

FEBRUARY 2017

# Upcoming @ St. Mark's



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FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sunday, February 5th in Garton Hall

## ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY & PITCH-IN LUNCH

Plan to stay after worship and celebrate everyone's birthdays for the whole year! Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to share for lunch. Sit at the table corresponding to your birth month and meet new friends who have the same birth month. For example, February birthday people sit at the February table, March birthdays at the March table, etc. Families can decide where to sit according to children's birthdays. All are welcome!

Thursday, February 9th at North United Methodist Church

## INDIANA CONFERENCE CREATION CARE ALLIANCE

2017 Legislative Day, sponsored by the UMW of Indiana, will take place Thursday, February 9th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at North United Methodist Church. The annual event will include a panel discussion held by representatives from Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light, NAACP, and other groups regarding environmental issues facing the Indiana legislature. The gathering will also include optional features, including: an afternoon tour of the capitol; climate justice immersion experience; and an advocacy-how-to workshop. This event is FREE. Reservations are required in order to ensure a lunch. Walk-ins are \$10. For more information regarding the event and how to register, please email Barb McCoy ([barb.mccoy@frontier.com](mailto:barb.mccoy@frontier.com)) before 2/7/17. A group from St. Mark's has registered to attend. If you are interested or are already working on concerns about care of God's creation and how we live more faithfully as disciples in this regard, contact Phil Amerson at [Philip.amerson@gmail.com](mailto:Philip.amerson@gmail.com) or call 847-454-6429.

Sunday, February 12th, 11:30am in Garton Hall

## OPERATION FRIENDSHIP SOUP LUNCH

Support Operation Friendship and enjoy a bowl of soup after Worship or place a pre-order and take lunch home with you. Choose from a variety of delicious soups, grilled cheese sandwich, and baked goods. All eat-in orders include a roll and drink. To order lunch to take home with you, pick up an order form from the Garton Hall Welcome Desk. Please give your completed order form to the Operation Friendship Bake Sale table. Pick up your order at the kitchen on Sunday, February 12th after worship.

Sunday, February 12th

## UNITED METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION PICK-UP

Donate useable household items and new or gently used clothes for men, women, or children to the United Methodist Mountain Mission. The mission helps people in the Appalachian mountains of Kentucky. The Mission truck will stop at St. Mark's to pick up items donated. By Sunday, February 12th, please place your donations outside Room 14 in Garton Hall.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 2017 COMMUNITY INTERFAITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

ST. MARK'S IS JOINING IN THIS EFFORT WITH OTHER FAITH COMMUNITIES THIS SPRING. HERE ARE THREE WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THIS BUILD!

Friday, February 24, 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

### HARMONY MUSIC FEST at Unitarian Universalist

All are invited to this evening of musical entertainment and light refreshments. Musicians include Craig Brenner, Sarah Flint & Hoosier Darling, Mike McGregor, Andy and Hank Ruff and others. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$8/students, \$30/family pass for families of 4 or more. (Wine and beer will also be available in a separate area for adults.)

Each participating congregation is contributing refreshments, and helping with greeting, taking tickets, etc. If you can help by providing a dessert, or serving as a volunteer, please contact the church office.

Saturday, March 4th, 10:00am-3:00pm

### KNIT-A-THON IN GARTON HALL

Participate in this fundraising event to support the Interfaith Build. Soup and sandwich lunch provided by a generous benefactor. Bring your knitting/crocheting/crafting projects and work on them throughout the event. Feel free to bring knitting service ideas, patterns, and snacks to share. The fundraising goal is \$20-\$50 per knitter. Raise funds by asking friends or colleagues to donate, or you can contribute your own money. Checks may be made to St. Mark's with "Interfaith Habitat Build" on the memo line. Please RSVP to Lisa ([emillerm@comcast.net](mailto:emillerm@comcast.net)) or call the church office.

**BROWSE THE COMMUNITY INTERFAITH BUILD SITE:**

<http://communitybuild.kintera.org>

On this site you can keep up with events and find opportunities to participate. You can also sign up as part of the St. Mark's community, and invite friends and family to sponsor you or the church's fundraising efforts.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sunday, February 12th, 6pm, Columbus, IN

## BISHOP TRIMBLE VISITS OUR SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

We are privileged to welcome Bishop Trimble to our district this month to see what makes the Southeast District unique. On the evening of Sunday, February 12 at 6 p.m. at Asbury UMC, 1751 27th St. in Columbus, IN, Bishop Trimble will share his vision for us. All are welcome to attend this celebration.

Monday, February 13th, 7:00pm, room 8

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

The St. Mark's Leadership Council will meet on February 13 in Room 8. All are welcome to attend. While only Leadership Council members can vote on motions that are presented, everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in discussion and planning. This meeting will include consideration of the SMUMC Budget for the year 2017.

Sunday, February 19th, 5:00pm-7:30pm

## OPEN-HEARTED OPEN HOUSE

### at BLOOMINGTON ISLAMIC CENTER

The Islamic Center of Bloomington (ICOB) and the Openhearted Campaign cordially invite you for a casual evening of dinner and sharing at the second annual Openhearted Open House. Parking is available at the Center and in the surrounding neighborhoods. Dinner will be served in open buffet style all evening, and presentations will take place around 5:30pm, 6:00pm, and 7:00pm. You will also be invited to observe praying at the sunset prayer at 6:45pm, learn more about how ICOB is involved in the Bloomington community, and talk and share with your Muslim neighbors.

Monday, February 20th, 7:00pm, room 15

## BRAINSTORMING SESSION FOR ADULT CLASSES, DAY TRIPS & RETREATS

St. Mark's has had a longstanding tradition of providing a wide range of spiritual growth opportunities for its congregation. Help keep that tradition alive by bringing your ideas for future adult ed classes, day trips & retreats to a planning meeting in Room 15 on 2/20/17. If you can't make the meeting but have suggestions, contact Charlie Matson at (812) 331-0413 or [matsonhoosier@yahoo.com](mailto:matsonhoosier@yahoo.com).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Wednesday, February 22nd, 5:30pm, Garton Hall

## EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST (XYZ) DINNER AND PROGRAM

### Heather Kinderthain on the New Role of Jill's House

All adults are cordially invited to a pitch-in dinner at 5:30pm on Wednesday, February 22nd. Bring a dish to share and your table service. Following the meal, Heather Kinderthain will share the new role of Jill's House. "Jill's House is excited to re-open with the same mission of bringing strength and comfort to all who enter. The re-purposed Jill's House is now serving people who need Assisted Living or Memory Care. We are also able to help people who need respite care or day care."

## FOR YOUR READING AND REFLECTION...

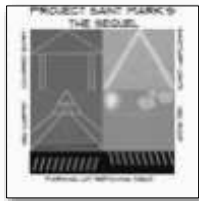
Rev. John McFarland, a retired Methodist minister who worships at St. Mark's, writes an on-line column entitled "Christ In Winter: Reflections on Life and Faith for the Years of Winter." You can find it at <http://christinwinter.blogspot.com/>

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM...

### ...AN UPDATE AND A THANK YOU.



As of January 31, 2017, 122 pledge cards had been returned for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign: ALL IN!, totaling \$497,319.50. The 2017 Budget Goal is \$660,000.



And, as of January 31, 2017, 85 pledge cards had been returned for the capital campaign Project St. Mark's: The Sequel! totaling \$192,460. The Campaign Goal for Project St. Mark's: The Sequel is \$275,000.

We deeply appreciate your commitment and pledges to both campaigns. If you have already returned your pledge cards, or will do so soon, thank you! This will help church leadership determine an estimated budget and assist in facility planning for 2017. We recognize that some of you may need more time for discernment regarding pledges, and are grateful for all pledges received in the weeks and months ahead. Stewardship packets are available in Garton Hall and in the church office. These can be returned anytime in the offering plate or to the church office. Thank you for being "ALL IN" with St. Mark's!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### February Circle Activities

Feb. 6	Shoebox	10:00am	Rm. 12
Feb. 7	Executive Bd. Mtg.	9:30am	Rm 12
Feb. 14 & 28	Prayer Shawl	6:30pm	Garton Hall Parlor
Feb. 15	Charlene Martin Circle	7:00 pm	Sunroom, Bell Trace
Feb. 21	Morning Circle	9:00am	St. Mark's UMC
	Susanna Wesley Circle	1:00pm	

The Susanna Wesley Afternoon Circle will be making fleece baby blankets to give to Susie's Place/Child Advocacy. Members are asked to bring two 1 -1 ½ yard pieces of fleece, if possible. There will also be a pledge service.

### Save the Date

#### Friday & Saturday, April 7th & 8th

### ST. MARK'S WOMEN'S RETREAT AT WAYCROSS

Attention all St. Mark's women! Save the date for the 2017 Women's Retreat which will be held April 7-8 at Waycross Conference and Retreat Center in Brown County.

Our leaders will be Mary Ann Moman, a former pastor of St. Mark's who has led several wonderful retreats for us, and her daughter Anne, Minister of Youth and Young Adults at North UMC in Indianapolis. Stay tuned for more details to follow, but in the meantime please let one of the organizers know if you have suggestions for the planning team:

Trina Mescher (trinamescher@hotmail.com),  
Cheryl Bainbridge (ckbainbridge@aol.com),  
Carla Hedges (tutucarla@aol.com).

### THINK JULY!

### SIGN UP FOR APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2017!

The sign-up sheet for those interested in being part of the Summer 2016 ASP trip is located on the ASP bulletin board in Garton Hall. The trip dates are Sunday, July 2 through Saturday, July 8. Participants must be at least 14 years of age. More details will be forthcoming. Contact James Thomas (812-876-2174) for more information on this great opportunity.

# SUNDAYS @ ST. MARK'S

## OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Occasional schedule changes will be shared on the church website, in printed announcements, and weekly email updates.

BREAKFAST	9:30AM	Garton Hall
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Pilgrims Nomads Bible Banter	9:15AM 9:15AM 9:30AM	Room 13 Room 10 Room 11
INFANT & TODDLER CARE Infants & 1-year-olds 2- & 3-year-olds	9:30AM -11:30AM	Room 24 Room 25
<b>Celebration!</b> CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORSHIP	9:30AM	Room 22
SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30AM	Sanctuary
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 4 years-1st Grade 2nd-3rd Grades 4th-5th Grades 6th-8th Grades Youth: 9th-12th Grades	10:30AM-11:30AM	Room 22 Room 4 Room 9 Room 3 Youth Room 1,2

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

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## CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR YOUTH

All 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade youth (and any other youth not yet confirmed) are invited to be part of the Confirmation program at St. Mark's this winter and spring. The confirmation program includes opportunities for group experiences, time with a mentor, trips to other faith communities, service experiences, and a retreat. Mary Beth Morgan & Jimmy Moore will be leading the Confirmation program this year. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Mary Beth.

**Sunday, February 12th, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm**

### YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

All youth, in grades 7-12, are invited to come help prepare dinner for the Interfaith Winter Shelter on Sunday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m. (Come at 5:00 if you want a light dinner.) After we prepare the meal, we will deliver it to First United Methodist Church, at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Washington. While we are there, representatives from the shelter will show us the evening set up, and explain to our youth the way the shelter works. Parents may pick up their youth at First Methodist at 7:30pm. We hope to see you. Friends are welcome! All youth must have a completed permission/liability form. If you have questions, contact Jimmy Moore.

**Sunday, February 19th**

### CHILDREN & YOUTH IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

All children and youth are welcome to participate in leadership roles on any Sunday, and especially this month in the February 19th worship service. Children and youth are welcome to be greeters (hand out bulletins), acolytes (light candles), liturgists (lead a prayer or read the scripture), create the bulletin cover, share a musical piece, artistic talent or another leadership gift with the congregation. There are opportunities for all ages. Please contact Mary Beth Morgan if your child/youth would like to participate.

**Sunday, February 19th, 5:00pm-7:30pm**

### OPEN-HEARTED OPEN HOUSE at ISLAMIC CENTER

See page 4 for details. All ages are welcome. Youth Group plans to be there from 5:30-7:00pm. Contact Mary Beth for more information.



# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## February Classes:

### 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 and join the conversation.

### NOMADS

In February the Nomads class will be discussing the book *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*, by the contemporary American poet/writer Kathleen Norris, which focuses on the "language of Christianity" and the author's own gradual conversion and faith journey. The class meets every Sunday at 9:15am in Room 10 and all are welcome, with no preparation required.

### PILGRIMS

The Pilgrims Class studies the Holy Land using video lectures, [The Holy Land Revealed](#), by Dr. Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

#### February 5: Lecture #5 – **"Biblical Jerusalem's Ancient Water Systems"**

A look at the water systems that supplied ancient Jerusalem and which give us some idea of the difficulties faced by 19<sup>th</sup> century archaeologists.

#### February 12<sup>th</sup>: Lecture #6 – **"Samaria and the Northern Kingdom of Israel"**

Among the problems that developed between the northern and southern kingdom was a division over how to worship the God of Israel.

#### February 19<sup>th</sup>: Lecture #7 – **"Fortifications and Cult Practices"**

A look at the everyday lives of citizens of the Israel and Judah kingdoms.

#### February 26<sup>th</sup>: Lecture #8 – **"Babylonian Exile and the Persian Restoration"**

Continues the story with the Babylonian destruction of the kingdom of Judah and the Babylonian Exile ending with their return under Persian rule.

Each week, a discussion follows the video. All are welcome to join Pilgrims at 9:15am each Sunday in Room 13.

# February 2017

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For full information about events, such as location and contact persons, please read related articles in this **edition of UPCOMING@ST. MARK'S**.

<p>5</p> <p>9:30am <b>CELEBRATION</b></p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>11:30am All Church Birthday Party &amp; Pitch-In Lunch</p> <p>7:00pm Operation Friendship Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am Shoebox Project Ministry</p> <p>7:00pm Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am UMW Executive Board</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:30am <b>CELEBRATION</b></p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>11:30am Operation Friendship Soup Lunch</p> <p>1:00pm Operation Friendship Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Bishop Trimble at Columbus, Indiana</p> <p>5:30pm Youth Group Service Project</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30pm Buddies of St. Francis</p> <p>6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30am <b>CELEBRATION</b></p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship: CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP</p> <p>5:00pm Open-hearted Open House at Bloomington Islamic Center</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Ed &amp; Retreats Planning Session</p> <p>ARTICLES AND EVENTS FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF <b>UPCOMING @ ST. MARK'S</b> ARE DUE TODAY!</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am UMW Morning Circle</p> <p>1:00pm Susanna Wesley UMW Circle</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Stories Class</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:30am <b>CELEBRATION</b></p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Stories Class</p>

# @ St. Mark's

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1:00pm Quilters & Crafters  
5:30pm Meal Share Food  
Repack at Food Bank

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10am-3pm  
Indiana Conference Creation  
Care Alliance (see. p. 2)

Rehearsals:  
6:15pm Handbell Choir  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

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12:15pm Conversations on Life  
**Men's Group**

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1:00pm Memorial Service for  
Art Dahlgren

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1:00pm Quilters & Crafters  
7:00pm Charlene Martin Circle  
at Bell Trace

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Rehearsals:  
6:15pm Handbell Choir  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

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12:15pm Conversations on Life  
**Men's Group**

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1:00pm Quilters & Crafters  
5:30pm XYZ Dinner & Program

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Rehearsals:  
6:15pm Handbell Choir  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

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12:15pm Conversations on Life  
**Men's Group**  
7:00pm Harmony Music Fest  
at Unitarian Church

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9:00am Young at ART Festival

March 1

Ash Wednesday

12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service  
1:00pm Quilters & Crafters  
4:00pm Dine & Donate at  
**Bucceto's**  
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

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Rehearsals:  
6:15pm Handbell Choir  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

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12:15pm Conversations on Life  
**Men's Group**

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7:30am **Men's Lenten Breakfast**  
at Arlington UMC  
10:00am Knit-a-Thon

# SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

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Monday, February 6th, 10:30am

## SHOEBOX PROJECT

Fill shoeboxes with hygiene products and toys for kids. Shoeboxes are used at Middle Way House and MCUM. All are welcome.

Wednesday, February 8th, 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 which provide food for families. For more information, contact Glenda Murray at [glmurray@indiana.edu](mailto:glmurray@indiana.edu).

Tuesday, February 14th, 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, February 14th & 28th 6:30pm—8:00pm

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join this group in the Parlor of Garton Hall to enjoy knitting and crocheting in the making of prayer shawls and other yarn products.

Each Wednesday, 1:00pm—3:00pm

## ST. MARK'S QUILTERS & 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.

Each Friday, 12:15pm—1:30pm

## CONVERSATIONS ON LIFE MEN'S GROUP

During February & March the men's group will read *Ten Prayers That Changed the World* by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, , which looks at the moments in history when prayers offered by great leaders have lifted the faith of others in order to change the course of history. A different prayer will be studied each week, so visitors are welcome to join the group in Room 15 on any Friday.

# LOOKING TOWARDS LENT

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Beginning Tuesday, February 21st, 7:00pm-8:00pm

## LENTEN SERIES: FAVORITE BIBLE STORIES

Come to one or to all seven weeks of this new Tuesday night series of classes. Starting Tuesday evening, February 21st, Jimmy Moore will share highlights of the latest Bible scholarship on the history of the Old Testament. In the second half of the hour, Lisa Miller-Maidi will lead discussions on the two stories of the Creation in Genesis, part of a study by Lisa during her course work at Garrett Seminary.

On each of the following six Tuesdays, one of our present pastors or retired ministers who worship with us will lead a discussion based on a personal favorite Bible story. Upcoming stories and speakers will be announced each week in the church email and Sunday bulletin.

Wednesday, March 1st, noon and 7:00pm

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

As we begin our 2017 Lenten journey, all are invited to gather together in the Sanctuary for either Ash Wednesday service. Reverend Jimmy Moore will lead these services of word, music, reflection, and the imposition of the ashes. The noon service will be brief to enable those who are on their lunch hour to participate. The Chancel Choir will sing at the 7:00pm service. Childcare will be available at the 7:00 p.m. by contacting the church office.

Beginning Saturday, March 4th, 7:30am

## BLOOMINGTON AREA METHODIST MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFASTS

All area Methodist men are invited to attend these Lenten breakfasts.

March 4	Arlington UMC
March 11	Crossroads UMC
March 18	St. Mark's UMC
March 25	Arlington UMC
April 1	Ellettsville UMC
April 8	Green County UMC

Coffee is served beginning at 7:30am with breakfast at 8:00am. Contact George Rusnak at 812-336-5612.

# CAN YOU HELP?

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## OPERATION FRIENDSHIP IS STILL SEEKING HOSTS FOR ITS 2017 INTERNATIONAL MEETING

It is the Bloomington chapter's turn to host the Operation Friendship International meeting which will be April 19-23, 2017. Guests will include mostly adults and a few young adults from European countries. If you might be interested in hosting, please let us know ([tinacron@gmail.com](mailto:tinacron@gmail.com) or 812-322-8941).

## WE WELCOME SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!

Please consider being a volunteer Sunday school teacher! We welcome volunteers for any age group. There is still need for volunteers to teach one time per month or as a substitute teacher. A curriculum and materials are provided. All efforts are made to accommodate volunteers to make the experience enjoyable and meaningful. Please contact Mary Beth Morgan if you are interested in these opportunities or know of anyone who might be interested. And a big "thank you" to all those who are now teaching Sunday School!

## ST. MARK'S NURSERY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

St. Mark's Nursery School and Kindergarten is in need of a few more substitute teachers. Classes meet Monday-Friday 9:00am-11:30am during the school year. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this substitute teaching opportunity, please contact the Nursery School office at 812-333-4007 or [school@smnurseryschool.org](mailto:school@smnurseryschool.org).

## DONATE CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR NEW LEAF NEW LIFE

Church Women United will be collecting new and used children's books for New Leaf New Life, an organization which offers services to inmates in the Monroe County Jail during incarceration and after release. In this project, a New Leaf New Life volunteer makes an audio recording of the jailed parent reads a book to their child. The book, and recording, are then sent to the child. To support this meaningful ministry, you can place books in the Jail Ministry donation box in Garton Hall. Church Women United, an ecumenical group connected to St. Mark's United Methodist Women, will be collecting books until mid-February.

## BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday, we offer breakfast for anyone who wishes to share that meal. To give our volunteers who have been providing that breakfast a rest, we are seeking to broaden the volunteer pool. Breakfasts are a good way to raise money or interest in your ministry or mission. They also help create a welcoming spirit as people gather on Sunday morning. If you or you ministry team are interesting in helping provide breakfast, please contact Jimmy Moore.

# ST. MARK'S LEADERSHIP

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Lay Leaders	Andy Cron
	Trina Mescher
	Deb Davis
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Lay Leadership/Nominations Chair	John Hitchcock
Pastor-Staff Parish Relations Chair	John Collins
Board of Trustees Chair	Tom Hedges
Finance Committee Chair	Pete Yoder
Endowment and Memorials Chair	Pam Vanzant
Membership Secretary	Lisa Miller-Maidi
Missions/Church and Society Chair	Susan Parrish
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Communication and Information Contact	Gerry Sousa
Library Committee Co-chairs	Janice Clinch
	Betty Bickley
	TBA
Worship Design Chair	Jimmy Moore
Hospitality and Outreach Contact	Mary Beth Morgan
Children and Youth Ministry Contact	Mary Beth Morgan
Small Groups Contact	Andy Cron
Stewardship Team Contact	Charlie Matson
Adult Education & Retreats Contact	Linda Crawford
United Methodist Women President	Sierra Roussos
St. Mark's Nursery School & Kindergarten	

Contact information for any of the above leaders  
can be found in the **St. Mark's Directory**,  
or by calling the church office at 812-332-5788.

## 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. In addition, an online copy of **Upcoming @ St. Mark's** can be downloaded from our church website ([www.smumc.church](http://www.smumc.church)).

### Submitting Articles for Future Publications:

All ministry areas, church committees, and interest groups are encouraged to submit articles for upcoming editions of **Upcoming @ St. Mark's**. For more information, and to submit articles for publication, please contact the Church Office: 812-332-5788 or [office@smumc.church](mailto:office@smumc.church).

Articles for MARCH, 2017 need to be submitted by  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017



## ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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