



# VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS

October 2011

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

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## Walkers Still Needed To Help End Hunger



The CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk raises funds to help fight hunger around the world and around the corner. This is a 3.5-mile walk through the Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood that starts at 1:30 p.m. Any age may participate; however, children under 12 need to have a parent walk with them. So how can our

church help? We need walkers! You may continue to sign up and get your packet in the lounge area October 2nd and 9th. We need people to pledge! If you don't want to walk, you can pledge to our church team. Walkers can also ask others to pledge for their walk. When you walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, you walk with the neediest children in the world. They walk 2-3 miles each day for water, fuel, food, and if available education. Dust off those tennis shoes and help us end hunger – one step at a time!

We are also collecting canned food items that our walkers will be taking on October 16. These canned food items will benefit our local food banks. A bin is in the narthex to collect your donations of canned foods.

## Upcoming Events

- World Communion, Sunday, Oct. 2
- *Enough* Begins, Sunday, Oct. 9
- Community Lunch, Saturday, Oct. 15
- CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, Oct. 16
- Euchre Fellowship, Monday, Oct. 24
- Family Fun Event, Saturday, Nov. 5

## WINGS Celebration Coming in November

Women in Need of Gathering & Sharing (WINGS) will meet for breakfast at 10 am on Friday, Nov. 18, at Georgia Hottell's home (5509 Stockwell Ct.) for Thankmas. With the Christmas season so busy for many,

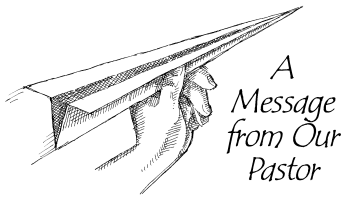
Thankmas is an opportunity to celebrate both Thanksgiving and Christmas with one another.

This year's program is being presented by Joyce Elliott, a retired missionary and harpist.

Look for your invitation to arrive soon.

Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 15, to the church office at (317) 787-5347.

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Riffle at (317) 859-9477.



## Stewardship Paradox.....

We've never had it better...and we've never felt worse about it.

Or, to borrow a phrase: "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."

That's the surprising state of affairs in our society today, as we discover that cash cannot create contentment and possessions don't always provide us with a sense of peace. What grandma always said is true: Money can't buy happiness.

Still, most of us expect that improvements in the quality of life are going to make us feel better. But they don't, at least not by themselves. In his book *The Progress Paradox*, Gregg Easterbrook makes the point that life is getting better all the time: Our houses are bigger, our incomes are growing, our health is improving, and the environment is becoming cleaner.

We are even enjoying a drop in crime rates, and decreases in certain problem areas such as divorce, teen pregnancy, drug use and abortion.

So why isn't all this good news making us jump for joy? Easterbrook has some intriguing ideas about why we feel rotten in the middle of our nation's great riches, and how we can be simultaneously healthy and unhappy. He makes a case that:

*Bad news sells.* If it doesn't bleed, it doesn't lead. It's always a disaster of some kind that draws us to television news reports, and bad news is what keeps us glued to the tube through many commercial breaks. During a snowstorm in Washington D.C., in the early 1990's the local NBC affiliate changed the name of the weather segment from WeatherCenter to StormCenter. Well, guess what? They never changed it back, not even for sunny days. Bad news sells.

*We don't sleep enough.* Americans sleep an hour less every night than they did a generation ago. And if that's not bad enough, we sleep about two or three

hours less per night than people did a century ago. With such sleep deprivation, no wonder we feel cranky.

*We are full of envy.* Awards shows, feature films, celebrity Internet sites, People magazine are constantly bombarding us with information about how the more fortunate members of society live, and this is bound to make us feel envy, even if our lifestyle is really quite comfortable.

*The solution to one problem creates another.* Easterbrook describes this phenomenon as "the unsettled character of progress," and his insight makes sense, when you think about it. We invent an anthrax vaccine, and then we fear that it has terrible side effects. We create a nationwide network of cell phones, and then we live in terror that some distracted driver is going to run us down in an SUV. We develop miraculous cures for diseases, and then worry that we will not be able to afford them.

The unsettled character of progress often leaves us feeling very anxious about the future.

For these reasons, and others, we're going through a progress paradox - we are feeling bad while living well. There is a spiritual component to this problem, one that is addressed quite clearly by Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians. Writing to Christians in the wealthy Greek city of Corinth, Paul reminds them of their promise to give him a "bountiful gift" for the poor Christians in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 9:5). Although he describes this as a completely voluntary gift, it is clear that he expects the Corinthians to be generous in their support, and he promises many rewards for their giving.

His point is, and worth remembering at all times, that you receive the most by giving the most.

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

### October Birthdays

- |    |                             |    |                                   |
|----|-----------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 3  | Shannon Ambs<br>Piper Kelly | 21 | Alma Hunt                         |
| 4  | Jerry Steadham              | 22 | James Driskell<br>Ashley Shepherd |
| 6  | Martha Bennington           | 24 | Haley Wilson                      |
| 8  | Melinda Smedema             | 25 | Linda Hickman<br>Adele Hurt       |
| 9  | Jack Andrews                | 27 | Stephen Thomas                    |
| 13 | Shae Kelly                  | 28 | Peggy Richwine                    |
| 17 | Anna McWilliams             | 30 | Marylynne Winslow                 |
| 19 | Resa Ramsey                 |    |                                   |

### November Birthdays

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

### October Anniversaries

- |            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 10/8/1960  | John & Lee Kindred      |
| 10/9/1982  | Jerry & Margaret Booher |
| 10/15/1955 | Ron & Marilyn Burgess   |
| 10/17/1983 | Thomas & Karen Nieman   |
| 10/20/1963 | Richard & Karen Duvall  |
| 10/20/1973 | Mark & Sharon Cesnik    |
| 10/24/1953 | Virgil & Jane Mayhew    |
| 10/24/1987 | Keith & Melinda Smedema |

### November Anniversaries

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| 11/3/2001  | Gabriel & Kristin Neuman |
| 11/6/1999  | David & Shannon Ambs     |
| 11/10/2001 | Scott & Barbara McCrary  |
| 11/11/1951 | Bruce & Joyce Laetsch    |
| 11/12/1950 | Robert & Harriet Barrick |
| 11/21/1964 | David & Kay Wiley        |
| 11/26/2004 | Andrew & Kristen Smith   |

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

### **SEPTEMBER'S LOOSE COIN**



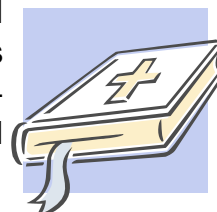
The Loose Coin offering for October will go to BIBs. Remember it is only the loose coins in the offering plate that count toward this special offering.

### **Fifth Sunday Forum**

Join Rev. Hawkins on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 10:05 am in Fellowship Hall for the final session of the *Enough* study.

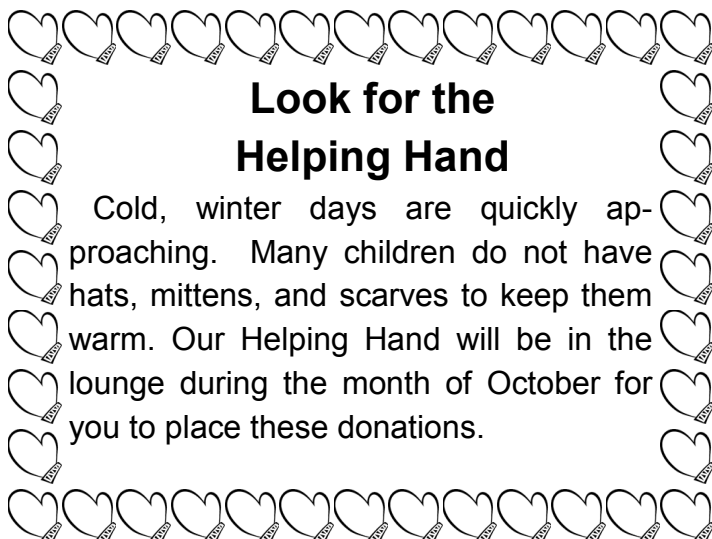
### **Bible Presentation Sunday Scheduled**

On Sunday, Nov. 20, our third graders will receive their Bibles and Shepherds. Mark your calendar to celebrate this special day with our children.



### **Look for the Helping Hand**

Cold, winter days are quickly approaching. Many children do not have hats, mittens, and scarves to keep them warm. Our Helping Hand will be in the lounge during the month of October for you to place these donations.





## University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

### NEWS

Our preschool program began the beginning of September. It is going well. We still have some openings for the three-year old, four-year old and pre-K/five-year old classes.

If you know anyone looking for a preschool program, please direct them to our hands-on program. We provided developmentally appropriate curriculum which includes language, math, art, music and science. Our safe Christian environment also includes development of social and physical skills for all children.

Space is also available in our full-time daycare. Any child two years and older enrolled in full-time day care, receives preschool during the week at no extra charge.

Please call Debbie Kappus or Chris Roberts for more information at (317) 787-5865 or email them at

djkappus@att.net or  
chrislwhite@att.net.

## Who's working in the Children's Center?

### Debbie Smith

Debbie Smith is a caregiver in the Lambs Room, which is the infant room. A 1974 graduate of Brandywine High School in Niles, Michigan, Mrs. Smith has worked with children since 1986. Mrs. Smith joined the Children's Center staff in 1992. While here, she worked with infants through five years of age. She then left in 1996 to become a private nanny. In 2004, she rejoined the staff. Mrs. Smith and her husband, Alan, have been married for 35 years. They have one daughter, Candy, and three grandchildren, Brittany, Bryan and Brooke. Mr. and Mrs. Smith pastor a church in Noblesville, Indiana. Mrs. Smith enjoys baking, scrap-booking and spending time with her grandchildren.

### Men's Meeting

Calling all men! Join us Saturday, Oct. 15, at 8 am for a great breakfast at the Madison Grill as well as a great fellowship and Bible study.

### Debbie Curvin

Debbie Curvin is a caregiver in the Lambs Room. She has attended Ivy Tech and Indiana State University. Mrs. Curvin comes from a family of six with three brothers, Jim, Mike and John. She is married to her husband, Eric. Mrs. Curvin has a step-son Shane.

During her free-time, she enjoys reading, traveling and taking pictures of her family and friends. Mrs. Curvin is happy to be a part of this ministry.



**Euchre**  
FELLOWSHIP

**Monday,**  
**Oct. 24**  
**1:00 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Next Community**  
**Lunch**  
**Saturday,**  
**October 15**  
**11:30 am**



Thanks to everyone who provided all the great food for our Welcome Back Lunch. A great time was had by all!

## Help Needed for Hanging of the Greens



Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 20, to help decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season. We will start right after the 11:05 service. A light lunch will be provided. This is always a lot of fun and great fellowship!

*More about the Hanging of the Greens --* Many churches hold a service of preparation for Christ's coming, which includes hanging greenery traditionally associated with everlasting life. Greens such as cedar for royalty, fir and pine boughs for everlasting life, holly symbolizing Jesus' death and ivy representing the resurrection are used.

### Garage Sale

Yes, the Children's Center is going to do a garage sale; however, it will not be until the spring.

So, if you have items for the sale, please keep them until the spring. We have no place to store them until then.

Thank you for your willingness to donate. If you are interested in helping with the Spring Garage Sale, please call 787-5865.



## Memorials.....

### In Loving Memory of Esther Coddington

- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stotts, Undesignated
- Mrs. Phyllis Webster, BIBs
- The Coddington Family, Undesignated

### In Loving Memory of Tommy Miles

(Joanne Hannon's Brother)

- Mrs. Phyllis Webster, BIBs
- Mr. and Mrs. Philip Fowler, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Richwine, BIBs

### In Loving Memory of Jim Wilson

- Mrs. Sharon Wilson, Undesignated

### In Loving Memory of Steve Yakub

- Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Richwine, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smedema, Celebration Fund

### In Loving Memory of Mary Wykowski

- Mr. and Mrs. John Kindred, Undesignated
- Ms. Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated

## Treats for UMCOR

Our first through fourth grade class will be collecting money for UMCOR on Sunday, Oct. 30, following the 9:00 am and 11:05 am services.

All children may wear their Halloween costumes that Sunday. Make sure to bring some extra change or the ghosts and goblins may get you!

### World Communion Sunday

Join us Sunday, Oct. 2, for World Communion Sunday. It will be a special celebration of all Christians participating in communion.

September 26, 2011

Dear Friends,

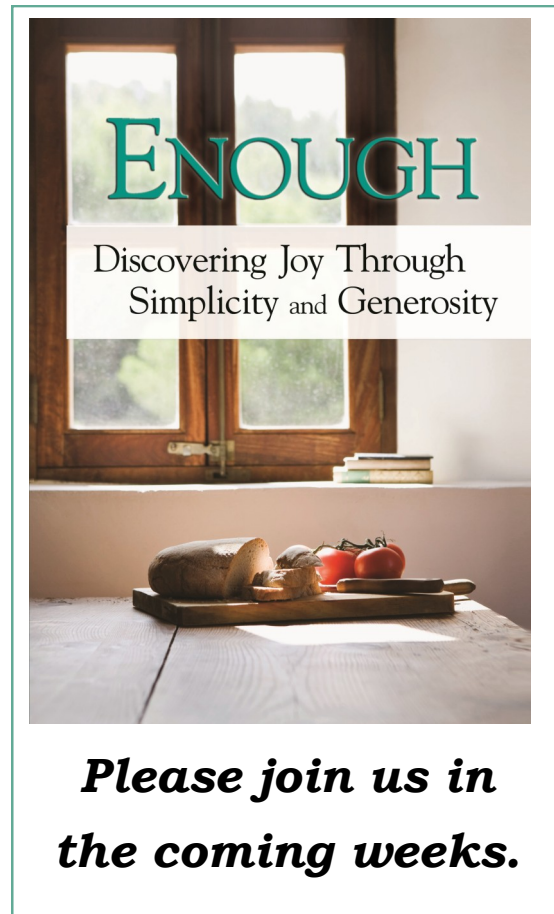
I really hope that you will join me in worship in the coming weeks for a sermon series entitled *“Enough!” Lessons from the Great Recession*. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the “American Nightmare.” Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, rising housing costs, and a volatile stock market are all contributing to economic insecurity. We live in a society that tells us “you deserve it now,” whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

I’m sure we’ve all struggled with these issues at one time or another. I know that I have. Beginning Sunday, Oct. 9, we are going to explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management. We’ll look at what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week I’ll be providing you with some tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

These are important issues that we cannot ignore. I hope you will join me as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience that God is “Enough.”

In Christ,

C. Archibald Hawkins  
Pastor



# Who's On The Calendar?

## October

### Liturgists

10/2 Nancy Stenger  
 10/9 Bill Riffle  
 10/16 Kay Wiley  
 10/23 Tim Martin  
 10/30 Vicky Swank

### Acolytes

10/2 Phil Fowler/Alex George  
 10/9 Chris & Haley Wilson  
 10/16 Jesse & Nick Hilgert  
 10/23 Sandy & Rachel Osborne  
 10/30 Phil Fowler/Alex George

### Children's Sermon

10/2 Martha Morris  
 10/9 Vicky Swank  
 10/16 Susan Hancock  
 10/23 Stephanie Kelly  
 10/30 Georgia Hottell

### Refreshment Table

10/2 Pat & Heidi Jensen  
 10/9 Nigel Shoaff  
 10/16 Ken & Georgia Hottell  
 10/23 Vicky Swank  
 10/30 Ron & Marilyn Burgess

## November

### Liturgists

11/6 Pete Morris  
 11/13 TBD  
 11/20 Ron Burgess  
 11/27 Bev Elrod

### Acolytes

11/6 John & Piper Kelly  
 11/13 Curt & Adam Barclay  
 11/20 Jeff & Alyssa Alford  
 11/27 Chris & Haley Wilson

### Children's Sermon

11/6 Sharon Wilson  
 11/13 Myrna Crosby  
 11/20 Marylynn Winslow  
 11/27 Chris Wilson

### Refreshment Table

11/6 Curt & Rhonda Barclay  
 11/13 Loren & Wanda Hampton  
 11/20 Myrna Crosby  
 11/27 Dave & Linda Rodebaugh

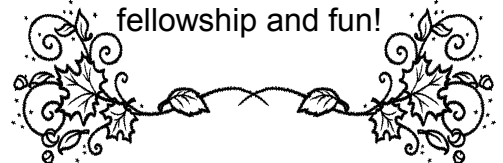


## Family Fun Night

Children's Center Families and church members and families and guests please join us on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 6 pm for a pitch-in dinner followed by entertainment by St. Andrews Puppet Masters.

The show will begin at 7 pm for a 30-40 minute show. These large puppets are full of stories, songs, and surprises. Adults and children all love their performances. Dinner will include fried chicken and many delightful dishes that our congregation members will prepare. There will also be some activities for children who finish their dinner early.

Come join the great food, fellowship and fun!



## Pick It Up! Your copy of *Enough that is.*



*Dinner with Doris*

You can pick up your copy of the book *Enough* in your Sunday School classes. If you are not part of a Sunday School class you may pick up your copy at the Welcome Center.

See the letter insert for more information regarding this book.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 8th. Doris and Chet Hedges will provide their home and the main entrée. Guests provide either a salad, vegetable, or dessert. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, Oct. 1, for an evening of food, fun and fellowship!

## NEW ADDRESS OR CORRECTIONS

Chris & Barb Wilson  
 1208 Driftwood Court  
 Mooresville, IN 46158  
 (317) 831-0751

Cindy Wesner  
 7145 McLain Drive  
 Indianapolis, IN 46217-1427  
 (317) 881-6993

Benton & Ina Claire Moore  
 703 Moonglow Lane  
 Indianapolis IN 46217-3291  
 (317) 788-2701

September 2011 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
9/4	115	31	146	\$7,654
9/11	157	57	214	\$7,470
9/18	136	48	184	\$4,213
9/25	137	59	196	\$5,414

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

**Special Offerings:**

Loose Coin: \$91.89 (Funeral Dinners)

**Upcoming UMW Meeting Dates**

**Executive Meeting:** Monday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 pm in the Shalom Classroom.

**Ruth Circle Meeting:** Monday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 pm in the Lounge.

**Christmas Day Worship Schedule**

The votes are in! University Heights United Methodist Church will have one service on Christmas Day at 10 am. There will be no Sunday School.

Please take the time to celebrate the birth of our Savior with us on this very special Sunday morning.