



VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS

April 2011

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

Holy Week Schedule

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Join us the week of Easter for several activities. Beginning with Palm Sunday on April 17, we celebrate Jesus entering Jerusalem. Then on Wednesday, April 20 St. Andrew UMC (2560 Villa Avenue) is having a "Song Service" at 7 pm. Come celebrate Maundy Thursday (April 21) at University Heights

UMC. We will gather to remember the Last Supper. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm with worship at 7:30 pm.

Check your Sunday School rooms and the Welcome Center for sign-ups. Then join Edgewood UMC (1820 E. Epler Ave.) for a Good Friday (April 22) service at 7 pm.

On Saturday, April 23

at 9 am, children are welcome to come for a morning of egg hunting and story telling.

On Sunday, April 24 join us in celebrating Easter at either of our services - 9 am or 11:05 am. The 9 am service will feature music arrangements that include vocals, bells and brass instruments.

UHUMC Serving the Community....

On Thursday, April 7 a group from University Heights UMC will be serving breakfast at Fletcher Place.

This is one of the many ways University Heights UMC is serving the community. Following is more information about Fletcher Place....

The Fletcher Place Story

Hunger is a reality in America. We provide more than 65,000 meals a year through a hot meal program and

through groceries provided to families. Our goal is to build relationships in the community we serve, to build people up, to provide opportunities to build skills and achieve dreams.

We do this through community meals, providing a free clothing store and food pantry yet also through our hiring practices, free workshops and GED tutoring assistance, free preschool and summer art programs.

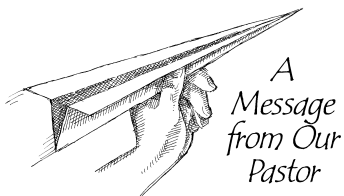
We are faith based with our roots in the United Methodist tradition.

Our meals are provided by individuals, families, faith groups and businesses. Each meal is a special offering to our neighbors that are hungry for food and for good conversation.

Volunteers provide more than 11,000 hours of service each year helping us meet the need.

Upcoming Events

- UHUMCC Rummage Sale - April 7 - 9
- Sunday, April 17 - Palm Sunday
- Thursday, April 21 - Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service beginning at 6:30 pm
- Saturday, April 23 - Easter Egg Hunt 9 am
- Sunday, April 24 - Easter Sunday



Hope.....Not A Wish

Easter has often been called the season of great hope. Gabriel Marcel has made it clear that what many people call hope is in fact a form of wish-fulfillment thinking. All of us know that the life of any person is filled with wishes.

A child wishes for a bicycle, a boy wishes for a football, a student wishes for a car, a house, a job. A sick person wishes to be cured; a poor person

to become rich; a prisoner to become free.

This wish fulfillment thinking is like waiting for a Santa Claus, whose task is to satisfy very specific needs and desires, if possible, immediately. When our lives are filled with this type of specific concrete wishes, we are in constant danger of becoming disappointed, bitter, angry, or indifferent, since some of our wishes do not come

true. When that happens, we begin to feel that somewhere and somehow we have been betrayed.

Easter speaks to us about a different kind of hope. The hope of Easter is directed toward God who is able to bring life from death. At the resurrection, the community comes to life again, the scattered are reassembled, the disillusioned become full of faith, the frightened

become fearless, and those who denied and deserted are forgiven. The hope of Easter is that some day time will be shot through with grace upon grace, and God's promises will shape creation's great conclusion.

Christian hope is, therefore, more than wish-fulfillment. We "wish that," but we "hope in."

The Joy Continues,
C. Archibald Hawkins



Mission Crosses



During the Lenten season, perhaps you would like to purchase a Mission Cross in honor or memory of someone special in your life for the cost of \$5 each. All funds collected will go to the BIBs (Better Indy Babies) Pantry and Fletcher Place meals. This helps our own community mission and reaches out to others in need. Crosses may be purchased on Sundays — April 3, 10 or 17.

Name _____

Phone _____

In memory of _____
a gift of _____

In appreciation/honor of _____
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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

April Birthdays

1	Phyllis Austin	18	Christopher Cesnik
	Tony Dykes	19	Dale Hardin
	Kendall Hottell	20	Khloe Dykes
2	Dewayne Hudson	22	Brian Russell
	Nancy Stenger	23	John Beaman
5	Steve Yakub		Michael Hart
7	Barbara Wilson		Mandy Marley
8	David O'Hare	24	Timothy Decker
10	Kerry Bossingham		Brook Munger
	Scott McCrary	25	Phyllis Hilligoss
12	Maxwell Slauter	26	Evelyn Lineback
13	Elizabeth Decker		Richard Wilds
15	Annette Everling	27	Ty McCrary
	Kathleen Haviland	30	Barbara McCrary
17	Keith Smedema		Kenneth Winslow

May Birthdays

1	Kristin Neuman	11	Vicky Swank
	Sherry Wesner	13	John McBride
2	William Green	14	Karen Duvall
	Kinsey Goff		Patricia Jensen
3	Anthony Wilkerson	16	Nicholas Hilgert
	Lee Kindred		Dennis Osborne
4	Jeanne Hilgert	18	Philip Fowler
	Sean Munger		Sarah Phillips
	Robert Sachs	20	Dorothy Weaver
5	William McMillan		June Stanley
	Alexander Marley	22	Janice Gross
6	Susan Hancock	23	Robert Bowles
	Kelly Cesnik	26	Charmain Mosier
7	Mark Cesnik	27	Patty Morgan
	Mary Moreman	28	David Wiley
10	Wanda Hampton		Jakob Asbury
	Evan Davis	30	Anna Stotts
	Nathan Gonqueh	31	Michael Hancock

Views Deadline

April 27

Views Mailing

May 4

April Anniversaries

4/5/1986	Stephen & Susan Nawrocki
4/5/2003	James & Suzanne Smith
4/7/1963	Roger & June Roembke
4/15/1978	David & Linda Rodebaugh
4/11/1953	Raymond & Nancy Alexander
4/22/1994	John & Stephanie Kelly

May Anniversaries

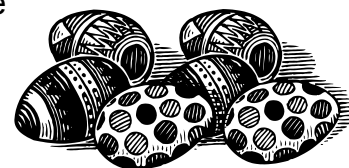
5/3/1958	Roger & Mary Crouch
5/4/2002	Dewayne & Amy Hudson
5/14/1966	James & Karen Caughey
5/18/1991	Michael & Marsha Hart
5/23/1992	Tony & Kimberly Dykes
5/27/2006	Larry & Mary Bledsoe

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***The Hunt is on... The
Easter Egg Hunt That
Is...***

Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23 at 9 am. Children's Center families, community families, church families - all are welcome! We will have a continental breakfast (juice, milk, coffee, donuts, bagels and fruit provided by the Children's Center).

There will be activities for the children after they are finished eating, including a puppet show. The hunt begins at 10 am.

If you would like to help with this event, please sign up at the Welcome Center. We are also collecting donations of candy and small toys through Sunday, April 10. You may put donations in the bin in the narthex.





University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

Upcoming Fundraisers

Garage Sale - We Need Help!

The Children's Center is planning another sale on April 7 - 9. Our focus will be on children's items — clothing, games, toys, baby clothes, etc.

But, we will accept all your generous offerings. Items can be brought into the Children's Center Office or dropped off on the stage area in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed for the days of the sale as well.

If you have any questions regarding the garage sale, please call the Children's Center Office at 317-787-5865.

Silent Auction

This year's silent auction will be May 2 - 6. So, it's time to brain-storm how everyone can help to make this a success.

Here are a few ideas.

- Contribute homemade items and/or services.
- Contribute purchased items and/or services.
- Solicit contributions from local business owners you know personally.
- Contribute your time - babysitting, lawn service, house cleaning, etc.
- Make a monetary donation.

Who's working in the Children's Center?

Janet Sare

Janet graduated from Sacred Heart High School (now Roncalli). She attended UIndy in the evenings, taking courses in business, English and history.

Janet and her husband were married in 1971. They have a son Matthew and a granddaughter (through marriage).

Janet began working at the Children's Center in March of 2005. Before joining the staff, Janet worked for a company that managed student loans. When the position was eliminated due to the selling of the company, Janet decided she would like a change of pace. She knew she wanted to work with children.

Janet is a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Her hobbies include reading, gardening, shopping at antique malls and studying the Bible.

Sue Moffatt

Sue graduated from Southport High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She attended UIndy's nursing program. Sue and her husband were married in 1959. She has three daughters and 4 grandchildren ranging from college age to 6 months old.

Although most of her career was in the insurance field, Sue enjoys interacting with children to encourage a love of music, reading and nature as well as instilling consideration of others and kindness.

Sue's hobbies include music, gardening, creative painting and decorating. She is a member of Edgewood United Methodist Church.

Registration Open

Registration for Summer Camp, Fall Preschool, Fall Daycare and Summer Daycare is now open. If you know anyone who is looking for an exciting, safe, Christian environment for their children kindergarten through eighth grade, please give them a Summer Camp Brochure or direct them to the website www.universityheightsumc.us. The information is on the Children's Center button.

Also, if you are aware of anyone who may have children that need summer care, daycare or preschool, please direct them to the Children's Center button on our webpage. Our best business is done by word of mouth. So get chatting.



I want to thank all of you for your cards, notes, phone calls, food, etc. after Don's death. I'm having difficulty adjusting to this loss. My family has been wonderful support including my granddaughter who is staying with me. I appreciate Rev. Arch for all his help and many visits to the hospital. Thank you again and bless you all.

Esther Fleener

Thank you to all who prepared the dinner for the Craddick family. It was very appreciated and gave us time to reflect on good memories.

Terry & Debbie Pressel and family

We would like to thank our congregation for their loving support during our surgeries. Special thanks to Rev. Arch for visiting on his day off and for Shirley Green's visit with a basket of fruit from the Ad-A-Links.

Bill & Bev Riffle

Thank you to everyone who went to Max & Erma's on Sunday, Feb. 27. Check the next Views to see how much UHUMC raised.

April is National Volunteer Month. The church staff would like to thank all of you for your many hours of service to our church and community. Our church would not be anything without the many hours you so willingly give. You make the following scripture come alive — 1 John 3:18 "Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." Thank you for your service to the Lord.

WINGS Coming Soon!

Mark your calendar for the next WINGS Event on Wednesday, May 4 at Vicky Swank's home. Invitations and directions will be coming soon.

The program will be presented by a few players from the Rainbow Junction Players, a Christian Puppet Ministry from St. Andrew UMC. They have been presenting programs for 17 years.

At the beginning of the ministry, their puppets were homemade; however with the passing of time, they began to purchase puppets and now have more than 50 person puppets and as many animal puppets. The group includes persons of all ages (12 and older).

A core group meets to put together their programs, some choose music, another does most of the script writing, and a variety of translations of scriptures are used in constructing the programs.

The group has presented programs all over the state, gearing its programs to the audience and special events (holidays). The players presenting the program at WINGS will give the history, show some of the puppets, and mingle with the WINGS ladies.

We're on the Web

www.universityheightsumc.us

University Heights UMC

A Celebration of Life, Faith and Hope!

United Methodist Women..... And All Other Interested Persons.....

By Joanne Hannon

Has it been awhile since you've heard or talked about McCurdy School? Perhaps you've never heard of it at all. Peggy Richwine, remembering that McCurdy was a Mission project near and dear to us at one time, and was a place where our own Elnora Hiatt taught, brought us up to date on this school, located in Espanola, New Mexico, at our March meeting of Ruth Circle. Remember in my last newsletter, I said that United Methodist Women are always learning?

With Peggy's guidance, we learned again about this wonderful school, which is a project related to the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC. It is a school of about 500 students, K-12, with boarding facilities for grades 7-12. McCurdy is committed to providing quality education in a Christ-centered environment.

We all can help McCurdy in a very easy way; JUST CLIP AND SAVE LABELS. **Campbell Soup Labels** - You will recognize the label by the barcode. Look on all Campbell products; if finding and cutting the label is a problem, just turn in the entire can label.

All General Mills Box Tops for Education are being collected also. Be sure to check all GM products, even frozen foods. You may place the labels on the UMW table at the front entrance.

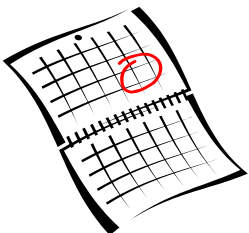
By now you've surely seen the clever bulletin board inviting one and all to participate in the **BIBs Baby Shower**, on **Monday, April 11, at 7:30 pm** in the Church Parlor. For detailed information check the yellow sheet in last month's *Views*. (Note from Marilyn Reid - BIBs needs layettes and other clothing sized 0 - 3 months.)

If you keep your ear tuned to conversations between United Methodist Women, there are two things you'll hear discussed. One is **Southport UMW's Annual Lenten Breakfast**, which this year is on Saturday, April 9 at 9:30 am. (Southport UMC, 1947 East Southport Road)

According to "the scoop," this is a highlight of the Lenten Season journey; the food is great, the program inspirational. The other? This may not surprise you, but it offers food, also.

Those in the know say "You do not want to miss this lovely **St. Andrew UMW Brunch**." Because the decorations and program are always top notch, one can only imagine what the creative ladies at St. Andrew (2560 Villa Avenue) will do with the theme, "Under the Sea" on April 30. Mark your calendars for these two events, and watch the bulletin for times and reservation information. Remember, ladies, we are all United Methodist women; your input and participation are always welcome and encouraged. I'll start collecting labels, how about joining me? Do you know schools have been able to buy vans and even a bus with the labels we collect? Amazing!

2011 UMW Schedule



UMW Executive Committee Meeting Dates 2011

All meetings are at 5:30 pm in the Shalom classroom unless otherwise noted

Monday, April 11; Monday, May 9; Monday, Aug. 8 (Future of UMW to be discussed); Monday, Oct 10; Monday, Nov. 14 and Monday, Dec. 12.

Ruth Circle Meeting Dates 2011 and Events

Meetings are at on Mondays at 7:30 pm in the church parlor unless otherwise noted. Sat., April 9 at 9:30

am - Southport UMW Lenten Breakfast: April 11 - BIBs Shower: Sat., April 30 - St. Andrew UMW Brunch "Under the Sea"; May 9: Sat., June 18 - Arch & Becky's home; Aug. 8 - Meeting at the home of Peggy Richwine; Sept. 10; Oct. 10; Nov. 14 - World Thanks Offering and Pledge Service: December 12.

UMW Reading Circle

The UMW Reading Circle will meet May 12, July 14, Sept. 8 and Nov. 10 in the Asbury Room at University Heights UMC from 1:30-3 pm.

Graduation Sunday

Are you graduating from high school this year? The church would like to celebrate your accomplishments on Sunday, May 15. Please call the church office at 787-5347 and let us know if you will be at the 9 or 11:05 am service.

Are you graduating from college this year or receiving another degree? Please let the church office know so we can share your accomplishments with the rest of the congregation.

Fifth Sunday Forum Fellowship Breakfast May 29

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 29 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall. Jerry Steadham will update us on the New Directions Task Force as we enjoy a continental breakfast.

This Task Force is making a lot of progress and this is a great way to learn what they have done.

APRIL'S LOOSE COIN



The Loose Coin offering for April will go to the BIBs Pantry. Remember it is only the loose coins in the offering plate that count toward this special offering.



Southeast LENTEN BREAKFASTS '11

April 9 - ROSEDALE HILLS - 7:30 a.m.

April 16 - UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS - 7:30 a.m.

Scholarships Available

If you are planning to attend college during the 2011-2012 school year, you may qualify for a scholarship available through UHUMC.

The deadline for the Graber, Heshelman, and Beeman scholarships is April 29, 2011. Applications are available in the church office.

In addition, two scholarships are available through the financial aid office for UIndy students who are church members.

Contact the UIndy financial aid office for applications and deadline information.

Each scholarship has its own set of criteria.

Call or e-mail the church office at 317-787-5347 or uhumc@att.net for more information.

Children's Sunday School Themes

Children's Sunday School curriculum themes for the Spring Quarter are as follows:

April: Easter

May: Good News Travels Fast



Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service

MAUNDY Thursday

Please join University Heights UMC on Thursday, April 21 for a pitch-in dinner and communion

service. The dinner will begin at 6:30 pm with the service celebrating the Last Supper at 7:30 pm. Come enjoy the fellowship time and this meaningful Lenten service. Invite your friends, family and neighbors too. Sign up sheets for the pitch-in are in the Sunday School classrooms and at the Welcome Center.

Palm Sunday

Calling all children and youth! Meet at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, April 17 at 8:50 am for the 9 am service and/or 10:50 am for the 11:05 am service. We will parade in with palms.



**Monday,
April 25
Fellowship
Hall**

[Seekers Room if Raining]

**Next Community
Lunch
Sat., April 16
11:30 am**

Mark Your Calendars



**Vacation
Bible
School**

June 20 - 24, 2011

Central Avenue Methodist Church Given New Life

Before Indiana Landmarks repurposed the former Central Avenue Methodist Church, the vacant complex was empty, the roof rusty and leaking, the domed ceiling crashing down on pews. Some called it a lost cause.

With the support of the Cook family of Bloomington who contributed \$10 million, Indiana Landmarks restored and adapted the sanctuary and Sunday School wings as theaters, reception halls and meeting spaces. Indiana Landmarks is raising \$3 million to restore the 1922 office building as our new state headquarters, and create a landscaped parking lot.

Historic churches -- built to last, with little expense spared in architectural detail and decoration -- embody good works, good will, and community heritage. Built in three stages -- 1891, 1900, and 1922 -- the Central Avenue church once held the largest Methodist congregation in Indiana and played a formative role in the capital city, creating Methodist Hospital and Wheeler Mission and molding leaders who steered businesses and educational institutions.

When the church closed -- victim of population shifts and an ever-shrinking congregation -- the Old Centrum Foundation tried to operate the building as a home for small nonprofits, but by 2008 recognized that it could not adequately maintain the structure.

Indiana Landmarks intervened in 2010 to save the endangered, architecturally outstanding building and give it an exciting new use.

The renovations are stunning! Landmark Open House: Sunday, April 17, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Free tours, family activities, music and light refreshments; also free tours of an elegant Victorian home, the Morris-Butler House, 1204 N Park Ave. Visit www.indianalandmarks.org for more information about upcoming events.



Memorials.....

In Loving Memory of Don Fleener

- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stotts, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morris, Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Wilma Davis

- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stotts, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. Phil Melick, Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Mr. Wally Decker

- Mr. and Mrs. Tim Decker, Music

Kids' Quotes

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

SAY A PRAYER: Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother. "I don't have to," The boy replied. "Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating, at our house" 'That's our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

LOT'S WIFE: The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot 's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

EASTER FLOWERS

Deadline for Ordering: Sunday, April 10, 2011

Soon our Sanctuary will be transformed once again with the beautiful fragrance of our Easter flowers. They may be taken home after the 11:05 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday, April 24. Place your order below. You may choose from lilies, bulb plants (tulips, daffodils and hyacinth) or Mums. Each flower is \$10. Be sure and designate if they are in memory, honor, or appreciation of your special person.

Name _____

Total Enclosed \$_____

(You must include payment at the time your order is placed.)

Easter Flower #1

- _____ Lilly
- _____ Bulb (Tulip, Daffodil or Hyacinth)
- _____ Mum

Memory Honor Appreciation of

Easter Flower #2

- _____ Lilly
- _____ Bulb (Tulip, Daffodil or Hyacinth)
- _____ Mum

Memory Honor Appreciation of

Easter Flower #3

- _____ Lilly
- _____ Bulb (Tulip, Daffodil or Hyacinth)
- _____ Mum

Memory Honor Appreciation of

REMEMBER - DEADLINE APRIL 10!

March 2011 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
3/6	147	39	186	\$8,701
3/13	127	37	164	\$5,970
3/20	128	32	160	\$6,197
3/27	127	52	179	\$3,585

*Weekly Offering Need Each Week for Budget:
\$7,801.00*

Special Offerings:

Loose Coin: \$134.15 (Children's Center)

UMCOR: \$1,165.00

