



VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS

January/February 2012

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

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Church Entrance Changes

As long as this church has been in existence its leaders have worked to make it safe for its people and its possessions. Some of the things done include: secure handrails beside stairs and ramps, locks for all the exterior doors, fire alarms and extinguishers, a security/alarm system for the office, panic bars on all the exterior doors for quick exit, a person to plow and salt the parking lot and steps, covers for the west side steps and ramps, and security cameras to identify people who enter the Main Entrance and Education Wing.

As the community and economic condition have changed the last few years the church leadership has become more concerned about the safety of the children in the Children's Center, their teachers, the church staff, and church members who are here for evening meetings. We are making additional changes at the beginning of 2012 of which we want you to be aware. With the exception of before church time on Sunday mornings, all of the exterior doors will be locked at all times. Throughout

the week, entrance to the church will be through the Main Entrance door which faces the parking lot. Only the church staff, committee chairpersons, a few key volunteers and Children's Center parents will have an electronic key fob which will unlock this door. When you need access to the church, just walk up to the door, push the button on the intercom box mounted on the door jamb and look at the security camera. You will be buzzed in once a staff member has identified you. You may be asked why you need access to the church. Please be patient as some of the staff gets to know your face. You will hear a solid click which is the door unlocking.

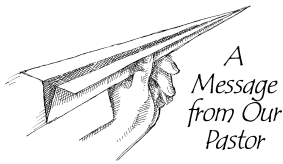
There are two ways which we need church members to help. When you leave by any door, please open the door all the way so the door closer can gain enough momentum to close and lock the door. When the door is closed, please give the handle a little tug to make sure it is locked. With your help we should be 100 percent safe and secure.

Upcoming Events

- Coffee House -
Friday, Feb. 10
7 - 9 pm
- Ash Wednesday
February 22
- Kid's Night Out
Saturday, March 17
5 - 9 pm
- Community Dinners
February 18
March 17
11:30 am
- Euchre Card
Fellowship
January 24
February 26

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Would you be interested in leading a Lenten Study during this upcoming season? If you would, contact Rev. Hawkins or Susan Hancock.



Vital Signs.....

In the summer of 2011, I started to become aware of a vision put forth by the general church entitled "Vital Congregations." The idea is that for a congregation to be "vital" it must be faithful and fruitful. Vitality will happen when the pastor, lay leaders and membership choose to be a vital congregation.

Do I expect University Heights United Methodist Church to be Vital this year? YES. I think a church becomes as vital and alive and faithful as it chooses to be. It seldom depends upon the population trends, the condition of the building, or even the quality of the pastoral and lay leadership. Mostly it depends upon the attitude, the expectation, the openness to God's Spirit, and the desire to be a vital congregation.

This writing will be two-fold. I will give you our goals for 2012 which the Administrative Council approved and the budget for 2012 that outlines and supports our plans as a church to reach our goals.

GOAL #1 - Increase our weekly worship attendance

We seek to provide a meaningful and life-changing worship service every week of the year. This past year we held weekly services and on the average we had 174 people at-

tend each week which was a decrease from 186 in 2010 and 193 in 2009. That is not a good trend. And so a goal was set to hold even for 2012.

This past year we have been able to improve our facilities by adding a canopy over a entrance that is used by many on Sunday morning, updating the room that was used as a library, adding new doors and a security system, making some upgrades in the audio/video system, and improving the landscaping around the church building. All of these changes and additions have provided an improved facility for our members and our guests to worship.

During 2012, we plan to have an average worship attendance of 174. We plan to achieve this goal by conducting meaningful weekly worship services as well as special service throughout the year.

Budget needed: \$97,655

(In addition to specific programs and expenses, this total includes a portion of the payroll for the pastor, the program director, the music director, other church staff, utilities, and maintenance.)

GOAL #2 - Reach people and create new disciples.

This past year we have sought to provide a place where people can feel wel-

come to come just as they are regardless of race, gender, politics, or socio-economics. We want to continue to increase the number of opportunities we have to engage new people in our community and to provide opportunities for our congregation to invite and bring others.

We will continue to support programs that connect us with the community in a warm and inviting manner. In 2011, we did not receive any one into membership of this church and no one received the sacrament of baptism. Again, that is not a good trend. We have a stated goal to make 10 new disciples through new professions of faith. We will seek to accomplish this goal by providing a confirmation program for our youth so that they have the opportunity to make their faith public. We will continue to develop and implement a plan to reach out to those people that visit our church with an invitation to make University Heights United Methodist Church their church home.

Budget needed: \$88,005

(In addition to specific programs and expenses, this total includes a portion of the payroll for the pastor, the program director, the music director, other church staff, utilities, and maintenance.)

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January Birthdays

3	Wilma Allen	13	Inaclaire Moore
	Doris Hedges	14	Marsha Hart
	Thomas Hickman	15	Sandra Smith
	Terri Harold	16	Margaret Booher
4	Mark Barhan	17	Jenna Nawrocki
	Cristy Corwin-		Audra Barclay
	Howard	18	Quentin Fowler
5	Roberta Beaman	19	Suzanne Smith
7	Lisa Stapert	20	Pamela Jackson
8	Joanne Hannon	22	Myrna Crosby
9	Elwood McBride	23	Wyatt Hudson
	Richard Theil	26	Kyla Decker
	Lake Edwin Viewegh	27	Roger Roembke
10	Billy Sandall	28	David Burton
	Karen Melick		Autumn Haviland
	Kara Decker	29	Elizabeth Hudson

February Birthdays

1	Robert Barrick	19	Amy Davis
3	Marcella Wood		Stephen Richards
4	Samantha Bravard	20	Vada Berting
5	Sharon Wilson		Allison Hawkins
6	Patricia Lucas	22	Kimberly Walton
7	Matthew Curts	24	Robert Elrod
	Brenda Viewegh		Abigail Gonqueh
8	Mark Braford	25	Wilson Young
11	Ashton Davis	26	Marilyn Hendricks
	Pete Morris		Jesse Hilgert
17	Nancy Alexander	27	Susan Nawrocki
	Stephen Nawrocki	28	Ray Alexander
	Linda Rodebaugh		Don Hannan
18	Richard Hancock		Kevin Crouch

January Anniversaries

1/2/1998	Arch Hawkins & Rebecca McClure
1/4/2003	Shadrach & Ruby Gonqueh
1/8/2011	Sean & Rachel George
1/12/2002	Robert & Lynn Bowles
1/30/1955	Randall & Marilyn Hendricks

February Anniversaries

2/1/1964	Tim & Judy Martin
2/14/1986	Loren & Wanda Hampton

Happy Anniversary!**INSPIRATION FOR ALL**

Please consider visiting the Inspiration Station located at the top of the stained glass windows. Many books, CD's, DVD's, and magazines are there for you to borrow and enjoy. We could use more items if you would like to add a book or two also.

Let's take time this season to be inspired by the selections available on Christian Living and how to improve our daily walk with Christ.

A reminder if you have borrowed an item, please be prompt in returning it so that others might enjoy.

**Coffee House:
Silly Love Songs & More**

Friday, February 10, we will host a Silly Love Songs and More Coffee House from 7 - 9 p.m.

The Narowcki family will be our lead group; however, we are looking for singers, jugglers, comedians, skits — whatever your talent is come and share. We are also looking for people to donate snacks, cookies, etc. and people to help with set-up and clean-up. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you want to help, donate, or perform. Mark your calendars now for this fun evening of fellowship!

HELP WITH OUR CHURCH SECURITY When leaving the church, please make sure the doors are shut completely behind you. Doors are often found unlocked because they are not shut properly and we want everyone to feel safe. *Thank you for your help with security!*



University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

Trash to Treasure Sale

It's Coming Soon. The Children's Center will be having another sale. The dates this year will be: March 22, 23 and 24, until noon. As always our focus is on children's items but we will accept any and all of your generous offerings. Please bring your items after Friday, Feb. 10.

Are you making room for all your new Christmas gifts? Bring us all that you have cleaned out! All items can be brought into the Children's Center office or dropped off on the stage area in Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the Trash to Treasure Sale please call the Children's Center office at 317-787-5865.



Who's working in the Children's Center?

Caitlin Gannaway

Miss Gannaway graduated from Greencastle High School in 2009. She is a junior at UIndy studying psychology.

She will be attending Occupational Therapy School next fall. She has two brothers and a sister. Miss Gannaway started working at UHUMCC in the Spring of 2011 with all ages, mostly 4's & 5's.

Her interests include swimming, track and field and working with kids. Miss Gannaway is a thrower on the UIndy track and field team.

Kammie Hickey

Mrs. Hickey graduated from Baptist High School. She is a member of The First Separate Baptist Church. Mrs. Hickey and her husband, Ron, have been married for 29 years.

They have two children, Ryan and Katelyn, and a Jack Russell named Kasey.

Mrs. Hickey worked at UHUMCC from 1992-2004 before returning this fall. She works with the two-year-olds.

Her hobbies include going to church, spending time with family and shopping.



Silent Auction Coming

The dates this year will be April 22-27. Dinner will be that Friday, April 27. You can make your last-minute bids, have a meal, and share fun and fellowship.

This is the largest fundraiser the Children's Center has, and we are always looking for new ways to make this a success.

Here are a few ideas on how you can help:

- Contribute homemade items and/or services
- Contribute purchased items and/or services
- Solicit contributions from

local business owners you know personally. (We have letters in the Children's Center office to give merchants explaining our program.)

- Contribute your time: such as babysitting, lawn care, house cleaning etc.

- Make a monetary contribution

We are always grateful for your support with all fundraisers throughout the year.

For more information see Debbie or Chris in the Children's Center Office.



Thank you to all the generous givers during Carols, Choirs and Candlelight. BIBs received \$1,193.77 that night.

We thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and visits during Tim's recent surgery and recuperation. A special thanks to Rev. Arch for his visit and prayers.

Tim & Judy Martin

Thank you to the church and the Angel Tree coordinator. Jared said, "That made my Christmas." He received gifts from his father who is in prison this Christmas.

Angel Tree Recipient Grandma

I'd like to express thanks to Linda Rodebaugh, Judy & Tim Martin and the UH Care Team for their thoughtfulness to my mother, Vivian Ford.

Julie Miller (Vivian's daughter)

We would like to express our thanks to the Children's Center Personnel Committee and the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the delicious lunch from Buca DiBepo's and the homemade desserts you provided for the staff before Christmas. You all worked hard to show us your appreciation, and you did! The support we get from all of you throughout the year is very much appreciated.

The Staff of UHUMC

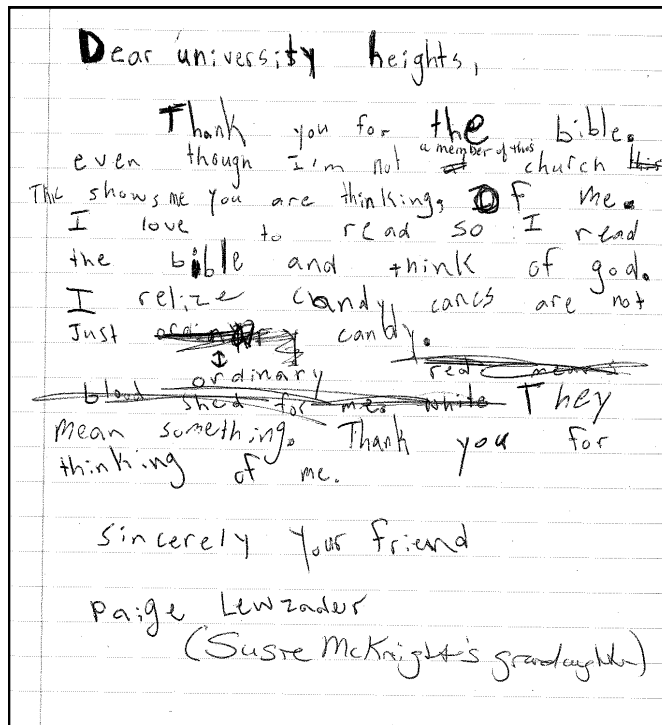
We would like to thank "Santa" for the surprise Christmas gift. We greatly appreciated it.

Rick & Susan Hancock

Thank you to everyone who helped take down our Christmas decorations and put them away on Sunday, January 8th. Your help was GREATLY appreciated!

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased Mission Hearts during the Advent season. The money will greatly benefit the United Methodist Children's Homes in Indiana. We collected \$810 to help these children/youth!

Thank you to all who helped serve dinners at Fletcher Place on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Thank you to Ken & Georgia Hottell for coordinating this mission.



Next Community Lunches

Jan. 21 & Feb. 18

11:30 am

Sunday School Information

Parents, have you asked your child's Sunday School teacher what Sunday would be a good Sunday for you to bring in the snack for the class? The children love having ownership in their Sunday School class and the teachers really appreciate it.

GOAL #3 - Increase the number of small groups.

Education has long been a priority of University Heights United Methodist Church and is reflected in the number of adults involved in Sunday morning education as well as the number of adults engaged in other groups during the week.

This past year a new Sunday School class was formed aimed at college-age adults. Also a Sunday evening Bible Study for the same group was started. In addition, a Men's Breakfast group was started along with various opportunities for short-term studies during the year.

This year, we will continue to encourage everyone to become involved in a small group study centered in development of one's faith. We will seek to continue have 15 small groups during the year. These groups should be designed to meet needs within our congregation and community and open to everyone. All of these groups should be designed to encourage people to become more involved in the life of the church through study and fellowship.

Budget needed: \$90,875

(In addition to specific programs and expenses, this total includes a portion of the payroll of the pastor, the program director, the music director, other church staff, utilities and maintenance.)

GOALS #4 and #5 - Increase participation and giving to missions.

University Heights has always been conscious of our need to

"Go into the world." We have sought ways to reach out and engage our community and the world with the message of God's love. This church has a strong sense of being servants and laborers in the vineyard of the world. This church has continued its history of generous giving to support the work of the church locally as well as giving the extra mile through our mission offerings. We have supported this past year through volunteer involvement and financial support: Fletcher Place, our Monthly Community Lunch, BIBS, and various other mission efforts.

Part of the purpose of University Heights United Methodist Church is to make a difference in the world. We believe in supporting one another and helping God's people wherever and whenever we can. One way we accomplish this is through our conference and district tithe formerly known as apportionments. This giving allocated 11.6 percent of our budget giving to the Indiana Conference. This giving provides us the chance to do together what no one person, or church, could ever do alone. This type of giving gives us the opportunity to multiply and share God's gifts with the world. This past year we maintained our commitment to the "tithe" as a church to support The Indiana United Methodist Conference and the Central District. We have also had countless hours of volunteer time given to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We also extended our out-

reach to the community through opportunities provided by the congregation to invite their friends and neighbors. We also engage our community by providing a free week of Vacation Bible School and a Community Fun Night.

During 2012, we will continue to expand our efforts to invite the community to engage our church through various activities at the church and in the community.

We have also renewed our pledge to give our tithe (11.6 % of our offerings or \$42,845) to the Conference and the District to support the cooperative ministries of the United Methodist Church. We will also continue to provide opportunities to financially support missions through the promotion of the United Methodist Advance programs and the offerings requested by the United Methodist Church. We will also provide opportunities for people to personally engage in missions.

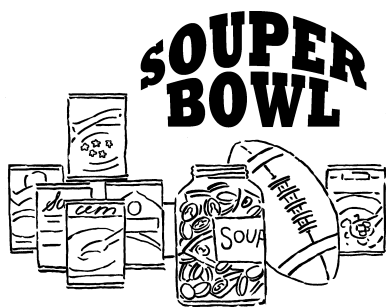
Budget needed: \$128,100

(In addition to specific programs and expenses, this total includes a portion of the payroll for the pastor, the program director, the music director, other church staff, utilities and maintenance. It does not represent non-budget giving to special offerings and needs.)

Now, something for you to do. PRAY! Pray for University Heights to show signs of vitality.

The Joy Continues,

C. Archibald Hawkins



Sunday

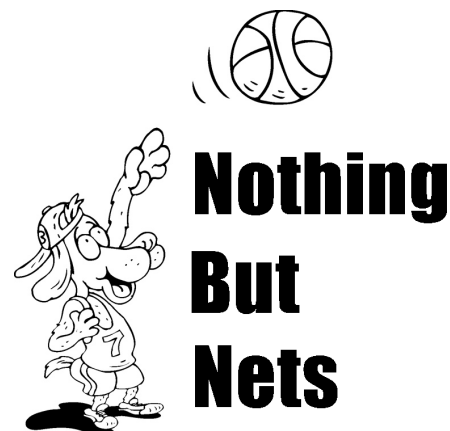
February 5th is Super Bowl Sunday; however, we have "Souper" Bowl Sunday at U.H.U.M.C. The youth will be collecting an offering at the end of the service that will go to benefit meals at Fletcher Place. Bring an extra dollar or two on Feb. 5, to help feed our community. We will also be

collecting **PLASTIC JARS** of Creamy Peanut Butter and Apple Sauce from January 15 – February 5, to help stock these popular items in our B.I.B.'s pantry. Many people will benefit from your generosity. Last year youth across America collected \$9.5 million dollars!

Mission Opportunities

Do you as an individual or small group participate in some kind of mission project? It might be Meals, on Wheels, Second Hand Helpings, collecting something that people need, reading or tutoring to children, some event that happens once a year like the Mozell Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner, or some other mission that is near and dear to your heart. We want to hear about it and want others to know about it in case they are interested. Submit this

information to the office. Tell us what the event is or what you collect for others, how often it occurs, or how others can become involved in helping if they are interested, and if you are willing to have them contact you to learn more about it. We as a congregation are always involved in doing great things and it is time to let others know what we do and how we can get involved. Watch upcoming VIEWS for Mission Opportunities!



Nothing But Nets

Nothing But Nets is a global campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa.

It only costs \$10 for the purchase of an anti-malaria bed net to save the lives of four children.

The people of The United Methodist Church are raising funds to purchase bed nets to end malaria.

So, now that you know what Nothing but Nets is, the Mission Committee will let you know what our church is going to do to help.

We will be playing our second basketball game between University Heights and Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church. The game will be played at St. Roch's Parish Life Center on the corner of Sumner and Meridian.

A free-will offering will be taken at the door and all money will go toward buying bed nets that will save the lives of children in Africa.

A date for this game still needs to be finalized; however, it should be on a Sunday in February. Watch for details and to sign up to play!

Memorials...

In memory of Ruth Day
Janet Voegel, General Fund
Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated

In memory of Ruth Campbell
Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated

In memory of Louise Barnett
Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated

In memory of Malcom Crosby
Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated

In memory of John Weaver
Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated

In memory of Phil Wesner
Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated

In memory of Jim Wilson
Sharon Wilson, Trustees

December 2011 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
12/4	134	49	183	\$10,659
12/11	135	39	174	\$8,916
12/18	132	29	161	\$6,921
12/25	82		82	\$2,334

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

Special Offerings:

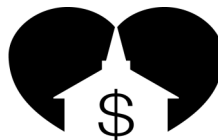
Loose Coin: \$101.81 (Loaves Meal)

Bishop Offering: \$314.00

Attendance:

Carols, Choirs & Candlelight: 170

Christmas Eve: 191



**A Generous
Congregation**

Matthew 25: 35 – 40 explains that ministry to the poor is a service to God. The Mission Committee would like to thank you for all of the service you have done for God this past year. We gave generously to the Angel Tree mission, Mission Hearts and Crosses, collected numerous school supplies, socks, undergarments, mittens, hats, and scarves, served 150 hungry people dinner and provided many grocery sacks of food and clothing for Fletcher Place, donated numerous hours, food and money to our B.I.B.'s pantry, helped prepare and serve lunch to our community, and the list goes on and on and on. Thank you so much for your service to the Lord in 2011 and we know that you will continue to serve Him by helping others in 2012.

	<p>Mondays,</p> <p>Jan. 23 & Feb. 27</p> <p>1:00 pm</p>
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