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upcoming @ st. mark's

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Thank you children, youth & adult volunteers,
Rev. Sarah Gettie McNeill, Myriam Wood
and everyone who was a part of our great
DIG IT! CARING FOR CREATION Vacation Bible School Week!



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 SundSay 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).

To submit articles for publication, please contact the church office.

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NOW
THROUGH
JULY 21

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT TEAM (ASP) NEEDS SNACKS & BOTTLED WATER

The St. Mark's Appalachia Service Project Team will be leaving Sunday, July 22nd on their mission trip. They are in need of individually packaged snacks (chips, pretzels, etc.) and bottled water. If you are able, bring snacks or bottled water to the blue bin in Garton Hall (marked ASP Snack Donations) by Saturday, July 21st.

SUNDAY,
JULY 1,
10:30AM &
3:00PM

SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING

Two flautists who have played music at St. Mark's several times over the last few years will play special music in our 10:30am Sanctuary Worship. Later that same day, at 3:00pm, Kylee O'Donnell and Mitzy Nonaka will play a recital of flute music to share their love of music and to celebrate their friendship as their time at IU Jacobs School of Music comes to an end.

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 4

THE ST. MARK'S BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

In the event of a pastoral emergency call 812-325-9406 or 812-219-8377.

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 4,
4:00PM –
CLOSING
AT BUCCETO'S

DINE AND DONATE AT BUCCETO'S: SUPPORT ST. MARK'S NURSERY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

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.

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WEDNESDAY,
JULY 11,
2:00PM

GARTON
HALL

UMW STYLE SHOW AND TEA: ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of St. Mark's cordially invite all the women to our yearly style show and fundraiser for the Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM). The event will take place at 2:00pm in Garton Hall. Activities will include a style show of Chico's and Christopher Banks clothing, an afternoon tea of wonderful pastries and appetizers, and many chances to win door prizes. The purpose of this event is to collect free will offerings for MCUM. We have invited the ladies from 30 Bloomington area churches and faith communities to join us; so, come make some new friends. We hope to see you on July 11!

TUESDAY,
JULY 17-

THROUGH

FRIDAY,
JULY 20

MISSION U AT DEPAUW UNIVERSITY IN GREENCASTLE, IN

Each year, United Methodist Women members prepare for faithful living and action by studying more about mission. Three mission studies are offered - one geographical, one topical, and one spiritual growth. If you think you might like to attend this event, please find further information on the UMW bulletin board in Garton Hall or contact Linda Crawford, our UMW president, at 812-336-2277. Scholarships are available to help defray the costs of attending the event.

THURSDAY,
JULY 19,
4:00PM

CHURCH LIFE OUTING: TOUR OF COOK HALL, ASSEMBLY HALL, AND MEMORIAL STADIUM

The St. Mark's Church Life Committee has arranged for a tour of sport facilities Cook Hall, Memorial Stadium and Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall on the campus of Indiana University for Thursday, July 19. We have space for fifty people, and the deadline for signing up is Monday, July 16. To sign up, or for more information, contact Pat Marvin (marvinp420@sbcglobal.net) or Linda Joachim Gluff (ljoachim@homefinder.org). The tour starts at 4:00 at the South Entrance of Assembly Hall, and parking is nearby.

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FRIDAY,
JULY 20,
6:00PM

THROUGH

SATURDAY,
JULY 21,
9:00AM

YOUTH LOCK-IN

The youth spoke, and we listened. Youth in 7th – 12th grades are welcome to join us for a summer lock-in! We will have some outdoor activities before dark and then head inside for more fun. Youth are welcome to join us late or leave early, but need to do so by 10:30 p.m. when the doors lock. Breakfast will be served before 9 a.m. when youth can be picked up. Please bring: change of clothes, sleeping bag/blanket and pillow, flashlight, and a GREAT ATTITUDE! Friends are also welcome! However, each participating youth must have a Liability Form signed by a parent or guardian. RSVP to Rodney Long by calling the church office, through email (rodneylong@smumc.church) or by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycyelcym>

SATURDAY,
JULY 21 ST,
9:30AM

GOLF OUTING

Join your St. Mark's friends at the Cascades Golf Course for the next opportunity for lessons in humility and hope on the golf course. We are planning to get three tee times, 9:20am, 9:30am & 9:40am, when Cascades opens them for reservations a week before. You have the choice of either 9 or 18 holes. We will try to group players by skill levels. We can also set up scramble teams, so if you (or your family member or friends) only want to pitch & putt, here is your chance to join the fun. If you have questions, please contact Charlie Matson at matsonhoosier@yahoo.com or 812-331-0413 or Lenne Vanzant at lennev@bluemarble.net or 812-824-7093.

MISSION
TRIP,
JULY 22ND-28TH

ASP
SUNDAY,
JULY 29TH
SANCTUARY
WORSHIP

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

The St. Mark's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Team leaves for their week-long mission trip early in the morning on Sunday, July 22nd. We will send them off with our prayers, encouragement and gratitude for the gifts they will share and relationships they will build. Our team will be partnering with the individuals and families to help make their homes warmer, drier and safer. We look forward to hearing about some of their experiences when they return as part of our July 29th sanctuary worship service.

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SUNDAY,
JULY 29TH

SANCTUARY
SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 29TH IS SANCTUARY SUNDAY! NO REGULAR CHILDREN'S OR YOUTH 10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 29th falls on the 5th Sunday of the month when we invite all children and youth to experience the full worship service. Children and Youth Sunday School does not meet on July 29th. Children's activity packets and picture books are available in the back of the sanctuary near the comfortable rocking chairs. Infant and toddler care continues from 10:15am – 11:30am in rooms 24 and 25. For families who wish this option, childcare will be available for children in preschool through 3rd grade following the Children's Moment in the sanctuary worship service.

NO
MEETING IN
JULY

EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST (XYZ) DINNER & PROGRAM WILL NOT MEET IN JULY.

Look for more information on future XYZ gatherings in the August edition of UPCOMING@St.Mark's.

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MONDAY,
JULY 2,
10:30AM

GARTON
HALL

SHOEBOX PROJECT

Each month, the Shoebox Project of St. Mark's meets and assembles shoeboxes filled with hygiene products and toys for kids. The shoeboxes are donated to local agencies such as Middle Way House and Monroe County United Ministries. Everyone is welcome to come and to join the fellowship and fun. We are always in need of washcloths, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small toys, coloring books, hotel soaps/ shampoos, pencils, crayons, etc. You can place your donations any time in the basket in Garton Hall located beneath the United Methodist Women bulletin board.

WEDNESDAYS
IN JULY
1:00PM-
3:00PM
IN ROOM 10

ST. MARK'S QUILTERS AND CRAFTERS (NOT MEETING JULY 4)

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.

EACH FRIDAY
IN JULY:

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.

SUNDAY,
JULY 8,
6:00PM

PARENTS OF YOUTH NIGHT

Enjoy some food & conversation with other folks raising teens. This month, we will meet at Lennie's at 1795 E. 10th Street at 6:00 p.m. 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!

small groups

TUESDAY,
JULY 10,
5:30PM,

ROOM 15

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,
JULY 10,
6:30PM-
8:30PM

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.

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 11,
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.

FRIDAY,
JULY 13,
1:00PM, ST.
MARK'S CHURCH
LIBRARY

OR

TUESDAY, JULY 17,
7:00PM
AT BELL TRACE

FOOD FOR THOUGHT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS: ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

For women participating in the United Methodist Women's book discussions, the next book to read is *In From the Wilderness*, by David Weekly. Choose one of these meeting dates/times: Friday, July 13th, 1p.m. in the church library or Tuesday, July 17th, 7p.m. at Bell Trace.

NO MEETING
IN JULY

PUB THEOLOGY IS TAKING OFF THE MONTH OF JULY.

Pub Theology provides a place to relax with food and beverage, and a fun group of thinking disciples to talk a little theology. We'll be taking July off, but be watching for publicity for our next session in August, when we will reflect on a piece of writing by Richard Rohr. For more information about Pub Theology, contact Jimmy Moore at jimmymoore@smumc.church

opportunities: share & serve

BACKPACK BLITZ

In conjunction with a number of local faith communities, for the month of July, we are collecting back-to-school supplies for Monroe County children, grades K-8. Place donations in the collection bin in Garton Hall. Here are some items you can purchase and donate to children in need:

Backpacks
Pencil boxes
Markers
Crayons
Glue Sticks

Scissors
Lined Paper
Spiral Notebooks
Composition Notebooks

Colored Pencils
Rulers
Pocket Folders
Pens
Erasers

Additionally, you can volunteer with the preparation and distribution of these materials during one of many shifts from July 23-August 1. See the BLOOMINGTON VOLUNTEER NETWORK website under organization SALVATION ARMY to volunteer with this project.

DONATE NEW TOILETRY ITEMS & CLEANING SUPPLIES AS WE PARTNER WITH THRIVING CONNECTIONS.

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. Thank you!

Toilet Paper, Soap (bars or bottles)—hand, face, or body, Shampoo and/or Conditioner, Tooth Brushes/Tooth paste, Deodorant, Sponges/loofahs, Combs, Razors, Shaving Cream
Small first aid items—band aids, antibacterial cream, etc.
Miscellaneous beauty products—hair gel, hairspray, etc., Body Lotion, Body Powder, Laundry Soap, Fabric Softener/Dryer Sheets, Cleaning Supplies, Dish Soap, Trash bags, Scrubbers/sponges, Foil/Saran 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 donations 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	9:00am- 10: 15am	Garton Hall
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL		
Pilgrims	9: 15am	Room 12
Nomads	9: 15am	Room 10
Bible Banter	9:30am	Room 11
INFANT & TODDLER CARE	10:30am- 11 :30am	
Infants & Toddlers		Room 24
(Contact the church office		Room 25
if 9:30am care is needed)		
CELEBRATION!	9:30am- 10: 15am	Garton Hall
For Children, Family & Friends of All Ages		
SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30am	Sanctuary
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (SUMMER SCHEDULE)	10:30am- 11 :30am	(PLEASE NOTE NEW GROUPINGS AND ROOMS)
Preschool-		
Kindergarten- 1st Grade		Room 22
2nd-3rd-4th Grades		Room 4
5th-6th Grades		Room 3
Youth: 7th- 12th		Room 1 (Youth Room)

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT MEET ON JULY 29TH (SANCTUARY SUNDAY).
NURSERY AND TODDLER CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE.
CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL-3RD GRADE.*

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 9:30. 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).

During the four Sundays in July, we are discussing these topics:

- The contrasting beliefs of the Sadducees and the Pharisees.
- The practices and beliefs of the Essenes and the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the caves around Qumran.
- Why the Dead Sea Scrolls are valuable for understanding Jesus with his broader Jewish context.
- The apocalyptic outlook of the Jewish sect at Qumran and the consideration of Jesus and John the Baptist being Essenes.
- The differences between the Septuagint and the original Hebrew Bible and why the Jews rejected the Septuagint while the Christians embraced it.

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.



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