

INTO THE FOLD MAY 2022

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Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn...

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

With the warmer weather approaching and staying more frequently, my thoughts drift to Mission Opportunities. Thinking about this summer's garden opens giving opportunities in my mind: Tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash squash squash and more.....squash.

Do you realize that anything that you do can turn into a Mission Opportunity? My love for knitting and quilting has filled my heart and mind with ways to give back to those I serve, those I love, and those I have not yet or may never meet.

My quilting friends, at Dunes Country Quilters, make several projects continuously. One being placemats the other comfort quilts. Both of these are projects, that work up quickly I might add and offer the project manager an opportunity to give from their hearts.

United Methodists believe that every Christian is called to reach out to our neighbors in love and service. Jesus taught us that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. John Wesley encouraged the early Methodists to live into that teaching by "doing good of every possible sort, and as far as possible,

to all people." (The General Rules of the Methodist Church.)

Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. Mission Opportunities created by you, or by programs such as United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, Mission Volunteers, provided through The General Board of Global Ministries, along with United Women in Faith can provide opportunities to serve and to live our callings more faithfully.

Projects are suggested by our Annual Conference yearly that our whole church family can help with as individuals, families, or groups. Suggested projects will be forth coming.

Our Rolling Prairie, United Women in Faith unit, has been introduced to Phil's Friends. This God based Faith organization shared their mission at our recent Spring Meeting held at Michigan City First United Methodist Church.

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, care or pray, you can help. This dedicated mission minded group provides love boxes (for Cancer patients everywhere, a name is simply required.) These gift boxes can include and are not just limited to a: Blanket, Puzzle Book (Word Search, Crossword, etc.), Hat, fuzzy socks,

lotion, tissue packet, Gift Card, toothbrush & toothpaste and much more. In the future we will set up a giving station within our own church. The opportunity to pack, decorate boxes, can be yours if you would like to visit this Crown Point, Indiana organization. Weekly, Phil's Friends send our greetings to those names given to them (You can help color these cards; we will provide the blank greeting card Phil uses.) Search your hearts and ask yourself, "what do I do that could serve others?"

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. **1 Peter 4:10**

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure, you use it will be measured back to you." **Luke 6:38**

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. **Hebrews 13:16**

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **Philippians 2:4**

Talk to me about what you love to do, whether or not you realize it, that

is where your Mission Opportunity begins.

Praying You Through,
Pastor JoEllyn

Bette's Bits & Bytes:

Never was very good at Math, but I can count...

I've become a counter recently... 5 hours, 24 hours, 48 hours, one week, two. One month, two, three, now four months, since God called Dave home...

Seems my go to word is Why? Why did it seem the knee replacement set into motion the progression of his liver cirrhosis? Why couldn't he have been healed so he could come home. Why did I do that? Why didn't I do this? Why did I say that? WHY? WHY? WHY?

At our recent home church group gathering, we read Psalm 138..

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with all my heart;

I will sing your praises before the gods.

² I bow before your holy Temple as I worship.

I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.

³ As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength.

⁴ Every king in all the earth will thank you, LORD,

for all of them will hear your words.

⁵ Yes, they will sing about the LORD's ways,

for the glory of the LORD is very great.

⁶ Though the LORD is great, he cares for the humble,

but he keeps his distance from the proud.

⁷ Though I am surrounded by troubles,

you will protect me from the anger of my enemies.

You reach out your hand,

and the power of your right hand saves me.

⁸ The LORD will work out his plans for my life—for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever.

Don't abandon me, for you made me.

In David Jeremiah's study bible it had this note before Psalm 138..

The One In Charge: God did not remove all David's troubles, even though he cried out for God to do so.. We are not to treat God as a genie in a lamp who grants all our whims and wishes. Sometimes God takes us out of our trouble but more often He stands with us and walks with us through it. God always answers when His children cry out to Him - every good father does. He may not answer in the way we want to be answered, or when we want to be answered, but He always answers. God will often give strength, or confidence, in our souls to help us face our trouble. Boldness and strength come not because we get everything, we want the exact moment we ask for it, but because God is in charge...

Our friend Susan Knowlton is struggling with these same questions, now.. I have no good answer.. Other than God knows... and we need to put our faith & trust in Him. Our loving God will put His strong, mighty arms around us and will whisper in our ears.. "I Love You, and will be with you during it all". God will carry us through...

Penny Derucki and I were talking and she asked if I heard this song,?

In The Time You Gave Me

I hadn't and went in and found it on Youtube... It is a fantastic song.. I wish I would of heard it before Dave flew home on His shoulders.. I think Dave would have pondered this over

in his mind, as I am doing now.. I often wonder am I doing enough?

Like the lyrics of the song says I myself, have most definitely strayed off the path & gone a little crazy. But hopefully not too far off the path or crazy did I go...

Go to Youtube and look for this song.. sung by Bradley Walker & Joey Feeks..

In The Time You Gave Me

In the time that you gave me
Did I give all I could give?
Did I love all I could love?
Did I live all I could live?
Was my faith in your grace strong
enough to save me?
Did I do all I could do in the time that
you gave me?

In the time that you gave me
Did I face the devil down?
Did I make him turn away every time
I stood my ground?
If today is the day you should decide
to take me
Did I do all I could do in the time that
you gave?

Oh and I'll never know 'til it's over
But I wanna fly on your shoulders
Might have strayed from the path
I might have gone a little crazy
I like to think I did you proud in the
time that you gave me

Oh and I'll never know 'til it's over
But I wanna fly on your shoulders
Might have strayed from the path
I might have gone a little crazy
I like to think I did you proud in the
time that you gave me

And as the hour glass empties, no it
won't even phase me
If I did all I could do in the time that
you gave me..

No matter what is going on in our lives, I know things are going to be alright, as long as I/we keep our sights set on the Father above...

Christ's Love to you all, Shalom,

Bette



After a two year hiatus the Best Years Group met at Jenny Rae's,

Wednesday April 20. Hosted by Iva Wasilewski, Iva said grace followed by a lot of lively conversations as all got caught up with everyone.

April Birthdays are Peg Zolman – 4-10, Jim Williamson - 4-17, Gail Dailey - 4-21,, Anniversaries 4-3 – Jeff & Bobette Elkins, 57 years...

Attendance prizes were won by: Myrna Everill, Pam Dixon, Lisa Tucker, JoEllyn Chadwick, Ben & Karen Rison, Cathy Strakowski, Bette Schaefer, and Joyce Blint. Others present: Linda Everingham, Gail Dailey, Lester Chadwick, Mary Kessler, Annette Clark..

Pastor JoEllyn will host the May Meeting... Until then Stay Vigilant, Stay Safe, & Stay Healthy.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are done with our Wesley Bible Studies series on Acts... Our next study is John The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. We will follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament.

Come join us for the discussion.

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday in May has a teacher that has signed up to teach.. Our goal is to have you teach only one Sunday every

other month.. We ask that you prayerfully consider being a teacher..

May 1 Penny M May 8 - Karen F

May 15 – Gretchen May 22 - Sue S

May 29 - Pam D

June Sign up on the Credenza..

June only has 2 more Sundays that need Teachers...

June 5 Deb & Courtney

June 12 Open

June 19 Open

June 26 Roseann

The book that is being used to teach from is fantastic... *Faith and Science with Dr. Fizzlebop* features 52 easy experiments kids and parents can do together once a week or at their convenience. Each experiment will have a how-to video featured in the free Fizzlebop Labs web series launching in fall '21. Building on Dr. Fizzlebop's desire to show kids how faith and science connect, each experiment connects to a devotional that allows kids to go deeper and learn about God's amazing design for everything around them. On average, each experiment takes 5 to 10 minutes and the devotional is an additional 5 minutes. Our expert and guide, Dr. Phineas Einstein Fizzlebop, is a bit quirky and maybe a little cheesy at times, but he is passionate about three things: God, science, and fizz—and all come together wonderfully at Fizzlebop Labs. Guest scientists (families) will journey through the Bible in an extravaganza of experiments and Bible studies full of fun, facts, and fizz. It has awesome science project lessons that relate to scripture, and a lesson plan... Our goal is to have you teach only one Sunday every other month.. We ask that you prayerfully consider being a teacher..

EVENTS & MEETINGS 2022

UMW Meeting Tues. May 10 – 9:30 a.m. Iva Hostess – Penny D Program

Best Years – Wednesday May 18, Noon Jenny Rae's



Missions & Outreach..

Thank you to those who have given to the

Kings Club to support the Missions of our church.

The Easter Breakfast was very good.. Thank you to the Missions & Outreach team for all the tasty breakfast foods.. \$330 given in donations,



May Anniversary

08 Dave & Virginia Bradford
11 Rick & Shirley Novak
17 Mike & Deb Harris
21 Thomas & Mallory Floyd
25 Neal & Suzanne Syverson
27 Aaron & Amanda Askew
29 Terry & Joann Nickerson
30 Ben & Karen Rison

May Birthday

01 Connie Smith
02 Morgan Phillips
07 Tonya Nickerson
07 Garret Obenchain
07 Shirl Sater
10 Jim Davis
10 Bette Schaefer
10 Kayla Witkowski
11 Karyn Schuck
16 Arlos Scofield
16 Stacey Moody
18 Amanda Askew
18 Bruce Parker
18 Benjamin Hakes
18 Dawn Swanson
18 Dennis Masek
18 Steve Everingham
19 Troy Nickerson
23 Lori McCarty
27 C.J. Daley
29 Jackie Watnick

30 Cory Parker
31 Anthony Nickerson



June Anniversary

- 01 Steve & Cheryl Lenig
- 06 Mike & Gretchen Krivak
- 13 Jason & Susy Lenig
- 14 Bruce & Barbara Parker
- 17 Herb & Arlos Scofield
- 18 Spike & Diane Siford
- 24 Tom & Jackie Wheatbrook
- 28 Mark & Carol Dillon Schuck
- 30 Scott & Jeannee Nordin

June Birthday

- 03 Michael Swanson
- 05 Linda Evingham
- 05 Bailey Lenig
- 06 Jason Lenig
- 08 Scott Hakes
- 09 Megan Lenig
- 11 Rick Novak
- 12 Alex Thresh
- 12 Elliot Thresh
- 16 Cheryl Lenig
- 16 Clifford Hughes
- 18 Paul Iwaszewski
- 20 Dean Tuholski
- 20 Kevin Wheatbrook
- 22 Cody Williamson
- 23 Arthur Lenig
- 24 Erik Richardson
- 24 Art Wasielewski Jr
- 25 June Lenig
- 28 Sharon Campos

If you have a need or you know someone that needs prayers, Call Pastor JoEllyn and she will relay to the next person to activate the Prayer Chain. Or you can call Bette at Church as well....

Pastor JoEllyn's Cell phone # for After Hours Emergency & Prayer Chain Request **(219)-363-5061**



Need plastic bags
MAY Food Pantry Needs...
Any Cereal – Fruit Cocktail
–Canned Cream Corn
Thursdays 8 am – Noon



Next Give Back day, for Food Pantry Fundraiser, is Wednesday, MAY 17th Let Culver's in LaPorte, fix breakfast, lunch, dinner, and they will donate 10% of net sales to the food pantry... Let the cashier know you are there for the kickback.. If you opt for the drive through tell the cashier to donate your receipt to the food pantry... Or if can't visit Culver's that day, just give what you would have spent, in donation to the Food Pantry



Bobette Elkins wants to thank every one for their thoughts & prayers during their recent health concerns.. She Asks to keep them coming as Jeff has a eye procedure coming up May 27th.....

We received this Thank You from Margaret Rimmer, "With Love and my prayers for all my Church Family, Margaret, And thank you for the cards you send, they mean a lot.



Our April 12, 2022 meeting began at 9:30 with a good group of ladies. (I forgot to count but we had a full long table!) Penny began the meeting by telling us she had re-thought her decision to step down as

president. We are grateful for her leadership! Penny gives her heartfelt dedication to serving this group and our church. Thank you, Penny! She told us that her hope for the meetings is that each one of us leaves the meeting feeling better than when we came! What a great goal!

Pastor JoEllyn opened with prayer, followed by food! While eating, we discussed cares and shares! We also read any correspondence received during the month. Myrna also read our devotion from the prayer book we are using.

Then discussed old business which included the district UMW meeting on April 23 at the Michigan City UM church. Anyone interested in attending will meet at the church at 8 am so that we can get there to register. Any materials collected for the Phil's collection will also be delivered that day.

New business was next on the agenda. Lucille Raines Residence is asking for extra help this year in replacing an elevator with a estimated cost of \$750,000. We will re-evaluate our money in fall as we currently give to them based on our membership number.

May 7 the Business Association in Rolling Prairie is hosting a craft fair at the VFW. Cost per table is \$20. The group thought about doing a table but that's the same day as the tea in Michigan City so anyone wanting to sell their own wares can get a table on their own.

We are planning on doing a fall tea this year and will have more information next month. We also would like to put our name in for hosting the spring district meeting in 2023. We did a district meeting before Covid and would like to do one again. Our building is quite nice for us to be able to host.

We finished plans for the Euchre night, April 30, with taco bar 4:30-6 pm, and cards at 6-9. All supplies were divided between members and the meat for

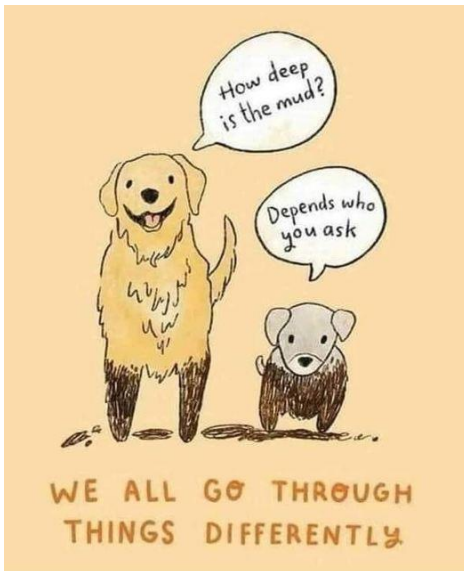
the taco bar has been donated. Penny and Bette are donating a \$50 gas card as a raffle item. We will meet at the church at 2:30 to set up. Cheryl and Rose will cook meat earlier on the day to be ready.

Our program for the day was chapters 9-12 from our Max Lucado book. This book has been extremely easy to read and has given us all much to think about. One question from these chapters was; if you knew Jesus was coming tomorrow, what would you do? Gave us all something to ponder! What would you do? Our busy meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is May 10, 9:30 am. We look forward to seeing everyone! And anyone that doesn't normally attend, we are inviting you! And if you need a ride, call me! I'll pick you up! Cheryl, 815-483-9539

We will be saving you a seat..

Cheryl Lenig
UMW secretary

This was on Pastor Dorothy's Facebook page...



This is definitely True...

Church Family Health & Such Update:

We've have a few of our family & friends here at church having some rough times...

Joe Knowlton is still at Millers Rehab in New Carlisle.. He'd love a visit.

While visiting Joe, stop & see Peg Zolman, she is at Millers N.C. as well..

Karen Fitzgerald will be having surgery May 3..

Scott Thieme continues to struggle with his lung health.. He was released to go home.. He is staying with his sister during Karen's surgery & recovery..

Wayne Kirkham had a successful knee replacement Apr 21, and is home recovering.. The pain from surgery is lessening each day.. He started rehab Wed Apr 27..

Margaret Rimmer struggles with her breathing. Effects of COPD..

Sharon Campos – Is doing better, but remains on oxygen for awhile longer..

RIP Willis Elkins, 04-28-2022
nephew Jeff & Bobette Elkins

Resting at Rainbow Bridge
Foxy – Beloved Granddog of
Pastor JoEllyn & Lester

Whatever comes our way we know
that You, God, are in Control...



Prayer List: Myrna Everill (stroke, LP Hospital), Pastor Dorothy, (ICU hospital for bleeding), Tina Young- Scherb

(heart health, friend of Bette) Evelin Hamilton (blood clot eye, Myrna's sister), Evelyn Pilar (Fell, back fracture & pain, mother Sherry Paul Iwaszewski), Sue Flagg (recovering Covid), Carrie Chadwick(back surgery went well), Shirley Kirkham (procedure Apr 7 went well), Wayne Kirkham (knee rplacement Apr 21). Jill Leuthardt (back surgery Apr 21 cancelled, daughter Joyce B.) Deb Harris (Cataract Surgery went well), Neal Syverson (recovering nicely at home), Shirl Sater (rehab fountain view), Tim Canfield (hospital, health issues, nephew Sherry Paul

Iwaszewski), Ronald Ashlock (needs lots rehab after surgery, brother-in-law Shirley Wayne Kirkham), Sharon Ashlock (stress sister Shirley Wayne), Lisa Tucker (health issues), Rollie Bell (Cleveland Clinic, new treatment partially successful, friend Bette), Iva Wasielewski, (Strength returning & gaining weight), Sharon Campos (doing better still on oxygen), Scott Theime (back in hospital, blood infection, hospice), Bobette Elkins (Health), Jeff Elkins (Health), Lynn Akey, (lung cancer, friend of Karen Fitzgerald), Olivia Heeg (doing better after rehab at Shriners, Penny Melton's Granddaughter), Pam Dixon (Chemo, Cancer), McKenzie Arford (Wisdom), Joe Knowlton (Miller's NC, health issues), Susan Knowlton (Health & well being), Margaret Rimmer (COPD Health Issue), Joy Hanscom, (feeling stronger, stage 4 breast cancer, friend of Bette's),

If you want someone to remain on or added please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette 219-778-2910



Eric Nieto US Army- grandson-in-law June Lenig

Kaily Collins Tirone, US Army granddaughter Marjorie Olah

David Armstrong US Army – grandson-in-law of Jean Snyder Garrett Obenchain Air Force Reserves - Son Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain. Grandson Rose Lenig

Dylan Elkins Air Force – brother of Brandon Elkins

Jacob Adams Army- grandson Chris Adams

Craig Carlson (pilot) Air Force – son Harold & Carrie Carlson

Matthew Chadwick Army – son Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick

Michael Showalter Marines -
grandson, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham

Matthew Rompca Air Force - nephew,
Shirley & Wayne Kirkham

Katelyn Williamson Marines -
Granddaughter of Jim Williamson



**Children's Sermon:
Show Your Love
By Your Actions**
Scripture 1 John

4:9-11, 21 (NIV) This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. I am sure that all of you know that Sunday May 8, is Mother's Day.

Do you think your mother likes to hear you tell her that you love her? Of course she does! But do you know what your mother would like even more? She would like for you to show her that you love her.

What are some ways you can show your mother that you love her? Well, you might help out around the house. You could clean your room or empty the trash. You could show her that you love her by obeying her when she tells you to do something. You can show her you love her by getting along with your brothers and sisters. It is easy to tell your mom that you love her, but, your actions will show it!

How about giving your mom a handmade card or a present for Mother's Day? If you draw you can draw her a picture. I really love getting drawings from my grandson. For Christmas I got a book with his

drawings in it.. I tell my grandson, Cj, that the greatest gift you can give to Mom is taking time to make a card for her.. He always bulks, doesn't know what to say, I give him ideas like, Maybe you could write, "Mom, you rock, You are the best, I love you!" He usually comes up with something "Just Perfect".. Every time, that handmade card & gift brings tears to her eyes.. Why? not because she is sad, but it touches her heart that Cj, went to the extra effort to show her how much he loves her, by making a card or gift from the heart... Then you know what that stinker does, with a smile, He hands me a handmade card, and guess what? Yep, my eyes have tears as well.. Then the best thing to get is a hug.. How I love those hugs, from my daughter & grandson... So maybe when you make Mom her card, make Grandma one too.. & don't forget that HUG!

Do you think that God likes to hear us tell Him that we love Him? I know He does.

But He likes it even better when our actions show Him that we love Him. How do we do that? The Bible tells us that, "God showed his love for us by sending His one and only Son so that we might live through him." It goes on to say that, "since God loved us so much, we ought to love one another." One of the best ways to show our love for God is to love one another. Yes, God likes to hear us say, "I love you," but He would rather see us say, "I love you."

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let's tell Mom that we love her, but more important, let's remember to show her that we love her. And as we worship today, let's tell God we love him, but more important, let's remember to show him we love him by loving one another.

Dear Lord, we have come to your house today to say, "I love you." Help us to go out of here today and show you that we love you by our actions. Amen.

From: https://sermons4kids.com/show_love.htm

**Euchre & Taco Night
Saturday April 30..**

Was a smashing success... If you didn't come you missed a really good and fun, fun, fun, time, and missed some really, & I mean really good tacos..

We had 36 people to feast on the tacos. & 32 played Euchre after the taco feast...

You had Your choice of hard or soft taco shells, or Chips to have a taco salad, or live dangerously and have all three.. There was Hot, Medium, Mild, & Avocado Salsa, Onions, Black Olives, Cheese, Tomatoes, Lettuce to adorn the taco's.. Did I mention the Taco's were DELICIOUS?

We had 3 Cash Prizes to award to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners..

Jeremy Obenchain was our big \$25 Dollar Winner, with a smoking, 7 games won ...

We had 5 players competing for 2nd place winner. They signed their names on their Euchre Tally Ticket and drew a name out of the bucket...

Linda Everingham, was the \$15 Dollar Winner, with a whopping 6 wins..

There were 8 players vying for 3rd place...

Danielle's name was plucked out of the bucket for a nifty \$10

3rd place Winner..

A few of our Card Playing friends stayed and helped knock down Card tables, put our regular tables back, up, & sweep the floor..

Thank You UMW Ladies, for all the work setting up, cooking the taco meat, chopping up the toppings, cleaning up in the kitchen.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated the burger, toppings, drinks, chips, snacks, gift cards and anything else...

Thank you to everyone who attended & made this event a success...





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May 2022
Dated Material

MAY 1, 2022
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalm 30 (UMH 762)
Acts 9:1-6
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

MAY 8, 2022
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

MAY 2022
SCRIPTURE READINGS
From UMC Lectionary Calendar

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Thurs 12 - 4

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Tues & Thurs
12 pm – 4 p.m.
Other times by
appointment

MAY 15, 2022
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalm 148 (UMH 861)
Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

MAY 22, 2022
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalm 67 (UMH 791)
Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

May 29, 2022
7th Sunday of Easter
Psalm 97 (UMH 816)
Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26