



THE BEACON

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

9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 6:00 PM FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (CORNER OF MAIN STREET & SOUTH STREET)



HONORING THE MEMORIES OF THE
VICTIMS & THE FIRST RESPONDERS.



Northern Lakes District

Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church

RALLY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH FROM 3:00 TO 4:30 PM

- CELEBRATE WITH US TO ENGAGE OUR SHARED MISSION AND VISION •
- MEET THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND LEADERSHIP •
- CONNECT WITH PASTORS AND LAITY WITHIN THE DISTRICT •
- MEET OUR CONFERENCE SUPPORT STAFF •
- BISHOP MALONE WILL BE PRESENT AT EACH RALLY DAY •

JOIN US SUNDAY'S

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

AT
8:00 & 11:00 AM

CONTEMPORARY
SERVICE

AT
9:30 AM

Plan Ahead!

FRIDAYS - 9:30 TO 11:30 AM

CRAFTY GRANNIES

DOWNEY HALL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST



HAVE A SAFE & ENJOYABLE WEEKEND!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

UMC NORTHERN LAKES DISTRICT RALLY DAY

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING

8:30 AM TO 11:00 AM

IN THE PARLOR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

NEW BEGINNINGS LUNCH

12:00 NOON IN DOWNEY HALL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

BLOOD DRIVE

2:30 TO 7:00 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CROWN POINT, IN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

7:00 PM / MEMORIAL WALL

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

REBUILDING TOGETHER

ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN BEACON



PACK AWAY
HUNGER



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

9:00 TO 11:30 AM OR 12:30 TO 3:00 PM

TO REGISTER SCAN CODE ABOVE

OR GO TO

[HTTPS://GIVEBUTTER.COM/NWIN2025](https://givebutter.com/nwin2025)

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all my wonderful friends for your prayers, concerns, and kind deeds during my recent illness and surgery.

Mary Steele



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY!

New Beginnings

An Older Adult Ministry



ROMANS 12:12: "BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFECTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER."

NEW BEGINNINGS LUNCH PROGRAMS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Our guest speaker will be Maritza Perez LCSW. You need near make your reservation by **September 3rd** ... please call the church office at 219-663-1515.

NEW BEGINNINGS LUNCH INFORMATION...

- ❖ LUNCHEES START AT 12:00 NOON IN DOWNEY HALL
- ❖ COST: \$ 2.00
- ❖ DONATIONS: PERSONAL HYGIENE AND HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS WELCOME. OUR ITEMS ARE DONATED MONTHLY IN BLESSINGS BAGS TO LITTLE HELP FOOD PANTRY LAKE VILLAGE, IN.



The Church Nurses have returned, and we will have our next Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screening on Sunday, September 8th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am in the Parlor. We also want to say **THANK YOU** to our nurses for their continued service to our congregation!



Please save your Grocery Bags and bring them to church. We are now being charged for the bags & our church will need them for our November food drive to support "Love food Pantry Cedar Lake."



The Breakfast Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:00 am. We meet at Casa Balbina Restaurant in Crown Point. Our next gathering will be on Monday, September 15th. Join us for Great Christian Fellowship.



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OCTOBER 5TH

Ok... mark your calendar for October 5th. The Roatan Mission Team will be serving Biscuits and Gravy for \$5.00 in Downey Hall. A very heartfelt thank you to those who have already supported our team so far.





CRAFTY GRANNIE'S

We meet every Friday from 9:30am - 11:30 am in Downey Hall. Crafty Grannie's had a break and went to Bailey's to shop. Lunch at Richard's.



Mark your calendars for the **Grannies Christmas Bazaar** which will be held on **November 8th** from **9 am to noon**. Remember, it is never too early to shop for Christmas!

There will be many new vendors attending this year so there will be a larger selection of items than in the past. The Grannies will be selling their **Gift Baskets & Baked Goods**. Their famous **Turkey on A Bun Dinner** will be available starting at 10:30 am for \$ 8.00. This is the only fundraiser to help us support our many missions during the year.



SEPTEMBER 7TH @ 9:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF



OCTOBER 12TH @ 2:00PM
PUMPKIN CARVING AT CHURCH



NOVEMBER 9TH @ 2:00PM
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

THIS YEAR, REBUILDING TOGETHER WILL BE ASSISTING FAMILIES IN NEED IN LOWELL. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE FREE HOME REPAIRS FOR LOW-INCOME AND VULNERABLE HOMEOWNERS.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH:

- PAINTING DECKS AND WINDOW TRIM
- INSTALLING CRAWL SPACE INSULATION
- COMPLETING A VARIETY OF SMALL REPAIR PROJECTS

WHAT TO BRING: WORK GLOVES (ALL OTHER MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED)

WHAT'S PROVIDED: LUNCH FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

📍 **MEETING LOCATION:** AMERICAN LEGION,
108 E COMMERCIAL AVE, LOWELL AT 7:00 AM

📄 **SIGN-UP:** THE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET IS
AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER

📞 **QUESTIONS?** CONTACT JOSH AT 219-508-6141



Our church needs you! We are looking for volunteers for a variety of positions, including visuals, sound team, Altar Guild, ushering and greeters. Please consider taking that next step in getting involved in one of these ministries!





blood DRIVE

RUSH INTO DONATE!

Monday
September 8
2:30PM - 7:00PM

EVERY 2 SECONDS IN THE U.S. SOMEONE NEEDS BLOOD

EVERY DONATIONS SAVES UP TO 3 LIVES!



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

GOVERNMENT PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Appointments appreciated; Walk-ins welcomed! To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code

📱 Rush in to donate and be entered for a chance to win 2 tickets and a VIP experience* to your favorite hometown football team!



**550 East Burrell Drive
Crown Point, IN
219-805-3717**

Ladle of Love

1st and 3rd
Saturdays of the Month
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Join us for delicious food prepared by CHN volunteers, Tavern on Main, Great Harvest Bread Co. and Full Plate Catering.

Door Prizes provided from our Amazon Donations.

Sometimes a bit of live music.

Email us at communityhelpnetwork2020@gmail.com or give us a call if you would like to provide some desserts or maybe even provide some live music!



ROATAN MISSION TRIP



This year's mission trip to Roatan will be from January 31st to February 7th, 2026. We are continuing our fund-raising campaign... **Adopt-a-Project** and **Adopt-a-Suitcase**. Evry little bit helps our Mission Team help the children of God in Roatan.

You can join our Roatan Mission Team... the cost is \$ 600 plus your airfare. This year we will be building 2 playgrounds for the children. This is a great week of being His servant.

Contact Carla Smolek or Larry Frazier

Carla at 219-477-9115 or Larry at 219-669-4055 or email us at...

friendsofroatanhonduras@gmail.com

ADOPT-A-PROJECT: Weare seeking donations to help support our cause and efforts in Roatan, Honduras. Each dollar raised will go towards purchasing items for distribution at the clinics we visit... food to help needy families, construction supplies, school supplies for the children and sunglasses from the local vendors.

ADOPT-A-SUITCASE: Our Mission Team travels with an additional suitcase of supplies. Our goal is to fund 12 suitcases for our upcoming trip but create additional travel expenses. We are looking to raise \$ 50 per suitcase to cover the additional travel fees.



THIS CARD WITH A DONATION TO THE ROATAN MISSION FUND WAS RECEIVED BY CARLA.

“THIS DONATION IS FROM US FOR THE ROATAN MISSION FUND. WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SEEING SOME OF YOUR WORK A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO WHEN OUR CRUISE SHIP STOPPED IN ROATAN. THERE IS SO MUCH NEED THERE AND WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP IN THIS SMALL WAY. I HAVE KNOWN CARLA SMOLEK SINCE WE TRAVELED TOGETHER WITH UP THE PEOPLE 50 YEARS AGO! WHAT A TRUE TREASURE SHE IS! SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GOOD WORK!”
BLESSINGS,

JASN BENJAMIN & MADELANE WOODMAN