

“Trust in the Lord with all you heart, and do not lean on your own understanding” Proverbs 3:5



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Regular Weekly Activities

Sundays

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

Mondays

9:30-11:30am Moms n More -Rm 210
6:00-7:30pm Marlin Group-1/2 Crts
7-8:30pm Boy Scouts -Upper Rooms
7:30-9pm Shockley - 1/2 Crts

Tuesdays

9:30-11:30am Ladies Bible Study --Rm 205
6-7:30pm Ruff - Crts
7pm Prayer with Rev. Mecwan-Chapel

Wednesdays

9:30-11:30am Ladies Bible Study--Rm 211
10:00-2:15pm Jerry's Dance Class-CR
6:00pm Handbells
6:00-7:30pm Shockley - 1/2 Crts.
6:30pm Ladies Bible Study--Rm 205
6:30-8pm Youth LG-YR, Rm 206, 207
7:00pm Men's Bible Study (*every other Wednesday beginning 1/29*)-Rm 211
7:00pm JAM Rehearsal-CCC,
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursdays

9:30am Staff Mtg.—Rm 204
1:30-3:30pm Writers Workshop--Rm 210
6:30-8:00pm Wilson/Thovson LG--In home
7:00pm Band Rehearsal-The Courts

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					1 8-1pm BS Pancake Breakfast --TH/Kit 9-12pm Shepherd Training-CR 2-4:30-BS Court of Honor-TH
2 8:30-12pm Blood Drive-CR	3 7pm SPC-Rm. 32 7pm Communications-Rm.25	4 6pm-GS #1044—CR 6pm GS #2703-Rm 26 7pm-CS-UR 7pm Vision Team-Rm.25	5 7pm Ash Wed Service-CCC	6 6pm-GS Ser. Unit-CR/12 7pm Endowment-Rm.25 7pm BS-Rm. 209,210	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins-Spring Forward Girl Scout/4-H Sunday	10 6pm Trustees-Rm.204 6:30-9pm Shalom Circle-CR 7pm Daycare Com.-Rm.25	11 9:30am Piecemakers Rm.204 7pm-CS-UR	12 6pm GS #492-CR 7pm Men's Bible Study—Rm 211 11a-9p D. Anderson Rm 204, 205	13 6pm-GS #879-café	14 6:30pm 4:4 Forum	15
16	17	18 6pm GS#1044 Rm. 205 6pm Congregation Use-CR 7pm Bookies-Rm.25 7pm CS-FH	19 7pm 4-H-CR	20 6pm GS #879- café 6:30p.m. Autism Grp-Rm 205, 206, 207	21	22 8am Men's Lenten Breakfast-CR/Kit 10:30-12:30p.m. Congregation Use—K
23	24 7pm Ad Board-Rm. 204	25 9:30am Piecemakers Rm 204 7:00 CS-Rm 205	26 6:30-9pm BS-CR 7pm Men's Bible Study Rm. 211	27	28	29
30	31					

March Birthdays

Mar 1 Zack Cartee
Don Chamness
Ginny Fulmer
Mar 2 Allison Core
Joyce Frank
Mar 4 Tony Gawarecki
Mar 6 Marsha Armenoff
Natalie Core
Brian Lindblom
Erin Rosebrough
Mar 7 Ed Fears
Nancy Long
Will Parker
Mar 8 Sue LaMastus
Sam Shockley
Mar 9 Daniel Francis
Mark Silvertooth
Mar 10 Logan Menser
Mar 11 Danita Forgey
Mike Womack
Mar 12 Nick Armenoff
Ray Carson
Davis Carter
Mar 13 Jennifer Ader
Sage Stanley
Mar 14 Amber Core
Violet Mull
Mar 15 Ben Van Dyke
Amber Wade
Mar 16 Robert Jacobson
Brooke Maciejczyk
Lillian Mull
Pam Siefers
Garret Wade
Andrew Wilham
Mar 17 Joyce Folds
Elizabeth Hernandez
Amy Sullivan
Lora Todd
Mar 18 Carolyn Jacobson
Ramona Nichol森
Mar 19 Gary Bruce
Bob Dhondt
Geoffrey Hutton
Maureen Laraway
Mar 20 Sarah Bucker
Nancy Zaring

Mar 21 Ruthanne Core
Jordan Gawarecki
Geoffrey Kroll
Pat Nix
Robert Sims
Bill Stiffler
Mar 22 Michael Klimes
Deb Wright
Mar 23 Gavin McCabe
Mar 24 Carolyn Decker
Mar 25 Brent Corey
Steve Todd
Nancy Van Dyke
Mar 26 Karen Geaben
Marilyn Griesemer
Sharon Park
Richard Ray
Gabriella Rose
Mary Tinkle

Mar 27 Samantha Corey
Nathan Fill
Chris Mazarrella
Bettie Utter
Mike Wilham
Mar 28 Cameron Davis
Mar 28 Hailey Sweet
Norman Thomas
Devon Weidman
Mar 29 Matt Brown
David Carter
Frank Morris
Dalton Musgrave
Stacey Zaring
Mar 30 Bill Brown
Will Todd
Mar 31 Ric Burrous

March Anniversaries

Mar 1 Matt & Julie Brown
Mar 3 Steve & Vicky Bruce
Ed & Joyce Orme
Stacey & Nancy Zaring
Mar 10 Richard & Debra McNeely
Mar 11 Brent & Meagan Corey
Mar 15 Chris & Jackie Grider
Mar 23 Dan & Edna Francis
Dave & Heather McNamee
Mar 24 Jeff & Debbie Bryant
Mar 25 Bill & Melody Penish
Mar 26 Sam & Mary Tinkle
Mar 28 Dave & Cathy Morgan
Ted & Anne Polk

My Dear Friends,

I've been blessed and privileged to be the Senior Pastor here at Mt. Auburn for all these years. This June I will finish 47 years in pastoral ministry, and 24 of them – more than half – have been here at Mt. Auburn. Forgive me if I get sentimental about this. I told our leadership at the annual Setup Day in January in 2013 that, if I could, I'd freeze time. I enjoy what I'm doing and I wish that I could do it forever, but I can't. Time waits for no one.

So, I said then that I planned to retire in June of 2015. And now, 14 months later we are within 15 or 16 months of that time. Our plans have been made and they are beginning to unfold. It's a good plan that we are executing as best we can. Some things have unfolded this year that we didn't expect. We've had more transition on the staff than I ever imagined. We've had to deal with it. I believe this is all a part of God's plan for us.

On Monday night our Staff Parish Committee met. Honestly, I'm getting to the stage in life where I don't look forward to meetings. There are parts of the ministry that I won't miss, and meetings top that list. But, I've still got work to do and responsibilities to keep, so I go. We had a full agenda. We have a lot of issues facing us. And, to my surprise, I really enjoyed this meeting.

When I got home, I thought: "I'm blessed to work with the people on this committee." I feel a strong kinship with them. I love them very much. I know they love God and earnestly seek to discern His will. They seek to solve problems in a Christian manner. Frankly, I've been around the church long enough to know that is the way it's supposed to be, but that's not always the way it is.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that Mt. Auburn has some special leaders. This congregation is in good hands, but most of all we have a loving God that is looking out for us and directing our paths. Don't you feel really good knowing that? You should.

This Sunday will be the first Sunday in Lent. I pray that the Lenten Season will be a special time for spiritual renewal for each one of us. We need it and God is more than willing to give renewal to us. Seeking hearts find Him. So seek Him with all your heart, mind, body, and strength.

I'll be preaching during Lent following the lectionary texts. These texts call us to remember salvation history that leads us to Christ. Thank God for loving us so much that He gave us Jesus to save us. A God like that is worthy of our worship!

See you Sunday! Jim Hertel



Weekly Report of General Giving:

Week Ending	Budgeted Ministries	Debt Reduction Funds	Capital & Sanctuary Funds	Other Funds	Total Received
2/16/14	\$44,895	\$2,245	\$75	\$2,755	\$49,970
2/23/14	\$16,218	\$3,861	-0-	\$289	\$20,368

\$25,000 needed weekly for 2014 Budgeted Ministries. Highlighted Other Funds include: Ministerial Education \$60; Needy Family Fund \$200; Memorials \$65; Mt. Auburn's Endowment Fund \$2,500; Flowers \$20; Compassion Ministry \$199.

Weekly Report of Attendance

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	S.S. & Life Groups	Participation In Mission
2/16//14	470	261	35
2/23/14	466	261	35

Don't Forget to... Change Your Clocks this Saturday!

The clocks change this Sunday morning as we move to Daylight Savings Time. Move your clocks an hour ahead before going to bed Saturday night or you will be an hour late for church this Sunday.



THANK YOU!

Thanks so much to everyone who baked cookies, donated items and helped assemble boxes for the College Care Packages this year. We mailed 27 boxes to hard working college students. I appreciate your help!
Kathy Rice—Membership Care Committee

Thank you to our Mt. Auburn family for all your prayers and outpouring of support after my mother's passing. The outreach and kindness has been a great comfort to our family during this difficult time. A special thanks to the Prayer Shawl team for the beautiful shawl you made for our family. It will always remind me of my mom and it gives me comfort. The flowers for my mom's service were absolutely beautiful and greatly appreciated.

Thanks again to everyone for their prayers and support for our family!
—Andrew Bonser and Family

Dear Membership Care and the Congregation: Thank you so much for thinking of me by sending a care package. It was such a nice surprise full of goodies. I hope all is well at Mt. Auburn and I miss my church family there. I have found a great church here in Bloomington and God is moving in me and on the IU campus! God Bless! Thanks again—Sarah Martin

Dear Friends, Just a note to thank you for the lovely buffet you provided for all of us at the memorial service for Gary Stewart. We drove over from near Dayton, Ohio and it was wonderful to have it there for us after a long, cold drive. Thank you again. —Sherry Thomson (Ellen's aunt & Moe's sister-in-law)

Prom Dresses Needed

Perry Meridian High School is collecting used prom dresses for Cinderella's Closet to give to poorer girls who cannot afford to buy a new dress for prom. Dresses may be dropped off at Mt. Auburn in the old "Library" which is now the Communications and Children's Ministry office. Questions? Please contact Kim Peters at 422-1341 or kpeters@perryschools.org.



Notes of Thanks:

I would like to take this opportunity to let some people who participate in our music ministry know I appreciate the ways they have been such a blessing to me over the past few months.

First, a very belated but deeply heart-felt *thank you* to Mrs. Joyce Oden for her offer to play for worship and accompany the congregation's song last fall. I so appreciate her willingness to share her gift of music with us at that time. I am sure we will hear more music from Joyce in the future as her schedule permits.

Next, a *thank you* to Mrs. Peggy Sutton who accompanied the choir last September, and continues to fill in when she is needed. The choir and I very much appreciate Peggy's availability in the midst of her very busy schedule.

Then, I want to *thank* the Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells for their faithfulness in rehearsal and Sunday morning worship during this extensive, extra-challenging winter. Despite the need to cancel some rehearsals and be quite creative about making up lost rehearsal time to catch up, they have made it possible for us to give our offerings of music in worship every single Sunday. Those who have been snowed or iced in have helped to pray us through. They have been faithful to God's call on their lives to music ministry, even when it has been an extra challenge. God bless you all for your response to that call.

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

SYMPATHY NOTICES

We remember in prayer Kathy and Jerry Heistand at the passing of Kathy's mother, Jean Payton, on February 25. Services were held on March 1 in Martinsville.

We also remember Norma Jones at the passing of her brother-in-law Bill Jones.

JACKET MISPLACED

Nancy Meadows lost her black wool coat on Saturday afternoon at the church. It has her hearing aids in the pocket. If you picked it up by mistake please call her at 317.859.9573. Thank you.



WORSHIP FOR THE SUNDAYS IN LENT

March 9	1st Sunday in Lent <i>"Where it Began"</i> Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Dr. Hertel preaching
March 16	2nd Sunday in Lent <i>"The Road Back Begins"</i> Genesis 12:1-4a Dr. Hertel preaching
March 23	3rd Sunday in Lent <i>"How to be Right with God"</i> Romans 5:1-11 Dr. Hertel preaching
March 30	4th Sunday in Lent <i>"Remember"</i> Revelations 2:1-7 Pastor Ben Greenbaum preaching
April 6	5th Sunday in Lent <i>"Crying to God from the Depths"</i> Psalm 130 Dr. Hertel preaching

2014 MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST INFORMATION

Each year the United Methodist Men in the Central District sponsor a series of breakfasts during Lent.

A District Kick-off Breakfast

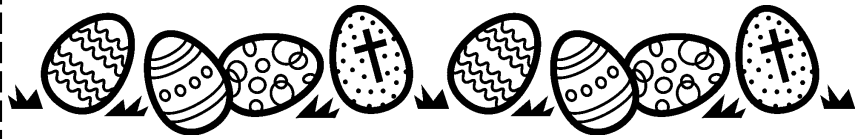
Saturday, March 8, Univ. of Indpls 8:00 am
Tickets previously reserved or \$15 at the door.

County Breakfast Information

No payment is required for County breakfasts - just come! A free will offering is collected each week for Metro Ministries.

Saturday, March 15	Greenwood UMC	8:00 AM
Saturday, March 22	Mt. Auburn UMC	8:00 AM
Saturday, March 29	Honey Creek UMC	8:00 AM
Saturday, April 5	Smith Valley UMC	8:00 AM
Saturday, April 12	Grace UMC	8:00 AM

For more Information please see Bob Jacobson.



Easter Egg Hunt & Christian Carnival!

Invite Your friends & family
Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 am

Ages 2 yrs. —4th grade are welcome
to join us. The event is rain or shine & it's free!

**Registration is recommended but not required.*

Volunteers are needed. Can you help?

I would like to volunteer to:

- ◆ Oversee a carnival activity: _____
- ◆ Chaperone the egg hunt (preferred age group): _____
- ◆ Assist with set-up or clean-up: _____
- ◆ Work at registration table: _____
- ◆ Work at the bake sale table: _____

Name: _____

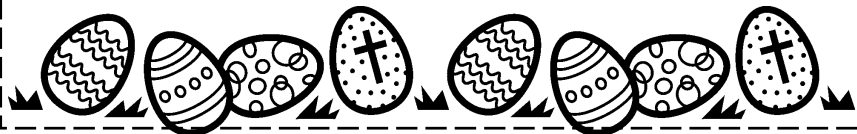
Phone or email: _____

Donations Are Needed (check what you can do):

- ___ Provide individually wrapped candy to put in plastic Easter eggs
- ___ Take eggs and fill with candy (eggs available now!)
- ___ Monetary donations for purchasing bulk carnival prizes
- ___ Any toy to be given away
- ___ Baked goods for the bake sale table

Volunteer or donate in one of three ways:

1. Use this as an insert. Turn it in to the office or put it in the offering plate.
2. Sign up soon in Trinity Hall.
3. See Nancy Van Dyke in the Christian Ed. office or call 535-8555 ext. 1319.



What is the Choir *Doing*?

Let me answer that question ahead of time. My current course requires a project related to our church's worship to be designed and implemented. My project is set in the context of the Chancel Choir's ministry. The component that the congregation will experience is based on the practice of "Scripture presentation," also called "Scripture proclamation." Scripture presentation involves exploring how a Scripture text can be prepared and delivered in worship to communicate the message of the text in ways that affirm the Scripture as the living Word of God.

The project implementation must be completed by the end of March. Therefore, for several Sundays in March, the choir will present Scripture that relates in some way to the sermon text or to the anthem text. As with the anthems the choir sings, these presentations are *not* performance-related for the congregation's enjoyment. Rather, they are offerings the choir makes on behalf of the congregation that strive to keep the focus on God's saving work as communicated to God's people in the Scriptures.

I expect that the choir will occasionally take opportunities to present Scripture beyond the time frame of this project. We appreciate your prayers as we prepare these presentations and explore how God may want to use this practice in our worship. I further want to thank everyone who is praying for me as I pursue my course work. It is challenging and highly fulfilling. The ultimate purpose is to better equip me to be a resource for our congregation in exploring what worship is, what are the foundations for our worship, why we do what we do in worship, and how our worship can most fully equip us to navigate this holy conversation between God and God's people that is our worship.

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



Mt. Auburn is Quietly on the Look for a Parish Nurse

If you know of a person or persons with a nursing background who would enjoy sharing their gifts with the church, talk with them about our vacant Parish Nurse position. We are looking for the person God is calling into this ministry.

A New Path to Follow

A New Row to Hoe

"Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you."

- Psalm 25:4-5

Jesus is awesome. I realize that's probably the understatement of all time, but humanly speaking His ability to minister to such diversity is almost unparalleled. In Scripture we find that He could boldly engage large groups of people with all the sharpness and eloquence of a master public speaker, still he sought to invest in people individually. He could hang with the upper-crust of society and easily converse with the educated religious elite. And yet He was just as comfortable and just as accessible to the poor and the social outcasts of His day.

He met people in the thick of their circumstances, ministering to whatever brokenness they were experiencing. He was an instrument of wisdom and compassion, taking time to explain hard truths and willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of those who needed Him. He was so authentic! Sometimes I imagine the intimate conversations He had with lepers and prostitutes, and I ponder the acceptance and forgiveness He offered to adulterers and swindlers. And then I think about me... and realize, "I'm not that awesome." Or at the very least, "I'm generally not that versatile."

Which is one reason why I have decided to step down as Mt. Auburn's Youth Director and step *off* the track to becoming a local pastor. I have two good reasons for my decision:

First of all, (in all sincerity) I feel I have done as much as I know how to do for our youth ministry and believe God is telling me to get out of the way. I believe He is cultivating Mt. Auburn by challenging our motivation for Christian living, upsetting our personal comfort level, and calling us to examine our normal routines. And all this is good! God is always faithful and as far as the youth are concerned, He will certainly raise up another *link* with different gifts to help shepherd the young of His Kingdom and we will be a stronger church for it.

However I don't believe God is finished with me and moving me just for the sake of moving me, which brings me to my second reason.

Over my long ministry here I have felt an increasing pull to focus my ministry on people in the thick of brokenness, and better advocate for the abused and neglected. And so I am going on to serve as a Family Case Manager for *Lifeline Youth and Family Services*. Lifeline is a state-wide, non-profit Christian organization that works with families in crisis in effort to bring about hope and reconciliation for a brighter future. I genuinely believe this mission field is where God wants me to serve and appreciate your prayers as I follow this new path.

Finally, I am not leaving Mt. Auburn. In fact, this is an exciting time for us, and Sarah and I look forward to finding new opportunities to serve God's Kingdom alongside our Mt. Auburn family. In the midst of the various changes we ALL are experiencing this year, YOU ARE OUR FAMILY and we're in this to stay.

Thank you for allowing us to serve our youth these past seven years. *My* life has been forever improved.

In His Service, Travis Taylor
Director of Youth Ministries (2006-2014)

Mt. Auburn Endowment Announces Application Period for Matching Grants

The Mt. Auburn Endowment Committee is pleased to announce the availability of matching grants from the Undesignated Fund for 2014 totaling \$2,500. Grant application forms are available from the Church Office and on the web site at www.mtauburnmc.org.

Any member or constituent of Mt. Auburn, leader or member of a sponsored group of Mt. Auburn, or staff and clergy members of Mt. Auburn may apply. An applicant can be a designated representative of a church Life or Sunday school group, scout troop, youth group, or church committee as well.

All applications must request funding for a charitable ministry purchase or event that is not generally funded through the budget process of Mt. Auburn. Applicants will be asked to match the dollar amount of their request with sources other than the Mt. Auburn Church Budgeted Ministries.

Applications are asked to be completed and submitted to the Business Office by noon, May 15, 2014.

In 2013 the Endowment Committee was able to award four grants from the Undesignated Fund. Support was awarded to Advanced Education for Karen Hetrick, an Israel Christian Mission trip for Doris Waters, Boy Scout Eagle Projects and Equipment for Dan Francis and Musical Instrument Repair for Jim Newcomer.

Please contact Denise Speer, Business Administrator, if you have questions at 530-1302 or denises@mtauburnmc.org.



Blood Drive Sees a Fantastic Response

On another winter Sunday when attendance was subpar, there was an amazing response for the blood drive. We had 22 people who tried to give blood and 17 who were actually able to do so. The unpredictable winter weather makes it extremely difficult for blood banks to keep up with the need. These donations were greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Here's what's happening!

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The new member orientation class scheduled for Sunday, March 9 has been postponed. Watch for more information soon.

BOOKIES TO MEET TUESDAY, March. 18 @ 7PM

The Bookies will be meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in room 25 at the church to discuss *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak and on Tuesday, April 15, to discuss *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham. At the February meeting the following selections were made:

May 20	<i>The Light between Oceans</i> by M. L. Stedman
June 17	<i>A Game of Thrones: A Song of Ice and Fire: Book One</i> by George R. R. Martin
July 15	<i>Cutting for Stone</i> by Abraham Verghese

The Bookies meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in room 25 at the church. Read the book and join us for a lively discussion.

NEXT NEWSLETTER—The next newsletter is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 26**. All items to be included in the newsletter should be sent to Amy Shockley (amys@mtauburnumc.org) by Friday, March 22. Thank you!

2014 EMMAUS WALKS—PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

Spring: Men's March 6-9 Women's March 13-16
Fall: Men's Sept. 11-14 Women's Sept. 25-28

If you're interested in going or have questions, contact John Burns (340-1148).



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Each month the church has pledged to donate 240 rolls of toilet paper to the Lord's Locker. Next time you are at the store, pick up an extra package. A donation box is available in Trinity Hall.

"SON of GOD" – The Movie

When Pat and I were in Arizona for ten days in February, we enjoyed the weather and relief it provided from this winter that just won't end. We also got to spend time with my cousin who is in a nursing home, and we enjoyed various tourist attractions. We also saw a lot of movies. A few of them I'm ashamed to tell you that I saw.

"Osage County" was dreadful despite featuring two great actresses. It might as well have been titled "The Family from Hell." "Labor Day" was lame. "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit" was boilerplate entertainment. But, I don't want anyone to know that I saw "Wolf of Wall Street." In fact, I have no idea why it is not labeled porn. Don't tell anyone that I saw it, although I must admit there is one scene in it that is absolutely hilarious. But, I'm terribly ashamed that I saw it. I felt that I needed to take a shower when it was over.

So, you may not want to take any advice from me about movies. I understand. My record is not sterling. But, I saw a movie over the week-end that I heartily recommend it to you. It is "The Son of God." You would be doing yourself a favor to see it. It's well done and true to the Bible.

Jesus is portrayed with a lot of joy. I like that. I said that I wanted a smiling Jesus in The Chambers. Sometimes I think some people picture Jesus as looking like he was emaciated and baptized in sour lemonade. With joy, Jesus says to Peter, "Let's change the world!" That's the Jesus who called me one day, and I responded. I sure am glad that I did.

Of course, we know the story. We know the crowd turned on Him and crucified Him. But, he wasn't taken and killed by surprise. He willingly laid down His life, because that was God's plan to save us. And, He didn't stay dead. On the third day He arose. He came back to fill the whole world with His presence, and to live in our hearts.

As I watched this movie unfold, I thought: "I love this Jesus." I really do. I want everyone to come to know Him and bow before Him. And, I think, this movie might be the means by which the whole world comes to know Him.

Go see it for yourself, and take someone with you who needs to know Jesus.
—Jim Hertel

GOD'S NOT DEAD

God's Not Dead is another movie you'll want to see! The church is planning a group outing on Friday night, March 21. When show times are finalized, information will be sent out. To learn more about this movie, visit:
<http://godsnotdeadthemovie.com/>

Learn more about the UMC's Indiana Conference News and Events

Are you looking for a way to stay connected to the larger church family? The Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church regularly distributes news and information about what is going on statewide. To learn about UMC News and Events, visit this page regularly: <http://inumc.org/events>.

You may also sign up to receive the weekly "Hoosier United Methodist eNews" email. Once at <http://inumc.org/events>, select the "SUBSCRIBE" button at the top of the page and input your information.

On Being a United Methodist

Want to learn more about the United Methodist Church? Download a copy of "The United Methodist Church: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World" on our website at: <http://www.mtauburnumc.org/about/>

"Beth Moore" Reservations Needed by April 30

Many women know Beth Moore, have enjoyed her many Bible studies and have thoroughly benefited from the in-depth time in God's Word. Beth Moore is coming to the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Ft. Wayne for a live conference in September. This is the closest to Indianapolis that she has been in a very long time.

Mt. Auburn is organizing a group of women to attend this conference. The conference is on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014. We will leave Mt. Auburn on Friday afternoon, spend the night in a hotel near the Coliseum, attend the conference on Saturday and return that evening. The cost to attend will be \$110 per person based on double occupancy at the hotel. If you would like to go with the Mt. Auburn group you can sign up in Trinity Hall. There are very specific dates for registration and payment. Registration and payment for the group package must be made to Mt. Auburn by April 30, 2014.

This should be a great get-a-way for fellowship and bible teaching. Contact Myrna Lorenz (myrnal@mtauburnumc.org or 535-8555) with questions about the Mt. Auburn group or the Living Proof website about the conference: http://www.lifeway.com/Event/Womens-Event-Living-Proof-Live-Fort-Wayne-IN#schedule_detail

Travis Taylor Resigns as Director of Youth Ministries

In a letter addressed to Dr. Hertel and the Staff Parish Committee dated February 20, 2014, Travis Taylor resigned as Mt. Auburn's Director of Youth Ministries effective March 16, 2014.

Travis explains in his resignation letter that he believes God has led him into a different ministry, and he has accepted a position as a Family Case Manager for Lifeline Youth and Family Services. Lifeline is a non-profit Christian organization whose goal is to equip at risk children and families with the skills necessary to make responsible choices for a healthy future. He says, "Most of the families I will be working with have been appointed by the court system through DCS recommendation to make specific lifestyle changes as well as meet predetermined parenting and behavioral goals. I am genuinely excited by this challenging opportunity and the freedom to communicate Christ to this demographic!"

All who know Travis and love him are saddened by this news, but also excited for this new direction for his life and ministry. We thank him for the 7 years that he has given to ministry with youth here at Mt. Auburn. Mt. Auburn is the church home for Travis, Sarah, Mia, Samuel and Lawson and they plan to continue worshiping here.



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few adults or teens to help with our JAM Hospitality one time per month. We specially need people on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m. Hospitality volunteers:

- greet children and help check them in/out of JAM
- sing and actively worship with the children
- help kids with costumes as needed

JAM is fun for children and adults! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amy Shockley at 535-8555 ext. 1318 or amys@mtauburnumc.org.

It's a great way to serve the children of Mt. Auburn!



Did You Know?

Every Wednesday afternoon at 3:45, children, kindergarten through the sixth grade excitedly make their way into the Chambers for their weekly Bible Club Bible lesson. We sing, we dance, we pray and we learn about Jesus. Currently we are learning about the Fruit of

the Spirit, *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*. We spend two weeks on each fruit and last week we started on faithfulness. We learned how Noah was *faithful* to God's command to build an ARK even though it wasn't even raining. The children were then able to demonstrate their own faithfulness to another one of God's commands by giving \$94 to *The Boaz Project*, a program that ministers to orphans in Russia and India! The kids were so eager to give the money they had been collecting and I was so proud of them! It was a great Wednesday afternoon.

The Mt. Auburn Bible Club is a little community of faith, made up of children from our after-school program. They are little children with big hearts and lots of energy. Join us Wednesday afternoons around 3:45pm. Our Bible Club would greatly benefit if more of Mt. Auburn would give their time to love on these kids in our own building. Contact Nancy VanDyke at nancyv@mtauburnumc.org for more info on how you can support this ministry.

A very big thank you to Mary-Ann Sutton for her faithful support of our weekly Wednesday Bible Club. And for generously providing cupcakes and ice cream for all the kids who collected money for The Boaz Project. Mary-Ann you rock!!!

Sincerely,
Travis Taylor and Nancy VanDyke

I will ^{live} with them and
walk among them, and
I will be their God,
and ^{also} they will be
my people.
2 Corinthians 6:16

Senior Moments 2014 Activities

(Dates and times may change as events get closer.)

A sign up sheet and additional information will be available at the Welcome Center 2 week's prior to each event.

Friday, March 21 — "God's Not Dead" Movie @ Canary Theater, Franklin.
Lunch at 11a.m. at Aunt Judy's in Franklin. Movie at 12:30 p.m. Contact: Bob Jacobson 888-6156, bejacobson55@att.net

Tuesday, April 22 — Ray Skillman's Museum
Smokey Bones for lunch.
Contact: Tom Dougherty 847-7695, tk_dougherty@yahoo.com

Wednesday, May 14 — Benjamin Harrison Home
Lunch TBA.

June — Day trip to Madison, IN
Lanier Mansion tour. Lunch TBA.

Friday, July 18 — Game Day #1
Play games and enjoy a pitch-in lunch from 11:30am – 3:30pm in Community Room. Also "Meet & Greet" our new Senior Pastor, Jeff Buck.

Wednesday, August 20 — White River Gardens Butterfly Exhibit
Lunch in downtown Indy.

Friday, September 19 — Tour of Banker's Life Fieldhouse
Lunch @ City Market downtown.

Wednesday, October 22 — Beef & Boards production of *Fiddler on the Roof*
Doors open @ 11:00 am; buffet 11:30 am; curtain 1:00 pm

Tuesday, November 11 — Duck Pin Bowling @ Fountain Square
Lunch @ Santorini's Greek Kitchen <http://santorini-greek-kitchen.com/>

Tuesday, December 2 — Game Day #2
Play games and enjoy a pitch-in lunch from 11:30 – 3:30 in Community Room at church. Cookie exchange.

February 17, 2015 — Marti Gras Party & Pitch-in Lunch.
Community Room, 11:30 – 3:30 at church. Magic Show by John Wortinger