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The Bishop's
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December 2018

Greetings,

Our long-standing partnership with Mission Guatemala has impacted hundreds of lives not only in Guatemala but here in Indiana. I know that many of our clergy and laity have been personally impacted by the great work happening through programs like Mission Guatemala's "Como Saludable" or "I Eat Healthy" Program.

In a country where over 46.5% of children suffer from chronic malnutrition, especially in the rural Mayan villages, this weekly program provides a hearty and nutritious meal to vulnerable children each week. In addition, the program provides opportunities for mothers, teachers, and other members of the community to learn new recipes and food preparation methods to utilize in their homes. This ministry has provided a positive impact in both the overall nutrition of the children, as well as, in fostering cooperation and collaboration between the various families and school staff.

We will continue to see and hear stories like this in the days, months, and years to come as God continues to go before us.

As in the past, Christmas Offering funds received this year will be allocated by percentages. The offering will be divided to meet the needs of these children's ministries:

- **IMPACT 2818**, the Indiana Conference Camping program, will receive 20 percent to go to first-time campers and children in need;
- The three Indiana United Methodist-related children and youth homes will receive 20 percent;
- Local outreach projects will receive 20 percent;
- United Methodist Advance Projects (national and global) will receive 20 percent;
- Bishop's fund for emerging children's projects and the promotion of this offering will receive 20 percent.

Programs supported by this offering are selected by the Conference Mission and Justice Team and approved by the Conference Special Offering Committee. These ministries are among those endorsed by our United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries or on the Conference Advance Specials list.

My hope is that as we progress toward becoming a fully missional church, we will continue to build on our generosity towards ministries that focus on health, development, and well-being of all children across the world.

On behalf of the countless children whose lives will be changed as a result of this offering. I thank you.

Be encouraged,
Bishop Julius C. Trimble
Resident Bishop
Indiana Area

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**Jr. Church
December 9th**

**Youth Christmas
Program**

December 16th

10:15 service

Christmas Cantata

December 23rd

10:15 service

**New hours for the
church office -**

Monday-Thursday:

8 A.M. – 3 P.M.

(closed for lunch 12-1)

Friday: closed

effective 12/3/18

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.

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



Sunday Service Times

8:15 A.M. Worship
 9:00 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
 10:15 A.M. Worship

Office Hours

(closed for lunch 12-1)

Monday-Thursday 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.
 Friday closed
 (for emergencies, call 812.653.0063)
 effective 12/3/18

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Confirmation 2 P.M. Youth Christmas program practice 6-7 P.M.	3 Boy Scouts 385 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	4 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	5 Choir 7 P.M.	6 Parent Café 4:30-7:15 P.M. Fellowship Hall	7 office closed	8
9 Confirmation 2 P.M. Youth Christmas program practice 6-7 P.M.	10 Little Creations Christmas Program 5-8:30 P.M. Sanctuary/F. Hall	11 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	12 Choir 7 P.M.	13	14 office closed	15
16 Youth Christmas Program 10:15 service Confirmation 2:00	17 Boy Scouts 385 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	18 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	19 Little Creations 8:00-3:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall Choir 7 P.M.	20 Little Creations 8:00-3:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall	21 office closed	22
23 Christmas Cantata "Beautiful Star" 10:15 service	24 office closed Christmas Eve	25 office closed Merry Christmas!	26	27	28 office closed	29
30	31					

December sermon titles & texts

December 2 Communion Sunday
 "Wait & Watch"
 Luke 21:25-36

December 9 Christian Education Sunday
 "John the Baptist"
 Luke 3:1-6

December 16 Food Pantry Sunday
 "What Will We Do?"
 Luke 3:7-18

December 23 Missions Sunday
 "Servant of God"
 Luke 1:39-45

December 30 TBA

Particular Sunday Emphases

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

December Altar Flowers

December 2 Jim Faulkner
 December 9
 December 16 Philip & Janis Easterday
 December 23 Anthony & Megan Bradley
 December 30

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

**Information for the
 January newsletter
 needs to be submitted
 by December 17th.**

*Christmas Eve
 Services*

7:00 P.M.
 11:00 P.M.



Proclaiming Christ through Instagram
by: Megan Bradley



Habakkuk 2:2

2Then the Lord replied:

“Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.”

Instagram is a social networking app (or application – a piece of software that can run through a web browser on a computer, smart phone, tablet, or other electronic device) allowing users to share photos and videos with their followers. The company was founded by two Stanford graduates in 2010 and now has around 200 million users. While Instagram’s basic premise is photo sharing, the apps popularity comes from its picture editing functionality.

The app allows individuals to create personal profiles. It can also connect to other existing Internet sites such as Facebook, Twitter, or our church website.

Some may be familiar with the word *hashtag*. As an Instagram user you can hashtag any letters, words, or phrases you want when you post a photo. Once you’ve posted your photo with the hashtag, anyone that follows you on Instagram can then click the hashtag. When clicking the hashtag, they will see all other photos across the Instagram cyber-world with the same hashtag. For example, if one were to hashtag, #PUMC, you are likely to find several photos from our church members, along with other photos from Methodist Churches all over the country.

Very cool, huh? What is also cool is any of your hundreds of followers can click on your hashtag, #PUMC, and they will then be directed to our Instagram page to find photos of church happenings, along with a link to our church website.

The idea for a PUMC Instagram page branches much beyond just photos. While we are excited to have a place for our congregation to share photos, we are also eager to connect our ministry with those outside of our congregation, too.



**Congratulations, Catherine
Henderson!**

**Catherine was the recipient of
the 2018 Golden Deed Award.
She was nominated by
Maggie Vincent.**

**The Golden Deed Awards are
given to those to honor their
hard work and dedication to
their community.**

Little Creations

Our Preschool class had wonderful time learning about the First Helping program! We have had several donations.

Both the Preschool and Early Preschool classes learned about our Thanksgiving holiday. We shared in a small feast of Friendship Salad and a Friendly Snack Mix. Each child brought in an item to add to our Thanksgiving celebration.

This month both classes will be learning about the true meaning of Christmas. We will be working on songs for our upcoming Christmas program on the 10th of December @ 6:30 pm. The children are getting very excited about Christmas!

Wishing you and all of your families a very Merry Christmas from all of us at Little Creations Preschool!

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

What Happens at our Youth Group Meeting?

The Paoli United Methodist Youth Group meets most Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the home of Eric and Dee Ann Harmon. The participants range in age from 7th graders to high school seniors. Co-leader, Catherine Henderson, contacts the students during the week before the meeting with the date, time, menu and subject of discussion (if that is known beforehand). Dee Ann cooks a meal for the kids and dinner is served as soon as they arrive. Typically, the kids eat at one table and the adult leaders, Eric, Dee Ann, Catherine, and sometimes Matt are at a separate table, allowing space for conversation.

After eating the kids go to the basement for informal games (pool, ping pong) and continued conversation. In the final 20 minutes, Eric gathers the group for a discussion. At the last meeting, the discussion was about loving relationships. The material was drawn from a book by C.S. Lewis title, The Four Loves. Our discussion explained each of the four loves with a picture to illustrate each type:

Affection 1st Love

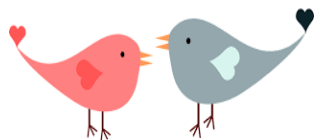


Affection is the warm feeling we have for people who just happen to be around us – our family, classmates, and co-workers. We didn't choose these people; we just grew to like them. Lewis says 90% of our happiness is rooted in this type of love. The pitfall of affection is jealousy. We must apply Agape (God's love, the fourth love) to avoid this – we must want good for the people around us, even when they are away from us enjoying time with others.

Friendship 2nd Love



Friendship is the special bond between people who share a common interest. You can picture friends standing side-by-side looking at something else, something for which they share a passion. Young people sometimes feel anxious about being excluded from certain circles of friends. Most often, it's not because they aren't liked; it is because they don't share the same passion. Agape reminds friends to look outside of the circle and demonstrate affection for those who don't share the same interests.

Romantic Love 3rd Love

Romantic Love (or Eros) is the love expressed for a significant other. When you say you're "in love", this is the kind of love you are "in". This love is a wonderful, overwhelming feeling; one that can make a face turn pink when it is good and make the face turn pale when it goes bad. If friends are pictured side-by-side, then lovers are pictured face-to-face, totally absorbed in each other. Romantic love leads us to make big promises, but alone, it can't keep the big promises it makes; Agape must take over to sustain the flame that the spark of Romantic love started.

Agape 4th Love

Agape (God's Love), in the simplest sense, is wanting good for another. It is the love that perfects all relationships. It causes us to suppress our feeling of jealousy when those in our immediate circle sometimes choose to be with others. It keeps us aware of the exclusive aspect of friendship. It helps us to transform the highly emotional state of infatuation into a deep unity with our significant other. We aren't capable of earning God's love; we receive it as a gift. God's example moves us to extend His (unearned) love to others. And when we do, those who receive it are warmed by it and are drawn to us.

After the discussion, Catherine outlines plans for upcoming activities. The Youth Group will distribute food during the upcoming Holiday Season. The meeting closes with a prayer.

If you know a young person who might like to attend our Youth Meetings, please share their contact information with Catherine Henderson – (cell phone (812) 653-0491, e-mail c3564@hotmail.com).

College Outreach by Dave Mathers

The PUMC Jr-Sr High School Sunday school class & Sunday evening youth baked cookies and prepared 31 college care packages in the month of October. The packages were mailed to:

Alexa Brewster	Connor Henderson	Elizabeth Stemle
Olivia Brewster	Andrew Iacobelli	Morgan Silvers
Megan Bosley	Ali Kerby	Rhiannon Scott
Larry Burgess	Kyle Marshall	Ryan Tow
Harrison Burton	Callie Mathers	Shelby Tow
Myranda Burton	Shelby Meredith	Cooper Trinkle
Claire Cornwell	Zoe Minton	Garrett Vincent
Burton Gerkin	Reagan Moorman	
Duncan Gerkin	Sydney Neal	
McKenzi Goebel	Justin Ordonez	
Alex Hardewig	Ben Payton	
Vanessa Hickman	Hadleigh Smith	

Isaiah 41:10

¹⁰So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

"A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words"

This phrase emerged in the U.S. in the early part of the 20th century. Its introduction is widely attributed to Frederick R. Barnard, who published a piece commending the effectiveness of graphics in advertising with the title, "One Look Is Worth A Thousand Words", in *Printer's Ink*, December 1921.

Check out our new Instagram account: @paoliumc

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

In the newspaper –

Dr. Vic Combs
River Fleming
Charles Lane
Rosemary Noble
Harold Minton
Mary Alice Radcliffe



Seen in the Paolite –

River Fleming
Aaron Hannon
Michael Hannon
Lexi Stroud
Maggie Vincent



Medical Concerns

LeRoy Boyer
Mike Burton
Betty Cromwell
Larry Evans
Christina Harris
Paulette Purkhiser

Cancer Concerns

Rex Babcock
Joyce Schaar
Sarah Windhorst



Getting to know members of the Confirmation Class of 2018

by: Lily Hall (7th grade)



This year I showed my rabbit for the fourth year in a row. The first year I showed my rabbit I got second place. The second year I got fourth place. The third year I got second place, and this year I got fourth place. I also make a rabbit poster every year. Three years in a row my poster has gone to state fair and got first. If you have a project go to state fair when it gets back you will be invited to an award banquet and get a trophy or a plaque. It is very hard to get to state fair because there are a lot of people in your class. At state fair you will also get first or second. If the judges think you did better than first, you will get a special merit.

I really like the competition and I like the learning experience that I get from showing my rabbit and making the posters.

When showing a rabbit you will bring your rabbit to a wooden box and then the judge will come over and look at your rabbit and tell you what is good and what is bad. After the judge looks at all of the rabbits, they will tell you the place you got. This is my experience showing rabbits.

Love Offering

As in years past, the Staff-Parish committee is seeking a love offering for our staff. You can give your offering to any committee member.

Please make checks payable to PUMC

Sincerely,

Jim Bowen - chair

Linda Barnett
Jim Bowen
Howard Detweiler
Janis Easterday
Darrell Newkirk
Annabelle Rominger
Jerry Stroud
Holly Vincent

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2018

Greetings to our Dear Friends & Family,

Donna continues to work for LifeLine Youth & Family services. As of December 2018, Donna has been working for LifeLine for six years. She works as a Supervising Therapist, one of nine people, with oversight responsibilities for other mental health staff working for the company in Indiana.

LifeLine is a home-based therapy company with Christian values. One of the regions which Donna is responsible is the Evansville area. It has experienced a rapid increase in demand for home-based therapy. Donna works out of the parsonage using the Internet to keep in contact with several groups of staff in different regions of Indiana. She is away five days each month visiting Terre Haute, Evansville & New Albany.

As of September 1, LaMont has been at PUMC for three years. LaMont continues his studies as a pastoral care specialist under the supervision of the Dr. P.T. Wilson. In his spare time, LaMont has been working with one of our church youth, Dakota Detweiler, to build a fire break on the North side of the parsonage property, keeping the grass mowed along the gravel driveway & also clearing the South hill of weeds & replacing the weeds with grass.

Merry Christmas,

Donna & LaMont



Blankets of Love*
*quarterly goal
**October-December
2018**

Total Collected \$240
Collection Goal \$400

Members in nursing & retirement facilities

Martha Denny Rm. 119
Bliss House, 3008 S. Shawnee Dr.
Bedford, Indiana 47421

Mary Margaret McCoy
Westview Nursing Center, 1510
Clinic Dr.
Bedford, IN 47421

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

Bud Caraway Rm. 407B, Bill
Cromwell Rm. 306,
Betty Jo Henderson Rm. 402
Paoli Health & Living, 559 W.
Longest St.
Paoli, IN 47454

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

Missions

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/Adult Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Worship


Junior Church December 9th 10:15 service

Little Creations Christmas Program December 10th

Youth Christmas Program December 16th


Christmas Cantata December 23rd

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using the quick response
code.



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December Helpers

Greeters

- December 2 Bob & Sarah Seidner
- December 9 Rachel Bowen & Karen Coutler
- December 16 Duane & Mary Alice Radcliffe
- December 23 Jr. & Darlene McBride
- December 30 Greg & Lesa Farlow

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

Acolytes

- December 2 Maggie Vincent & Clara Henderson
- December 9 Tyler Hannon & Colton Henderson
- December 16 No acolytes – Youth program
- December 23 No acolytes – Christmas Cantata
- December 30 Kalyn Hannon & Libby Newkirk

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

Worship Leaders

- December 2 Jim Bowen
- December 9 Jim Bowen
- December 16 Howard Detweiler
- December 23 Howard Detweiler
- December 30 Jim Bowen

December Anniversaries

- Dec. 11 Bert & Dee Pedigo
- Dec. 18 David & Karen Foster
- Dec. 25 Brack & Karen Coulter
- Dec. 31 Howard & Judy Detweiler

December Birthdays

- Dec. 1 Mary Alice Caraway
Emma Fortner
Jeanette Kintz
- Dec. 8 Elizabeth Faulkner
- Dec. 10 Nancy Lumley
- Dec. 14 Janis Easterday
- Dec. 16 Stella Windhorst
Willson Windhorst
- Dec. 18 Sarah Seidner
- Dec. 20 Ryan Eubank
Roarke Sparks
- Dec. 22 Kevin Mills
- Dec. 27 Kate Gardner
Holly Vincent
- Dec. 31 Abby Newkirk