

May 2018



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## Paoli United Methodist Church



*LaMont's Lines*  
*May 2018*

### Prayer Blankets

If you would like your prayer blanket re-blessed, contact Annabelle Rominger at (812) 865-0927, (812) 723-3190 or [annrobertr@frontier.com](mailto:annrobertr@frontier.com).

### Defibrillator

An automatic defibrillator is located outside of the men's restroom in the sanctuary foyer.

### Easter people

We are to celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church, gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how to live life as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

### Free Car Seat Inspections

By appointment at 723-7474

### Need to Quit Smoking?

Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW

## No Menthol Sunday May 27, 2018

**A national observance day led by NAATPN, Inc., No Menthol Sunday has increased the opportunity for communities & churches to improve health outcomes for African Americans. Tobacco is still the number one killer of African Americans.**

**This year's theme, Find Your Way to Freedom, encourages people to be aware of the many methods to quit smoking which are available, and to be patient with the process of finding what works. The goal is to quit for good and remain free. Psalms 115: 45 celebrates the idea that we can walk in freedom when we are guided by the wisdom of the Most High. We believe that this requires prayer, culturally relevant cessation tools like PTF, and an active push to ensure young people don't start tobacco.**

### Why does Menthol Matter?

**Menthol is a candy flavor that makes it easier to smoke cigarettes. Most minorities, including African Americans who are smokers, smoke menthols. Most kids who start smoking try menthols first. The tobacco industry intentionally tries to get African Americans to buy menthol cigarettes.**

**Banning menthol cigarettes would save lives.**

# May 2018

## Sunday Service Times

8:15 A.M. Worship

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:15 A.M. Worship

6:00 P.M. Youth

## Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Thursday 8 A.M. to noon

| Sun   | Mon                              | Tue                 | Wed                                     | Thu   | Fri | Sat   |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----|---|
|   |                                  | 1                   | 2<br>Choir 7 P.M.<br>Choir kids 7 P.M.  | 3   | 4   | 5<br>Henderson<br>fellowship hall                                       |
| 6<br>Henderson<br>fellowship hall                     | 7<br>Ad Council 7 P.M.           | 8<br>Finance 7 P.M. | 9<br>Choir 7 P.M.<br>Choir kids 7 P.M.  | 10<br>Little Creations<br>Graduation 6 P.M.<br>fellowship hall &<br>sanctuary | 11  | 12  |
| 13<br>Mother's Day<br>Graduation Sunday<br>Jr. church | 14                               | 15                  | 16<br>Choir 7 P.M.<br>Choir kids 7 P.M. | 17<br>Lay Leadership<br>6:30 P.M.   | 18  | 19<br>Jim Atkinson<br>memorial service<br><br>High school<br>graduation |
| 20<br>Trustees 6 P.M.                                 | 21<br>Newsletter articles<br>due | 22                  | 23<br>Choir 7 P.M.<br>Choir kids 7 P.M. | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27<br>Jr. church                                      | 28                               | 29                  | 30<br>Choir 7 P.M.<br>Choir kids 7 P.M. | 31  |     |   |

### May sermon titles & texts

May 6 Communion Sunday  
*"Love One Another"*  
 John 15:9-17

May 13 Christian Education Sunday  
*"Gethsemane Prayer"*  
 John 17:6-19

May 20 Food Pantry Sunday  
*"The Counselor"*  
 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27 Missions Sunday  
*"Is God with You?"*  
 John 3:1-17

### Particular Sunday Emphases

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Communion Sunday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month - Christian Education/Junior Church Sunday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month - Food Pantry/Altar Call Sunday
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Mission Moment/Junior Church Sunday
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Stewardship Moment/Altar Call Sunday

### May Altar Flowers

May 6 open  
 May 13 Bill & Betty Cromwell  
 May 20 open  
 May 27 open

See altar flowers clipboard  
 across from church office for  
 more information.

**Information for the June  
 newsletter needs to be  
 submitted by May 21.**

Following in the Footsteps of Jesus John 8:15



## **The Paoli United Methodist Church Celebrating 50 years**

### **How complicated was it to merge the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the Paoli United Methodist Church?**

The two local churches were located within two blocks of each other and both were needing larger parking lots but no nearby land was available. After the General Conference in Dallas, Texas, in 1968, the pastors of the two local churches met to consider a merger.

Since the two churches had similar emphasis in Christian education, passion and evangelistic concerns, that part seemed easy...it was the logistics that took effort, for instance:

- what to name the new church,
- the need to name a pastor for the new church,
- how to merge Sunday School classes,
- how to merge the youth groups, the men's and women's groups,
- which churches' hymnals would the new church use,
- what to do, if anything, with the two church buildings,
- what to do, if anything, with the two parsonages,
- how to combine the funds of both churches,
- the need to name new committees,
- the need to decide the fate of the cemetery owned by one of the churches, and
- the need to survey, plus listen and respect the surveys of the memberships in order to arrive at a successful merger



The above list was only part of a larger list...many formal and informal discussions were held...many prayers were said.

### **After the decisions were made regarding the merger, did everyone agree to join the new church?**

No, sadly, there were a few members who decided they could not go along with the merger and withdrew their membership.

### **With some members withdrawing, was the merger considered a success?**

The merger of the two churches here in Paoli was a huge success. In fact, our merger was used as a model for other churches considering a merger.

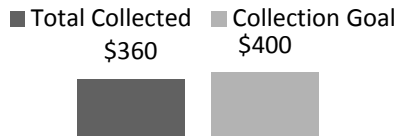
**(Watch June's newsletter for more answers to your questions.)**

Betty Cromwell  
Church Historian

**Mission****Blankets of Love\***

\*quarterly goal of \$400

April - June 2018



**Mission Moment Sunday**  
**May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**both**  
**worship services**



**Promoting Our  
Church in the  
Community**

**Monday- Friday  
Faith Break  
WUME**

**Weekly - the Paoli  
News Republican  
church section -  
worship schedule.**

**24/7**

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Google Reviews**

**During the Spring/  
Summer baseball  
season sign on the  
fence of field #2  
Paoli Community  
Park.**

### **Teaching Gratitude**

**Set up tables for a  
meal and supply  
questions to inspire  
conversations  
about gratitude.  
For example, "What  
is a recent  
experience where  
you were surprised  
or felt blessed?"  
"When in the past  
month did God or a  
family member,  
friend, or neighbor  
give you some  
help?"**

**One of the mission's the Paoli United Methodist church supports**

### **Gateway Ministries**

**308 S. Oak St.  
Paoli, IN 47454**

**Greetings,**

**This is a formal invitation to the annual community Hopefest on the  
square in Paoli, Indiana, June 9, 2018, from 2-9 P.M.**

**Our purpose... Spread the Love of Jesus to our communities.**

**Last year was our first year, and with great success. Lost souls were  
saved. We have baptisms, music, prayer, testimonies and we are open for  
suggestions. Many members, one body.**

**We are reaching out for help and support in the mighty name of Jesus.  
Our communities are suffering from the drug epidemic, and we are taking  
Jesus to the streets, right down town to spread the gospel and minister the  
Love of Jesus Christ. It's time to come together as one body to spread the  
Hope and Love of Jesus Christ throughout our communities. For more  
information please call, text or e-mail us.**

**Grace and peace to you,  
See you soon!**

**Bryan & Amy Lomax**

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**Amy Lomax (812) 653-3570, [Larimore3@gmail.com](mailto:Larimore3@gmail.com)**

### **Elementary Sunday school classes' mission project**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school classes  
will apply their penny collection to  
the negative lunch balances at Paoli schools.**

**Jar located on table in church foyer.**



**Remember Paoli United Methodist Church in you will. Contact Skip  
Lambdin, endowment chair, at [skipl1963@gmail.com](mailto:skipl1963@gmail.com) or 812-345-3873.**

# **Little Creations**

## **Early Preschool/Preschool/**

**contact**

**Little Creations (812) 723-4291**  
**cmarmywife@gmail.com**

First Responders from IU Health Paoli Hospital, Paoli Fire Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department & AirEvac Lifeteam paid a visit to our Preschool April 11<sup>th</sup>. The children had a wonderful time exploring the emergency vehicles and learning how the First Responders help others.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> we will have our Graduation Program. The Early Preschool program will be at 6:00 P.M. and the Preschool program will follow at 7:00 P.M. I am looking forward to a great turn out to help celebrate the children's accomplishments.

I would like to say that I have been blessed to have the opportunity work with such wonderful and caring Christians. It is awesome to serve the Lord with such wonderful support.

Love in Christ,

Miss Cindy

**Preschool Classes:**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
**8:30 –11:30 A.M.**

**Monday-Friday**  
**8:30 –11:30 A.M.**

**Early Preschool Classes:**

**Monday & Wednesday**  
**12:30-3:30 P.M.**

**Tuesday, Thursday**  
**8:30 –11:30 A.M.**

**Preschool director**  
**Cindy Murphy**

**Teachers**  
**Tina Benham**  
**Jeanette Kintz**

**Substitute**  
**Lesa Farlow**



## **Inch by Inch It's a Cinch**

### **Junior church helps increase**

### **Sunday school attendance in April**

**Talk to Rachel Bowen who is one of the teachers for the Kindergarten class for more information on our growth in this age group. Also teaching the class is Megan Bradley and Julie Babcock Ralston.**

**Folks, I need a team of 3-4 other teachers to help start a new 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Junior church during the 10:15 service. The life blood of the church is the volunteers; no volunteers, no programs. Incremental growth is showing itself in this age group. I do not want to lose momentum and stall out. Talk to Anthony Bradley or Nita Benales to help you get an idea of what's involved. Are you willing to make disciples for Jesus Christ?**



## Celebrations & Member Care

### Lifting up others in prayer and giving thanks

The earnest, heartfelt, continued prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available – dynamic in it working. James 5:16 AMP

#### Celebrations

Senior Recognition Sunday – May 13, 2018

Congratulations to Garrett Vincent & Kyle Marshall on receiving the Christian Education Scholarships. We will be honoring the two seniors in the 10:15 service which will take place on Mother's Day.

In the newspaper –

- Jackie Bosley received a book of poems from the students about Pi Day. "It was very touching and many of the poems made me emotional when I read them later that day," said Bosley. "I am thrilled that Pi Day has become a popular event at PHS and it is the one thing that I will miss the most in retirement. I Love Pi Day!"
- Betty Cromwell
- Rosemary Noble
- Avery Rogers
- Maggie Vincent
- Claire Cornwell

In March we began sending out the newsletter by e-mail and putting it on our website. These are the people who will be receiving a paper copy of the newsletter by first class mail:

Bud & Mary Alice Caraway,  
Karen Coulter,  
Bill & Betty Cromwell,  
Martha Denny,  
Greg & Lesa Farlow,  
Jim & Elizabeth Faulkner,  
Cody & Daria Hall,  
Larry & Jann Jones,  
Skip & Martha Lambdin,  
Kevin & Rhonda Mills,  
Harold Minton,  
Marilyn Qualkenbush, and  
Duane & Mary Alice Radcliffe

#### Medical Concerns

LeRoy Boyer  
Deegan Epperson,  
Madalyn Harmon,  
Christina Harris,  
Mary Margaret McCoy  
(recovering from a stroke),  
Paulette Purkhiser  
Jerry Stroud's recovery  
Mert Stroud

#### Cancer Concerns

Rex Babcock  
Jeremy Hicks  
Joyce Schaar  
Sarah Windhorst

#### Condolences

Family of Jim Atkinson

#### Weddings

None

#### Baptisms

Beau Hannon  
April 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Births

Jonathan Edward Gardner  
son  
of  
Katie & Jeff Gardner  
grandson  
of  
Ed & Diane Wheeler



#### A Mother's Reward

I do not ask that you repay  
The hours of toil and pain;  
The sacrifice of youth and  
strength  
Shall not have been in vain.

I do not ask for gratitude  
But only this, my child,  
That you shall live your life so  
well  
My gifts be not defiled.

The nights I watched beside  
your crib,  
The years of love and care  
Will amply be repaid if once  
I see you standing there;

An upright and an honest soul  
On whom success has  
smiled,  
That I may say with humble  
pride—

"That is my child!"

—Freeman Lathrop

#### Members in nursing & retirement facilities

Martha Denny Rm. 119, Mary Margaret McCoy Rm. 101  
**Bliss House**, 3008 S. Shawnee Dr. Bedford, Indiana 47421

Rosemary Noble Rm. 123A  
**Garden Villa**, 2111 Norton Ln. Bedford, Indiana 47421

Betty Jo Henderson Rm. 402 Helen Roberts Rm. 212  
**Paoli Health & Living**, 559 W. Longest St., Paoli, IN 47454

Pastor visits the homebound & retirement  
facilities once a month with Harold Minton.



Please keep our church  
coconut oil and peanut  
free for those members  
who are allergic.



## Trustees Report

**As part of our ministry and mission outreach the Trustees have given approval for the Cub and Boy Scouts to use our building free of charge.**

## Building Use Policy

**Use of the building for official church functions will have priority over use by nonmembers with 90 day prior approval. Use of the church building by any individual or groups must be approved by the Trustees and scheduled through the church office. No event will be scheduled more than one year in advance.**

## Child Protection

**As part of our child protection policies, we will be locking the East door of the church at 10:15 A.M Sunday mornings.**



### *Face the Wind*

Don't be afraid of opposition;  
a kite rises against the wind,  
not with it.

## Praying for Success

**As Your word is taught,  
we ask You to cause  
people to open their  
spiritual eyes and ears  
that they might turn  
from darkness to light  
– from the power of  
Satan to You. Father –  
and that they will  
personally confess  
Jesus as their Lord.**

## Our church website and other Internet information

**If you have information or pictures for our church website, send them to Bob Cromwell at [bob.cromwell@comcast.net](mailto:bob.cromwell@comcast.net).**

**Google Reviews are the front porch of America, where you find out what is going on in your neighborhood. If you write a review:**

1. On your computer, open Google Maps and make sure you're signed in.
2. Search for a place.
3. Click Write a review.
4. In the window that appears, click the stars to score the place. If you want, you can also write a review.

## Suggestions on what to post to Google Review.

1. Make a point to regularly (once a week) post something.
2. Say something meaningful. Don't just say "My church is nice." Useful post might be something like "I enjoyed today's sermon about..." or "We had a good discussion in class about..." or "I'm looking forward to..."

## Red Envelopes

**The purpose of the red envelopes is to acknowledge a blessing or service to the church. Coming soon to a mailbox near you!**

## Local AA meetings

### Paoli

Mondays, 10 A.M.; New Hope Christian Church  
Tuesdays, 8 P.M.; Paoli Wesleyan Church

### Orleans

Wednesdays, 8 P.M.; American Legion Post 69

### French Lick

Sundays, 7 P.M.; Springs Valley Wesleyan Church  
Wednesdays 7 P.M. Beechwood Christian Church

For up to date changes on AA meetings visit:  
<http://www.district10.area23aa.org>

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Rev. Dr. LaMont Bonath, pastoral care specialist, AAPC

## Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

Junior Church May 13 & 27      10:15 service

Access church website  
using the quick response  
code.



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### May Helpers

#### Greeters

May 6 Diane Dillard  
May 13 Jr./Sr. High Youth  
May 20 Rachel Bowen & Karen Coulter  
May 27 Billy & Holly Vincent

Please contact Lesa Farlow at  
[l.farlow82@frontier.com](mailto:l.farlow82@frontier.com) or (812) 723-2333 if you are  
unavailable as a greeter for any of the above dates.

#### Acolytes

May 6 Eric & Dee Ann Harmon  
May 13 Megan & Emma Bradley  
May 20 Andrew & Austin Benales  
May 27 Libby Newkirk & Harper Ralston

Please contact Dee Ann Harmon at  
[deeharmon1@frontier.com](mailto:deeharmon1@frontier.com) or (812) 521-6822 if you  
are unavailable as an acolyte for any of the above  
dates.

#### Worship Leaders

May 6 Howard Detweiler  
May 13 Howard Detweiler  
May 20 Jim Bowen  
May 22 Jim Bowen

### May Anniversaries

14 Bill & Betty Cromwell  
Larry & Jann Jones  
20 Matthew & Courtney Pope  
26 Curt & Carrie Shinkle  
30 Darren & Jessica Fortner  
Brad & Sarah Walker

### May Birthdays

2 Karen Foster  
3 Dee Ann Harmon  
8 CJ Fleenor  
10 Gunner Wellman  
11 Courtney (Walker) Pope  
16 Eric Harmon  
17 Brack Coulter  
18 Jeremy Wellman  
21 Emma Bradley  
22 Mike Benham  
24 Mika (Eubank) Bolin  
27 Denise Bruner  
29 Lauren Mathers  
31 Tyler Kumpf