

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church—5/1/2013



Beginning Saturday, May 4

Saturdays from 5:30-7pm  
Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church



*A Mother's Day Breakfast  
Saturday, May 11 at 9 a.m.  
Buy tickets this Sunday.*

Learn more inside...



**Mount Auburn**  
United Methodist Church  
3100 W. Stones Crossing Rd.  
Greenwood, IN 46143  
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Church Office Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Regular Weekly Activities**

**Sundays**  
 8:10am Prayer in Chapel  
 9:00am Worship, S.S. & Life Groups  
 10:00am FaithKidz Rehearsal  
 10:30am Worship, Life Groups, & JAM  
 7-9pm Men's Open Gym

**Mondays**  
 6:15-8pm Boy Scouts -Upper Rooms  
 6:00-7:30pm Ruff-1/2 Crts  
 6:00-7:30pm Shockley - 1/2 Crts  
 7:30-9pm Hammill - 1/2 Crts

**Tuesdays**  
 9:30am-12pm Women's Bible Study Rm 205  
 6-7:30pm Marlin Group—1/2 Crts  
 6:30pm Prayer with Rev. Mecwan-Chapel  
 7:30-9pm Hammill —1/2 Crts  
 7:30-9pm Fill —1/2 Crts

**Wednesdays**  
 9:30am-12pm Women's Bible Study Rm 211  
 10:00-2:15pm Jerry's Dance Class-CR  
 3-5pm Youth JAM Sessions  
 6:00pm Bells, Health Counseling  
 6-7:30pm Youth Band--CCC  
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study-Rm 210  
 6:30-8pm Youth LG-YR, Rm 207, 209  
 7-8:30pm Men's Bible Study-Rm 211  
 7:00pm Choir, JAM Rehearsal-CCC

**Thursdays**  
 9:30am Staff Mtg.—Rm 204  
 9:30am Moms N More—Rm 210/10  
 6:30-8:00pm Wilson/Thovson LG—Wilson's  
 6:30-7:30pm Walking-CCC  
 7:00pm Band Rehearsal-The Courts

**Fridays**  
 6-7:30pm Ruff - 1/2 Crts  
 6-7:30pm Wise - 1/2 Crts

**Saturday**  
 5:30pm Beaman/Atzinger Life Grp-Rm 204  
 5:30-7pm Youth Worship - CCC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KEY: S.S.—Sunday School; UR—Upper Rooms; FH—Fellowship Hall; L—Library BS—Boy Scouts; CS—Cub Scouts; GS—Girl Scouts; Chapel—C; OFLC—O'Dell Family Life Center; CR—Community Rm; TH—Trinity Hall; YR—Youth Rm; K—Kitchen; Cts—The Courts; UR—Upper Rms; CCC—Chambers Celebration Center			<b>May 1</b>	<b>May 2</b> 9am bag prep—CR 6pm DC staff-FH 7pm BS-Rm 211	<b>May 3</b> 6:30pm McNamee -YR	<b>May 4</b> 11a-6pm Girl Scouts—CR
<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>May 11</b>
1:30pm Health Mtg-CR 1:30-4pm GS Bridging-Crt/Café 6pm Daisies #2340-Rm 26	9:30-11am Prayer-C 6:30-8pm GS 919-CR 7pm Staff Parish-Rm 32	5-8pm 1044-CR 6:15pm GS #31 -26 6:30pm GS Kdgt-Rm 11 6:30pm CS-UR		9-noon Moms n More-TH 5:30pm GS-cafe 6:15pm GS740 -210 6:15pm GS1172-CR 6:30pm GS2335-211	6:30-8pm GS #1061-CR 6:30pm 4:4 Forum 7pm Friendship Circle	9am UMW Mother's Day Breakfast-CR, TH 1-5pm Gainey Shower-CR/Kitchen
<b>May 12</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>May 18</b>
	9:30-11am Prayer Shawl -TH 6pm Trustee-CCC 7pm Shalom-S. Alexander's	9:30am Piecemakers-Rm 204 6pm Health-Rm 25 6:30pm CS-UR 7-8:30pm Eagles Land-ing HOA -CR	7pm 4H-CR 7pm BS COM Mtg-Rm 204	4pm Youth to T. Park 5:45pm GS879-café 6-7:30pm Jr GS-CR 6:30pm Autism-Rm 204, 207-9 6:30pm GS2335 - 211 7pm GetREAL-YR		11a-4pm Hutton-CR
<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>May 25</b>
11:30-1:30 Haiti-UR Food Drive Due 12:30 Barnett-CR 2pm GS891-CCC 6pm Daisies #2340-Rm 26	9:30-11am Prayer-C 7pm Daycare—CR	12pm Piano tuning 6:15pm GS kdgt-Rm 11 6:30pm CS- FH 6:30pm GS 31-Rm 26 7pm Bookies -Rm 25	Last men's & women's Bible Study 5-8pm GS1044-CR	6:15pm GS1172-CR 6:15pm GS740-210 7pm BS-Rm 204 7pm Daycare Grad.-Cts, FH		12-4pm MDA-CR 9a-4pm GS-Pavilion
<b>May 26</b>	<b>May 27</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 29</b>	<b>May 30</b>	<b>May 31</b>	
	7pm Ad Board—204	9:30am Piecemakers-Rm 204 6:30pm CS-205		7pm BS-Rm 204		

## May Birthdays

May 1 Gina Mazarella  
May 2 Mark Appleton  
Carl Atzinger  
Ellie Heckler  
Ainsley James  
Lou Osterman  
May 3 Cameron Brichler  
William Pack  
May 4 Amy Barrett  
Kent Brumbaugh  
John Coy  
Jeff Peters  
Kaiti Rolfsen  
May 5 Steve Brown  
Maye Bumps  
Brian Southern  
Gary Williams  
May 6 Michael Donnell  
Tracey Merrifield  
Will Roleson  
May 7 George Harrell  
John Skaggs  
Kevin Wheeler  
May 8 Lori Brichler  
Kendal Elkins  
Justin Hertel  
Lucas Maurizio  
Dave Mobley  
Connor Steeb  
May 9 Sally Brewer  
Liz Klimes  
Myrna Lorenz  
Aubrey Pamachena  
Jan Siedelmann  
Sherri Tucker  
May 10 Gwen Burns  
Brett Rice  
James Weidman  
May 11 Matt Shockley

May 11 Ryan Tucker  
Clay Wade  
May 12 Brent Hubbard  
Dallan Linton  
David McCarrel  
May 13 Madeline Acher  
Linda Alexa  
Sam Tinkle  
Phil Tinkle  
May 14 Seth Northern  
Kelly Steeb  
May 15 Bill Collins  
Linda Gilkison  
Jonah Roleson  
Paige Truelove  
May 16 Rhonda Holland  
Patty Hutton  
DJ Moening  
May 18 Robbie Falls  
Lana Osterman  
Richard Wilham  
Kim Fill  
Mike Johnson

## May Anniversaries

May 1 Terry & Debbie Fellers  
Dennie & Genise Lohr  
May 6 Alan & Stephanie Linton  
May 8 Joe & Pamela Pereira  
May 11 Charles & Sue Boltz  
May 13 Alan & Luann Deese  
Mark & Rhonda Holland  
May 14 Jim & Sandy Newcomer  
May 15 Jeff & Gretchen Beaman  
May 18 Larry & Karen Miller  
May 19 Dan & Mary Pease  
May 21 Norman & Marsha Sachs  
May 22 Duke & Teresa Tom  
May 23 Steve & Lora Todd  
May 24 Ray & Sherry Clements  
May 25 Zach and Rae Cartee  
Jeff & Melissa Truelove  
May 26 Mike & Alice Bishop  
May 27 Ed & Portia Lindley  
May 28 Robert & Carolyn Sims  
May 31 Robert & Amanda Herman  
Lou & Lana Osterman

May 19 Alecia Adams  
Ashley Barrett  
Bonnie Buckley  
Carolyn Patterson  
May 20 Ralph Canter  
Moe Dean  
May 21 Don Atzinger  
Ryan Maciejczyk  
May 22 Missy Newcomer  
Matthew Placek  
Clint Siefers  
Sharon Thomas  
May 23 Mike Eckert  
Kenneth Mathews  
May 25 Ray Gainey  
Adam Hubbard  
Dawn Mitchell  
Jackie Umbarger  
May 26 Scott Allison  
Evan Brumbaugh  
Edith Heselbarth  
Dan Pease  
May 28 Cathy Gawarecki  
Zoe Lovell  
Alex Van Dyke  
May 29 Gayle Robey  
Jessica Womack  
May 31 Mark Newell

My Dear Friends,

This Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. we will be going "Back to the Future" here at Mt. Auburn. A new worship service begins, and many of you will remember that we had a Saturday Night Worship service for many years a long time ago.

I've long hoped to provide a Saturday service that would meet a need for those who cannot always attend on Sundays. This service will be youth led and designed for youth, but it's not just for youth. Anyone who wants to attend and needs a Saturday service should come. Everyone is welcome.

This service will give our youth an opportunity to grow in leading worship, and it provides the younger preachers at Mt. Auburn the opportunity to preach regularly. We are thankful for the way God is developing preachers at Mt. Auburn for the Church today and for the future. All of us have seen the growth in Travis and feel thankful for the opportunity to be a part of his development as a minister in God's Church.

If you haven't heard already, let me tell you that Travis will be graduating from college this month. And, anyone who has watched Travis over the years, since he became Director of Youth Ministries here at Mt. Auburn, will attest to his development as a leader for the Church. Travis will be the primary preacher for the Saturday worship, but not the only one.

The Saturday worship is being called "Saturday Night Life." Just as we encourage those attending Sunday mornings, there will be the opportunity for worship and to participate in a Life Group. We have called our children's worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. "JAM" for Jesus and Me from the start almost 2 years ago. I'm now thinking that we need to give names to our two Worship services on Sunday, instead of simply calling them the 1<sup>st</sup> service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> service or blended and contemporary.

I mentioned this at our weekly Staff Meeting the other day, and Ben came up with the names "Cornerstone" and "The Way." I had thought of naming them "Classic" and "Bridge," but I really like Ben's names better because they come right out of the Bible. What do you think?

Do you think we could get used to saying that Mt. Auburn has 4 worship services? They are: **Saturday Night Life** @ 5:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Cornerstone** @ 9 a.m. Sunday  
**JAM** for children at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, and  
**The Way** at 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Tell me what you think, but more importantly – *WORSHIP!* You have 4 choices. It's the most important part of any life. —Jim Hertel



From the  
Pastor's  
Heart

### Weekly Report of General Giving:

Week Ending	Budgeted Ministries	Debt Reduction Funds	Capital & Sanctuary Funds	Other Funds	Total Received
4/14/13	\$14,513.00	\$6,491.20	\$0.00	\$3,254.03	\$24,258.23
4/22/13	\$24,844.34	\$2,720.20	\$0.00	\$1,130.00	\$28,694.54
4/28/13	\$20,208.64	\$2,831.20	\$0.00	\$1,050.50	\$24,090.34

Weekly Budgeted 2013 Congregational Giving (does not include Debt Reduction) \$22,942.00;  
 Highlighted Other Funds include: Benevolent, Local Missions and Compassion Ministries  
 \$343.89; UMW Women of Faith \$91.00; Minister's Education Fund \$4,465.00

#### Mortgage and Debt Reduction Campaign Status: 04/30/2013

Amount contributed last month from Gideon Debt Reduction paid this month	\$35,132.33
Increase in Tithe for Uganda Church Development from last month	\$3,903.59
Loan Balance at IN UMC Loan & Savings Ministry at today's date	\$1,603,330.42
The Gideon Campaign has reduced the mortgage at today's date	\$342,112.07

### Weekly Report of Attendance

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	S.S. & Life Groups	Participation In Mission
4/14/13	556	303	44
4/21/13	496	284	36
4/28/13	568	278+	30+



**garden and grounds workday**  
**may 18th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**everyone welcome!**

Bring tools for planting, weeding, and trimming to keep our properties in great shape. Questions? Contact Carolyn Patterson (300-0449) or Dave McNamee (422-1505).

### THANK YOU'S

Dear Mt. Auburn Family, We would like to thank all of you for your love and support during Nancy's bout with cancer. We so appreciate your lovely cards, meals, gifts, hugs, phone calls and well-wishes. The beautiful prayer shawl and lap quilt gave Nancy so much comfort. Thank you for all of your prayers. All of this made the journey so much easier knowing we were surrounded by God's love through you. You are all very special to us! —Dave and Nancy Sweet

Dear Mt Auburn, Thanks for your show of support through prayers and cards during my breast cancer fight since October. After surgery and radiation, I'm happy to say that I'm now cancer free. What an incredible journey but I couldn't have done it without everyone's support and God's guidance.  
 —Shelly Albertson & Family; Randy & Rhonda Wallace

Dear Mt. Auburn, thank you so much for the care package. It was quite the surprise! My roommate and I enjoyed it so much. It meant a lot that my church family was thinking of me. Love, Molly Allison

To Our Mt. Auburn Family, Thank you so much for the flowers sent to our father's funeral services. Dad will be greatly missed by his family and friends but he was a strong Christian and is no doubt enjoying his new location much more than we can know! Her personified what it means to let Christ live through you. He loved Christ and he loved serving His people. Thank you to all our Mt. Auburn friends for your thoughts and prayers. Debbie and I as well as the kids and grandkids could feel your comforting embrace. In Christian Love, Mike & Debbie Womack.

I would like to give a big thanks to all the ladies for the lovely prayer shawl and for all of the prayers for us through my illness. — Vivian Thomas

Thank you for all the prayers for us over the past month since Jay's passing. Thank you to everyone who has brought us meals, sent cards or visited. We feel so blessed to be part of such a caring, loving church family. I especially want to thank Pastor Ben, Pastor Jim, Amy Shockley, Jeff Beaman and John Skaggs for helping put together such a special Celebration of Life service for Jay. —Heather, Ellie & Carson Heckler

I would like to express my thanks to the Endowment Committee and all those who helped to make my recent trip to Haiti possible. I can't tell you how God blessed me during this trip. I came back a different person than when I left. I strongly encourage everyone to go on a mission trip, if at all possible. It will change your outlook on life! Thank you again.  
 —Dottie Morris

#### Joy-filled Thanks:

A heart-felt thanks to all who attended the Joyful Sound Community Handbell Choir spring concert. It was wonderful to have our congregation and the community come together to experience a variety of music and to worship and fellowship together. Even though I didn't know it when the concert was scheduled, ringing my final Joyful Sound concert at Mt. Auburn was a special way for me to conclude 14 years as a founding member.  
 —Karen Hetrick



### Girls LaCrosse Camp

It's that time of year again, parents! Crosse Your Heart Girls Summer Lacrosse Camp registration is now open! Please visit me, Coach Alyssa, after church or register at [www.crosseyourheart.com](http://www.crosseyourheart.com). This year, we have (2) weeks here at Mt. Auburn: June 3rd-June 7th and June 10th-June 14th. If those don't work, we have other locations on Southport

Road and in Franklin. Our verse this year is 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline." I hope to see you this summer!

### HAITI MISSION TRIP –IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Since November 2011, two teams of men from Mt. Auburn have gone to Haiti to serve God by building homes for those that lost their homes in the earthquake of 2010. Do you feel that God is calling you to service but have not clearly heard his call yet. Perhaps joining this mission is God's plan for you. We would like to invite all men and women with a passion for missions to an informal meeting about the next trip to Haiti in Nov. 2013.

#### Information Meeting

Date: Sunday, May 19th

Place: Upper Rooms at Mt. Auburn

Time: 12:00 or right after second service

- Lunch will be provided and we encourage your whole family to attend
- For food planning purposes, please RSVP if you would like to come to Susan Stock at 263-9655 or [Sstock@interdesign.com](mailto:Sstock@interdesign.com)

### Mt. Auburn Endowment Fund Grant Application Reminder

The Mt. Auburn Endowment Fund is pleased to announce the availability of matching grant funds for 2013 totaling \$2,375. Grant applications are being accepted now thru noon on May 15, 2013 and are available online or in the church office. To learn more visit [www.mtauburnumc.org](http://www.mtauburnumc.org). Please contact Leigh Ann Hellem, Business Administrator, if you have questions at 530-1302 or [leighannah@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:leighannah@mtauburnumc.org).



### MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

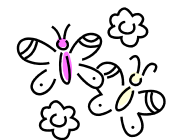
**Saturday, May 11 at 9 a.m.**

Our annual Mother's Day Breakfast is quickly approaching! The men of the church will cook and serve the breakfast, and the UMW provide the program. Tickets are on sale this Sunday in between services for \$3 each (\$1 for children under 12).

This year our speaker will be Phyllis Newton, president of the Broadway UMW. Phyllis is also now Secretary of the Indiana Conference Prison and Jail Ministry Committee and Prison Ministry Liaison for the Central District UMW.

You may have already guessed that our topic for this year is Prison Ministry and what the United Methodist Women of the Indiana Central District are doing to minister to women who are currently in prison or have recently been released. AND, we will learn what we can do to help contribute to the Prison Ministry.

We would like to ask people attending the Mother's Day Breakfast to help us gather some of the following items, so that we can contribute to the Prison Ministry, too. Items needed for 'inside' ministry include items like: yarn, fabric, hygiene items, books, microwave singles, new baby things for the Wee Ones to allow women who give birth while 'inside' to keep their babies and nurse them and care for them in preparation for release within 18 months of delivery. Items needed for 're-entry' ministry include: health kits, bedding kits (for single beds), towel sets, dish cloth and dish towel, first week's groceries, bus passes for a month (or just daily), sets of dishes, flat ware, pots and pans, cleaning products.



If you have questions, please contact either Pat Hertel or Marlene Withrow.

### THE CHAIR MINISTRY NEEDS YOU—NO REALLY, WE NEED YOU!

Can you help set-up chairs for the services in The Courts on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m.? The group needs a few new members. If you can help (even occasionally), please contact Pastor Ben Greenbaum at [beng@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:beng@mtauburnumc.org).

### **Our Business Administrator Will Soon be Leaving**

Leigh Ann Hellem has been a steady rock in handling the churches finances as Business Administrator here at Mt. Auburn for the past 22 and ½ years. However, a change will be coming in the near future, as her husband, Don, has taken a position with a firm in Syracuse, New York.

To say that Leigh Ann will be missed is a vast understatement. She has provided the congregation with superb financial services, plus she has become our trusted friend on whose wisdom and discernment we relied.

However, we trust God's plan and purpose in this, as we wish Don and Leigh Ann "Godspeed" and the very best in the future. If you know of anyone with an accounting background who would love working in a church – please let Pastor Jim or Tom Overton, Staff Parish Committee Chairperson, know. The pay is not the best, can't offer insurance, but we can promise a good working environment.

### **Administrative Board Approves East Wing Renovation**

At the regular monthly meeting in April, the Administrative Board gave approval to the refurbishing and bringing up to code of the children's ministry rooms on the east side of fellowship hall. This project has been a work in progress for over a year. It took so long, and went through several revisions, because the Administrative Board was determined to finish this much needed renovation of the oldest part of our building with funds on hand. When the money on hand matched the plan – approval came swiftly.

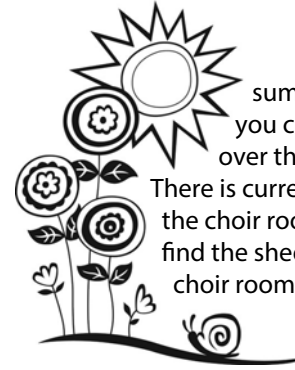
Work will begin after VBS this summer and we hope to be finished by the start of the fall semester.

### **College & Early Career Life Group starts new study May 5<sup>th</sup>**

If you are graduating from High School this year or if you are a college student returning home this summer, we want you to know that we are starting a study specifically for the summer. The College and Early Career Life Group is going to begin a study of the book of Mark beginning Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. We meet in Room 209 in the Upper Rooms. Contact Andrea Tanier ([atanier@ivytech.edu](mailto:atanier@ivytech.edu)) to get a copy of the study schedule or for more information. This weekend we will start with Mark chapter one.

### **College & Early Career Life Group Welcomes 2013 High School Grads!**

If you are graduating high school this year, we are throwing a BBQ party to welcome you to the college and early career life! The party will be on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm at the home of Greg Pamachena. Greg is providing the grill items. If you want to bring a side, drinks or a dessert that would be appreciated! Contact Greg for directions and details ([gregpamachena@yahoo.com](mailto:gregpamachena@yahoo.com))



### **SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC**

We will soon be posting the sign-up sheet for summer special music. Please prayerfully consider how you can share your musical gifts with our congregation over the summer while the choir is taking a break.

There is currently not a place to post the sign-up sheet outside the choir room where it would normally be located. You can find the sheet on an on-the-floor bulletin board just inside the choir room door. The congregation would love to hear you sing or play this summer. Choose a good date for your schedule, and let us know you would like to make music for the Lord in worship.

A little more than a year ago, one of the Life Groups and a few other went to see a play based on C.S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters* at Clowes Hall. It was great and the groups that went are recommending it! They are running it again on Sat, June 1, at 4pm and 8pm. If you are interested, there are good discounts for groups of 10. Clowes Box Office: 1-800-982-2787 or for groups 1-866-476-8707. — Carolyn Patterson

### **SYMPATHY NOTICES**

We remember in prayer Kara Haynes' at the passing of her grandfather Jim Ripberger on April 8.

LaVonne Boyer, Louise Beaman's mother and Jeff Beaman's grandmother, passed away at the United Methodist Community in Franklin. She was 100.

Gary McPherson, founder of the Outdoorsman Sport Shop, passed away on April 15. His funeral was April 20.

We remember Duane Sjoquist and family at the passing of his father, Duane L. Sjoquist (Sr.) on April 19. Services were held in Michigan last week.

Eat and raise money for us!  
**Arni's Restaurant (Greenwood)**  
*Flyer must be presented at time of order to receive credit for the sale.*

Sale Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please join us and help raise money  
**Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County**  
Date(s) of fundraiser: **May 23-24, 2013**  
Fundraiser cannot be combined with other promotions or offers.  
Not valid on gift card purchases. We look forward to serving you to help raise money for your organization!

## Here's what's happening!

### SHALOM CIRCLE: Just a reminder...

The May 13 meeting will be at the home of Susan Alexander and starts at our usual 7 p.m. time.

### BOOKIES TO MEET TUESDAY, May 21

On Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m. in room 25 at the church, the Bookies will be meeting to discuss "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The following books were selected by members of the group

- June 18 "Riders of the Purple Sage" by Zane Grey
- July 16 "Same Kind of Different as Me" by Ron Hall & Denver Moore
- August 20 "The Time Keeper" by Mitch Albom

The Bookies meet each month on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. If you like to read and discuss books with other readers, you are welcome to join us.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER**—The next newsletter is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 29**. All items to be included in the newsletter should be sent to Amy Shockley by Friday, May 24, due to Memorial Day holiday. Thank you!

### SAVE THE DATE—MT. AUBURN HEADS TO VICTORY FIELD

Our annual trip to the see the Indians play baseball is scheduled for Monday, July 29. Mark your calendars now. 100 tickets have been reserved and they're in the shade (section 104)! More info to come...

### THOVSON/WILSON LIFE GROUP NEWS

The Thovson/Wilson life group that meets Thursday evenings at the Wilson's will be starting a new series this week titled "Living In the Light" -studies in First John by Dr. David Jeremiah. We meet at 6:30 pm, usually for about 1 1/2-2 hours. Anyone is welcome!

### YOU'RE INVITED—ALEX HUTTON GRADUATION PARTY!

The congregation is invited the college graduation party of Alex Hutton to be held on Saturday, May 18th, from 1-4 p.m. in the Community Room.

### CHRISTIAN HELP GOLF OUTING

Come participate in a Christian Help fundraising Golf outing Friday, May 17, at 12 p.m. at Hickory Stick Golf Course. To register individually or as a foursome or to learn more, contact Deb Wright (694-6288) or LaTheda Noonan (997-9238).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH CONSULTATION COMING AUGUST 23-25

### FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS ONLINE SURVEY

As a part of our upcoming church consultation in August, we have been asked to complete an online survey. This will be a helpful tool to prepare the consultants who will be at Mt Auburn the weekend of August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. The survey is open to all regular attendees (both members and nonmembers) of Mt Auburn; the survey is short; it is easy to use; and the survey is confidential. For the consultation to be beneficial, we need to be completely honest and transparent with our answers to the survey.

There are a couple of options available for completing the survey.

1. We can take the survey in the comfort of our homes. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCJStep2CS>. Again, the survey is easy to use, and it is short, only 28 questions.
2. There will be computers set up in the Community Room on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The computers will be made available from 8:30 AM – Noon, and someone will be there to help you get started.

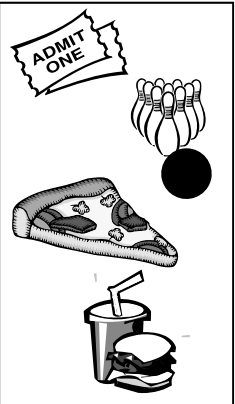
We look forward to this weekend in August, and we believe God will use this weekend to provide discernment and guidance as we continue to seek God's will for Mt Auburn. If you have any questions about the online survey or about the upcoming consultation, please e-mail me at [beng@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:beng@mtauburnumc.org) or call me at 535-8555 ext. 1309.

See you Sunday, Pastor Ben

### ***COUPONS, COUPONS, COUPONS!***

Are you a coupon clipper? The Youth Group is looking for your help stockpiling *pizza coupons, movie discounts, Steak-N-Shake deals* or whatever awesome restaurant or activity voucher you might run across.

Drop them off in the **COUPON JAR** located in Trinity Hall. Thanks! YG!



## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND PROGRESS REPORT

Last month a Ministerial Education Fund was launched to assist the education of those in our church preparing for ministry. We have been doing this anyway. This month Travis Taylor, Director of Youth Ministries, will be graduating from college. But, in anticipation of a growing need in the future, as others in our congregation respond to the call of full-time service in ministry, we have formally established this fund.

Karen Hetrick, Director of Music Ministries, will soon be starting a doctoral program. (You can read more about this in this newsletter.) And our Associate Pastor, Ben Greenbaum will also be entering the Doctor of Ministry program this year at Asbury Seminary.

Already, \$7,530.00 has been given to this designated fund. You can give by just marking your check or offering envelope "Ministerial Education Fund." Give what you can; when you can; as often as you can. Thank you.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION FYI

This winter I was accepted at The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies (IWS) to begin work on the degree of Doctor of Worship Studies. As I prepare to begin the program, I would like to provide some information for those who are interested in my plans.

The D.W.S. program is a three-year program designed to be accomplished in conjunction with the student's local ministry – in my case in ministry at Mt. Auburn. Reading/ writing assignments, research projects and the dissertation project will be done in the context of and application to worship at Mt. Auburn.

I will attend one week intensives on the school's campus in Orange Park, Florida (Jacksonville area) two times a year – in January and in June. The week of classes is built on 14-hour days. Each day starts at 7:30 a.m. and goes through the evening. The entire program is based on 34 credit hours (comparable to or exceeding typical D. Min. programs on which this program is modeled). My first course is "The Biblical Foundations and Historical Development of Christian Worship."

I appreciate many of you who are already sharing with me in the excitement of this opportunity. Please know that my ministry at Mt. Auburn is my top ministry priority, with the doctoral studies an integrated part of that ministry. I appreciate your prayers as I begin this major task of seeking to be an ever better steward of God's gifts and calling for my life. I am happy to answer questions about the details of the program.

♪ Ever in Joyful Song,  
Karen Hetrick, Director of Music Ministries



## Mt. Auburn's School-Age Summer Camp Register TODAY!

- Summer Camp Dates: May 28-August 1
- Monday-Friday: 6am-6pm
- Children Kindergarten Through Age 12
- Weekly Field Trips
- JAM (Jesus & Me) Weekly Bible Lessons
- Daily Playground & Gym Time
- Arts & Crafts, Field Trips, Movie Days, Library Visits

### Pricing (Grades Entering)

\$135 Kindergarten & 1st

\$130 2nd-6th grades

*\* Sibling discounts, 2 & 3-day rates available*

**To Register, contact Beth Carter at: 317-535-8555 or  
[bethc@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:bethc@mtauburnumc.org)**

## Vacation Bible School



Kids, join us for  
Vacation Bible School  
June 17-21 9am-Noon  
Children ages 4-11yrs  
Register by June 1,  
for a free t-shirt.  
[www.mtauburnumc.org](http://www.mtauburnumc.org)







**JAM in May will feature women in the New Testament.**

- May 5 Dorcas Find her story in Acts 9:36-43.
- May 12 Eunice Find her story in II Timothy 1:5.
- May 19 Lydia If you like purple, you'll love Lydia.  
Her story is in Acts 16:12-15.
- May 26 Priscilla Her story is in Acts 18

Each of the women is associated with different cities which begin to give the world wide nature of the church as the gospel moves from Jerusalem into all the world. Let's JAM in May—join us!

**MT. AUBURN'S HEALTH MINISTRY PRESENTS**

**PLANNING IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY**

**Join Vivian Aichele** *Attorney & CPA (presently inactive)*  
**Sunday, May 5, 1:30PM.**  
**Community Room**

*1. Planning in a time of uncertainty - Are you ready for change?*

- a. What is an estate plan and do you have one?
- b. Is your plan flexible?
- c. Is your estate plan up to date?
- d. Do recent changes in tax laws affect your current plan?
- e. Are you up to date on inheritance tax law changes?
- f. Are you aware of Transfer on Death designations for estate planning?
- g. Medicare does not pay for long term care expenses - Are you ready?
- h. Are you taking advantage of all social security benefits that you may be entitled to?
- i. Are you taking advantage of all Medicaid benefits that you may be entitled to?

**WELCOME!**

Mt. Auburn welcomed several new members on Sunday, April 21. Here's a little about them...

**Zack and Rae Cartee:** Zack is a Funeral Director at Wilson-St. Pierre. His mother is a UMC minister. Rae is a Wealth Management Assistant and she sings in the choir. They are the parents of two boys—4 ½ year old Daniel and Lucas, who is 1 ½ years old. They transfer their membership from Alquina UMC in Alquina, IN. They reside at 1391 Tuscany Drive, Greenwood 46143.

**Chris and Gina Mazzarella:** Chris is the Program Manager at the Defense Finance Accounting Service. Gina works in the Activities Department at Greenwood Meadows. They are the parents of Nicole, who attends the Clark Pleasant Intermediate School and Tony, who attends Whiteland Elementary School. They join on confession of faith and reside at: 805 Country Gate Dr. New Whiteland, IN 46184.

**SENIOR MOMENTS OUT AND ABOUT**

Join us on, Monday May 13, at 10:00 to visit the, **James Whitcomb Riley Old Home and Museum.** We will meet at Mt Auburn at 10 am. to car-pool there. The tour and lunch will cost \$10-15. We will be returning home around 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to come. There will be a sign-up sheet at the welcome table. See ya then, John Skaggs



**WRITING WORKSHOP PLANNED**

A Summer Writing Workshop will be led by Tom Dougherty as a part of Senior Moments activities. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6th, from 1 to 3 PM in room 210 of Mt. Auburn. Participants of any age group and all levels of writing experience will be encouraged to develop writing projects and move their projects toward publication. The workshop is open to all forms of non-fiction, fiction, poetry, memoir, and inspirational topics. Tom Dougherty (MA English) has led writing groups and taught writing courses in Indiana , Texas , Montana , and California . Contact Tom at 317-847-7695 if you have a question. Bring a friend. Spread the word !

Tom Dougherty  
Greenwood, IN  
317-847-7695

## Saturday Night LIFE Begins Saturday, May 4

Saturday Night LIFE (SNL) will take the place of our current Sunday evening Youth Group and will be held in *The Chambers* from 5:30-7:00pm. All Jr.-Sr. High school youth are encouraged to come and worship! Remember, if you're not living for Jesus, you're not really living.

Join us... and **GET A LIFE!**



### GET A LIFE!

### Travis Talks:

The Church is NOT a building. 1 Peter 2:5 describes Christ's Church as *living stones* who are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood. In essence, each and every one of us at Mt. Auburn are like living bricks, who when gathered together form the Body of Christ to carry out His purposes in this world.

This is why I believe in *Life Groups*. Within our culture, Life Groups strive to offer the Body of Christ a *real alternative lifestyle* that exalts Worship by implementing Discipleship, Evangelism, Service, and Fellowship into our everyday experience.

So, starting **Wednesdays, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, Mt. Auburn will offer weekly Life Groups organized by age and gender to youth 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade from 6:30-8pm.

- **Jr. High Boys** will meet in the **Jr. High classroom** and be shepherded by *Chris Bonniwell, Alex Hutton, and Matt Robinette*.
- **Jr. High Girls** will meet **upstairs in room 209** and be shepherded by *Julie Ruff, Amy Shockley, Chrissy Wurster, and Heather McNamee*.
- **Sr. High Boys** will meet upstairs in **room 207** and will be shepherded by *John Burns, Mark Silvertooth and Travis Taylor*.
- **Sr. High Girls** will meet in the **Sr. High classroom** and will be shepherded by *Kim Peters, Melissa Truelove, Kathy Gorski, Amanda Musgrave and Tonya Overton*.



### FOOD DRIVE

#### Food Drive to Begin!

Grocery bags will be handed out on Sundays, May 5 and 12 and due back on May 19. Food collected will be divided between the InterChurch Food Pantry, Lord's Locker, Salvation Army, and Christian Help and the homeless. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

### PREPARING TO WORSHIP FOR THE SPECIAL SUNDAYS OF MAY & JUNE

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| <b>May 5</b>  | <b>Communion Sunday</b><br>Dr. Hertel will be preaching the last message in the series <i>The Living Christ Heals Today</i> . The title of the message is – <i>"The Touch that Heals."</i> It is about the woman (Mark 5:24b-34) who was sick with a bleeding for 12 years who touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed. Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services. |
| <b>12</b>     | <b>Mother's Day</b><br>Pastor Greenbaum will be preaching on this special day a message titled <i>"Two Peas in a Pod: My Mom and the Apostle Paul"</i> (II Timothy 3:10-17).   |
| <b>19</b>     | <b>Pentecost Sunday</b><br>On this historic Christian day when we remember the Holy Spirit given to the 120 waiting and praying in the Upper Room, to mark the birthday of the Church, Dr. Hertel's message will be – <i>"The Power We Need"</i> (Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 1:1-2; 4-8).   |
| <b>26</b>     | <b>Trinity Sunday</b><br>Dr. Hertel preaching – <i>"Do Christians Worship Three Gods?"</i>   |
| <b>June 2</b> | <b>Graduation Sunday</b><br>Dr. Hertel preaching – <i>"How to Know the Will of God"</i> (Psalm 25:14; John 10).  |