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LaMont's Lines
February 2019

Appreciative Inquiry – Stage 1

In every church there are usually three groups of people with varying degrees of understanding about what's taking place internally.

The first group usually attends 3 out of 4 Sundays a month, is part of the leadership structure, and reads most of the current information on the web site and bulletins. The second group of people attends 1 to 2 Sundays a month. The third group usually attends 2-3 times a quarter. With Appreciative Inquiry, we need to reach all three groups.

The first challenge is to raise awareness about the Appreciative Inquiry. What is it? How does it function? To reach each of these three groups and raise the awareness level requires a certain amount of repetition of key information over a period of time. As mentioned in past newsletters, we are in our 3rd 18 month cycle – July 2018 to December 2019. In the last 11 months of 2019 I will be working with our committees to define the best practices of Paoli United Methodist Church. Or to put another way, we will begin the Discovery stage of Appreciative Inquiry.

What gives life to our congregation? This stage will require us to be good listeners; as others tell stories.

After carefully listening to others, we need to ask ourselves what are some of the positive kernels of truth we can use to shape a future for Paoli United Methodist Church based on the story I have just been told?

On Sunday, January 13th you were asked to fill out information sheets. The information you provided will guide your pastor in developing and placing positively focused questions to each church committee, in our discovery/dreaming stage of Appreciative Inquiry.

(If you have not done so, please turn in your information sheets to the church office.)

“Appreciative Inquiry seeks out the best of ‘what is’ to help ignite the collective imagination of ‘what might be.’ The aim is to generate new knowledge which expands the “realm of the possible” and helps members of an organization envision a collectively desired future and to carry forth the vision in ways which successfully translates images of intentions into reality and belief into practice.”

– Cooperrider & Whitney

What gives life to our congregation?

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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.

Jr. Church

February 10 & 24

Youth will meet

February 10, 17 & 24

6:00 P.M.

Harmon's

Critical Blood Shortage

PUMC Blood Drive

March 19th

3-7 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

Our church's goal

25 pints of blood

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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.

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Communion	4 Boy Scouts 385 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall Ad Council mtg. 7 P.M.	5 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-8 P.M. Fellowship Hall	6 Choir practice 7 P.M.	7	8	9
10 Youth Harmon's 6:00 P.M. Jr. Church 10:15 service	11	12 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-8 P.M. Fellowship Hall Staff Parish mtg. 6 P.M. Finance mtg. 7 P.M.	13 Choir practice 7 P.M. Little Creations Fellowship Hall 8 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.	14 Little Creations Fellowship Hall 8:30A.M.-11:30 P.M.	15	16
17 Youth Harmon's 6:00 P.M. Food Pantry	18 Boy Scouts 381 4:45-7 P.M. Fellowship Hall	19 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-8 P.M. Fellowship Hall Trustees mtg. 7 P.M.	20 Choir practice 7 P.M.	21 IYI Fellowship Hall 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.	22	23
24 Youth Harmon's 6:00 P.M. Jr. Church 10:15 service	25 Little Creations Fellowship Hall 8-11:30 Cub Scouts 4:45-7 P.M.	26 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-8 P.M. Fellowship Hall	27 Choir practice 7 P.M.	28	construction to shore up northeast corner of church	

February sermon titles & texts

February 3 Communion Sunday
"The Way of Excellence"
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

February 10 Christian Education Sunday
"Astonishment"
 Luke 5:1-11

February 17 Food Pantry Sunday
"Reversal"
 Luke 6:17-26

February 24 Missions Sunday
"Measure for Measure"
 Luke 6:27-38

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

February Altar Flowers

All Sundays in October are open

February 3
 February 10
 February 17
 February 24

See altar flowers clipboard across from church office for information.

Information for the March newsletter needs to be submitted by February 18th.

February is Black History Month

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

Seen in the newspaper –

Matt Henderson

“40 years ago today” Dec. 19-21, 1978

Mr. & Mrs. Duane Radcliffe

Mrs. John Cox

“40 years ago today” Jan. 9-11, 1979

Brack Coulter

Dr. William Cromwell

“20 years ago today” Dec. 22-24, 1998

Ruth Uyesugi

Our church’s prayer list –

Rex Babcock
 Harold Bonath (hospice care)
 LeRoy Boyer
 Mike Burton
 Jennifer Caruso
 Larry Joe Clements
 Sharon Collier
 Sharron Cousineau
 Bill Cromwell
 Deegan Epperson
 Larry Evans
 Betty Jo Henderson
 Jeremy Hicks
 Anna Hudelson
 Steve & Sheryl Kingston
 Payton Krider
 Derrick Lambdin
 Joyce Lewis & family
 John & Mary Ruth Miley
 Rosemary Noble
 Paulette Purkhiser



Be Prepared for an Emergency

When I was a small child, my parents put all the emergency contact numbers on a sheet of paper next to the land line phones in our house. Today, most people have done away with their land line phone and now carry cell phones. Do you have all of the emergency contact information for the local and state police? Do you have the phone number for poison control in your phone? It is important to put these numbers into your phone before you need them. Do not waste time looking for them when needed.

Following this same line of thinking, consider putting the pastor’s church phone and Megan Bradley’s after hours phone number in your personal phone now. Be prepared! (see page 7)

Paoli Police Department: (812) 723-2836

Orange County Jail/Sheriff Department: (812) 723-2417

Paoli Fire & Rescue: (812) 723-0329

Poison Control: (800) 222-1222

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-8255

National Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 422-4453



Worship **Inch by Inch, it’s a Cinch**

As we prepare to broadcast our worship services, one of the considerations we must take into account is an individual’s right to privacy.

After researching this topic of privacy, one of the ways we may do this is to have a clipboard with everyone’s names placed at the back of the sanctuary, including children. As people enter the sanctuary they place a check by their name and the names of their children or minors. This gives the church permission to broadcast a video or picture of them.

However, most of the time the camera will be focused on/around the altar area of our sanctuary. Continuing discussions are still underway concerning other details of our church service broadcasts.



Little Creations

We have another exciting month full of wonderful new thing to learn in the Preschool and Early Preschool classes.

In the Preschool classes we have been learning the days of the week and will be learning our months. We will talk about the weather and what some animals do in the winter. We will continue learning some nursery rhymes and fables. We will also continue with recognition of letters and their sounds, as well as our numbers and shapes.

The Early Preschool will be learning about winter and how some birds go to warmer places to live. We will also continue learning nursery rhymes as well as letter, number and shape recognition.

In both classes we have been talking about when and where we can pray. The children are learning anything is possible with God.

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



Evangelism

Faith Break

As the finance committee prepared the 2019 budget, I was informed of the congregation’s desire to continue sponsoring Faith Break. This was the first time in my three years at Paoli United Methodist I had an indication from the congregation about their support of Faith Break.

So, here is some information to keep you informed about Faith Break.

Each 60 second radio spot takes about one hour to prepare. Most of the time is spent in researching topics. The introduction and conclusion of each radio advertisement is fairly standardized. There is a 3 second musical introduction followed by, “This is Faith Break. It’s Monday...” or another day of the week as needed. The conclusion lists our worship & Sunday school times, web site, Instagram site and other information as needed. It ends with the same 3 second theme as the introduction.

The topics researched are then inserted between the introduction and conclusion. Special guests have included Darrell Newkirk and Betty Cromwell. Generic radio advertisements have been previously recorded should your pastor be unable to record the regular segments. The entire month of commercials is usually recorded at one time.

Thanks for your support of our Evangelist outreach through Faith Break.

Trustees

On January 16, 2019, your trustees awarded a contract to ACCULEVEL to shore up the northeast corner of the church. This project is expected to begin February 20th and last 3 to 4 work days. Please use caution around the work site!



Celebrating Black History Month

*For God shows no partiality
Romans 2:11*

Throughout the month of February, we join in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W.E.B Du Bois before him, believed truth could not be denied and reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926. It encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, the Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all color on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our American history and culture.

The celebration was expanded from a week to a month in 1976, during the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald F. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of our history." By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story.

Emergency Contact Information

Pastor LaMont's contact information –

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Cell: (812) 653-5677 (text available)

Parsonage: (812) 723-8111

Megan's contact information –

Email: secretary.paoliumc@frontier.com

Cell (use for emergencies): (812) 653-0063

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, Indiana 47421

Rosemary Noble Rm. 123A

Garden Villa, 2111 Norton Ln.
Bedford, Indiana 47421

Bud Caraway Rm. 407B, Bill Cromwell Rm. 306,
Paoli Health & Living, 559 W. Longest St.
Paoli, Indiana 47454

Betty Jo Henderson Rm. 8

Meadow View Health & Rehabilitation
900 Anson St.
Salem, Indiana 47167

**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>



Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
Colossians 3:16

Paoli Community Food Pantry
 728 West Main Street
 Paoli, IN 47454

Dealing with Food Insecurity

And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
John 13:34

Since Old Testament times, God has established a covenant or an agreement with his people to take care of the less fortunate, specifically the widows and the orphans. In the United States, since the 1930's a social safety net has gradually been established to take care of the less fortunate at the national or federal level of our government. However, it is my observation help at the national level is never as exact and knowledgeable as help provided at the local town or community level for people in need.

As with any problem, solutions are complex and multi-tiered. For example, at the Paoli Community Food Pantry, they have served about 325 families or 1,000 individuals a month. The problem is not severe hunger in the local community of Paoli. The problem is food insecurity.

For the people using the Paoli Community Food Pantry, the need for help with food arises when the family's only car breaks down or the water heater needs to be replaced. The financial status of the family forces them to make a choice. How will I shift my income to pay for our car or new water heater? Most of the time, the monthly food budget will take a hit for several months following. The challenge for the Paoli Community Food Pantry is to use as much money as possible to buy food for those facing the challenge of food insecurity.

Our local food pantry has made the decision to move to a new location so over the long term, they will have a larger space to store more food and a better location which those in need may walk to and pick up food. Our local churches are one group of many which are considering and seeking ways to help pay off the loan of \$110,000 on the new food pantry building, as quickly as possible, so more money will be available to buy food. Yet, individuals and others need to continue donating food items as in the past. If we all work together, positive things begin and continue to happen in Paoli.

I would like to propose a special Valentine's Day food collection in February for our churches, businesses and individuals. This is in addition to our regular monthly donations normally given at this time of year.

Please be in prayer about the above request. Take time to discuss the food insecurity issue with your employer and family. The strength of any local community, like Paoli, rests in our ability to network and find a solution to the problems we face. If your heart be as my heart, give another a helping hand up when they are in need.

Special Valentine's Day collection:

Paper Products

- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Toilet paper
- Tissues

Food Pantry building loan: \$110,000

PUMC donations for the
 month of December: \$ 3,640

Total left on loan: \$106,360

*Thank
 you!*



Promoting Our Church in
 the Community

Monday- Friday
 Faith Break
 WUME

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

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**Lent begins
 March 6th**

**Holy week
 April 15-20**

**Easter
 April 21st**



Critically Low Blood Supplies



You shall love your neighbor as yourself
Mark 12:29-31

Our church is teaming up with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. This event will take place on Tuesday, March 19th from 3-7 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall at the Paoli United Methodist Church.

Registration Process:

- You may register upon arrival or you may register in advance with the American Red Cross app (available for both iPhone & Android)
- Registering in advance with the app will cut 10-15 minutes off of the whole process from arrival-departure
- The blood donation process takes about 10 minutes
- After donating, you will spend roughly 10 minutes in the recovery area

Donation Guidelines:

- You must be 17 years old
- May be 16 with parental consent
- You must be at least 110 pounds
- 1 pint of blood is taken from each donor

There are two different options for donating blood:

1. Whole Blood Donation: The most flexible type of donation. It can be transfused in its original form, or used to help multiple people when separated into its specific components of red cells, plasma and platelets.

- Whole blood is frequently given to trauma patients and those undergoing surgery
- Ideal blood types = O positive, O negative, A positive, A negative, B positive, B negative, AB positive, AB negative

2. Power Red Donation: With this donation, you give a concentrated dose of red cells, the part of your blood used every day for those needing transfusions as part of their care. This type of donation uses an automated process separating your red blood cells from the other blood components, and then safely and comfortably returns your plasma and platelets back to you.

- Men must be at least 130 pounds at five foot one inches
- Women must be at least 150 pounds and five foot five inches
- Power Reds are given to trauma patients, newborns, emergency transfusions during birth, people with sickle cell anemia, and those suffering from blood loss
- Ideal blood types = O positive, O negative, A negative, B negative

Paoli United Methodist Church - a tradition of involvement in the community!

The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton on May 21, 1881. They received their first congressional charter in 1900 and to this day they are tasked by the federal government with providing services to the American armed forces and their families, as well as providing disaster relief in the United States and around the world.

Paoli United Methodist Church


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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 February 10th & 24th 10:15 service

Access church website
 using the quick response
 code.



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To make a donation,
 use this quick
 response code



<u>February Helpers</u>		<u>February Anniversaries</u>		<u>February Birthdays</u>	
Greeters		3	Howard & Kathryn Springer	4	Ashley Stroud
February 3	Billy & Holly Vincent	21	Phillip & Janis Easterday	6	Duane Radcliffe
February 10	Matt & Catherine Henderson			8	Phil Hudelson
February 17	William & Sarah Windhorst			9	Frank Barnett
February 24	Cody & Daria Hall				Bud Caraway
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.					Hilma Rutherford
Acolytes				10	Rachel Carter
February 3	Phillip & Janis Easterday				Cooper Trinkle
February 10	Keith & Debbie Sparks			12	Mitchell Foster
February 17	Willie & Jackie Bosley			13	Connor Henderson
February 24	David & Margaret Mathers			14	Karen Hudelson
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.				15	Matt Minton
Worship Leaders				16	Kerry Fleming
February 3	Howard Detweiler				Matt Gilmore
February 10	Jim Bowen				Joel Stroud
February 17	Jim Bowen			22	Aaron Hannon
February 24	Howard Detweiler				Kathryn Springer
				23	Phillip Easterday
				24	Greg Cornwell
					Martha Denny
				28	Mary Alice Radcliffe