

SEPTEMBER 2016

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, LABOR DAY:
ST. MARK'S OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSED**

St. Mark's will be closed Monday, September 5th
in observance of Labor Day. There will be no one in the
office or in the building that day. If there is a pastoral
emergency, please call 812-219-8377 or 812-325-9406.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MARK'S CONGREGATION VOTES TO BECOME A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

Last Sunday, August 28th, after worship, the following welcome statement came before the entire congregation for a vote of affirmation:

St. Mark's United Methodist Church of Bloomington, Indiana is an inclusive community bringing Christ-like love, healing and hope to all. We embrace the United Methodist ideal of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors by welcoming those of all races, cultures, faith traditions, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

Of the 197 votes cast, all were in favor of affirming the statement, and officially becoming a Reconciling Congregation as an affiliate with Reconciliation Ministries Network!

Thanks to all who through the years of this discernment process have led gentle, thoughtful and courageous conversations to bring us to this place. If you have questions, contact one of the pastors or members of the Reconciling Task Force.

We invite you to visit the Reconciling Ministries Network webpage at www.rmnetwork.org.

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP CHRISTMAS GREENERY FUNDRAISER

Support Operation Friendship and celebrate the holidays with beautiful greenery! One-stop shopping right here at St. Mark's where you can find a gift for family, friends, or business associates, be they in or out-of-town. The "Traditional Program" allows you to pick up your choices during the week of November 14th. The "Holiday Gift Program" pricing includes shipping costs and offers you an effortless way to have the greenery shipped to the recipient's doorstep. You may place your orders at the Operation Friendship table in Garton Hall every Sunday during the month of October. Phone or email orders may be placed up to November 1st. Call or email Jane Dunatchik (812-322-0554 or janezd@att.net) or call the church office. To view product photos, go to www.ChristmasWreathProducts.org.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST CROP WALK AND MAZE AT THE BLOOMINGTON FARMER'S MARKET

Be a walker, and try the maze to support the interfaith relief and development organization Church World Service (CWS)! This year, our donations will support our upcoming refugee support office, Exodus. Starting next year, Exodus will help resettle refugees in Bloomington, and our support will help those families.

The annual CROP Hunger Walk will start at the Maze, in the Shower's Building atrium, at 10:00am, and will proceed up and down the B-Line Trail, with participants wearing CWS signs. The Maze, open 8:00am-1:00pm, will be an educational tour through the difficult journey of the refugee, with information posted throughout the closed Maze.

How you can assist this worthy cause:

- ◇ To be a walker/donation gatherer: contact Tony Mescher (mescher@indiana.edu) for a donation envelope.
- ◇ To help decorate and/or construct the Maze on Friday, September 30: contact CROP coordinator Lisa Miller Maldi (emillerm@comcast.net).
- ◇ Donate online at our St. Mark's team website crophungerwalk.org/bloomingtonin or contact Tony Mescher, Lisa Miller-Maldi, or CROP treasurer Rich Corwin (cyrlicorwin@gmail.com) to locate a walker who is collecting donations.

More ways to help: Stop at the Welcome Desk in Garton Hall at St. Mark's and pick up Publicity flyers to distribute and post around town. There you can also find a volunteer signup sheet where you can add your name.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

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
Celebration! CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORSHIP	9:30am	Room 8
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 8 Room 4 Room 9 Room 3 Youth Room 1,2

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday Morning Services and Events:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 10:30AM SANCTUARY SERVICE JAZZ SUNDAY HONORING DOMINIC SPERA MUSIC LEADERSHIP WITH PAT HARBISON AND FRIENDS FOLLOWED BY STEWARDSHIP LUNCH

This will be a great Sunday with jazz artist, Pat Harbison (St. Mark's member and Professor at IU Jacobs School of Music Jazz Studies Department) and jazz group Butterfly Dreams leading our music in worship on September 18th. Renowned jazz artist and trumpeter, Dominic Spera, is also a visual artist and will be sharing both his art and a brief reflection on life and jazz. Dominic is the composer of over 100 jazz ensemble compositions and is Professor Emeritus at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. The entire congregation will join in our celebration of worship and the gift of music. Plan to be here for an inspiring and energizing Sunday morning, and be sure to invite friends and neighbors. Then plan to stay for lunch in Garton Hall, and hear a presentation from our Stewardship Team about ministry and mission at St. Mark's.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 11:30AM ALL-CHURCH LUNCH FROM STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Make your plans to join us in Garton Hall following the Jazz service on Sunday, September 18 for our Stewardship Lunch. Our Stewardship Team will lead us through a celebration of the ministry and mission for St. Mark's, and conversation about needs and possibilities for the year ahead. To help us plan for food, please RSVP if you are able. You can contact the church office (office@smumc.church, 812-332-5788), or click on the link on the weekly e-mail or website. All are welcome!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

September Adult Sunday School:

BIBLE BANTER

The Bible Banter class uses the Scripture text for the morning's sermon as a discussion-starter. We look at the passage in its larger context, and sometimes explore a bit of Bible-writing history. We offer some 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 for our own lives, and often even delve into topics far afield of 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 September, the Nomads class will begin discussions of David Brook's book, *The Road to Character*. All are welcome to join Nomads in Room 10 (even without reading the book!).

PILGRIMS

On Sundays in September, the Pilgrims class will continue a study the Old Testament using video lectures from Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The goal of the series is to provide members of faith communities with richer insights into the literature that forms their bedrock.

In September, the upcoming lecture topics are:

September 4th: Lecture 10 — *Covenant and Law, Part 1*
(Exodus 19-40 and Deuteronomy)

September 11th: Lecture 11 — *Covenant and Law, Part 2*
(Exodus 20-35 and Leviticus)

September 18th: Lecture 12 — *The Conquest*
(Deuteronomy 20-21, 27-31 and the Book of Joshua)

September 25th: Lecture 13 — *The Book of Judges, Part 1*
(Judges 1-8)

Each week, discussion follows the video. All are welcome to join Pilgrims in Room 13.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

A Warm Welcome to Amy Jones, Interim Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator

We are pleased to share that the Pastor-Staff Parish Committee has approved the hire of Amy Jones, as a part-time Interim Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator.

Amy and her family (husband, Michael and children, Iris and Violet) have been part of the St. Mark's community for a number of years, starting with the Nursery School. Amy is a Sunday School teacher, has experience as a Kindergarten teacher at the YMCA, and has worked in various roles in the mental health community.

Amy will be here approximately 20 hours a week, which includes Sunday mornings. Her familiarity with the children, families and Sunday School will be a great gift as the fall season begins. Amy is starting graduate school in January, which gives us some time to do a thorough search and hiring process to best meet the long-term needs of children, youth and families. Please thank and welcome Amy for stepping into this role, and for sharing her many gifts!

Do you have questions about Children and Youth Ministries?

Contact Mary Beth Morgan (marybethmorgan@smumc.church) or the St. Mark's church office (office@smumc.church — 812-332-5788).

CHILDREN & YOUTH

St. Mark's Children & Youth Sundays Your Guide to What's When:

INFANT AND TODDLER CARE IS AVAILABLE EACH SUNDAY.

Childcare is available from 9:30 –11:30am in rooms 24 and 25.

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 6:00PM AT BUCCETO'S PARENTS OF YOUTH SMALL GROUP MEETING.

A new small group is forming at St. Mark's for parents of youth. Youth ages are defined as those in 7th-12th grades. Our first meeting will be at 6:00pm on September 11th at the Bucceto's near the church. Come enjoy some food and conversation with other folks raising teens at what we hope to be the first of monthly gatherings. Any questions or comments can be sent to Dawn Walters at dquillen@indiana.edu. All are welcome!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 7:00PM – 9:30PM YOUTH NIGHT & BONFIRE AT SOLSBERRY HILL!

All youth (7th-12th Grade) are invited to a great evening at Bridget McIntyre's retreat center, Solsberry Hill. There will be activities, snacks and a bonfire to end the evening. Friends are welcome! Solsberry Hill Retreat Center located 15 minutes west of Bloomington in a natural and relaxed setting that is great fun. RSVP (and receive directions) to Mary Beth Morgan at the church office.

WHAT TO DO & KNOW

Special Events in September:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 7:00PM AT BELL TRACE FOOD FOR THOUGHT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A discussion of the book *I AM MALALA* by Malala Yousafzai will take place on the date and at the location above. It is not a requirement that you have read the book; all interested persons are included in the book group, which reads from the United Methodist Women's Reading program book list. If you would like to get a copy of the book or to learn more about our Food for Thought Book Discussion groups, contact Linda Crawford (812-336-2277) or the church office.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 4:00PM TO CLOSING DINE AND DONATE AT BUCCETO'S TO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S NURSERY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Mention St. Mark's Nursery School and Kindergarten when you dine in or carry out from either Bloomington Bucceto's between 4:00pm to closing and 20% of the total you spend will be donated to the Nursery School and Kindergarten. This "Dine and Donate" opportunity occurs the first Wednesday of each month.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 9:00AM – Noon HELPING HANDS FELLOWSHIP WORKING TOGETHER TO CARE FOR OUR CHURCH

Do you have a gift or a love for tending the earth? Did you know that much of the landscaping work on our property is done by volunteers, who, by contributing their time and talents, save the church valuable resources that can be directed to other initiatives? No experience is necessary! Consider joining the Helping Hands team that cares for the beauty of the church grounds. For more details, contact Jeremiah Young or the church office.

WHAT TO DO & KNOW

Special Events in September (con't):

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 18th & 25th, 9:30AM NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Please join us in Room 15 at 9:30am on Sunday mornings, September 18th and 25th, for membership classes if you are ready to become a member, or if you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of St. Mark's. For families with children, there is infant/toddler care in Rooms 24 and 25. Pre-school age and older children are welcome to join Amy Jones in Room 8 for *Celebration!* Worship for Children and Families.

We will spend time getting to know one another, learning more about the church and our membership process, exploring questions, and talking with others about the many ways to get involved in the life and ministry of St. Mark's.

New members will be received during worship Sunday, October 2nd. Please contact Jimmy Moore (812-332-5788) if you have questions. If you are interested in membership but have a conflict with class or joining dates, we can work with you and your schedule. We look forward to sharing this time with you as we continue to grow as a church community.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 6:15PM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) SALAD SMORGASBORD

All United Methodist Women are invited to bring a salad of any kind to share at the third general meeting of the year, September 21, 6:15 pm in Garton Hall. Least coin, pennies, will be collected for Church Women United. Table service is provided. Our own Lisa Miller-Maidi will speak on the Crop Walk and its 2016 support of the new Exodus office facilitating refugees in Bloomington. The Crop Walk will occur October 1st next to the Farmers' Market.

You don't need to be a Circle Member to attend. Start the school year off by dining with new and old friends. Feel free to bring a friend with you. Please call Linda Crawford, UMW President for more information 812-336-2277.

WHAT TO DO & KNOW

Special Events in September (con't):

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 5:30PM – 7:30PM

eXtra Years of Zest (XYZ) SUPPER AND PROGRAM

DR. CHARLIE NELMS WILL SPEAK ABOUT HIS LIFE AND WORK

Meet, talk with, and hear Dr. Charlie Nelms discuss his life and work as an educator and IU administrator on Wednesday, September 28, at 5:30 - 7:30pm. New members of the church are especially encouraged to attend, but all +55 adults are most cordially invited to this program. Bring a dish to share and your table service for the dinner that will begin at 5:30pm. The conversation with Charlie will begin at 6:30pm.

Small Group and Committee Meetings:

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH,

1:00PM – 3:00PM

ST. MARK'S QUILTERS & CRAFTERS

Bring your quilting or crafts to Room 10 and enjoy some time with others who enjoy quilting and crafting. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH,

12:15PM – 1:30PM

CONVERSATIONS ON LIFE MEN'S GROUP

Men are welcome to join this discussion group which meets in Room 15 each Friday throughout the year.

WHAT TO DO & KNOW

Small Group and Committee Meetings (con't):

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 10:30AM

SHOEBOX PROJECT

Shoebox Project meets to assemble shoeboxes with hygiene products and toys for kids. These shoeboxes are then donated to Middle Way House, MCUM, or other agencies at need. Everyone is welcome to come and to join the fellowship and fun or to donate washcloths, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small toys, color books hotel soaps/shampoos, pencils, crayons, etc. Donations may be placed in the basket in Garton Hall under the UMW Board.

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13TH & 27TH, 6:30PM – 8:00PM

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join others in the Parlor of Garton Hall to enjoy knitting and crocheting to make prayer shawls and other yarn products.

Announcements & Additional Opportunities:

STAFF TRANSITION

We announced last week that Donna Hullett is leaving her position as Finance Director. Donna's last official day was August 31, but she will assist us as we train a temporary employee and a couple of volunteers to cover some of responsibilities of that position. The Pastor-Staff Parish Relations Committee is working to help address short term needs as we begin crafting the search process. We are grateful to Donna for all of her good work, these past years, and wish her well in her future endeavors. There is a card in Garton Hall to sign for Donna. If you have questions, please contact Mary Beth Morgan.

WHAT TO DO & KNOW

Announcements & Additional Opportunities (con't)

SEEKING SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND A SUNDAY MORNING INFANT/TODDLER CAREGIVER

Please consider being a one-time each month volunteer Sunday school teacher. A curriculum and materials are provided. All efforts are made to accommodate volunteers to make the experience enjoyable and meaningful.

Additionally, a paid childcare position is open for the Sunday morning infant/toddler nursery from 9:30am - 12:00pm. St. Mark's is seeking a nurturing adult who can provide sound references and a love for infant and toddlers. This caregiver does not need to be a part of the St. Mark' congregation. Please contact Mary Beth Morgan if you or someone you know would like more information.

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP IS 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. Your commitment will only be to provide housing, but you would be welcome to join in on activities if your schedule permits. If you might be interested in hosting, please let us know (tinaacron@gmail.com or 812-322-8941).

THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND MEDIATION TRAINING

The Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM) is offering a 40 hour training for those interested in learning about conflict resolution, mediation, and restorative justice. The training will take place September 10, 11, 24, 25 & October 1. Tuition is \$300. Application and online registration available at www.cjamcenter.org. Contact Nancy Lumbley (812-339-6467 or nlumbley@comcast.net) for additional information or questions.

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Contact information for any of the above leaders
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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 the first Sunday of each month along with the Sunday worship bulletin, and thereafter are available at the Welcome Center Desk, at the main entrances to the building, or upon request by contacting the church office. UPCOMING @ ST. MARK'S is also available on our church website(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.

**ARTICLES FOR OCTOBER NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH.**

For more information, and to submit articles for publication, please contact the Church Office: 812-332-5788 or office@smumc.church.



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