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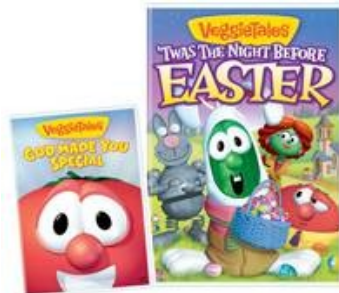
March 2011

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

Dinner And A Movie Night at UHUMC

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Join us on Sat. March 12 at 5 pm for pizza and the newest Veggie-Tale Movie – *'Twas the Night Before Easter*. This 45 minute movie is entertaining for all ages and shows the true meaning of Easter. Join us for food, fun and fellowship as we kick off the Lent sea-

son. From the BigIdea website is the following information.

It's Easter time in Crisper County and cable news reporter Marlee Meade (Petunia Rhubarb) is hunting for a way to help others.

On a tip that the old town theater will be shut down, Marlee cooks up a plan to save the stage and make a difference through the power of musical theater.

With a cast of costume-clad townies, massive props and a 20-foot robot rabbit -

"Up With Bunnies" is hatched! There's only one thing missing – the star of the show!

When news spreads that singing sensation Cassie Cassava (Melinda Doolittle) is arriving to perform in her hometown church's Easter service, Marlee gets worried. Concerned about the competition, she schemes to steal the starlet for her own pageant! But when things go hay-wire, will it be curtains for Marlee's dreams – or will she discover the true meaning of Easter?

Upcoming Events

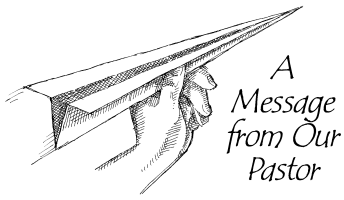
- Ash Wednesday, March 9
- Family Fun Night - Sat., March 12 at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Church-wide BIBs Shower - Mon., April 11 7:30 pm
- UHUMCC Rummage Sale - April 7 - 9

Summer Camp Registration Coming Soon

It isn't too early to start planning on a week of Summer Camp at Rivervale or Indi-Co- So. Go to <http://www.impact2818.com/> to view all of the opportunities.

The summer camp program name has been changed to Impact 2818 Outdoor Ministries. This is in reference to Matthew 28: 18 – 20 – the Great Commission. Jesus Christ gave us all a mission to go into the world making disciples.

Being involved in summer camp is a great way to reach our children and youth. There are church scholarships to help with camp fees. Come join the fun!



Making a Difference

Did you hear the story about the guy who got the first permit to open a tavern in a small, country town? The church folks were so upset they called a prayer meeting to ask God to intervene. A few days later, lightning hit the tavern and burned it to ground. The church folks were outwardly surprised and inwardly pleased until they received word that the tavern owner was suing them. He claimed their prayers were responsible for the fire that destroyed the tavern. The church folks hired an attorney who drafted a strongly worded deposition to deny the charge. The judge listened to both sides and then said, "I'm not sure how I will rule on this case, but based on the testimony today, it appears that the tavern owner believes in prayer and the church folks don't."

As I think about the "New Directions" task force and its work, perhaps the most important single element in the transformation process for University Heights United Methodist Church will be

that we need to learn to pray. We, as a church and also as individuals, need to continue to discover what it means to live and lead out of a life of prayer. Prayer is the means by which we feel the pulse of the Spirit of God at work within and through our life together.

Drawing from over thirty years of pastoral ministry, every church I know talks about prayer. To one degree or another, most churches practice it. But if your experience is like mine, you have attended more than your share of church events and meetings that "opened" with a prayer and "closed" with a prayer but nothing that happened between the prayers would have been any different if it had been a meeting of a civic organization or a corporate board. All too often in the church, what we actually do and how we do it do not indicate that we expect the God to whom we pray to become an active participant in the process. Nor is there much practical evidence that

we, in our human imperfection and weakness, can feel, sense, and know the active leadership or the Holy Spirit in our decision making. We offer a polite nod, a tip of the hat to God, but we act as if we are called to make decisions on our own with God sitting on the sidelines, waiting to be asked to "bless" what we have decided to do.

It is not that we don't believe in God. We do! But we work as if the church is the place where we do something for God, not the place where God does something for, in, and through us. We debate issues, make the best decisions we can, and ask God to bless what we have decided to do, rather than expect God to direct us in doing what God wants done through us. I encourage you to pray. In so doing, let me put before you some questions to consider.

-Do you really believe that prayer is the means by which God's will is accomplished in our lives? Do you believe that it makes any difference to pray? Are your actions consistent

with what you believe?

-How have you seen God's Spirit preparing the way for new ministries at University Heights United Methodist Church? Are you willing to wait for God to lead?

The day comes when our best human wisdom is not enough to get us through, our human stamina is not enough to keep us going, and our best attempts at being faithful are utterly inadequate for the task. In those times, we need to draw upon the words of the psalmist:

*Unless the LORD
builds the house,
those who build it
labor in vain....
It is in vain that you
rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of
anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to
his beloved.*

(Psalm 127:1-2)

The Joy Continues,
C. Archibald Hawkins

March Birthdays

1	Kimberly Dykes	22	Jason Viewegh
3	Nicholas Beaman	24	Gwen Cook
	Sara Cook	24	Vivian Ford
6	Paige Lewzader		Dortha Wilds
	Joshua Fowler		Gene McWilliams
11	Beverly Elrod	26	Taylor Davis
	Gabriel Neuman	27	Sharon Cesnik
12	Rebecca McClure		Susan Barhan
21	Patricia DeMasi	29	Ray Garrabrant
	Bryan Rodebaugh	30	Christie Beckmann

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

March Anniversaries

3/2/1962	Stephen & Janice Thomas
3/6/2001	Brian & Carla Bill
3/8/1975	Philip & Doris Fowler
3/10/1978	David & Nancy Stenger
3/12/1983	Steven & Danna O'Hare
3/15/1998	Kerry & Diana Bossingham
3/16/1996	Timothy & Penny Sue Decker
3/24/1962	Carl & Linda Fowler
3/26/1954	Richard & Mona Curts
3/28/1987	Brian & Wendy Bravard
3/31/2007	Eric Bearden & LeAnn Freeland

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

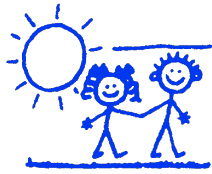
UHUMC Members Recognized For Work Well Done

Dr. William Gommel will be recognized on April 8 by Purdue University. He will be awarded the College of Science Distinguished Alumni Award for 2011 in Science Education. "We feel strongly that you embody everything the College and Purdue seeks when selecting a Distinguished Alumnus." - letter to Dr. Gommel.

Others who have received this award include the Vice President of Living Well, The Coca-Cola Company, Astronaut Andrew Feustel and Sally Mason - President of the University of Iowa.

Bob Elrod was recently recognized for his service to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis Council for Deliberation. He fulfilled the constitutional limit on years as Deputy for the state of Indiana and Commander-in-Chief for this council.

Bob will return to his status as an Active member of the Supreme Council, which he was elected to in 1992. Bob has been a member since 1967 and is 33rd degree mason.



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 of your generous offerings. 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 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, its 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?

Joy Steeb

Joy is a 1969 high school graduate of Arsenal Technical High School. She was a caregiver in the infant room beginning in 1991. She recently has moved to the Bears Room.

Joy and her husband, Larry, have been married since October 1971. She resides in Beech Grove. They have three sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren. Taking care of her family is very important to Joy.

Joy's hobbies include crocheting, sewing, baking and cooking. Her seven grandchildren keep her busy, but she loves to curl up with a good book when she has a moment. Doing things for her family, brings Joy the most joy.

Darlene Scalo

Darlene is a 1981 graduate of Southport High School. She has been working at the Children's Center since 1999. She has worked in the infant room, two's room and three's room. For several years before working in the Center, she was a volunteer parent in the preschool program.

Darlene has a daughter and son, who are both graduates of the Children's Center.

Darlene is pursuing a degree to become a medical assistant from Med-Tech College.

In her free time, she enjoys reading, hiking and spending time with her children.

Darlene is also the sister of UHUMC member Dwayne Hudson.

Children's Center Summer Camp

Registration for Summer Camp opened Tuesday, March 1. 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.

This year's camp director is Jamie Marsden. Jamie is a student at IUPUI. She has worked in the Children's Center for more than four years. She also has worked with Summer Camp for the past two years.

Kevin Gaither will be the assistant director. Kevin is a student at Indiana University.



Dear Friends at University Heights,
I want to thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for your visits, calls, cards and letters over the past several months. While I was ill, it meant so much to me to hear from you. Your support and your good wishes helped me get through the worst days.

While I am still recovering, I am feeling considerably better and working on regaining my strength. I am keeping each of you in my prayers, and miss you mightily.

With love and best wishes to you and your families as the New Year begins,

Elnora Hiatt
2460 Glebe Street, Apt. 176
Carmel, IN 46032

We had a great "Souper Bowl" Sunday. We collected \$346.39 for our community lunches and a local soup kitchen.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Nothing but Nets. We collected \$1,082.57 for this global campaign. Thanks to everyone who played in the game, kept score or stats, sold snacks, took pictures, and cheered for our team. It was a fun afternoon and a great way to raise money to help save lives.

We would like to thank you for the cards, prayers, and those who came to the funeral home to visit during the passing of Rick's mother, Jerry Hancock. All of our family greatly appreciated the dinner that was brought to the funeral home that evening as well. Two of Rick's uncles are pastors and they were very impressed by the love shown by our congregation. Thank you all for being such a wonderful church family.

The Hancock Family

Kid's Night Out was a great success. We had eight caregivers at the event and 42 children who enjoyed an evening without their parents. We had a lot of positive feedback from the parents who also enjoyed having a Valentine's evening out. We had some new families come from our community. Thank you to everyone who helped and for the parents sharing their children with us!

Thank you to Ken and Georgia Hottell for heading up the Fletcher Place Loaves Meal on February 28, and for all those who helped serve the meal. The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who donated paper products and ate at Max and Erma's to make this meal possible. We can always count on our congregation to help others in need.

I would like to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, and visits while I was in Rosegate Rehabilitation. It is very good to be back home. I am still getting your support through cards and prayers. Thank you so much!

Ruth Day

The Mission Committee would like to thank Myrna Crosby for all of her years of service as being the coordinator of the Angel Tree project. This ministry is a bridge for Prison Fellowship as prisoners seek transformation as they reconcile with God, family and the community through the power and truth of Christ. Angel Tree helps with the reconciliation between the child, incarcerated parent, and family. Myrna has asked to step down from this leadership role. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Susan Hancock.

Many, many thanks for the cards, concerns and prayers during Wilma's recent illness. It was comforting to know that others were there for us. A special thanks to Rev. Arch for his visits, prayers and support. Also, another thanks to those who prepared and served the funeral lunch. The food was delicious.

*Our sincere appreciation,
Howard Davis and Family*

United Methodist Women

By Joanne Hannon

I made a vow before coming back to the Heights: "I am not going to get involved in UMW."

As any of you who know me might recall, I was always very active in the organization and helped set up the UMW groups all over the district when we were joined with the Methodist Church.

I treasure all the years I spent in UMW, starting way back in Darlington, IN, at a little Methodist Church, when we were called Women's Society of World Service, then Women's Society of Christian Service. The Women's Society, whatever name it held, provided me an education in missions, in reconciliation, in problems and achievements of women all over the world, and in the art of reaching out and caring for women and children of all colors, nationalities, and need. There was a time when Don was surprised at things I knew and would ask, "How do you know that?" My answer was always, "I learned it from reading the Women's Magazines, taking part in the studies, and reading the books recommended for the year." I can still hear his "Hmmm." I'm thankful for all my years in UMW.

It's a new day, a day of dwindling numbers in United Methodist Women. I was shocked in January when I learned how few full members of UMW there are in our church right now.

There are many supportive members, and they are important. Was I shocked because we're so small in number? Not really, because that's happening all over; it's also happening to

our church attendance.

What really shocked me was how much these women do, all the activities they take part in, the support they lend to BIBs, the financial commitment to Missions and Outreach in the Methodist Church. It's a small group, but they are keeping the flame going, and our church is better for it.

All this is in way of inviting you to attend the one remaining regular Circle, Ruth, which meets the Second Monday Evening, 7:30 pm, in the Parlor at our church. The meeting involves reports, devotions and a lesson, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

There is a very welcoming spirit in the group as I found out when I finally started going. (Remember, I was not going to get involved.) Hallie Sidebottom left us with a challenge to keep women informed of Missions, and we attempt at Ruth Circle meetings to do that.

I heard so many great comments about the talk given to us on UMW Sunday, when Susan Bennett shared, "Building Better Lives.....One Child at A Time," her story about how the ministries of the Lebanon Children's Home are changing lives.

That's how it happens, we hear the name, but it only becomes meaningful when we hear the story. That's what UMW does; it tells stories.

If you're a reader, consider joining the Reading Circle, which meets on the second Tuesday in May, July, September and November. We will next meet on May 12, sharing the book "This Child Will Be Great," by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Peggy Richwine will lead the discussion. The Public Library has 8 copies of the book.

Views Deadline

March 23

Views Mailing

March 30

We're on the Web

www.universityheightsumc.us

University Heights UMC

A Celebration of Life, Faith and Hope!

News From University Heights United Methodist Women

All ladies are invited to join UMW at their monthly meeting on Monday, March 14 at 7:30 pm in the church parlor.

Peggy Richwine will share new information about McCurdy School.

We always allow extra time for fellowship and refreshments. You won't be disappointed!

There will not be a

UMW Executive Committee Meeting in March. See you in April.

The church-wide BIB's Baby Shower is Monday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

If you would like a relaxing night of fellowship, please join UMW as we celebrate BIB's and provide needed items to re-

plenish the ever dwindling shelves.

If you can't join us and would like to make a donation, see the BIBs Shopping List enclosed in this newsletter.

You may place your donations in the baby bassinet in the hallway near the coat racks.

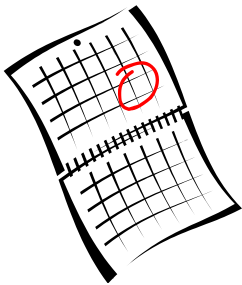
Don't want to shop? You may consider a gift card to a local

store or a monetary donation in honor of a loved one..

Southport UMW have invited all ladies to its Annual Lenten Breakfast on Sat., April 9. Watch for details in the Sunday morning bulletin.

Mark your calendars for the St. Andrews UMW Brunch "Under the Sea" on Saturday., April 30.

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, August 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 7:30 pm in the church parlor unless otherwise noted. Sat., April 9; Southport UMW Lenten Breakfast: Mon., April 11; BIBs Shower: Sat., April 30; St. Andrew UMW Brunch "Under the Sea": Mon., May 9; Sat., June 18 at Arch & Becky's home: Mon, Aug. 8 Meeting at the home of Peggy Richwine: Monday, Sept. 10: Monday, Oct. 10: Monday, Nov. 14; World Thanks Offering and Pledge Service: Monday, 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.

Mission Trip Opportunities

Are you interested in going on a Mission Trip? The United Methodist conference offers many opportunities. Local opportunities include volunteering at Fletcher Place, Gleaners Food Bank or UMWIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) training: Nationally, flood relief in Northern Illinois, Tennessee or Iowa: Internationally, building churches in Central America and Africa, or work teams in Central America, India, Philippines, Russia, etc.

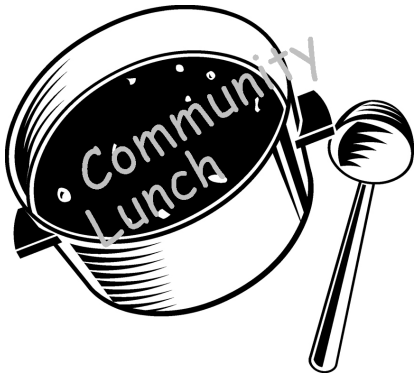
If you are interested in this kind of ministry go to <http://inumc.org/pages/detail/172> to see all of the different opportunities.

MARCH LOOSE COIN



The Loose Coin offering for March will go to UHUM Children's Center. Remember it is only the loose coins in the offering plate that count toward this special offering.

Community Lunch Review



The Outreach and Evangelism Committee began a work in our community about a year ago providing a meal the third Saturday of each month, with the help of volun-

teers in the church. The goal was to reach folks in need of a meal and that has been accomplished.

Further, a core group of members have caught the vision, and have now taken the responsibility of overseeing the event each month.

The success of this outreach mission is not measured by new members or increase in funds for the church coffers. Rather it has been measured by the lives being touched. No one is turned away. By word of mouth from those who have become "regulars", new folks are coming. First for a good home cooked meal (our guests rave about the menu and the quality of the food!) and then keep coming because of the fellowship and not being "preached to." They feel the love of Christ from the volunteers who are accepting and loving in their interactions with the guests. And isn't that what we are to be doing?

Church members also benefit. Some receive a carry-out meal delivered by volunteers, while others are picked up and then taken home afterwards.

Fifth Sunday Forum Fellowship Breakfast May 29

The Education Ministry Team would like you to mark your calendars for the next 5th Sunday Forum on May 29th in Fellowship Hall during the 10:00 hour. The pitch-in breakfast was such a success that we are going to have another. Come join the fun and fellowship!

Other members are also attending, perhaps for the food, but more importantly, for the fellowship.

We see needs being met, theirs and ours. Do you want to be a part of this ministry, but can't make a long term commitment? Great! Here are ways you can be a part of this exciting ministry: (Core members will be there each month ~ you aren't doing this alone!)

1. Pick a month to provide a meal. This can be a family, a small group within the church, a Sunday school class or a few folks who want to do something meaningful together.

2. Pick a month to deliver meals or provide transportation for our members in the neighborhood.

3. Pick a month to set-up, or serve, or visit or clean-up afterwards.

4. Provide monetary donations. We have some great cooks who just can't afford to purchase the food, but they want to provide their talent.

5. Pray! Pray that we continue to be faithful to our Lord's calling. That we share the love of Christ. That we never lose sight of Who is really in charge of this ministry.

If you want more information or wish to get involved, please contact Nigel Shoaff (788-1132) or Diana Bossingham (966-0102) or sign up at the Welcome Center.

Thank you to all who have been a part of this ministry thus far!

**Next
Community
Lunch
Sat., March 19
At 11:30 am**

Children's Sunday School Themes

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

March: Blessed is the One

April: Easter

May: Good News Travels Fast



Memorials.....

In Loving Memory of Don Fleener

- Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Richwine, Undesignated
- Homebuilders Class, Undesignated
- Mrs. Mary Stahlhut, Music Fund
- Mr and Mrs. Jesse Hilgert, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMillan, Landscaping Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Gale Stohler, Undesignated
- Mr. Dan Osen, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. David Rodebaugh, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curts, Trustees
- Mr. and Mrs. Tim Martin, Landscaping Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hilgert, Undesignated
- Mr. Howard Davis, Undesignated
- Ms. Cindy Wesner, Music Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Woody McBride, Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Mr. Gene Craddick

- Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Richwine, Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Wilma Davis

- Ms. Cindy Wesner, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Richwine, Undesignated
- Mr. and Mrs. John Kindred, Undesignated

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 for Uindy students who are church

members through the financial aid office.

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.



Southeast LENTEN BREAKFASTS '11

March 12 - ST. ANDREWS - 7:30 a.m.

March 19 - UINDY - 8 a.m.

- Rev. Kent Millard, speaker

(reservations required - Cost \$7)

March 19 - INDPLS CHRIST - 7:30 a.m.

March 26 - EDGEWOOD - 7:30 a.m.

April 2 - SOUTHPORT - 7:30 a.m.

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

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



Imposition of Ashes in the Sanctuary

7:30 am

12:30 pm

5:30 pm

January 2011 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
1/2	127	39	166	\$8,185
1/9	141	31	172	\$5,928
1/16	124	37	161	\$5,468
1/23	122	35	157	\$3,955
1/30	123	38	161	\$5,248

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

Special Offerings:

Loose Coin: 115.84 (Fletcher Place Loaves Meal)

Human Relations: \$110.00

February 2011 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
2/6	93	27	120	\$8,701
2/13	123	30	153	\$5,970
02/20	92	25	117	\$6,197
2/27	131	37	168	\$4,349

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

Special Offerings:

Loose Coin: 83.84 (Fletcher Place Loaves Meal)

Campus Ministry: \$167.00