



august 2018 upcoming @ st. mark's

the monthly newsletter of St. Mark's United Methodist Church

St. Mark's Community Picnic SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2018 11:30AM - 2:00PM

PLAN TO JOIN US & SIGN UP TO HELP!

There will be food, friends, games, and music for all ages! We will have a Picnic lunch in Garton Hall and on the front porch, live music, activities for children and youth, face painting, a rousing Wiffle Ball game for all ages, Balloons by Aaron Messer(!) plus much, much more. Mark your calendars, and invite your friends and neighbors!

Please sign up to help bring food, to be a part of set-up/clean-up crew, to help with activities or to donate towards food costs. You can sign-up on the sheets in Garton Hall, or by contacting the church office (812-332-5788), or via the "Sign-Up Genius" link which you can find on the church website or in the all-church e-mail. The goal is for everyone to do a little, so no one needs to do a lot!



sunday morning, august 12th

during our 10:30AM sanctuary worship:

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All students, preschool through adult, are invited to bring backpacks, lunch boxes, or any school item to Sanctuary Worship. We will offer a blessing for them and all public, private and homeschool learners. Teachers, classroom & office assistants, principals, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, and anyone else in education, including parents, are also welcome to be blessed. If you forget your item, just bring yourself to St. Mark's on August 12!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Children and Youth are welcome to be part of worship leadership any Sunday. They are especially invited, this month, on Sunday, August 12th. All children and youth are invited to serve by greeting/handing out bulletins, lighting candles (acolyte), drawing a picture for the bulletin cover, reading scripture, leading a prayer, sharing a musical or artistic talent, helping the ushers, etc. Please contact Mary Beth Morgan if your child(ren)/youth would like to participate in worship leadership on August 12, and which role(s) are of interest. Thank you!

then, following the Children's Moment at the 10:30 service:

NEW BEGINNINGS SUNDAY IN CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fall Children's & Youth Sunday School Classes begin on August 12! While classes are organized by age/grade level, families are welcome to choose a class that is a good fit for their child.

If your child(ren)/youth will be coming to Sunday School, please sign them in at the table in Garton Hall before worship. Also, please fill out 2018-2019 information forms for your child(ren)/youth to help us with planning, sharing information with families, keeping track of allergies and other special notes.

All children and youth are welcome, if they are regularly here on Sundays or visiting! Thank you to our wonderful Sunday School teachers & helpers! Contact Mary Beth Morgan for more information.

PLEASE NOTE THESE FALL CLASS GROUPINGS AND ROOM CHANGES:

10:30AM—11:30AM

Preschool-Kindergarten (Room 22)

1st -2nd Grade (Room 19)

3rd -4th Grade (Room 4)

5th-6th Grade (Room 3)

7th-12th Grade (Room 1)

upcoming august events

TUESDAY,
AUGUST 14

4:15PM TO
9:30PM

ST. MARY-OF-
THE-WOODS

TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE AT ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS

Join friends from St. Mark's for a road trip to West Terre Haute to attend another one of the ecumenical Taize services hosted by the Sisters of Providence. These monthly Taize services run from 7:00pm-8:00pm. They include short readings, moments of silence, and songs which will be softly repeated with the help of a few talented musicians & singers. The focus for this service will be the word "All" from the sisters' theme for the year: "That All May Be One". Our group will carpool from the south parking lot of St. Mark's at 4:15pm. We will stop for dinner at Real Hacienda at 2750 S. 3rd St. in Terre Haute around 5:30pm. Then we will then head across the Wabash River to the lovely Church of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of St. Mary-of-the-Woods. For more information, contact Charlie Matson at (812) 331-0413 or matsonhoosier@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY,
AUGUST 17

9:15AM

GOLF OUTING

The St. Mark's golfers will be taking on the challenge of the hilly Otis Park Golf Course, just east of Bedford. We are planning to get three tee times starting around 9:15am, when Otis opens them for reservations (two weeks ahead of time). Some of our group may meet for breakfast in Bloomington. Then we will all carpool from the parking lot at Lucky's Supermarket at 8:15am. More details will be released by email several days before the outing. Let Lenne Vanzant at lennev@bluemarble.net or (812) 824-7093 or Charlie Matson at matsonhoosier@yahoo.com or 812-331-0413 know if you are interested in taking part.

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 18

9:30AM-
11:30PM

GREEN THUMBS AND HELPING HANDS: WORKING TOGETHER TO CARE FOR OUR CHURCH GROUNDS

Do you have a gift or a love for tending the earth? Did you know that much of the landscaping work on the church property is done by volunteers who, by contributing their time and talents, save the church valuable resources that can be directed toward other initiatives? No experience is necessary! So consider participating with the Helping Hands team that will be caring for the beauty of the church grounds. The Nursery School/Kindergarten ministry will have a team there, as we all work together. (Rumor has it, that there will be donuts.) For more details, contact the church office.

more august events

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 19

11:45AM

(AFTER
WORSHIP)

YOUTH LUNCH AT BUCCETO'S!

Lunch is on us!

On Sunday, August 19, all youth in grades 7-12 are invited to lunch at Bucceto's Pizza next to St. Mark's for a back-to-school lunch. We will meet in Garton Hall after the worship service and walk over to Bucceto's. Friends are welcome! We are looking forward to great food and hearing all about the new school year. E-mail Rodney, Director of Youth Ministries with any questions (rodneylong@smumc.church).

MONDAY,
AUGUST 20

6:30PM

NICK'S
ENGLISH
HUT

PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology provides a place to relax with food and beverage, and a fun group of thinking disciples, to talk a little theology. On Monday, August 20, we will reflect on a piece of writing by a number of theologians including Tony Campolo, Richard Rohr, and Will Willimon. The piece is titled "Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith In a Time of Crisis." For more information about Pub Theology, or for copies of the reading, contact Jimmy Moore at jimmymoore@smumc.church.

WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 22

5:30PM

GARTON
HALL

EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST (XYZ)

DINNER & PROGRAM

"BUTTERFLIES: A GIFT OF WONDER"

WITH PATTY SMITH

Patty Smith, a member of St. Mark's, will share her pictorial journey through many years of wonder and awe for butterflies. Though she has no Lepidoptera degree or membership in a butterfly society, Patty will share her passion for these floating, skipping, or zigzagging marvels with you by incorporating her love of gardens, wildlife, and photography. The program will take place at 6:20pm following a shared dinner that will begin at 5:30pm. Please bring a dish to share and your table service for the dinner.

small groups

WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 8,
5:30PM-7:00PM

MEAL SHARE FOOD REPACK

Each month, St. Mark's volunteers go to Hoosier Hills Food Bank to repack donated food for agencies that provide food for families. For more information, contact Glenda Murray at glmurray@indiana.edu.

EVERY
WEDNESDAY,
1:00PM-3:00PM

ST. MARK'S QUILTERS AND CRAFTERS

Bring your quilting or crafts to Room 10 and spend time with others who enjoy these activities. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Patti Wright, or the church office, with questions.

RESUMES
THURSDAY,
AUGUST 30,
11:30AM-
1:00PM
IN ROOM 11

WOMEN OF WONDER AND FAITH

A group of faithful, journeying women meet weekly to read and discuss books on various topics of faith. We will be reading *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity* by Cynthia Bourgeault. Please join us as we move along our faith journey, collectively and individually, as well as build valuable friendships to support each other through life's many challenges and joys. Contact the facilitator, Maria Schmidt marschmi@indiana.edu, with questions and to let her know you are coming.

EVERY FRIDAY,
12:30PM
AT BELL TRACE

CONVERSATIONS ON LIFE MEN'S GROUP

Conversations on Life men's group meets on Fridays to share in conversation about topics of interest often based on literature selected by the group. The group meets in the private dining room, at the basement level on the west side of the main building of Bell Trace. Visitors are always welcome.

small groups

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 12,
6:00PM
AT DEANGELO'S
(2620 E 3RD ST)

PARENTS OF YOUTH NIGHT,

Enjoy some food & conversation with other folks raising teens. If you have questions, or would like to be on a contact list for future gatherings, contact Dawn Walters at dquillen@indiana.edu or the church office. All parents of youth (and grandparents & other loving adults caring for pre-teens and teenagers) are welcome!

TUESDAY,
AUGUST 14,
5:30PM

BUDDIES OF ST. FRANCIS

Buddies of St. Francis is a small group experience for those who love animals and believe that our spirituality is enhanced by their presence in the world and in our lives. This humans-only gathering will be a time to share stories, reflect, and consider opportunities for advocacy. Join us in Room 15. Contact Jimmy Moore for more information.

TUESDAY,
AUGUST 14,
6:30PM

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry now meets once a month, on the second Tuesday at 6:30pm. We invite those who knit or crochet to help provide prayer shawls for those experiencing grief, change, and life joys. We also make baptism blankets and special projects.

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on-going opportunities to share & serve

SEE GOD THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD THIS FALL.

BE A PART OF CHILDREN'S OR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Are you curious about helping with Sunday School as a teacher (in a lead or assistant role), substitute or with preparation during the week? Teachers are only asked to be in a class once a month. Contact Mary Beth Morgan for more information!

BACKPACK BUDDIES FOOD COLLECTION:

SEPTEMBER 2ND (THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

On the first Sunday of every month at the 10:30am worship service, you are invited to bring food items for the Community Kitchen Backpack Buddies program. Through this program, each Friday, approximately 400 children in need from local elementary schools are sent home with a backpack of food. These backpacks help meet basic weekend food needs of their families. A list of items requested is below. Please place the Backpack Buddies offering on the altar in worship on the first Sunday of every month, or you may leave your items during the week in the collection box in Garton Hall.

Backpack Buddies Food List

- Individual fruit cups (applesauce, tropical fruit, pears, etc.); dried fruit
- Instant oatmeal (individual portions)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Small boxes of cereal; Granola/fruit/cereal bars
- Easy-to-prepare food items
(instant mashed potatoes, dried soups, beans, meal helpers, rice or pasta meals, etc.)
- Canned or pouch chicken or tuna
- Small bread mixes (cornbread, muffin, biscuit, etc.)

WE PARTNER WITH THRIVING CONNECTIONS:

DONATE NEW TOILETRY ITEMS & CLEANING SUPPLIES

Thriving Connections meets each Thursday at St. Mark's and "provides support by making the personal and community connections that are important for successful life change."

Please leave your donations in the labeled box in Garton Hall. Here is a list of requested items: soap, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, combs, shaving cream, band-aids, antibacterial cream, hair gel, hairspray, laundry soap, fabric softener, dryer sheets, dish soap, trash bags, scrubbers/sponges, foil/plastic wrap/parchment paper

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Our breakfast event each Sunday continues to grow in popularity. It has become a great way to start the morning, to meet new people, and to provide a deep welcome to all who come our way. It is also a great way for those groups who help provide breakfast to receive free-will conations for their own mission effort or a cause they value. Sign up today in Garton Hall to provide breakfast on a future Sunday. Contact the church office or our breakfast coordinator, Christine Conrad, at 812-961-2959 or silent2hear@gmail.com

our regular sunday schedule

BREAKFAST and MORE We share breakfast together with Live Music, Activities for Children, Fellowship, and More...	9:00am- 10:15am	Garton Hall
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Pilgrims Nomads Bible Banter	9:15am 9:15am 9:30am	Room 12 Room 10 Room 11
INFANT & TODDLER CARE (Contact the church office if 9:30am care is needed)	10:15am- 11:30am	Room 24 Room 25
SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30am	Sanctuary
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:30am- 11:30am	(PLEASE NOTE NEW FALL CLASS GROUPINGS AND ROOM ASSIGNMENTS)
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adult sunday school

BIBLE BANTER

The Bible Banter class uses the Scripture text for the morning's sermon as a discussion-starter. Looking at the passage in its larger context, and sometimes exploring a bit of Bible-writing history, we offer thoughts on what the morning's sermon might look like, based on the Scripture the pastor has selected. We leave time to discuss implications of the Scripture on our own lives, and often find ourselves delving into topics that wind up far afield from the morning's original topic. You are invited to bring some coffee/breakfast from Garton Hall into Room 11 at 9:30am and join the conversation.

NOMADS

The Nomads class is reading and discussing Robin R. Meyers' thought-provoking book, *Saving Jesus from the Church- How to Stop Worshipping Christ & Start Following Jesus*. Rev. Meyers is the long-time pastor at Mayflower Congregational Church, a progressive church in Oklahoma City. He is the author of seven books and a syndicated columnist. Dr. Myers is a university professor of philosophy and religions. The Nomads gather in Room 10 for coffee, breakfast, and announcements at 9:15am on Sunday mornings. Book discussions begin by 9:30am. The Nomads class is a generally progressive group which meets each Sunday for fellowship and discussion of selected readings on issues related to faith, spirituality, or social justice. Visitors are always welcomed to join the group for one or all of the sessions with no preparation required.

PILGRIMS

The Pilgrims class continues the video lecture series titled *Jesus and His Jewish Influences* by Doctor Jodi Magness (Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

In August we are discussing:

- The reign of Herod the Great and the Massacre of the Innocents.
- The division of Herod's kingdom after his death and the introduction of Roman prefects.
- The introduction of Roman procurators and the increasingly anarchic conditions leading up to the outbreak of the First Jewish Revolt.
- Jesus's foretelling of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. serving as a pivotal event in the history of Judaism and early Christianity.

Pilgrims meet in Room 12 at 9:15am on Sunday mornings and welcome any and all, at any point in the lecture series, for the presentation and the resulting discussion.

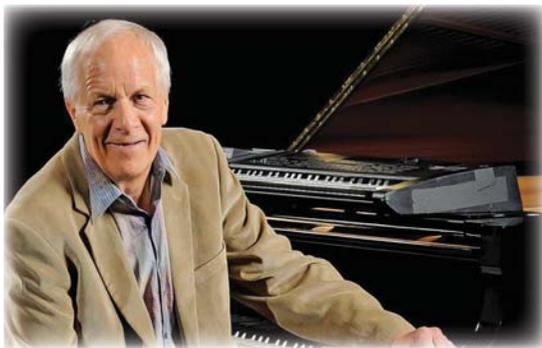
upcoming in september

DINE & DONATE AT BUCCETO'S: SUPPORT ST. MARK'S NURSERY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

When you dine in or carry out from either Bloomington Bucceto's between 4pm and closing, mention St. Mark's Nursery School and Kindergarten and 20% of the total you spend will be donated to the Nursery School and Kindergarten! Can't make it this month? No problem. This "Dine and Donate" opportunity occurs the first Wednesday of each month.

SINGER AND SONGWRITER KEN MEDEMA WILL BE AT ST. MARK'S FOR TWO VERY SPECIAL EVENTS: A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BENEFIT CONCERT, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 7:00PM; AND TO HELP LEAD OUR MORNING WORSHIP, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10:30AM

Mark your calendars for a very special weekend at St. Mark's UMC. On Saturday evening, September 15 at 7:00 PM, Ken Medema will present a concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County. Tickets are free but donations will be collected to support a future CommUNITY Interfaith Build. The legacy of faith-based groups building a brighter future in Monroe County is a tremendous one and this build shines a light on what unites us while working together with future Habitat homeowners to support the Habitat mission. Ken will also help lead worship at St. Mark's on Sunday morning, September 16, at 10:30 AM.



For four decades, Ken Medema has inspired people through storytelling and music. Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind. His ability to capture spirit in word and song is unparalleled. One of the most creative and authentic artists performing today, Ken custom designs every musical moment of his performance with brilliant improvisation that defies description. With an ever-growing circle of friends around the world, Ken's vocal and piano artistry and imagination have reached audiences of 50 to

50,000 people in 49 United States and in more than 15 countries on four continents.

You can see more of Ken's remarkable talent online:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/KenMedemaMusic>.

We look forward to these two special times with Ken, and hope you are able to join us!



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about **upcoming @ st. mark's**

upcoming @ st. mark's is published each month as an information resource and guide to the activities and events within and around the St. Mark's church community. Copies are distributed at the beginning of each month along with the Sunday worship bulletin. Additional copies are available at the Welcome Center Desk, at the main entrances to the building, or by contacting the Church Office. An online copy of **upcoming @ st. mark's** can be downloaded from our church website (www.smumc.church).

We welcome articles for publication. For information, please contact the church office.

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11:30AM - 2:00PM

👤 FOOD, 🎉 FUN, 🎮 GAMES AND 🎵 MUSIC FOR
👤 ALL AGES! 🗣️ INVITE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

🎈🎈 **BALLOONS** BY AARON MESSER!!! 🎈🎈

🍰 PICNIC LUNCH IN GARTON HALL 🎯 FACE PAINTING 🎨
📺 ACTIVITY TABLES 🏏 WIFFLE BALL ⚽

It takes a lot of people working together to make this St. Mark's event the great success it has become. Check out the article on the cover to see how you can sign up and become part of this annual St. Mark's tradition.



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