



VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS

November 2010

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

New Consecration Sunday Is Coming

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Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a Biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the Biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. New Consecration Sunday is based on the Biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive.

Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he/she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

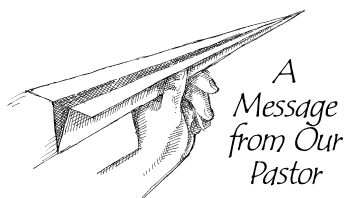
We encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Upcoming Events

- All Saints Sunday - Nov. 7
- Bible Sunday - Nov. 14
- Children's Choir Singing - Nov. 14
- Thankmas Celebration - Nov. 15
- Consecration Sunday - Nov. 21
- Carols, Choirs & Candlelight - Dec. 12 at 6 pm

*Vicky Swank,
Stewardship Chair*



Thank You.....

I recently read the results of a survey done several years ago by the Center for Public Leadership. Among the questions asked were:

-“Compared to 20 years ago, do you think we have better leaders today or worse leaders today?”

63% responded “worse.” Almost 2 of 3 respondents!

-“In general, do you think that the country is moving in a positive direction, a negative direction, or staying the same?”

Responses were: 14% positive; 37% the same; 48% negative.

-80% of respondents responded positively to the statement: “Unless it gets better leaders, the country will decline.”

This was not just a survey about political leadership. Reactions were understood to be evaluation of leadership in every sector of our public life.

My first reaction was, “Wow, that survey was done even before the contentious, uncivil public wrangling that characterizes nearly everything today! Anyone aspiring to leadership, or simply willing to accept the mantle, has to almost be a fool for subjecting themselves to the distrust and antagonism they will get no matter what they do.” It seems clear to me that Americans really don’t want leaders.

My second thought after reading the survey was, “I am so grateful for

the leaders we have at University Heights United Methodist Church, especially the members of the committees and the Administrative Council.” I think they have a vision for the church, and they are willing to make decisions, popular or not, because they vote according to what they believe is right and the best for the church. It is not an easy job.

Within the last couple weeks, we have had our annual Charge Conference. The challenging part for me is securing leadership for the coming year. It seems as if we need to take more seriously the call to mentor people into leadership and that has not been done in the past. It also seems that those

best qualified have often served before, but don’t want to do it again because of what they have endured.

One of the best things you can do for the church is to pray for the members of the committees and the Administrative Council. Pray that they will have the wisdom, discernment, and courage to make the right decisions. And when you see one of these people who have been or presently serving, you might say “Thank you.”

*The Joy Continues,
C. Archibald Hawkins*

Advent Study Hosted By Ad-A-Links Sunday School Class

The season of Advent was the last liturgical season to come into being in the early church. Historical records of Advent date back to fourth-century Europe. From the beginning of its practice, Advent’s purpose was preparation for God’s coming in human form in the baby Jesus and for the Second Coming, the not-yet-complete coming of God’s eschatological age.

For many it is much easier to celebrate the first advent than to wonder what the Second Advent can possibly be saying to us.

We can understand how the birth of the Babe in the manger is a blessing to God’s world, but it may be a stretch to contemplate that the eschatological les-

sons are also blessings of the manger.

You are invited to attend a study entitled “Blessings of the Manger,” during the Sundays of Advent beginning November 28 and concluding on December 19th.

The Ad-A-Links class has graciously agreed to host the study in their classroom on the second floor of the education unit during the Sunday School hour. If you would like to attend, please sign-up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office at uhumc@att.net or by telephone at 317-787-5347 so that we can order the books. It will be led by Rev. Arch Hawkins.

November Birthdays

2	Veronica Embry	19	Mabel Braford
3	Nina Curts		Sarah Maple
4	Janet Driskell	20	Delbert Carney
5	Bea Nicoson		Alyssa Alford
7	Luke Davis	21	Erica Johnson
	Jacob George		Nina McCrary
	Rebecca Hilgert	22	Richard Curts
8	Karen Decker	24	Alexandria Bravard
	Mary Stahlhut	25	Doris Fowler
12	Curt Barclay	26	Karen Hickman
	Amie Walls	27	Shannon Burton
	Laura Rodebaugh		Benjamin Jackson
13	Carla Bill	29	Howard Davis
14	Gabrielle Bravard		Don Hannon
	Vincent Beckmann		Benton Moore
17	Linda Rodebaugh	30	Philip Fowler
18	Nancy Stenger		Christie Garrabrant
	Jayce Stenger		Sharon Hartley
	Landon Phillips	1	Geraldine McBride

December Birthdays

2	Donald Woodley	17	Ashleigh Schoelch
	Hannah Neuman		Matthew Shepherd
3	Sierra Haviland	18	Steven O'Hare
4	John Kindred	19	Gale Stohler
6	Shirley Green	20	Benjamin Barhan
	Michael Hart		Roger Crouch
	Beverly Parham	21	Richard Melick
7	Lynn Bowles		William Riffle
	David Morgan	22	Harriet Barrick
	Nigel Shoaff	25	Gelaine Smock
	Colton Phillips		Christie Viewegh
9	Melvin Mosier	26	Kathryn Decker
	Brittany Birt		Danielle Phares
10	Alice Swaim	28	Wesley McCrary
11	Mary Crouch		Cathy Wilson
12	Kristen Johnson		Kaitlin Wilson
13	Vivian Gommel	29	Phyllis Dumm
	Martha Morris		Dawn Arthur
	Kristi Zunis	30	Margaret Long
	Marilyn Reid		Thomas
14	Erin Barnes		Garrabrant
15	Georgia Hottell	31	Brian Bravard
	Christine Roberts		Camille Fowler
16	Donald Fleener		Steven Smock

November Anniversaries

11/10/2001	Scott and Barbara McCrary
11/12/1950	Robert and Harriet Barrick
11/21/1964	David and Kay Wiley
11/26/2004	Andrew and Kristen Smith

December Anniversaries

12/3/1949	Benton and Inaclaire Moore
12/16/1967	William and Mary McMillan
12/19/1964	Richard and Karen Melick
12/19/1952	Richard and Dortha Wilds
12/20/1986	Thomas and Mary Fox
12/23/1978	Richard and Susan Hancock
12/23/1950	Jesse and Jeanne Hilgert
12/24/1950	Charles and Anna Stotts
12/26/1956	Peyton and Martha Morris
12/28/1962	Jack and Phyllis Austin

Views Deadline
November 24

Views Mailing
December 1



University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

READING LIFTS YOU HIGHER!

It's BOOK FAIR time again. The Children's Center Annual SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will start Sunday, Nov. 7 and run through Friday, Nov. 12.

Look for the Book Display on Sunday after the 9 am Service. Each book you purchase helps the Children's Center earn points. These points are exchanged for new books. LOTS AND LOTS OF Children's Books.

Cookbooks will be included in this year's choices. Books are a terrific gift choice. Visit the BOOK FAIR Monday through Friday in the Education wing from 8 am - 5 pm each day.

Who's working in the Children's Center?

Working in the Caterpillars Room, which is the two-year-old class, are **Tammie Mitchel** and **Erin Kelly**.

Tammie Mitchel is a 1994 graduate from Arsenal Technical High School. She also has an associate degree in early childhood education from Ivy Tech.

She has a daughter Destyne, one sister, one niece, two nephews and too many cousins to count.

Tammie has worked at the Children's Center since March 2005 working with toddlers, twos and five year olds. She has worked in childcare for more than 15 years.

A member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, she and her daughter spend a lot of time doing different activities with the church.

A small portion of her time is spent selling Avon products. She

is her #1 customer.

In her free time she enjoys reading, listening to music, cooking and just spending time with her daughter and family.

Erin Kelly is a 2004 graduate of Franklin Central High School. She graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 2009 with a degree in criminal justice.

She has a cat named Marley who she loves to spoil.

Erin has worked for the Center since October 2005. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, family and friends. She loves shopping and going to movies.

Each month two Children's Center employees will appear in the *Views*.

Evening with Santa



The Children's Center invites you to attend our "Evening with Santa" on Friday, Dec. 3. The program will begin at 5:45 pm in the sanctuary. Come and listen to the beautiful voices of the Children in our Joey's Classroom, Pre-K Purple and Pre-K Orange classes.

After the program, join us in Fellowship Hall for activities including refreshments, cookie decorating, face painting, Holiday craft making, and visits with Santa. Come join the fun and festivities.



Thanks to the United Methodist Women, Susie McKnight, Shirley Green, Peggy Richwine, and Myrna Crosby for their preparation of the Community Lunch on October 16 and for their graciousness in serving the meal to our guests. Everything was very tasty, and people were asking for seconds... and thirds... and fourths...

Nigel Shoaff

Thank you to all the talented performers at the October 13 Coffeehouse held in Fellowship Hall. It was a huge success! A special shout out to Keith and Melinda Smedema, Steve, Susan, Jenna and Heather Nawrocki, Rick and Susan Hancock, and everyone who brought food, helped with set-up and decorations, and worked behind the scenes to make sure the guests enjoyed themselves.

Nigel Shoaff

Big thanks to my church family for the cards and concern I've received since I was diagnosed with Bell's Palsy. Your thoughts and prayers mean a lot to me and my family.

Grace George

Thanks to all our friends and church families for the many ways of love and concern shown to our entire family after the sudden and tragic death of our brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Marilyn Ray. Each of you is a blessing.

Thank You and God Bless,
*Jane and Virgil Mayhew
Mary and Ivan Moreman*

The children and youth would like to say thank you to our prayer partners, shepherds and Sunday School teachers for all that you do for us!

Thank you very much for the flowers you sent. Judy delivered them and my step-son got them from her and gave them to me. They are lovely and I appreciate the fact that you all were thinking of me.

Sincerely,
Robert B. Barnett

We express our thanks to the United Methodist Women's group who provided the meal and served the guests at the October Community lunch. A special thanks to Susie McKnight for organizing the meal. We appreciate your service in Christ.

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee

I wish to thank Rev. Arch for his support during my recent surgeries and hospital stays. I would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and get well cards during my recoveries.

Thank You,
Wendy Mattson

Susan Day Hancock, our Program Coordinator and the Parish Care Committee would like to thank those who participated in the Wellness Forum on October 31. Those persons include: David and Linda Rodebaugh and several of Linda's senior nursing students from UIndy, Vicky Swank, Alice Swain, Kay Wiley, Penny Decker, John and Stephanie Kelly, and Karen Melick, the Missions Committee with healthy snacks and Parish Care helpers.

Everyone seemed to appreciate getting their flu shots at the church and participating in the various wellness stations.

Here's to good health!

Thank you to all of our ghosts and goblins collecting for UMCOR and for all you who donated. We collected \$398.95. *Thank you for your support!*

Thank you to all of you who have brought hats and gloves for our Helping Hand. School children greatly appreciate being warm while they are waiting for the school bus.

University Heights UMC Night At The Pacers



Don't forget to get your tickets from Jesse Hilgert! Notice the date change.

University Heights UMC night at the Pacers is now Friday, Dec. 17 at 7 pm.

The Pacers will take

on the Cleveland Cavaliers at Conseco.

Your ticket price of \$29.68 includes a T-shirt, a hotdog, chips, drink and entrance to the game.

Contact Jesse with any questions at 885-8523.

\$29.68 per person!

Includes:

T-Shirt

Ticket

Meal (hotdog, drink and chips)

Catch Some Of The Upcoming South East Indy Cluster Events

Beech Grove UMC offers patrons of the Southeast Community Services (901 Shelby Street) and church and community volunteers a free Thanksgiving Day dinner with all the trimmings on Thursday, Nov. 25 from 11 am to 1 pm.

Volunteers cook, serve, clean-up, and talk with visitors.

All ages can help. Also donations of desserts, including some diabetic versions, would be beneficial.

Monetary contributions to cover menu ingredients, table ser-

vice supplies, and cleaning supplies would also be appreciated.

For more information, please contact Dinner Coordinator Steve Nontell (784-5424 or 784-7612.

Edgewood United Methodist Church is

also hosting a community Thanksgiving Dinner. Join Edgewood on Saturday, Nov. 20 for its annual Thanksgiving Dinner from 5 - 7 pm. Take out orders are available.

Call 784-6086 for more information.

Third Graders To Receive Bibles

Sunday, Nov. 14 is when our 3rd graders will receive their Bibles and Shepherds.

Mark your calendars to come celebrate this day with our children.



Carols, Choirs and Candlelight

Christmas is just around the corner. So, mark your calendars for all those special occasions including Carols, Choirs and Candlelight, which is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12 at 6 pm.

More information will be coming soon. If you would like to help or participate, please contact Mona Curts at 784-4632.

Family Fun Event Scheduled: Dinner and A Magician



All families, young and young at heart, are invited to come enjoy a great night of fellowship and entertainment on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 5 - 7 pm.

This night's fun line-up includes dinner, games and a magician.

Come for the pitch-in

dinner and games. Then stay to see the Christian magician.

Daniel Lusk is a Christian Magician based out of Plainfield.

He started his own company in 2007 which now offers 20 different family-friendly entertainment options.

Lusk is a member of

the Fellowship of Christian Magicians.

Mark this great event on your calendar.

Don't forget to bring your dish to share. Fried chicken will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Hancock at 888-4943.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Serve in His Name

The community lunch was started about a year ago by the Outreach and Evangelism Team. It is simple, not extravagant. Not a large gathering, but a comfortable meal for a few kind souls. It is a place where God is present.

Jesus said, "For where two or three are

gathered in my name, I am there among them." We average about 15 - 20 walk-ins and eight carry-outs to our elderly members of the UHUMC neighborhood. The lunch is prepared on the third Saturday of each month.

Our church offers this lunch as an oppor-

tunity for service, one in which you get to meet the people you serve; for families to let their children experience service in Christ, for a Sunday School class service project; or for anyone who might feel the need to serve.

You are welcome to share this experience.

It is offered for you. You can help with set-up, serving, preparing a meal or clean-up. It is simple and small, so the time commitment is minimal.

Get in on this experience. You may sign up at the Welcome Center.

Hanging Of The Greens Coming Soon

The Hanging of the Greens will be in phases this year. Help is needed right after the 11:05 am service on Sunday, Nov. 28 to put up the two large Christmas trees. These trees are placed in the front of the Sanctuary by the altar.

This shouldn't take very long. It is always fun to be the first to see the trees light up the sanctuary!



Mission Hearts Available

Mission Hearts will be available on November 28, December 5 and 12, during the 10 am hour. You may purchase a heart for \$5 in honor or memory of someone special.

This year's Mission Heart money will be divided between the three United Methodist Children's Homes in Indiana – Bashor, Evansville and Lebanon.

Advent Devotional Orders Due November 15

Order your Advent Devotional TODAY! Please place this order form in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than Monday, Nov. 15. Please choose from the following.

- Advent Devotional Regular Print
- Advent Devotional Large Print
- Children's Advent Devotion
How many? _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias are always a beautiful addition to our sanctuary during the advent season. You can order these as gifts, in honor of, or in memory of a loved one(s).

Please drop the order form in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than **Monday, Nov. 15 at noon.**

NAME _____

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____

Poinsettia(s): (\$10.00 each) This year, you will have a choice of red, white, pink, or marble (white with pink sheen).

Color _____

In Memory of _____

RSVP for WINGS by Nov. 15

Women in Need of Gathering & Sharing (WINGS) will meet for breakfast at 10 am on Thursday, Nov. 18, at Georgia Hottell's home for Thankmas.

Joyce Elliott, a retired missionary and harpist. Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 15 to the church office at 787-5347.

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Riffle at 859-9477.

This year's program is being presented by

Kid's Night Out

Saturday, December 4 5 - 9 p.m.

Ages: Infants through grade 5

Bring your children for an evening of fun while you go Christmas shopping or have a quiet dinner at home. Bring a sack supper and drink for your child. A snack will be provided. Call 787-5347 to make a reservation for your child by December 1. Sponsored by the Outreach and Evangelism Committee of UHUMC

Prayers & Concerns

Adele and Cecil Hurt
 Ruth Day
 Don Fleener
 Alma Hunt
 Don Hannon and Family



Memorials.....

In Loving Memory of Robert Price

- Mr. and Mrs. Steve Richwine, Undesignated
- Homebuilders, Music
- Mr. Steve Otten, Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Hallie Sidebottom

- Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bennington, Missions
- Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hauswald, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMillan, Landscaping Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hottell, Landscaping Fund
- Mrs. Sue Lomax, General Fund

In Loving Memory of Russell Wilds

- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilds, Trustees

In Loving Memory of Herb Smith

- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fowler, Undesignated

Upcoming Holiday Schedule

November 25 - Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed
Children's Center Closed

November 26

Church Office Closed
Children's Office Closed

December 3

Evening with Santa 5:45 pm

December 12

Carols, Choirs and Candlelight 6 pm

December 17

Last Day of Preschool

December 24

Church Office Closed
Children's Center Closed
Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

December 27 - 31

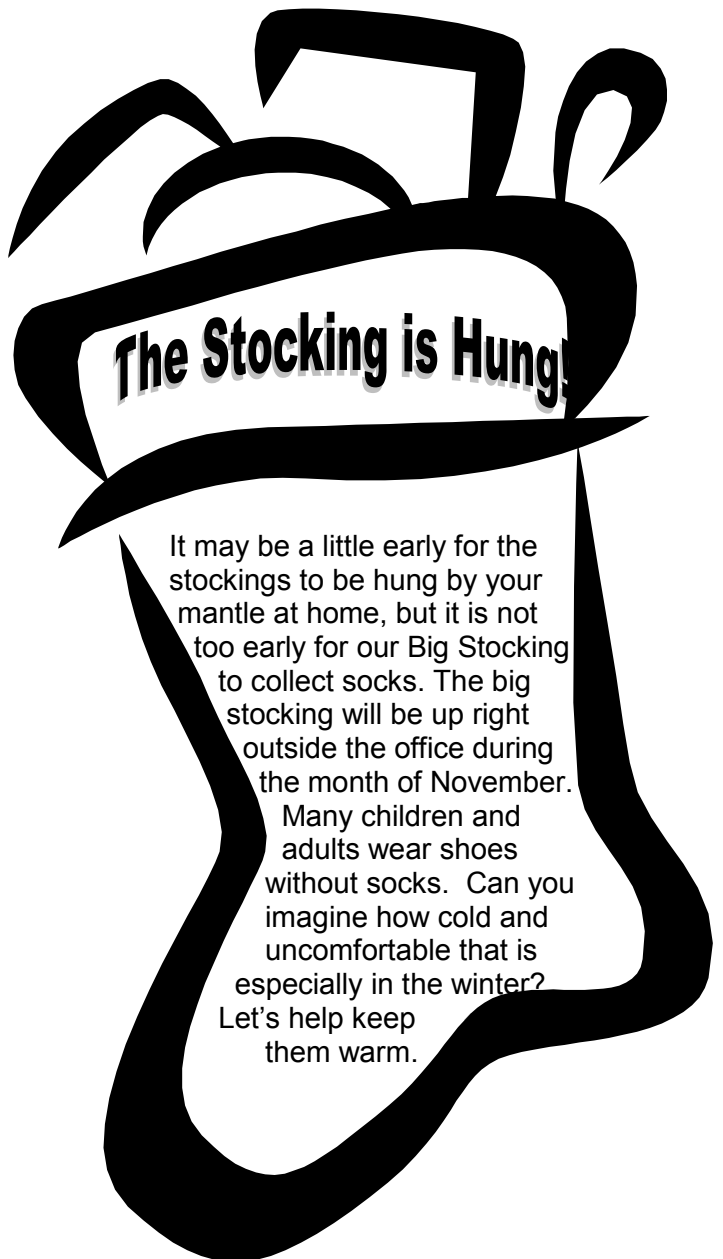
Children's Center Closed

December 31

Church Office Closed

Consecration Sunday Schedule

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Fellowship Time
10:30 am	Combined Worship Service
11:45 pm	Luncheon at UIndy



October 2010 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
10/3	146	43	189	\$12,708
10/10	124	41	165	\$ 4,821
10/17	146	39	185	\$ 4,302
10/24	155	36	191	\$ 5,131
10/31	139	37	176	\$4,529

*Weekly Offering Need Each Week for Budget:
\$7,637.00*

Special Offerings:

Loose Coin: \$146.27 (Funeral Dinners)

UMCOR Trick or Treat: \$398.95

World Communion: \$180.00

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www.universityheightsumc.us

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