOREVER REMAIN, SNOW THE WHITE DEER, HER LEGACY UNCHAINED."



NEW LEASH ON LIFE
"NO KILL" ANIMAL SHELTER

A NEW PET RESCUE "NEW LEASH ON LIFE" WILL SOON BE OPENING IN CROWN POINT. FOR MORE INFORMATION THEIR WEBSITE WILL BE UP AND RUNNING IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

NEWLEASHONLIFECP.ORG



THANK YOU
TO OUR YOUTH

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH FOR ALL OF THEIR HELP WITH THE MEMORIAL & PET BLESSING. MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH GROUP SOLD FOOD, PET TREATS, BANDANNAS & BOWS AS A WAY OF RAISING FUNDS FOR THEIR UPCOMING YOUTH MISSION TRIP IN JUNE.



“SNOW MEMORIAL & PET BLESSING

TRIBUTE TO “SNOW” & PET BLESSING



A very special Thank You for everyone that turned out for the “SNOW” Memorial & Pet Blessing on Sunday, April 21st. “SNOW” truly captured the hearts of many in the Crown Point.

“WHO LET THE DOG’S OUT”

Just a few of the dog’s & their owners that joined us for the memorial & Pet Blessing!



Thank you to Pastor Mark for serving as the MC for the Memorial & Pet Blessing along with the following individuals who donated their time and talents for this special event...

Tanya Osborn: Reading the poem dedicated to SNOW.

Amanda Cross: Singing the song “*As The Deer*”.

Cheryl Lucas: Providing musical backup on the keyboard.

Tim Kuiper: Our Praise Team Director loaned the church his sound equipment and handled the sound for the event.

Jeremy Dykhuis: Assisting Tim in setting up and running the sound equipment.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LUCY LISKEY, OUR ASSISTANT YOUTH DIRECTOR FOR ARRANGING & MAKING THIS YEAR’S PET BLESSING A WONDERFUL EVENT FOR ALL THAT ATTENDED!

Thanks to the following organizations that joined us...



PET SUPPLIES PLUS of Crown Point, IN

We are your favorite local pet store without the hassle. We have everything you need for your pets. We also participate in local adoption events and have live animals in store. There is a self-serve dog wash in house as well.

petsuppliesplus.com

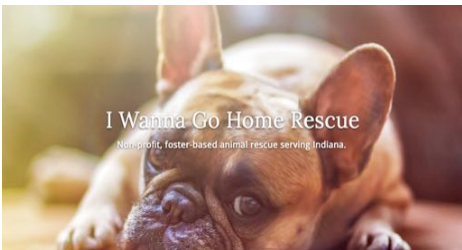
PET SUPPLIES PLUS



“PROTECTING K-9 Heroes”

Our mission is to protect the four-legged heroes that protect us, by providing ballistic patrol vests, emergency Narcan, and life-saving medical trauma kits. With the support and donations of community members, businesses, and organizations PK9H has helped protect working K9s across the country and around the world.

Protectingk9heroes.com



“I Wanna Go Home Rescue”

We focus on the rescue, rehabilitation & adoption of animals. *I Wanna Go Home* fosters animals in safe, peaceful & loving homes until the right forever home comes their way.

Iwannagohomerescue.org



352 S Main St. Crown Point, IN 46307

COMMUNITY FISH FRY

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

4:00 TO 7:00 PM IN DOWNEY HALL

DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT... \$ 15.

2023-2024 School
Year

Summer Program

Shopping List

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Ham
Canned Chicken
Canned Beef
Pasta
Beans
(canned and dry)
Rice
Cold Cereal
Side Dishes
Crackers
Syrup
Pancake, Cake
and Muffin mixes
Flour
Sugar
Salt
Pepper
Granola Bars
Microwave
Popcorn
Pop tarts
Soup Mixes
Canned
Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Pasta Sauce
Condiments



Our Vision

**“To make self-reliance a reality
for all in our community.”**



As our organization continues to evolve, we’ve experienced significant growth. While growth brings its own set of challenges, it also presents opportunities for positive change.

We saw a substantial increase in the number of families taking advantage of the Household Pantry. A successful campaign to inform more Buddy Bag families about the pantry resulted in much of that increase.

We increased the paid hours and hourly pay for part time employee and also increased the salary of our Executive Director. The goal was to make CHN a more viable workplace.

With this growth came more complicated bookkeeping. We have hired a consulting firm to oversee our bookkeeping. Their professional expertise gives us a sense of security.

Amidst all this adjusting, growing and added expenses; we envision more ways we can help our clients raise themselves out of the cycle of poverty and into a life of self-reliance. Our goal is not to continually give a hand out, but to give a hand up. We strive to find ways to help our clients learn how they can break the cycle. To do this we will offer some of that education first hand with the help of local resources, such as banking institutions, tax consultants and more.

We invite you to join us on this journey. There is a place for everyone, every skill, every talent.

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We are continuing to plan our Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes KY. This year's trip will be as follows...

Depart: Sunday, October 13th
Return: Saturday, October 19th

If you are interested in joining other Church members on this Mission Trip, please contact Dennis Dybowski at 219-743-0572 or via email at dendybo@comcast.net

We hope you will give serious thought to joining us on our Mission Trip. We will be working on the campus again and have reserved the Hope house for our lodging. We have been granted funds from the Endowment Committees to lower the personal cost of attendees. Come join us for a time of fellowship and helping others and enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery in the fall.

Henderson Settlement is a Methodist mission which was established in 1925 in Frakes, Kentucky. Frakes is in the southeastern corner of Kentucky in a beautiful Appalachian area which is still remote and off the beaten track. It is considered one of the poorest areas of the United States. The loss of jobs when the coal mines shut down, lack of medical care, substandard housing, and the isolation of homes contribute to the problems faced by the people of this region. The ministry has shifted focus over the years to meet the changing needs of the community.

Henderson Settlement runs Work Camps (Volunteers in Mission) year-round. The projects are on the settlement grounds and in the surrounding community. The work camps complete over 500 community projects and 200 campus projects every year helping over 150 families. The campus also runs a food pantry which feeds over 300 families, a thrift/resale shop, a program for seniors, and MIHOW (Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker Program). There are many different opportunities for services to assist Henderson Settlement in helping their clients to help themselves, support their relief ministry of those with disabilities, and maintain the campus.

We hope you will join us!

SUNRISE AT THE HENDERSON SETTLEMENT



A COUPLE OF THE PROJECTS COMPLETED LAST YEAR WITH THE HELP OF MIKE WARMELINK





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, 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 –



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

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

shoe us the LOVE



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 **DOWNY 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!!



New
Beginnings

An Older Adult Ministry



GODS BLESSINGS
CARLA SMOLEK
DIRECTOR, OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

PSALM 5:4

“LET ME HEAR OF YOUR UNFAILING LOVE EACH MORNING, FOR I AM TRUSTING YOU. SHOW ME WHERE TO WALK, FOR I GIVE MYSELF TO YOU.”

UPCOMING NEW BEGINNING'S LUNCH'S

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

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE CLARISSA ON
ESSENTIAL OILS OF THE BIBLE.

JUNE 3RD AT 12:00 NOON... DOWNEY HALL

JUNE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE BINGO!

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

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE MS. SANDRA MURRAY
FROM HUMANA EXPLAINING SIMPLE HEALTH
INSURANCE PROGRAMS.

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



CRAFTY GRANNIES ARE CONTINUING TO GROW. WE MEET FRIDAY MORNING FROM 9:30 TO 11:30 A.M. DOWNEY HALL. ALL ARE WELCOME. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A GRANNIE TO HANG OUT WITH US.

CRAFTY GRANNIES PROVIDES GREAT FELLOWSHIP WHILE DOING FOR OTHERS.



IT'S GAME TIME

**WANT TO GO TO A CORN DOG'S GAME?
PLEASE LET CARLA KNOW AND WE WILL
PICK A DAY TO GO.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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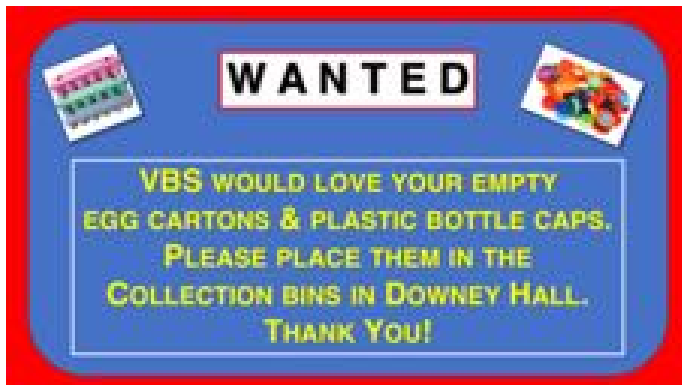
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SPECIAL REQUESTS



WANTED

VBS WOULD LOVE YOUR EMPTY
EGG CARTONS & PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS.
PLEASE PLACE THEM IN THE
COLLECTION BINS IN DOWNEY HALL.
THANK YOU!

VBS 2024

JUNE 10TH – 14TH

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM



SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

2:00 PM

SPEND MOTHER'S DAY
AFTERNOON WITH US FOR
MINI GOLF AT ZAO ISLAND



Geranium SALE
Mother's Day
May 12th
\$6 or 4 for \$20



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