

FOCUS on Faith

April 2023

Faith United Methodist Church

"Reaching out with the love of God to our neighbors through worship, prayer, hospitality, and service."

Hallelujah! He is Risen!

Oh praise the One who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead!

Sunday Services

Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays

Women's Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays

Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays

Zumba, 10:00 a.m.

Events This Month

April 1 Karaoke Fun

April 2 Palm Sunday

Penny Raiders

April 6 Maundy Thurs. Pitch-In/
Service, Cumberland UMC

April 7 Good Friday Service
Old Bethel, UMC

April 8 Food Pantry
Breakfast w/Bunny

April 9 Easter Sunrise Service
& Breakfast
Easter Service

April 10 Women in Faith

April 12 Faith Fellowship Meeting

April 16 Trailer Open for Donations

April 22 Deadline for Daughters in
Faith Dinner

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Church Office Hours

Tues.—Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



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United
Women
in Faith
Dora Circle

April 10, 1 p.m.

Meeting at Autumn Leaves
Come Join Us for a Sing Along!

Maunder Thursday

We will join with Cumberland UMC for Maundy Thursday pitch-in Dinner Service, on April 6. The event will begin at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish.

Good Friday Service

Our Good Friday Service will be held at Old Bethel UMC as a joint service. It will be at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise and Breakfast

Get up just a little early and join us for an Easter morning Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. We will have a breakfast afterwards and coffee to keep you awake. Our Easter Service will continue at 9:30 a.m. Please signup and let us know what morning treat you can share.

Faith 2023 Ad-Board Members

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- Mission ChairRick Koch

The following will report to the Adm. Board.

- Faith Fellowship Committee Worship Committee
- UWF Dora Circle Mission Committee



April Birthdays

- Beverley Ryan April 2
- Ethan Manifold April 15
- Susan Bradley April 18
- Matt Spencer April 20
- Katelyn Johnson April 23
- Cindy Hartshorn April 28
- Shelly Hill April 30

April Anniversaries

- Sherman & Alison Pitzer, April 4
- Tim & Pam Pedigo, April 25
- Rob & Cathy Norman, April 27

Upcoming Road Closure

The Indianapolis Dept of Public Works plans to close 16th Street over Lick Creek in the Spring for a culvert replacement project. The road between **Franklin Road and Post Road** will be closed through Summer 2023. Homes and business will still be accessible in that area.



Breakfast with the Bunny

On Saturday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m., Faith UMC will host their annual Breakfast with the Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt. All children and parents are invited to join in a light breakfast, participate in a craft, take a photo with the bunny, and then search for Easter eggs on the church grounds. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend and how many in your family so we can make sure the bunny brings enough eggs. Volunteers welcome.

sTraNGe but True

In the 1800s, popcorn was often eaten as a cereal with milk and sugar.

Reflections

April 2023

Family of Faith,

As we enter this Holy Week, I encourage you to be attentive to all of the services that are happening, and the locations where they will take place. Find spaces this Holy Week to be, breathe, and worship.

Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday, marks for us a time of anticipation and longing. For those gathered in Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday, they were longing and hopeful for a king to arrive who would restore order and assert leadership through militant might. Jesus arrived!

*The Coming of Zion's King
Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
~Zechariah 9:9*

Indeed, Jesus was and is the King they/we needed. The events of the Holy/Passion Week would challenge and test the triumphant hopeful shouts of Hosanna and praise. A week that would end in Christ's death on a Roman cross. A week that would involve betrayal, a Last Supper, the grief of Holy Saturday. We know that Easter Sunday was before them, that resurrection would happen, and

that death would be defeated. What about all that occurred, before Easter Sunday, and resurrection reality?

**The space
between
resurrection
and when
Christ will
return.**

Our lives are often lived in the spaces of living in the in-between. The spaces between hopelessness and hope. The spaces between met and unmet expectations. The spaces between grief and restoration. The spaces between courage and fear. The spaces between wisdom and faith. The space between resurrection and when Christ will return.

Resurrection happened! Christ is very much alive! Forty-days after resurrection, Christ's ascension took place. Ten-days after Christ's ascension, Pentecost happened, an event that gave hope to the grieving followers of Christ, a hope that they were not alone. The Spirit is our guide, hope, and companion for the spaces in-between. The Spirit is within us.

Filled with the Spirit of God, how might we journey together in life, especially in times that feel uncertain and without hope?

Have a blessed Easter!

Pastor Matthew

"I am proud to be a Christian, I believe not only as a Christian, but as a scientist as well. A wireless device can deliver a message through the wilderness. In prayer, the human spirit can send invisible waves to eternity, waves that achieve their goal in front of God."

Guglielmo Marconi 1874-1937
Inventor of Radio



FOCUS on Missions

Food Pantry Volunteers

Our Faith volunteers have been doing a great job at the Food Pantry. Thanks to those who volunteered in March. Our time each month will be the 2nd Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Our **next turn is April 8**. Please sign up on signup sheet in Narthex (If you sign up on-line, please also signup in the Narthex).

Recycling of Caps and Lids

Faith family.... Julie, Baylie and I want to say thank you for your support of Baylie's participation in the Hancock County Llama and Alpaca 4H Club by saving and bringing your caps and lids in. Over the last year the three of us were able to accumulate about 200 pounds of them and the majority came from Faith! The club had the first meeting of 2023 and several others have also been collecting and we have enough to "purchase" several "green" benches and other things that people will be able to use and enjoy at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. The club has decided to stop collecting lids and caps at this time and I am sure that they will pursue other "community service" type projects in the future. —Rick Davis

Move It For Missions—Zumba

Need more energy to keep up with the kids? How? We have the answer! As the name states, we offer Zumba to help bring in funds and items for some of the groups we support. So, remember to bring \$5 and/or an item for the food pantry. Come have fun with us. You can move a little or try and keep up with Jodi. All welcome! NOTE: They will not meet on April 8 due to that Bunny.

Women in Faith and Autumn Leaves

Our Women in Faith group will be meeting on April 10 at Autumn Leaves for a time of fellowship and snacks. They will also be singing with the newly tuned piano with the residents. Come join them for a wonderful blessing! Also, we are still collecting items for Autumn Leaves. Paper goods and snack items.

Shoes and Socks

Don't forget that we collect gently used shoes for WaterStep and new socks for Fletcher Place all year long.

Rummage Sale Items

Our Rummage Sale, which will be held on Saturday, May 20, 8:00-2:00, is coming! It's time for spring cleaning, so please tell your friends and family that we welcome any (clean, useable, unbroken) items to contribute to our sale. We will be designing a flyer to advertise the sale so that you can share it--publicity is key to our success! If you have things you'd like to donate, the trailer will be open immediately after service on **April 16**. Just pull up to the trailer and put your things inside (be careful on the stairs). If you need help, let someone inside know. **Please do not leave items in the church.**

Connecting Threads at Old Bethel

We are a group of ladies who have an interest in all forms of fiber Arts, including embroidery, quilting, sewing, crocheting, knitting, etc. The first Monday of each month from 9:30-3:00 we enjoy sharing our works in progress, a small devotion, a sack lunch, and social time. And, of course, coffee! If a person has experience in the fiber arts but no longer makes things or wishes to learn something new, they are welcome.

This is a great place to finish items or just chat. We have many supplies, like scissors, mats, cutters, ironing surface and sewing machines, so no need to bring anything but lunch and your project. We also have an easy no sew project that benefits Faith Promise. Contact Rose Shurig or Dianna Fred if anyone has questions at Old Bethel Church, 317-359-9651. Come on over on April 3.

Easter Event Celebrations

Palm Sunday Service
Faith UMC

April 2, 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
Pitch-In & Service
Cumberland UMC

April 6, 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service
Old Bethel UMC

April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Breakfast with the Bunny &
Easter Egg Hunt—Faith UMC

April 8, 9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service &
Breakfast—Faith UMC

April 9, 7:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Celebration
Faith UMC

April 9, 9:30 a.m.

An Evening with One Voice

On Saturday, April 29, One Voice Circle City Community Choir will present its first concert, "An Evening With One Voice!" The concert will be held at the Fort Harrison VFW on Lee Road and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. An informal, fun evening is planned, with appetizer-style foods being provided along with soft drinks. The VFW cash bar will also be open for your patronage. The concert will feature, of course, selections by One Voice, along with some solos and duets from group members. Ticket sales are limited to 150, so if you'd like to join us, they will be available from Cindy, Amanda, or Rob starting in early April. One Voice is very grateful for the continued sponsorship of Faith UMC as a rehearsal venue.

Coming Soon . . .

Daughters in Faith Dinner

Mark your calendars for May 4 for our annual dinner for our church women and their friends and families! Spread the word, too. This year, we are going with a different caterer (and a more affordable price) but we promise the meal will be delicious! We will have to have a final number earlier, however, so please be thinking about it and who you wish to invite to join the fun! Ticket sales begin on April 2 and the deadline is April 22.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

C.S. Lewis 1898-1963

Professor of literature, writer, and theologian

April 2023

HAPPY EASTER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Zumba 10 a.m. Heart & Soul Karaoke Fun 4:30 p.m.
2 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Penny Raiders Beverley Ryan	3	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday Ser- vice & Pitch-in, Cumberland UMC, 6 p.m.	7 Good Friday Service, Old Bethel, 7 p.m.	8 Food Pantry Breakfast w/Bunny 9:30 a.m. No Zumba
9 Sunrise Ser- vice, 7:30 a.m. w/Breakfast Worship, 9:30 	10 Women in Faith AT Autumn Leaves, 1 p.m.	11	12 Faith Fellow- ship Meeting, 5:30	13	14	15 Zumba 10 a.m. Ethan Manifold
16 Worship, 9:30 Trailer open	17	18 Susan Bradley	19	20 Matt Spencer	21	22 Zumba 10 a.m. Deadline for Daughters in Faith Din- ner.
23 Worship 9:30 Katelyn Johnson	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship 9:30 Shelley Hill					Cindy Hartshorn	