



# VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS

May 2011

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

## *Underneath It All, We're All the Same*

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May is the month in which we collect new undergarments for children in our community who cannot afford them.

It is called the "invisible sign of poverty" – having inadequate or no undergar-

ments to wear.

This is reality for many, including children and teens whose families cannot afford this purchase.

Invisible, that is, until gym class, sports, or summer camp. Obviously, lack of these

items is more than just a hygiene concern. Please help by contributing to the donation box that is located in the narthex on May 8 and 15.

Monetary donations are welcome as well.

## *We Need YOU.....Summer Sunday School*

Summer Sunday school begins Sunday, July 3 and ends Sunday, August 7. We need you.

Parents or interested adults, it is your turn to help in the children's Sunday School classrooms. Throughout the summer the Sunday School classes are

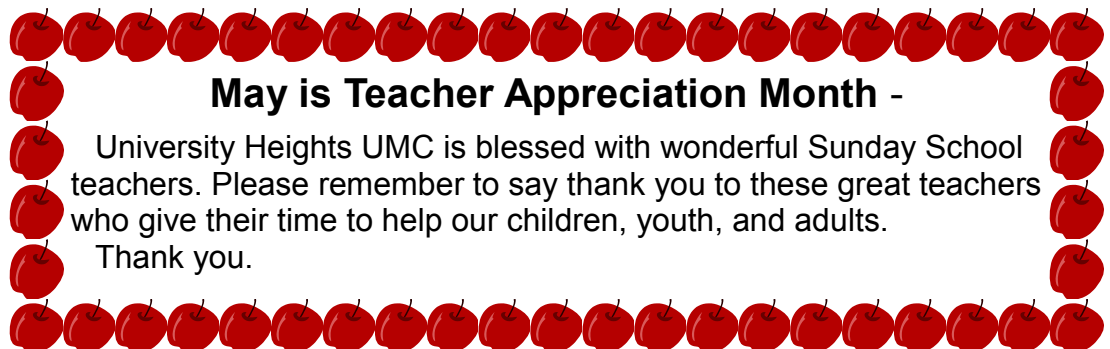
combined as follows: preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade will join in the downstairs kindergarten room, and 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade will join in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade room upstairs. Junior and senior high students will meet in the downstairs Senior High room. Sunday school for preschool

age children starts at 9:30 am and ends at 11:00 am. Elementary and junior and senior high Sunday School meet from 10:00 – 11:00 am. This is very simple to lead. All of the material is ready for you.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

### Upcoming Events

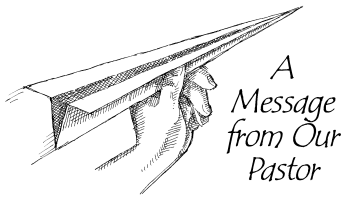
- Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8
- Administrative Council - Wed., May 18 at 7:30 pm
- Community Lunch - Sat., May 21 at 11:30 am
- Euchre Card Party - Mon., May 23 at 1 pm



### May is Teacher Appreciation Month -

University Heights UMC is blessed with wonderful Sunday School teachers. Please remember to say thank you to these great teachers who give their time to help our children, youth, and adults.

Thank you.



## Cool.....

I recall sitting in a Sunday School class at Prairieton Methodist Church when I was in the sixth grade. The teacher, Mr. Johnston, read the end of John 20 to class and after the part about Jesus' telling Thomas that there would be lots of people who would not see him but who would still believe in him anyway, he said, "Jesus means us. He's talking about us. We've never seen him the way the disciples did, but he is our Savior and we believe in him. Jesus is talking about us."

All these years later,

I can still remember marveling a bit over a thought that tantalized my young heart: I am in the Bible! Little Arch Hawkins of Terre Haute, Indiana is in the Bible!

Cool.

A few years later when I ran across the same passage in high school, I realized that Mr. Johnston might have been guilty of a little rhetorical excess. No, I am not in the Bible. Not specifically, not personally, not really. That's the kind of thing a naive kid thinks. And when I was a child, I thought

like a child and reasoned like a child but now...

Then a few more years passed. I entered United Seminary and began to understand a few things about how the Word of God is alive, vibrant, living, sharper than a two-edged sword and cutting clean to the bone of those who read that Word.

I began to understand that the living God really can and does encounter God's people through the Word and that God had been doing just that to countless mil-

lions of people across the millennia.

And so when the evangelist John turns to the reader to say, "These are written that you may believe," by the Holy Spirit, that is a direct and living address to me as the reader.

Maybe all of us are, maybe each of us is, really in the Bible after all. I am in the Bible. This is my story.

And all God's people said, "Cool."

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

## Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars for June 20 - 24 from 6 - 8:30 pm. VBS is here at University Heights UMC again this year. We need volunteers and attendees. If you know an area you would like to help with, please sign-up at the Welcome Center. If you have children, grandchildren, neighbors, etc. that you would like to register, registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. Don't forget you can also register online at [www.universityheightsumc.us](http://www.universityheightsumc.us). Let's make this an awesome VBS. Come join us at the *Shake It Up Café* June 20 - 24.

**May Birthdays**

1	Kristin Neuman	11	Vicky Swank
	Sherry Wesner	13	John McBride
2	William Green	14	Karen Duvall
	Kinsey Goff		Patricia Jensen
3	Anthony Wilkerson	16	Nicholas Hilgert
	Lee Kindred		Dennis Osborne
4	Jeanne Hilgert	18	Philip Fowler
	Sean Munger		Sarah Phillips
	Robert Sachs	20	Dorothy Weaver
5	William McMillan		June Stanley
	Alexander Marley	22	Janice Gross
6	Susan Hancock	23	Robert Bowles
	Kelly Cesnik	26	Charmain Mosier
7	Mark Cesnik	27	Patty Morgan
	Mary Moreman	28	David Wiley
10	Wanda Hampton		Jakob Asbury
	Evan Davis	30	Anna Stotts
	Nathan Gonqueh	31	Michael Hancock

**June Birthdays**

1	Evelyn Edwards	17	Leonard Lucas
2	Donna Long	18	Devon Bossingham
	Joshua Frieders	19	Brian Green
3	Tricia Fowler	20	Mary McMillan
5	Thomas Fox	22	Linda Fowler
7	Carl Fowler		Scott Manning
	Cathy Oates	23	Diana Bossingham
8	Ivy Williams		Lillian Bravard
9	Charles Stotts		Emily Hart
10	Heidi Jensen		LeAnn Freeland
	Ivan Moreman	24	Broden Kelly
	Greg Hemmingsen	25	Jessica Aldridge
	Jackson Shepherd	26	Terry Russell
11	Ronald Viewegh	27	Ivan Bennington
	Christopher Wilson		Brian Bill
12	Isaac Hilgert	28	Douglas Curts
13	Wendy Mattson		Lynn Moran
	Madison Neuman	29	Penny Sue Decker
14	Lucille Stohler		Nick Green
	Alex Green		Barbara Potts
15	Iris Kraft	30	Leann Wesner
	Kevin Long		
16	Shirley Bornman		

**May Anniversaries**

5/3/1958	Roger & Mary Crouch
5/4/2002	Dewayne & Amy Hudson
5/14/1966	James & Karen Caughey
5/18/1991	Michael & Marsha Hart
5/23/1992	Tony & Kimberly Dykes
5/27/2006	Larry & Mary Bledsoe

**June Anniversaries**

6/1/1941	Mark & Mabel Braford
6/4/1949	Woody & Gerry McBride
6/4/1965	Delbert & Becky Carney
6/5/1976	William & Cathy Oates
6/5/1993	Bryan & Jole Hilgert
6/7/1958	Don & Joanne Hannon
6/8/1974	Ivan & Martha Bennington
6/8/1985	Randall & Karen Decker
6/10/1950	Ivan & Mary Moreman
6/14/1975	Larry & Susan McKnight
6/15/1963	Kendall & Georgia Hottell
6/15/1974	Ken & Marylynne Winslow
6/17/1995	Curt & Rhonda Barclay
6/19/1969	Dewayne & Sue Hudson
6/21/1989	Charles & Amie Walls
6/21/2002	Kevin & Donna Long
6/22/1958	Jack & Marilyn Reid
6/23/1956	Bill & Shirley Green
6/25/1944	Cecil & Adele Hurt
6/26/1987	David & Patty Morgan
6/27/1998	David & Shannon Burton
6/28/1958	James & Janet Driskell
6/29/1962	Phil & Linda Rodebaugh
6/30/1990	Jeff & Melinda Alford

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***



## University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

### NEWS

#### Garage Sale

Our sale was a success! We made \$1,103.00. Thank you to all the volunteers from the Children's Center and the church including John Kelly, Curt and Rhonda Barclay, Annette Everling, Pam Jackson and Starla Hilgert. Thank you to all who stopped to shop, too. It was tough to get to the church; however, everyone seemed to make it. Thank you to the ladies of the church who provided lunch. UIndy and the staff enjoyed the fixings. Thank you to the donor who made it possible for the staff to enjoy lunch, too.

#### Silent Auction

This year's silent auction is taking place this week (May 2 - 6). Join us Friday, May 6 at 5:30 pm for dinner and the LIVE auction.

Stop by the Children's Center to check out all the items up for bid.

Dinner will be chicken and noodles, salad, rolls, dessert and soft drinks.

Bidding will continue until 6:30 pm when the live auction begins. The auction will end by 7 p.m.

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

#### Amy Terpstra

Amy Terpstra is a co-teacher in the Orange Preschool class. She graduated from Cedarville College in Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. She taught kindergarten for six years before staying home with her children.

Amy has been married to Steve since 1988. They have two children, a son, Adam, and a daughter, Kiley. Both children attended the Children's Center before going to elementary school. While her children were here, Amy was a very active parent. She began teaching in August 2000.

Amy enjoys playing and teaching the piano, baking, scrapbooking and traveling. She is very involved in the music program and children's programs at her church, University Heights Baptist Church.

Amy also enjoys spending time with her family.

#### Brenda Thompson

Brenda Thompson is a co-teacher in the Orange Preschool class. She graduated from Faith Bible College with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education.

Brenda has been married to her husband Todd for 22 years. They have three children - David, Tyler and Kami. David and Tyler attend Franklin Central High School. Kami is in the sixth grade.

Before joining the Children's Center in 2009, she taught pre-k for eight years.

Brenda enjoys cooking, baking, gardening and spending time with her family. She also likes to travel and scrapbook. Brenda loves to sing in her church choir. She and her family are members of University Heights Baptist Church. Her husband Todd is the pastor there.

## Registration Open

Space is still available for all areas of the Children's Center. Registration for Summer Camp, Fall Preschool, Fall Daycare and Summer Daycare is now open. If you know anyone who is looking for an exciting, safe, Christian environment for their children direct them to the website [www.universityheightsumc.us](http://www.universityheightsumc.us). The information is on the Children's Center button.

Also, don't forget our best business is done by word of mouth. So get chatting.



Thank you for the great participation by UIndy students on April 9 - Great UIndy Clean Up Day. More than 30 students helped with landscaping and the Community Garden.

*Judy Martin*

Thank you to the Parish Care Team and Linda Rodebaugh for all your kindness and for visiting.

*Vivian Ford*

We don't know where to begin to thank you for all of the prayers, support, cards, and hugs during our mother's, Ruth Day, illness and passing. She really appreciated Rev. Hawkins' visit when he gave her communion. Our family and friends were overwhelmed by the wonderful lunch that we shared after the celebration service. Thank you for so many of you coming to her calling and celebration service. We are blessed to have University Heights as our church family. Thank you all so very much!

*Blessings,  
Nancy Joseph, Roger Day,  
and Susan Hancock*

We would like to thank all who helped make the Men's Lenten Breakfast series this year a success. Though in doubt, the mission goals were achieved and even exceeded, particularly in the last two weeks at Rosedale and University Heights. It just makes you feel good when you accomplish something so worthy. Again, thank you.

*Phil Rodebaugh and Tim Martin*

We want to express our thanks for the many cards, hugs, and prayers at the loss of our son-in-law Carney Brouse. Carney was a very special part of our family and we miss him greatly. Friends are so very special at a time like this. Please keep our daughter Pam and grandsons Justin and Jacob in your prayers.

*Fondly, Phil and Linda Rodebaugh*

I want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and thoughts during my recent surgeries. Also, "Thanks" to Arch for his visits to the hospital before and after my surgeries. It meant so much to know friends were thinking of me.

*Harriet Barrick*

## Fifth Sunday Forum Fellowship Breakfast May 29

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 29 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall. Jerry Steadham will update us on the New Directions Task Force as we enjoy a continental breakfast.

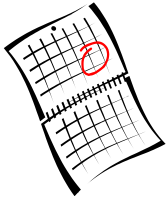
This task force is making a lot of progress. This is a great way to learn what they have done. Don't miss it.

### MAY'S LOOSE COIN



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

## 2011 UMW Schedule



### UMW Executive Committee Meeting Dates 2011

All meetings are at 5:30 pm in the Shalom classroom unless otherwise noted Monday, May 9; Monday, Aug. 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 on Mondays at 7:30 pm in the church lounge unless otherwise noted. May 9: Sat., June 18 - Arch & Becky's home; Aug. 8 - Meeting at the home of Peggy Richwine; Sept. 10; Oct. 10; Nov. 14 - World Thanks Offering and Pledge Service: December 12.

### UMW Reading Circle

The UMW Reading Circle will meet Thursdays - May 12, July 14, Sept. 8 and Nov. 10 in the Asbury Room at University Heights UMC from 1:30-3 pm.

**Next Community Lunch**  
**Saturday, May 21**  
**11:30 am**

### Attention High School Graduates!

We would like to honor your accomplishments as you graduate from high school on Sunday, May 15. Call the church office and let us know which service you will be attending.

## INSPIRATION STATION BOOKS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Don't forget to visit our book and CD display upstairs by the stained glass windows.

The comfortable seating area allows you to sit and read or try out a CD. You may take an item or leave one to share.

Remember you must return your item to the bookshelf in a reasonable time so that others can enjoy it too.

## Come Explore Your Gift to Teach

Our church is blessed with many great Sunday School Teachers. We appreciate their dedication and time. Would you be interested in joining our great team in the fall? Your support to our children and youth is a vital ministry. If you would, please contact Marsha Hart.

### *You Are Invited!.....*

Rachel Hancock George is graduating from MacMurray College on May 7<sup>th</sup> with a B.A. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Deaf Studies/American Sign Language. Please join her and her family on Saturday, May 14 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for a reception in Fellowship Hall to congratulate her and wish her a Bon Voyage as she leaves for California. Your presence will be her present.



**Monday,**  
**May 23**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**[Seekers Room if raining]**



## Memorials.....

### In Loving Memory of Don Fleener

– Mr. & Mrs. John Kindred, Undesignated

### In Loving Memory of Geraldine Hancock

– Calvary Lutheran Church & School, Undesignated

### In Loving Memory of Ruth Boger Day

- Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Boger, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Terry Lee Boger, Undesignated
- Ms. Celeste Allen, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Del Domper, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Mick Warwick, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Jon Morris/Alice Putz, Undesignated
- Ms. Andrea Koepke, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cope, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Curts, Trustees
- Ms. Pam Jackson, Marty Steadham Scholarship
- Mr. & Mrs. Tim Martin, Landscaping
- Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Richwine, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. John Kindred, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Hilgert, Undesignated
- Ms. Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated
- Mr. Bob Haverstick, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hrin, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Dan Johnson, Undesignated
- Toni Overman, Undesignated
- Mr. Norman Fuchs, Undesignated
- Ms. Lucinda Menkhus, Undesignated
- Ms. Thelma Boger, Undesignated
- Mrs. Barb Gayde, Undesignated
- The Shalom Class, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack Larimore, Undesignated
- Kenneth & Hannah Williams, Undesignated
- Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Mayhew, Undesignated

# Congrats Grads!

Congratulations to Daniel Smedema and Elizabeth Haviland. They both will matriculate from high school this spring.

Congratulations to Nicholas Jackson on earning a bachelor of theology degree from Bethlehem College and Seminary.

Also, congratulations to Alex Cook on earning his bachelor of science from IU.

And, congratulations to Sara Cook on earning her master's degree in public health.

## FLAGSHIP CHURCH FOR FLETCHER PLACE

During the months of June and July our church is the Flagship church for Fletcher Place. That means that they depend on our church for providing the majority of the food that is in their pantry to give to hungry families. There will be grocery bags available to pick up with a list of items that Fletcher Place needs. Make sure to pick up a grocery sack to fill and then return it to the Fletcher Place box located outside of the church office.

## It's Directory Time Again

This year we will be working with Guide Book Directory company again. Please email, mail or call the office with updated information. Please send in your primary phone - if it is your cell phone give us that number.

If you have an email address, please make sure we have it. Please make sure to take this time to update all your information. The deadline to update your information is May 20, 2011. Thanks in advance for all your help.

April 2011 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
4/3	167	46	213	\$11,251
4/10	172	36	208	\$7,874
4/17	172	48	220	\$5,365
4/24	288	57	345	\$5,383

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

**Special Offerings:**

Loose Coin: \$125.50 (BIBs)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$401.00

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University Heights UMC

A Celebration of Life, Faith and Hope!

*June/July Views Deadline*

June 8, 2011

*June/July Views Mailing*

June 15, 2011