



VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS

August 2011

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

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Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes Needed

Cokesbury has designed a Sunday School Curriculum called "Rock Solid." This is based on the scripture "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. "The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it

had been founded on rock." (Matthew 7:24-25)" This parable is saying exactly what we want to offer our children. We want to help them build a strong faith foundation so that when the rains and storms of life come, their house of faith will not fall away. It will stand strong and give them strength and shelter. This fall

the children will begin studying: Unit 1 Being the Church, Unit 2 – Becoming Disciples, and Unit 3 – Building Peace.

If you would be interested in teaching one of our children or youth Sunday School classes this year or be willing to be on our substitute list, please contact Marsha Hart at 786-4902.

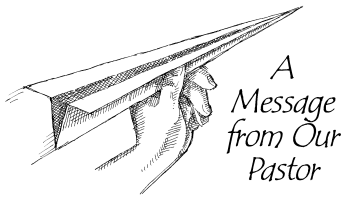
Upcoming Events

- Teachers' Breakfast
Sunday, Aug. 7, 8 am
- Welcome Team/
Ushers Brunch
Saturday, Aug. 13
at 9 am
- Promotion Sunday
Aug. 14
- UIndy Students -
Move-in Day
Wednesday, Aug. 24
- UIndy Life Expo
Friday, Aug. 26

Inspiration Station Expanded

There will be a separate shelf for teaching resources located next to the existing Inspiration Station. It is labeled **Teacher Resource**; however, some of the items are appropriate for individuals as well as leaders of small book studies and teachers of classes. A few of the selections available are: *Life Lessons with Max Lucado* (Book), Study Guide, Book of Psalms and Study Guide, Book of John; *Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren (Book), Study Guide, *Sharing Christ Together* and Study Guide, *Growing to be like Christ; Power of Words* by Joyce Meyer (Book + 2 DVD's), *Word Power*, and *6 Things to say on Purpose*; and *Are You Too Busy?* By Joyce Meyer – (CD), *Learn to make the most of your time and reduce stress* and *Avoid 7 common ways people waste time.*

Enjoy these inspiring collections and enrich your life as you bless others that you teach. When you are finished please return to the shelf for others to enjoy.



Summer Thoughts.....

I hope you are having a great summer. In case you have not noticed, it has been HOT AND DRY. My lawn mower has gathered cobwebs for the month of July.

The good news is that I don't have to run the snow-thrasher this time of year. I also enjoyed the celebration of our nation's independence by being with family and friends.

Here at the church, we are in our summer routine. Some of the staff have taken vacation time. Soon, the University of Indianapolis will be back in a full schedule with all of the activities that happen when students return. And we are all hopeful that the Hanna Avenue project will be done by the 2016 elections.

We had a great Vacation Bible School that was coordinated by Cristy Roleson. Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church joined us and we averaged 30 students for the week. My guess is that they had a bunch of fun and their faith was strengthened.

With the choir being on their summer hiatus, we have been blessed by many people providing special music. I marvel

at the musical talent with which this church is blessed and I am thankful for the willingness of so many people sharing their gift.

The Children's Center Ministry sponsored a community event. The parking lot had some things for kids to do such as a water slide and a bouncy-house. Burgers and hot dogs were grilled and one could cool-off with a snow cone.

Several people from the neighborhood were present as well as from the Children's Center and the church. Curt Barclay did a good job in setting it up.

I wish I could report that we are having a good worship attendance for the year. But it is not as strong as I would have hoped for the year. To date, we are averaging 170 in attendance. That compares to the same time period of 2010 which was 184. In 2009 our average was 191. Why is this happening? I can think of several reasons.

Over the years we have had several members and friends of the church die. Also, our congregation is aging and some simply cannot

get around as well as they were able to in the past.

For others, they have left this congregation to participate in the life of another church that fits them at this point. Some are mad at somebody or something and have decided to not attend. While others have gotten out of the habit and have not returned to church. I would also presume that some just don't think they can get anything from attending worship at this time.

Whatever the reason, I would encourage all members and friends of University Heights United Methodist Church to make a public confession of faith by attending worship.

It seems that supporting the church financially follows the trend of attendance. When most people are not in attendance, they don't support the church.

Currently, our financial support of the church is running about \$9,000 short of the budgeted income. What was said above concerning attendance is also true about giving to the church.

Many of the people who have died over the

last three years were faithful and strong in supporting the church financially.

Also, I know of at least one situation in which a family of the church relocated out-of-state due to a job change. Thus an unexpected yet understandable loss to the church both in attendance and financially.

I know the economy is not as strong as many of us wish it were. And I know this impacts the giving to the church. However; if this trend continues for the rest of the year, we will have to make some major changes in expenses for 2012 including releasing of staff, cutting expenses of Sunday School and other Christian Education experiences, and perhaps having one worship service to reduce use of the building for heat and air conditioning expenses.

As summer draws to a close and the blessings of autumn will soon be apparent, I am looking forward to seeing you at church.

*The Joy Continues,
Rev. C. Archibald Hawkins*

August Birthdays

1	Marilyn Burgess	19	Sue Lomax
3	Jack Austin		Danna O'Hare
	Betty Sturrock	21	Thomas Roembke
5	Michael Hilgert	22	Kay Wiley
6	Matt Davis		Jane Mayhew
	Mark Kindred		Rachel George
	Steve Jones	23	Sally Crosby
9	Chester Hedges		Thomas Nieman
11	Tim Martin	24	Nicholas Rusher
	Clark Wilson		Stephen Richwine
	John Kelly		Dane Burton
	Susan McKnight	25	Janice Thomas
12	Melinda Alford		Martha Woodley
	Danielle Rogers		Stephen Maple
13	Karen Caughey	27	Donald Bollinger
14	Tracy Garrabrant	28	Richard Duvall
	Jole Hilgert		Jeff Alford
	Ben Hilgert	30	Mary Ellen Wesner
16	William Gommel	31	Phyllis Webster
17	Becky Carney		Ruth Edwards

September Birthdays

4	Jerry Booher	23	Ronald Burgess
	Leon Meyer		Emily Odle
6	Cecil Hurt	23	Evelyn Waddell
7	Linda Richards	24	Karen Beaman
9	Elizabeth Haviland	24	Stanley Curts
10	William Oates	24	Anita Keller
11	Esther Edwards	24	Stephanie Kelly
12	Adam Barclay	24	Nancy Stenger
	Virgil Mayhew	25	Ashley Morgan
14	June Roembke	26	Blake Moran
	Miranda Viewegh	26	Rachel Osborne
16	Wendy Bravard	26	Beverly Riffle
	Grace George	26	Madison Slauter
17	David Rodebaugh	26	Sara Wilson
18	Dorothy Reddix	28	Randall Hendricks
18	Teresa Viewegh	28	Peter Howard
20	Iris Showalter	29	Amelia Smith
22	Mona Curts	30	Austyn Dykes
	Karen Nieman		

August Anniversaries

8/3/1968	Stephen & Sarah Maple
8/3/1996	Scott & Mandy Marley
8/6/1977	Thomas & Linda Hickman
8/6/1966	Stephen & Linda Richards
8/10/2002	Frank & Kristi Zunis
8/12/1962	Donald & Martha Woodley
8/14/1981	Gene & Anna McWilliams
8/14/1966	Stephen & Peggy Richwine
8/15/1998	Jason & Teresa Viewegh
8/15/1987	Chris & Barbara Wilson
8/17/1951	Leonard & Patricia Lucas
8/19/1962	Steven & Gelaine Smock
8/23/1964	Robert & Beverly Elrod
8/24/1973	Ronald & Brenda Viewegh

September Anniversaries

9/1/2006	Ben & Rebecca Hilgert
9/6/2008	Matt & Ashley Shepherd
9/9/1955	Chester & Doris Hedges
9/22/1972	Mark & Susan Barhan
9/23/1978	John & Karen Beaman
9/26/1992	Dennis & Sandra Osborne
9/27/1943	William & Vivian Gommel
9/29/2007	Colby & Brittany Birt

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mark Your Calendars for Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 14, is Promotion Sunday. Children and youth will be promoted to a new Sunday School class. Join us in Fellowship Hall for an ice cream sundae and then your teachers will take you to your class. Make sure to come and meet your new teachers! Parents, you can pick up your children from their Sunday School room.



University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

NEWS

The Preschool program will begin in September. Openings are available in our 3-year old, 4-year old and 5-year old/Pre-K classes.

If you know of anyone looking for a preschool program for their child, please direct them to our hands-on program. We provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum which includes language, math, art, music and science. Our safe Christian environment also includes the development of social skills as well as gross and fine motor skills for all children.

Space is available in our full-time daycare program. Any child two years and older will receive preschool as part of their school week at no additional charge.

Please contact the Children's Center at 787-5865 if you have any questions. More information is available at www.universityheightsumc.us. Click on the Children's Center button.

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped at the community event for the Children's Center and Church.

Children's Center Staff in the Mission Field

Following are two excerpts from staff members who have returned from recent mission trips. Enjoy!

Marsha Petry writes: "Saturday, July 16, three couples including Jeff and Marsha Petry set off for Crow Creek Sioux Indian Reservation near Fort Thompson, South Dakota. For a week they worked alongside 30 other United Methodists from across Indiana. In the 100 degree heat and humidity the community garden and Medicine Wheel herbal garden were weeded. Many boxes of donated items were sorted and distributed in the Thrift Shop. A former, vacant medical center was scraped clean, re-floored, plumbing restored and painted. Curtains were made from donated cloth. Traditional Lone Star baby quilts were pieced and taken to the Senior Citizen Center for quilting.

"A fun day for all ages was held on Wednesday. There were arts and crafts, singing, basketball and other games. Hot dogs were served for lunch and hamburgers grilled for supper. Native Americans and missionaries shared a very special day.

"During the evenings we

learned about the Lakota-Dakota tribes, their search for artifacts, enjoyed Native American musicians in traditional dress. We heard their hopes and dreams and the ways they are fighting the negatives. Being a very proud people they were quick to tell us about their sons who are serving in Afghanistan. A family prepared a traditional meal for us sharing their own fight with obesity and diabetes.

"Friday morning we were up prior to the sunrise for Communion. The huge clear sky presented a beautiful sunrise that created a breathtaking setting that only God could have provided. Saturday we cleaned up, packed up and started the long trek home, knowing each had left a piece of our heart and taken a new love and appreciation of the Native Americans. As I have said to many people, 'I spent a week walking through history with God.' And, God willing, I will return."

Jill Miller writes: "Every year my church, Center United Methodist Church, takes their youth on a mission trip. This year the middle school and the high school went on separate mission trips. I went with the middle school on their mission



Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all who volunteered for Vacation Bible School. Your help was invaluable!

Thank you to all of my family and friends for their prayers and cards of encouragement during my illness. Thank you also to Rev. Arch for stopping by to see me before my surgery. Also, a big thank you to my mother-in-law, Mona Curts, for helping me get to appointments and taking care of the family, too.

Diane Curts

Thank you to everyone who donated his or her time to make our Summer Sunday School program a success. We have fantastic children and youth at our church and this is always a great opportunity for you to get to know them better. Special thanks to Nancy Arthur Stenger, Diana Bossingham, Bev Elrod, Ray and Tracy Garrabrant, Marsha Hart, Steve Jones, Judy Martin, and Chris Wilson for helping with this ministry this summer.

I have heard it said that a man who has friends is very wealthy. Well, I certainly feel rich and blessed as during my recent recovery from surgery, I received so many cards, phone calls, and numerous visits wishing me well. Thanks so much to all of you.

Phil Rodebaugh

I would like to thank Ted Polk for his very generous donation to the Fletcher Place Food Pantry. All the canned goods I'm sure are greatly appreciated.

Linda Rodebaugh

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who donated food items to help keep the Fletcher Place Pantry full during June and July. You were a blessing to many hungry families.

AUGUST'S LOOSE COIN



The Loose Coin offering for August will go to the Transient Fund. Remember it is only the loose coins in the offering plate that count toward this special offering. If you would like to make an additional gift, please place it in a special envelope located in the pews. Mark on it what it is to support.

Welcome Team and Ushers Appreciation Brunch

If you are a part of the Welcome Team or an usher, please plan to attend the light brunch at the Hottell's on August 13. If you would like to volunteer to be on the Welcome Team, please attend this brunch. Sign-ups are at the Welcome Center.

Staff Member Joins Teens on Annual Mission Trip

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trip to Newport, Tennessee. The mission trip was through YouthWorks. We (the twelve middle schoolers, I and two other adults) left our church Sunday morning after we were prayed over during the first service and made the 6 hour drive (in two 15 passenger vans, one of which I drove) to Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church, the church that would be where we slept for the next 5 days.

"We stayed with about 60 other youth and adults that were from other churches in Ohio, North Carolina and Iowa. They broke us up into 6 groups, with at least two states being in each group. Three groups for two days did various work projects while the other three were assigned to "Kids Club." Then for the next two days the groups switched assignments.

"On the first day we helped an older woman who had just moved into her home in November. We cleaned up her front and back yards, (because her yard needed attention from the storms that came through earlier this year), her back patio, the previous owner had left a massive amount of dead brush on the trellis above her patio that we also cleaned up, the previous owner left a lot of junk in her storage area after she moved so we cleaned it out and threw away or stored what she asked us to plus it gave her much more room in her storage area after we were done.

"On the second day we left Newport and went about 10 minutes out to Parrottsville. There we painted a building that was almost 200 years old. It was originally a dormitory for a seminary that was across the street (that is now Par-

rottsville United Methodist Church). Then it was the town's post office. And now they are planning on making it a museum. We started the project on Tuesday, but another group continued painting it Wednesday and finished it Thursday. While we were there we had a frequent visitor, a dog the youth named "Fred," until they realized that the dog was actually female and they renamed the dog, "Freddie." By the end of the day the dog ended up with paint on her fur, but she didn't seem to mind.

"On the third and fourth days we had "Kid's Club." What is "Kid's Club?" Well, "Kid's Club" was held at the church we stayed the night at. We would drive around town, pick up children and bring them back to the church, do activities with them, feed them, and then we took them back home. The youth planned the day with the children plus when the children were brought to the church they were the ones in charge of the children. On the fourth day we had a water day that all the kids enjoyed.

"After our work days were done we would go to a nearby school and the kids cleaned up (the adults showered at the church). We would have dinner and then we had different activities that we participated in. On Monday we went on a hike to a creek that the youth played in, Tuesday we went to a Bluegrass concert, Wednesday we went to a youth service at the church we were staying at and Thursday we had a foot washing ceremony (That was very emotional. There wasn't a dry eye in the room.).

"We left the church on Friday morning feeling blessed to have been there and have touched so many lives."

Teacher and Room Helper Training Scheduled

Children and Youth Sunday School Teachers and Toddler Room Helpers will meet on August 7th at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to pick up materials, discuss child safety, and have breakfast. Please call the church office to let us know you will be at this important meeting.

Is It Done Yet?

Phillip Hunter, the project supervisor from Bernaardin, Lochmueller and Assoc., states in his letter that the completion date for the Hanna Avenue project is November 7, 2011.

As you will notice, there will be no access from the parking lot to westbound Hanna as well as no access to the parking lot from westbound Hanna.

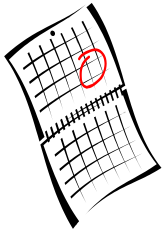


Memorials.....

In Loving Memory of Abram Adams
– *Shalom Class, Undesignated*

In Loving Memory of Pedro Izguirre
– *Mr. Pedro Izaguirre, Jr, General Fund*

2011 UMW Schedule



UMW Executive Committee Meeting Dates 2011

All meetings are at 5:30 pm in the Shalom classroom unless otherwise noted Monday, Sept. 12 (dinner provided); and Monday, Nov. 14 (dinner provided.) - December: TBD.

Ruth Circle Meeting Dates 2011 and Events

Meetings are on Mondays at 7:30 pm in the church lounge unless otherwise noted. Mon., Sept. 12; and Nov. 14. - December: TBD

Cluster UMW Mission Night

Join the UMW at Rosedale Hills UMC, 4450 S Keystone Ave, on Monday, August 8 at 7:30 pm. Amy Zent will speak about her recent trip to Sierra Leone and the Primary School Library Project. Dessert will be offered following the event. Please plan to attend and bring friends. A free-will offering will be accepted as well as gently used children's books. All donations will go to the Primary School in Sierra Leone. RSVP to Marylynne Winslow at 788-0547 or winslow@uindy.edu.

Next Community Lunch

**Saturday,
August 20
11:30 am**

Prayer Partners Needed

The power of prayer is a wonderful thing. One of our ministries is to pair someone with one of our children and youth Sunday School and our Children Center classes to pray for that class and the teachers.

The teachers appreciate the support and the children like knowing that someone in the church is praying for them. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please sign up at the Welcome Center by the class you would like to commit to praying for during the next year. Everyone benefits from this partnership.

After signing up, you will receive a class list. The Children Center has requested a picture of their Prayer Partners so they can show their children who is praying for them. In turn, we will take a picture of the class, so the Prayer Partner can see the children. If you don't have a picture of yourself, we will be glad to take one on a Sunday morning. Classes have not yet been determined, so watch in the Bulletin for when the sign-up sheet will be available.

Need to Unload a Few Good Reads....

Do you have books you have read, but hate to discard? Put them to a good use. Donate them to the Richard L. Roudebush V.A. Medical Center. Mysteries, romance, western, historical fiction, historical non-fiction, word search, other puzzle books, sci-fy, Readers Digests, Guideposts, etc. Just about any type of book that is appropriate in subject and language would be appreciated.

The men and women who served our country as well as those still active could use a good read. So, go through your books. Bring them to church to donate. Boxes will be located on the sanctuary level for donations. If you have any questions, please call Sally Crosby at 882-7990 or 418-8127. Please make sure the books are paperback.



Back to School Supplies

School supply donations for the Children's Center and Sunday School can be brought in August 7 – 21. Please place supplies in the bin in the narthex. Below is a list of items that are needed. Thank you for your support!

wax paper	sandwich Ziploc bags
sidewalk chalk	chalkboard chalk
bingo markers	colored masking tape
aluminum foil	bleach
masking tape	scotch tape refills
soft scrub	construction paper
glue sticks	food coloring
paper clips	post-it-notes
Kleenex	pom-poms
cotton balls	feathers
googly eyes	rechargeable AA & D batteries
colored pencils	dry erase markers
band-aids	markers
crayons	glue
laundry detergent (fragrance free)	
fabric softener (fragrance free)	
<i>snacks:</i> pretzels, crackers, animal crackers,	
peanut butter, Cheerios, oyster crackers	

Snack Time

Parents don't forget to go by your child's Sunday School room starting Sunday, August 14. While there sign up to bring in snacks or check with the teacher to see if there are other ways you can offer support.

Community Lunches Offer

Food and Fellowship

Our Community Lunches are on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 – 12:30. ALL are welcome! This is a way that we outreach to our community and have fellowship with church congregation. If you haven't been a part of this wonderful ministry, join us Saturday, August 20.



Monday,
August 22
1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Acolytes needed

Are you in third grade or older and would like to be a part of our ministry on Sunday mornings by lighting the altar candles?

This is an important part of our worship service because the lighting of the candles is a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

At the end of the service "the light" is carried out which symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are called to serve.

Each acolyte is paired up with an adult family member. If you are interested in this ministry, please call the church office.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 9/11 We remember.
- ◆ Family Fun Night with a pitch-in dinner and entertainment for all ages. This event will be for our church and children center families.
- ◆ Welcome UIndy Students – we will welcome our college students with a wonderful lunch.
- ◆ College Bible Study - we have a great group of students who attended our college/young adult Bible Study last spring and this will continue this fall.
- ◆ Dinner with Doris (formally the Mystery Dinner)

Enough Stewardship Campaign Introduction

Enough by Adam Hamilton is coming in October. This will be presented in study groups, Sunday School classes, and through sermons by Rev. Hawkins.

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported lying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."¹

Join us in worship in October for a sermon series based on the book *Enough*. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our

economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, throughout October, we will be having a church-wide study and worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service.

I hope you will join us this October as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

June 2011 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
6/5	132	30	162	\$11,383
6/12	140	22	162	\$7,129
6/19	115	26	141	\$5,136
6/26	109	32	141	\$3,985

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

Special Offerings:

Loose Coin: \$114.63 (UMCOR)
Peace with Justice: \$146.00

July 2011 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
7/3	120	32	152	\$9,507
7/10	114	38	152	\$6,748
7/17	110	30	140	\$3,552
7/24	108	34	142	\$6,039
7/31	137	19	156	\$5,901

Special Offerings:

Loose Coin: \$163.79 (Fletcher Place)