

# The First United Methodist Church of Lowell Tele-Christian ~ July 2018 Edition

**The mission of the United Methodist Church is to  
make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

## **Words for the Journey.....**

A new look to our Sunday schedule in the fall; Join us for worship at 8:00 am or 10:30 am in our sanctuary beginning September 2. Small group teaching time for children and adults will be at 9:15 am starting September 9.

We have been discussing this change for several weeks. We have been looking forward to the new possibilities this new schedule holds for us all. For those with many demands upon their Sunday time, we believe the 8:00 service will host a worship opportunity with friends. It will be like the current park service, rather scaled down, yet serving the needs of those who enjoy starting their day early in the morning.

For those who are a little more laid-back about their Sunday experience, the 10:30 service will not require the family to be moving as quickly. This service will be like our current 10:00 service as it combines the elements of our former 9:15 and 10:45 services. There will be many musical offerings in a variety of styles.

For those who want to explore their faith a little more deeply in a small-group experience, we will offer small group times starting at 9:15. There will be sessions for children, youth, and a few learning options for adults. Those who enjoy the early service can stay to enjoy this learning time. Those who prefer the later worship time can come early for the experience.

The children will have Sunday school time during the 9:15 time. There will be a junior church type opportunity for the children during the 10:30 service. Paige, our children's director, is thrilled to have a defined time for Sunday school so she can better plan her lesson as she allots her time. Under our previous system of children's Sunday school meeting during the worship service, her teaching time varied based on the many factors of the worship service. With this system, she can count on a consistent time frame.

There are many details to be worked through before September arrives. We will announce those details as they become available. For now, we can be sure that God will be honored as we continue to worship him through the word, through music, through gathering together.

Between now and August 26, we will continue our summer worship schedule. We will meet at 8:00 at Evergreen Park. Bring a chair and enjoy our outdoor service unless the weather thinks we should move indoors. Then we will meet at 8:00 in our sanctuary. Throughout the summer we will meet at 10:00 in the morning in our sanctuary. We mix many of the elements into our experience. And we don't have to worry about hauling our own chair or what the weather might blow upon us.

God calls us to worship. God meets with us in worship. God is pleased in our worship. As we adjust our worship model to better fit the needs our community, I hope you will have patience. If you see something that doesn't seem to work as well as it should, please talk with me. I am constantly looking for ways to give us the best possible worship experience for God's glory.

***Pastor Rick***

## July Sunday Sermon and Scripture Schedule

### **July 1 ~ Communion Sunday**

Scripture ~ James 4:1-3

Sermon Title ~ *'Fulfilled In God'*

### **July 8 ~**

Scripture ~ James 4:1-10

Sermon Title ~ *'Friends with God'*

### **July 15 ~**

Scripture ~ James 4:11-17

Sermon Title ~ *'I'll Do That Tomorrow'*

### **July 22 ~**

Scripture ~ James 5:1-6

Sermon Title ~ *'Hear the Cries of the Poor'*

### **July 29 ~**

Scripture ~ James 5:7-12

Sermon Title ~ *'Is He Coming Back?'*



### **July Worship News**

\*\*\*Summer Worship Times\*\*\*

8:00 at Evergreen Park

Bring a chair and worship God in the great outdoors.

10:00 Traditional service in the sanctuary.

Martha's will be open between services.

Bread for Life

5:30 on Thursdays

Food, fellowship and a short worship service

God has blessed us with many talented musicians in our congregation! During the summer, the choirs take a well-deserved break, but that doesn't mean we lack music. Thank you to the soloists and ensembles who are bringing a variety of musical styles to our summer worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Thanks to the United Methodist Women for the treats they made to honor the men of the church on Father's Day.

If your busy summer schedule keeps you from attending church on Sunday, you may watch the service at your convenience at [lowellumc.org](http://lowellumc.org). Click on "podcast" and enjoy. You may also stream with us on Sunday morning by going to YouTube at Lowell United Methodist Church.

**Below is a list of the members of the congregation who will be participating in various aspects of worship during the month of July:**

- July 1:** Greeters: Bev Johnson, Carol Olson, Marie Woolfolk, Martha Farney, Amy Nichols  
Ushers: 8:00: Lynn Bochart 10:00: Elaine DeVine & Dennis Olson  
Liturgist: 8:00: Lynne Haberlin 10:00: Ellen Rosengard  
Children's Time: Paige Corning
- July 8:** Greeters: Linda Snell, Maryrose Lynch, Darion Kidwell, Jackie Mansfield  
Ushers: 8:00: Don Bales 10:00: Sharon Sanders & Tom Stoner  
Liturgist: 8:00: Sue McQuiston 10:00: Betty Kelley  
Children's Time: Denise Smith
- July 15:** Greeters: Kathy Nelson, Gisela Peterson, Jenny Nichols, Phyllis Moser  
Ushers: 8:00: Charlie Haberlin 10:00: David Perry & Dennis Olson  
Liturgist: 8:00: Kirk McQuiston 10:00: Rick Bachman  
Children's Time: Pastor Rick
- July 22:** Greeters: Anita Childress, Amy Nichols, Sandy Villa, Nina Wilson, Dennis Olson  
Ushers: 8:00: Luan Brown 10:00: David Perry, Scott Beier  
Liturgist: 8:00: Becky Crabb 10:00: Cheryl Jones  
Children's Time: Kathie Stoner
- July 29:** Greeters/Ushers: UMW  
Liturgist: 8:00: Al Martin 10:00: Rachelle Bernard  
Children's Time: Beth Bales



**Thursday BRD4Life Dinner/Worship Service (Bread for Life)**

Our mid-week service, Bread for Life, offers an informal experience that will nourish both your body and your spirit.  
Dinner begins at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall and worship starts at 6:15.  
**Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!**

Below are the speakers, themes, and cooks for the month of **July**:

**July 5 ~ NO BREAD FOR LIFE**

**July 12** ~ Speaker: Dee Dee Benshoof Cook: Sharon Sanders  
Theme: *'Different Colored Eyes Day'*

**July 19** ~ Speaker: Ellen Rosengard Cook: Kevin Corie  
Theme: *'July is Cell Phone Courtesy Month'*

**July 26** ~ Speaker: Susan Wells Cook: Sharon Sanders and Kevin Corie  
Theme: *'July is Prepare for Kindergarten Month'*



## NEWS FROM THE HOUSEHOLD PANTRY

Julie Donovan, Chairperson

As most of you know by now, Carol Bachinski left us in April to start a new chapter in her life. It sounds like she made the right choice and is happy near her grandkids. The transition has been smooth thanks to Carol. She left our household pantry in GREAT shape. I am very grateful to have a wonderful team working with me. Denise Piskoty and Peg Atherton joined our household pantry team. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE PANTRY!!** **THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT THE PANTRY!!!!**

Registrations January-June 136

### PANTRY ATTENDANCE

January-June 384 families/1185 people

January 59 families/178 people

February 61 families/186 people

March 69 families/211 people

April 63 families/188 people

May 61 families/200 people

June 71 families/222 people

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**



### FALL SPIRITUAL RETREAT

On Sept. 21 and 22, eager participants will be traveling to Lindenwood Retreat Center (Donaldson, Indiana), for a getaway from our busy lives. There will be time to relax, commune with nature, be spiritually enlightened and listen to God. You will have opportunities to get to know church members in a community setting and also have moments for personal reflection and introspection.

Ten people from our congregation have already signed up in the church office and several are checking their schedules. We have reserved ten rooms with two twin beds (double occupancy) and will have breakfast and lunch on Saturday prepared for us.

The three sessions in our meeting room are presently being planned by Al Martin. The spiritual content is based on the book, The Last Arrow, by Erwin McManus. Our retreat will culminate with a worship service in Ancilla Domini Chapel, celebrating our time together.

Consider joining the fun and sign up in the office by September 1! Because our church has committed to subsidize this adventure, the cost to you is **only** \$25.00, a minimal fee for this life-changing experience. Reserve your spot today!

**NOTE** --- Copies of the July-August issue of the Upper Room devotional are available on the cabinet in the Narthex. Be sure to pick up your copy on Sunday or stop in during the week.



**Welcome to our newest members!**

At the 10:00 service on June 3, eight youth of our church received the Holy Covenant of Confirmation. These youth attended a five month class led by Lynn Skafish, and met individually with a church member who served as their mentor.

Our new members are:

**Kersten Anderson**, daughter of James and Kallye Anderson

**Brooke Hayden**, daughter of Mike and Nicole Hayden

**Nathan Hayden**, son of Mike and Nicole Hayden

**Josh Koon**, son of Bill and Lynn Skafish

**Hannah Madura**, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Madura

**Preston Schroeder**, son of Danah Dietz

**Kyle Simons**, son of Ed and Tracy Simmons

**John Yelkich III**, son of John and Kate Yelkich



## **2018 Graduates**

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to these graduates!

### **Lowell High School Graduates**

*Bryce Hayden, Krista Jones, Madison Lacy*

*Starla LaReau, Gilbert Littig, Josh Markve,*

*Kristen Newlin, Megan Snell*

### **College Graduates**

*Jared Cottingham* - Bachelor of Science, Wabash College

*Jeannie Kennell* - Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Asbury College



KIDZ KARNIVAL

Step right up ladies and gentlemen,  
boys and girls to our  
'KIDZ KARNIVAL'

Friday, July 13  
from 6-8:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church  
520 East Commercial Avenue  
Lowell, Indiana

Horseback Rides, Face Painting,  
Obstacle Course, Jump House,  
Carnival Games, Popcorn,  
Freeze Pops & Hot Dogs  
are all part of this FREE event!

Hope to see you, your family  
and your friends!

Any questions, call the church ~ 696-9219





## Shipwrecked - VBS 2018

By Co-Directors Paige Corning, Deb Kelley, Kathie Stoner

If you were around the church on June 18-June 22 from 6-8 pm, you experienced the energy and excitement of VBS this year! We had a great time!

We had 63 children registered. Each night about 47 kids gathered to sing, create, play, participate in Bible stories, and explore to discover that Jesus rescues us from any situation.

Each night featured a different Bible point :

The first night Bible point was When you're lonely...Jesus Rescues!

The second night Bible point was When you worry...Jesus Rescues!

The third night Bible point was When you struggle...Jesus Rescues!

The fourth night Bible point was When you do wrong...Jesus Rescues!

The last night Bible point was When you're powerless...Jesus Rescues!

The kids participated in 3 different mission opportunities throughout the week. They collected 68 items for Household Pantry along with 81 food items, collected 739 plastic bags to be crocheted for sleeping mats, and collected \$137.10 for Operation Kid-to-Kid. Operation Kid-to-Kid is a program to provide seeds for food to children in Haiti. GREAT JOB!!!

Thank you to the church family for your support. We had 50 adults and youth help at some point during the week at the church! That doesn't count the many people behind the scenes who helped with decorations, donated supplies, and prayed!

Whether your part was big or small, again we thank you!  
We couldn't do it with you!!!

*HOPE*



*BEACON*



*RAE*



*MOE*





**Children having fun worshipping and singing!**



**Our Missions Hut!**

**Where children brought mission donations each day.**

**Our God Sighting Sail!**

**Every day the children wrote how they saw God in their life and patched the torn sail.**



News from the Ladies United In Missions Circle  
By Rachelle Ruge-Bernard

Summer is here, and it is time for some fun and a little break. The Ladies United in Missions Circle is thankful for the church and community help with our garden. We have had helpers rototill, bring mulch, and offer their help. We soooo appreciate all your good thoughts and hard work. Hopefully, you will sit and enjoy the garden at least one day during this summer and fall.

We are going to be part of the Apple Valley Community Night along with Missions, Outreach, and the Household Pantry. We will provide snacks, Household Pantry items, a meal, and games. We will be talking to the families about our Cooking Classes. The Cooking Classes will start in October.

Our School Snacks will be back when school starts again. The school nurses find themselves in need of clothing for those kids who have been sick or ruined their clothes at school. Sweat pants, underpants, and shirts are great things to donate if you can. We welcome any help you can give.

God continues to bless our church through you.



Fellowship in the Library  
Congregational Care



During the months of Sept- May our library is the setting for Sunday morning fellowship as our church family and guests get acquainted while enjoying a first, or perhaps a second cup of morning coffee, and enjoy a baked treat along with it. Congregational Care oversees this fellowship time, handles the set up and covers most of the cost of supplies in our budget. But it is the generous members of our church family who volunteer to host and provide the treats who make Martha's Coffee House a success. During our 2017-18 season, 33 individuals served as a host one or more times.

**THANK YOU** to each one of these persons!! A summer version of Martha's is happening now but the need for hosts will resume in the fall. We hope more of you will stop in the library to join in the fellowship and become involved in this ministry for our church family.



We would like to thank our church family for all the love, prayers and support over the last month. It is never easy losing a loved one. My mom and dad always told me the best thing they liked about our church was how the people in it always made them feel welcome. We are truly blessed!

Kim, Bill, Katie and Kristen Newlin  
(family of Don Krupa)

## Message from Your Finance Committee

Did you have the “opportunity” to witness the Vacation Bible School program? Wow, what a tremendous demonstration of the work of God: children smiling, singing, laughing, being encouraged to understand what faith involves, how it is learned, who can mentor them, where they may go for knowledge in Christ’s church.

The vast volunteerism, artistic imagination and resources used to carry God’s message to the “kids” was an experience that all of us seek for our children. Wait! We are all God’s children! And we are always seeking further guidance, knowledge, support, and love through God’s ministries. These ministries are made possible through generous, unconditional, faithful gifts to God’s church.

God is using your gifts to accomplish all that you have read about and seen in our church. Through God’s Word, individuals are being encouraged, families are being strengthened, leaders are being trained....and so much more. Simply put, your gifts are changing lives. In Philippians 4:10-20 Paul speaks to joy. He speaks how giving makes you joyful. Ask these kids, who were in Vacation Bible School, how joyful they were for the VBS participation. Joy in giving comes through participation. We find joy in giving and receiving because these acts relate us to one another. We share this message with all. It is a message each month that your representatives on the Finance Committee team place in front of them as they attempt to discern how our church resources can best be applied in the most diverse and meaningful approach – an approach that God would guide us through. We close with this verse,

*“So, let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”*

– 2 Corinthians 9:7&8



### **Apple Valley Community Night**

Kim McGinley, Outreach

On Tuesday, June 26, persons from Outreach, Missions, UMW w/the LUMC circle, Household Pantry and a few others, teamed together to go to Apple Valley for a community night for the people at their park. We served dinner (hot dogs, chips and a drink), gave away shampoo, bar soap and deodorant and breakfast items. We had a craft and read a story to the children. Our goal was to get our faces seen and to build trust with the people of this community through kindness and generosity.

The night was a great success! We had been warned that the people may just come, and retrieve their items and leave....and that would have been okay. But what actually happened was dinner was served and all ate, did the craft, listened to the story or just sat and talked.

God definitely blessed this evening as we saw about 40 men, women and children come through the Apple Valley community building. Our next Community Night will be Tuesday, July 24.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday** - *Worship* ~ 8 a.m. (at Evergreen Park) and 10:00 a.m. (in sanctuary)

*Adult Sunday School* ~ F.O.M., 11:00 a.m. (rm. 301)

**Monday** - A/A 12 p.m. (rm. 300), Guitar 6 p.m. (rm. 303)

**Tuesday** - Household Pantry 9-12 and 5-6 (1st and 3rd Tuesday)

**Wednesday** - Weight Watchers 6 p.m. (rm. 300), A/A - 8 p.m. (basement), Al/Anon - 8 p.m. (library)

**Thursday** - *BRD4life* dinner 5:30 p.m., Worship 6:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

1	2 Staff/Parish 6 p.m.	3	4 Office Closed	5 Office Closed	6 Movie Night 6pm <i>'I Can Only Imagine'</i>	7
8	9	10 Trustees Mtg. 6:30 p.m.  Missions 7 p.m. (library)	11	12	13 Kidz Karnival 6-8 p.m.	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 LUMC Game Night 5:30 p.m. (we will collect school supplies as well on this night)
22	23	24 Alzheimer Sup- port Group 6pm  Apple Valley Community Ct. 5pm	25 Worship Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31				