

his hand might have expressed the loving union in the moment before the awful climax of his crucifixion. The barbaric deed is foreshadowed, but the focus of the sculpture is on the love that flows from the union of Father and Son. The love that is our “Water of Life.”

It was a great joy to produce this work and I am grateful for the vote of confidence Pastor Bonath expressed by requesting it. In addition to the message it conveys, it is also a gesture of my family’s affection for the people of the Paoli United Methodist Church – our church family.

Eric Harmon

Bell Ringing

Saturday December 4 1-3 PM all slots open

Saturday December 18 1-1:30 slot filled; all other slots open to 3 PM

Wednesday December 22 5-5:30 Darrell Newkirk, 5:30 – 6 PM Virginian Wells
6-7 PM slots all open

Apostles Build December 4, 2021

Signed up to date:

David Mathers, Howard Detweiler

Location

282 West Jefferson Street
Orleans, Indiana

Calendar December 2021

1,8,15 Choir practice 7 PM

4 Apostle Build -

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6 Pastor’s continuing education

18 Choir practice Saturday 9 AM

19 Cantata 10:15 service

21 3-7 PM blood drive

24 Christmas eve service 7 PM

(one service only this year)

26 worship services as usual
8:15 & 10:15

Pastor away from Charge 27
December 2021 to 8 January
2022 Contact Number 812-
653-5677 (text available)

Essentials Project

organized by the Becomer’s Class
*Donations can be dropped off in the Sanctuary

Items Needed:

- hair conditioner
- face wash
- shampoo and conditioner for men
- deodorant
- chap stick
- nail clippers
- mini hand sanitizer
- hair brushes
- body wipes

Faith Break Radio Advertisements

Thanks to Carolyn Van Sickle for helping me with the Faith Break Advertisements. Carolyn is responsible for writing and recording the last 10 days of each month.

Sunday Schedule:

- 8:15 AM Worship
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM Worship

Remember Paoli United Methodist Church in you will.
Contact Skip Lambdin, endowment chair,
skip1963@gmail.com or 812-345-3873.

LaMont’s Lines Pastor doing better!!

I had pneumonia in October. I lost 20 pounds. I recovered in November. My stamina increasing in December. Thanks for all your prayers and cards.

Please note office hours will vary as my energy level permits. Thanks to Howard Detweiler for helping out by preaching for me during my illness. We are blessed to have him as our certified lay speaker.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

- 1 Mary Alice Caraway
- 8 Elizabeth Faulkner
- 14 Janis Easterday
- 16 Stella Windhorst
Willson Windhorst
- 18 Sarah Seidner
- 20 Ryan Eubank
Roarke Sparks
- 22 Kevin Mills
- 27 Holly Vincent
- 31 Abby Newkirk

December Anniversaries

- 18. David & Karen Foster
- 24. Brack & Karen Coulter
- 31. Howard & Judy Detweiler

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Secretarial Help Needed at church

Church has been without a secretary since August 2021. We need congregation's help to find someone to work 20 hours a week. 8-3

50th Anniversary Celebration December 2021

PUMC 50th Anniversary Hand Sculpture

Several months ago, in the depths of the COVID pandemic, Pastor Bonath asked me to create a sculpture as part of our church's 50th anniversary celebration. He suggested a crucified hand theme – likely because he knows that sculpted hands have been the subjects of much of my work in recent years. I agreed, and began thinking about how to represent that theme.

Watching a documentary about Michelangelo's David shifted my thinking from the obvious pierced hand to a different approach. Up until Michelangelo, depictions of the David and Goliath story showed David holding the severed head of the giant (after the deed was accomplished). The genius of Michelangelo was to depict David as a beautiful, intelligent boy glowing with faith and strategic cunning as he approached the challenge. In that moment, he is trusting God to deliver him and his people from annihilation – a very compelling and memorable image.

While my work will never approach that of Michelangelo, I did decide to take direction from him and from a chapter of Mere Christianity that C.S. Lewis titled, (ironically, in these times) The Good Infection. In this chapter, Lewis asks us to consider the phrase "God is Love" and how it implies that the loving relationship between two aspects of the Trinity: Father and Son, has always existed, and that the Son is the expression of the Father or, so to speak, "what God has to say."

Contemplating this love flowing from the union of Father and Son brings to mind another Michelangelo depiction - that of God on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. In this work, God is seen reaching a hand toward Adam in a gesture of fervent love. Adam, representing humankind, responds with a languid, half-hearted hand gesture. My thought for this sculpture was to attempt to contrast this shameful response by humankind with what Jesus must have been feeling and how