



# THE BEACON

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**FRIDAYS - 9:30 TO 11:30 AM**

CRAFTY GRANNIES  
DOWNEY HALL

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

BLOOD PRESSURE / BLOOD SUGAR  
SCREENING  
8:30 AM TO 11:00 AM  
IN THE PARLOR

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

BISCUITS & GRAVY... \$ 5.00  
ROATAN MISSION TEAM  
FUND RAISER  
DOWNEY HALL

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

NEW BEGINNINGS LUNCH  
12:00 NOON IN DOWNEY HALL

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

THE BREAKFAST CLUB @ 9:00 AM  
CASA BALBINA RESTAURANT  
CROWN POINT, IN

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

TRICK OR TRUNK  
5:00 TO 6:30 PM



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FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
of Crown Point, Indiana  
*Real People. Real Stories. Real Life.*

- HOTDOGS • CHICKEN NUGGETS •
- PULLED PORK SANDWICHES • CHIPS & DRINKS •



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> ...**

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.



If you would like to decorate your car for Halloween, we ask that you please sign up at the Welcome Center.

## New Beginnings

An Older Adult Ministry



1JOHN 5:3..." THIS IS LOVE FOR GOD: TO OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS."

### NEW BEGINNINGS LUNCH PROGRAMS

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE DANNY FALOONA THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIRECTOR AT **WE ARE FAMILY HOME CARE**. THEY PROVIDE NON-MEDICAL HOME CARE FOR SENIORS, ADULTS RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS AND/OR SURGERY, AS WELL AS NEW MOMS AND FAMILIES. Lunch and desserts will be served and made by Crown Point Lions Club.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING.  
**RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE IN BY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>.**

#### NEW BEGINNINGS LUNCH INFORMATION...

- ❖ LUNCHES 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.

### FREE SCREENINGS



Blood pressure  
HEART DISEASE: EARLY WARNING

Blood sugar  
DIABETES: EARLY WARNING



**Be Safe... Get Checked...** Our next Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screening is on Sunday, **October 5<sup>th</sup>** 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!



The Breakfast Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 9:00 am. We meet at Casa Balbina Restaurant in Crown Point. Our next gathering will be on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Join us for Great Christian Fellowship**



### CRAFTY GRANNIE'S

We meet every Friday from 9:30am - 11:30 am in Downey Hall.



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."**

### HOLI DAZE BAZAAR

**NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> / 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON**

- NEW VENDORS • MORE GIFT IDEAS •
- GIFT BASKETS • BAKED GOODS •
- LUNCH... TURKEY ON A BUN... \$ 8 •



352 S Main St. Crown Point, IN 46307

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT CRAFTY GRANNIE MISSION PROJECTS**



Take a hint from Garfield and join us at the Crafty Grannies Holi Daze Bazaar. There will be gift ideas for everyone including something for yourself!



## LARGE MAILINGS & SUNDAY BULLETINS

The Grannies have been helping the church with large mailings such as The BEACON and other items that require snail mail! It is a darn good thing Jayne buys self-sealing envelopes!



They have also been extremely helpful in folding the Sunday Bulletin since our folding machine threw a temper tantrum.



## TURKEY TREATS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS & NURSING HOMES



THE GRANNIES HAVE ALSO BEEN MAKING TURKEY TREATS & LOCAL NURSING HOMES. THE TREATS ARE CRACKERS & PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS.

PICTURED BELOW ARE A FEW OF THE GRANNIES AND A COUPLE OF YOUTHFUL RECRUITS!



PICTURED BELOW ARE THE PEANUT BUTTER CRACKER TREATS & CARLA'S GREAT NEPHEW PROVIDING AN UP-CLOSE VIEW OF THE TREATS.



THANKS TO THE GRANNIES FOR MAKING THE OF THOSE LIVING IN THE NURSING HOMES AND RECEIVING MEALS ON WHEELS A LITTLE BRIGHTER!





RALLY DAY

On Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> our church hosted the Northern Lakes District RALLY DAY. the event was filled with worship, fellowship, and a powerful message from Bishop Tracy S. Malone. "The day offered a joyful opportunity for clergy, laity, and conference staff to connect with one another, celebrate the mission and vision of the Indiana Conference, and step into this new season of ministry together. Worship included vibrant music, prayer, and scripture, all centered on the call to be "ALL IN" - multiplying love, cultivating joy, and inspiring hope."

We would like to thank all the volunteers from our church that helped make the Northern Lakes District RALLY DAY a true success.

Two of our team members (Carla & Julie) are pictured with Bishop Malone dressed up in bathing suits to support the Rally Day theme: *A Day at The Beach!*



JOIN US FOR  
OUR UPCOMING  
EVENTS

OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> @ 2:00 PM  
PUMPKIN CARVING AT CHURCH



NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 2:00 PM



DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:00  
CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR  
AT FAIR OAKS FARM

DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> @ 9:30 AM  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY  
& POINT TRADE-IN



## ROATAN MISSION TRIP



ADOPT-A-PROGRAM  
ADOPT-A-SUITCASE

This year's mission trip to Roatan will be from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We are continuing our fund-raising campaign...

**Adopt-a-Project** and **Adopt-a-Suitcase**. Every little bit helps our

Mission Team help the children of God in Roatan.

You can also join our Roatan Mission Team... the cost is \$ 600 plus your airfare. This year we will be building two playgrounds for children. This is a momentous 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](mailto:friendsofroatanhonduras@gmail.com)

**ADOPT-A-PROJECT:** 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 twelve suitcases for our upcoming trip but create additional travel expenses. A donation of \$ 50 per suitcase will cover the additional travel fees.



**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!



Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers during my recent recovery. It was so nice to receive all the well wishes from my church family,

Mary Ann Wietbrock



Thank you to everyone that donated blood on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Why donate blood?

- ✓ Someone in the United States needs blood every 3 seconds.
- ✓ Blood transfusions are often given to NICU babies, cancer patients, sickle cell warriors, transplant patients, trauma patients and more!
- ✓ Every year, blood transfusions save over four million lives in America.





# Ladle of Love

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



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

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!



# THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and generous donations, which were used to purchase gift cards for Henderson Settlement. The gifts cards were delivered to the Settlement during our Volunteers in Mission Trip in September and were greatly appreciated by the Settlement. (The Settlement director had tears of appreciation in his eyes when he opened the envelope and saw the amount of our donations.) The donations were to be distributed between various programs run by the Settlement, including Outreach (for the Christmas program), Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker (MIHOW), Food Pantry, Seniors assistant programs, Youth groups, and After School programs. Our team was able to make improvements at the Settlement Campus through several projects including building a new deck outside the Administrative Building, assembling shelving units in the Thrift store, cleaning and sealing a stairway in the Community Center, and various sorting projects in the Thrift store. Thank you to the congregation for your continued support. Although we know it is a lot to commit too, we are always looking for additional volunteers to help us in this cause.

On the next page we have a few pictures of our work and adventures at the Henderson Settlement.

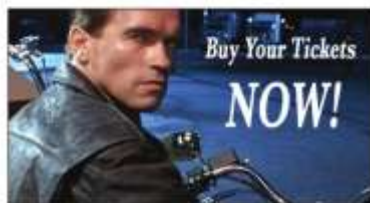
Henderson Volunteers in Mission Team

All proceeds benefit  
the programs of  
Community Help Network

## Pasta La Vista, Bonnie

Pasta & More Fundraiser  
Art Auction and Sale

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH  
4:00 PM UNTIL 8:00 PM



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/italian-dinner-and-art-silent-auction>

**DINE IN \$20**  
**TAKE OUT \$15**

Buy your tickets online or  
at the door. Seating is limited.

Original Art Work from  
New York Artist Martin Randall Joyce  
New Mexico Artist Teresa Bevin  
Robert Brasher  
Bonnie Meyer, Bob Votaw & Others  
Guest Gallery Curator  
Kim Telman from Amsterdam

**Cash Bar**  
**(Beer and Wine)**  
**50/50 Raffle**

Community Help Network  
550 East Burrell Drive  
Crown Point, IN  
(Across from Crown Point High School)



## HENDERSON SETTLEMENT MISSION TEAM

PHYLLIS MYERS, DENNY & BARB WOODS, MIKE & ANNETTE WARMELINK  
DENNIS & KATHY DYBOWSKI



### NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING... Clinic Conversion to Administration Building

For a number of years, Henderson Settlement operated a clinic staffed by part-time and volunteer dental and medical personnel. This ministry never really developed the following that we anticipated, and the facility was closed in 2014. Since that time, the building has been largely vacant, seeing only periodic use for a few days each year by our volunteer dental staff. To best use this building to support our ministry into the

coming decade, it was decided to transform this building into a refurbished, single-story Administration Building.

With this change, we will gain safe and adequate parking space, an entry without steps, a lobby area in which to greet and properly connect community members, volunteers, and guests, we also plan to upgrade our telephone system to a more current and reliable platform that has technical support and replacement parts available. **One of major projects undertaken by our Henderson Settlement Mission Team was to build a deck for the newly renovated Administrative Building.**





The Henderson Settlement THRIFT STORE needed some attention to enhance their ability to serve the community. The old shelves were removed and eight (8) new shelves were put up.

Henderson Settlement provides the community of Frakes, KY with the opportunity to purchase good clothing, usable household items, working small appliances and furniture at a very low cost. The Frakes Thrift Store also carries food and drink options, which are bought at discount and sold for a reasonable price. Through donations, and in cooperation with Community Services, we can provide clothing, appliances, and furniture at no cost to those who cannot afford to pay. Items that are holiday in nature are always desperately needed.



Women of our church provided material and made 402 Christmas stockings. In addition to the Christmas Stockings, small toys and stuffed animals were donated to help fill some of them. These stockings will be given to the children of the area at their annual Christmas party. Our church is helping a United Methodist church in northern Michigan with this project. They had been doing it on their own for years, but the number needed had greatly increased.

