



2012

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- February 15  
Final Words from the Cross Classes Begin  
Wednesdays 5 PM
- February 19  
New Member Class Begins  
2:30 Pm
- February 21  
Call Him Savior Begins  
(Lenten Study)  
6:30 pm
- February 22  
Ash Wednesday Service  
7 PM
- February 24  
Mission Spaghetti Dinner  
4:30-6:30 PM

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## Chesterton United Methodist Church "Transforming Lives in Christ"



**DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

### Wishing Lori St. Pierre the very best!

Lori, we thank you so very much for your gifts of love, dedication, and hard work, as Director of Children's Ministry. You have personified Christ through your leadership. Over the past 13 years you have left your imprint in the lives of numerous children in many positive and loving ways.

When Lori announced her resignation effective January 31, she said she planned to be the "best volunteer ever". Well, she is already committed to teaching Sunday School in February. Lori, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your faithful service and may God richly bless you as you discern where he is leading you.

Lori hopes that many others from the congregation will reach out to be "the best volunteers ever" in the ministries of the church!

### Welcome, Mandi Givens!

It was an awesome responsibility to discern God's will in selecting a new Director of Children's Ministry; this was no easy task. It is always interesting to see God's hand at work, often paving the way before we are even aware of the need. Our new Director of Children's Ministry has worked closely with Lori for about four years, teaches Sunday School regularly, has helped with Vacation Bible School and the Christmas pageant, and other children's events. We are pleased to announce the addition of Mandi Givens to the church staff effective February 1. Please welcome Mandi!



### A Very Special "Thank You"

*Heartfelt appreciation to the Staff Parish Committee and others who planned and presented gifts to me on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. All of the gifts are very special to me! The children's picture and crayon frame, the kids' signature plate and the "heart" message board were so very thoughtful and appreciated. The "heart" messages from the congregation and the memories they represent will be treasured! Thank you to this very loving congregation!*

*~ Lori St. Pierre ~*



## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

### MANDI AND JASON GIVENS



Jason and Mandi Givens have lived in various parts of Northwest Indiana, but settled in Chesterton a few years ago because of the Chesterton United Methodist Church.

Their son Cole was in preschool when they started attending the church. Cole, who is now nine, is in third grade at Yost Elementary School, and their daughter Aundrea, who is five, is now in the UMC Preschool.

Jason, who works for Mittal, moves around a lot and is now working in heat treatment in Gary. Mandi is a homemaker, after having worked for six years at Fetla's and at Baker's Square and then at Porter Hospital, where they both worked at the time they met. She spends most of her time volunteering, at Chesterton UMC, and spending time with her kids.

Mandi helps with Moms Morning Out (for preschoolers), Family Movie Nights, Vacation Bible School, Big Birthday parties, teaches preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School and is co-director of the children's Christmas play. As she says, she does "anything for the Children's Ministry." Mandi is the chairperson of United Methodist Women's Elizabeth Circle. Mandi also volunteers at Yost, where her son attends. She helps with field trips and parties as well as helping the teacher with other activities.

The Givens family enjoys cooking together as a family, hiking, movie nights and had a recent trip to Florida with their entire family where they visited Disney World, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios and downtown Disney. She says their family is close and they spend a lot of time together.

She has had some health problems recently. She developed Migraine Associated Vertigo (MAV) about 2 years ago, which caused her to be very dizzy. She says she spent several weeks on the couch and couldn't drive for six months. After going to a specialist in Chicago she is getting her life back in order. She says, "The church was such a big help to me."

*As of February 1, Mandi is the new Director of Children's Ministry.  
Congratulations Mandi!*



*As I sit at my desk and write my last article for the Sandscript as the Director of Children's Ministries, I am surrounded by pictures of beautiful children that I have been blessed by! I have special pictures children have drawn for me hanging on my walls, pictures of children in Sunday school eating cookies, pictures of kids doing a lesson on the computer, a heart with a picture of a child from a praying heart project, and a picture of a child who is now in high school! All of the children of this church have made me smile, made me laugh, tested my calm disposition (just a few times), made me shed a few tears (in a good way), but mostly, they have given me so much JOY!*

*Leaving this position was a hard decision for me. I love the children and the "work". But I had felt God's nudging to do this for awhile. I knew in my heart that His plan is the best plan for me! I had taught this to the children in Sunday school and now I was learning it too!*

*Kids teach you so much about your own faith, they ask questions about concepts that I never thought about, I never questioned. Kids have a unique way of looking at God and the world. I have learned as much (maybe more) from them as they have learned from me!*

*Another "perk" I have received from my position in the church over the years was working with the most caring & dedicated people. I have made many great friends working while alongside people in the office and the classroom!*

*I have always felt very committed to faith development in children as they are the future of our church and the world! I plan on volunteering; in fact, I'm signed up to teach Sunday school in February! Want to join me?*

*~ Lori St. Pierre*



## Pizza & Pipes was a Hoot!

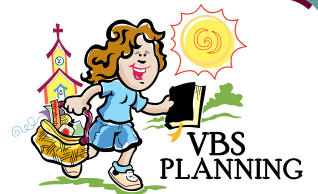


Thank you to Szu-Ping for leading the Pizza & Pipes event! After eating yummy pizza, the kids (and parents) learned about the organ and even got to play it! What a great experience for all!

## VBS Planning

Meeting—February 8

Looking for awesome



people to help plan the most fun week of the year—VBS! It may seem early but summer comes fast, thankfully! Please join me Wednesday, February 8th from 6-7:30PM on the 3rd floor in Room 306 for snacks and idea sharing. If you have any questions, please contact Mandi Givens at 728-1690.

## Creative Ones in our Midst

Thank you to Leslie Rucklos for creating the bulletin boards across from the Preschool rooms and on the 3rd floor!

**Check 'em out!**



## Deep Waters!

If you have completed Confirmation or are in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – if you enjoy talking with youth your age about real life issues such as peer pressure, alcohol and drug addiction, or sex – Deep Waters is a great place to grow spiritually and build relationships with others just like you. Enjoy food and fellowship – check out some cool music videos – and listen to and sing along with the youth band –2 Days Today!

### **Our schedule...**

- FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> – “THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX” part 3
- FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> – “THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX” part 4
- FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> – CLUB TEN!
- FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> – “AM I HAPPY” part 1



**Deep Waters** – Deep Waters continued to meet through the Advent season – and although our numbers dipped a bit during this busy time – we still had a great time. During the series called “Making A Difference”, Cathy Read taught and gave insight on how even the smallest gesture could make all the difference. Members of the youth band teamed up with Cathy to ring the bell for the Salvation Army in front of Jewel/Osco. Along with the bell, they also played guitar and sang Christmas songs!

Please visit the “Youth” page on the church’s new website for upcoming meeting dates. Deep Waters is open to all youth in our community – so invite a friend! For more information on Deep Waters...see Toby or Zach Guill and check us out at [www.chestertonumc.org/Youth.html](http://www.chestertonumc.org/Youth.html).

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Follow us on  
Twitter - @Netcumc

“LIKE” The NET Youth Ministry page on Facebook to stay informed on what’s going on in the life of the youth ministry.

**facebook**

The NET Youth Ministry is looking for a group of youth to serve as members of the TECH TEAM. This team’s main purpose will be to serve as projectionists during the church services. Those who successfully complete the training will receive a special TECH TEAM badge with their name and photo. After the completion of 3 services, the team member will be awarded with a TECH TEAM DIPLOMA and will be recognized on the NET Youth Bulletin Board. If you are interested in being part of the TECH TEAM – please sign up on the bulletin board!

**(WE NEED 3 OR 4 MORE TECH TEAM MEMBERS – SIGN UP TODAY!)**



The NET  
YOUTH MINISTRY

Listen to Music...  
Hang out with friends...  
Play games...

**CLUB TEN**



MEETS AGAIN ON  
**February 15th!**

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT  
CLUB TEN AT DEEP WATERS!

### Have-A-Heart

Once again this year, our youth will be selling hearts in the commons area to raise money towards the registration fees for church camp this summer. Purchase a heart for \$5.00 and put your name on it (or anyone’s name) and have it displayed by the youth bulletin board!

**THANK YOU!**  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

**Christmas Play** – the Youth Christmas play was a huge success! In an effort to show appreciation to the youth for all their hard work and dedication to the ministry – a special trip was lined up for them. Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> a group of 6 adults and 9 youth were treated to a night in Chicago where they saw the Blue Man Group and then enjoyed dinner at Bucca Di Beppo. A great time was had by all and a special thanks goes out to the youth leader that sponsored this trip. Yet another example of “Extreme Generosity”.



Thank you for your generosity and support for the Heifer Project that the 5 - 8th grade Sunday school completed over Christmas! With your help we raised an amazing \$502.00. We have chosen to buy one flock of chicks, a goat, a pig, three rabbits and two beehives. Once again we thank you for your support. We know we will help out many people. We appreciate it very much!  
Chesterton UMC 5th - 8th grade Sunday School

## *Lent Begins...a Time to Reflect and Remember*

Ash Wednesday, February 22 begins the 40 days, excluding Sundays of the Lenten Season. The season also includes Holy Week, the week prior to Easter, (which is April 8) during which special emphasis is made to reflect on the true meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Traditionally, Lent is seen as a serious and quiet time. It is a time of reflection when many people “give something up” as they examine their lives more closely. Because of the gospel accounts of Jesus’ journey into the wilderness, his denial of himself, his sacrifice of self and his obedience to God’s call as a servant throughout his ministry, many people choose to follow his path at the Lenten Season in a special way. For many, giving something up is very meaningful. For others it may be a time to let go of pain from the past so that new life can be found in the present. Many people also use Lent as an opportunity to add time for Bible Study, devotions, prayer, reading a special book or faithful attendance in church.

**A Lent Sermon Series, “The I AM sayings of Jesus” begins February 26. Each week Pastor Chris and Pastor Cathy will focus on a different passage in which Jesus himself, or others describe Jesus and his purpose using every day images that we can all understand but that can deepen our understanding of him.**

**A Lent Study, “Call Him Savior” will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning February 21 and ending April 3, 2012. Rev. Phil Burke will be teaching. Sign up in the hallway.**

**The Wednesday evening schedule is making some changes this year...**

**Beginning February 15-April 4 there will be several Wednesday evening groups using Adam Hamilton’s book titled, “Final Words From the Cross.”**



**Each Wednesday the schedule will begin:**

- 5-5:20      Gathering time of fellowship in the Commons**
- 5:20-5:40    Time of singing and watching the “Final Words” video together  
in the Sanctuary**
- 5:45-6:55    Break into class groups for discussion**

**Classes will not meet:**

**February 22— due to the Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 21 — because we are delighted to welcome the Elmhurst College Choir for a concert at our church**

Lent is a time to **STOP** and **REST** awhile. It is a time to **STOP** doing wrong. It is a time to **LOOK** inward with honest self-examination and to **LISTEN** for the voice of God. My prayer for you is that Lent in 2012 will be a beautiful time of stopping, looking and listening, that you might know the fullness of joy in Jesus Christ.

## Ash Wednesday Service

Where? Chesterton UMC

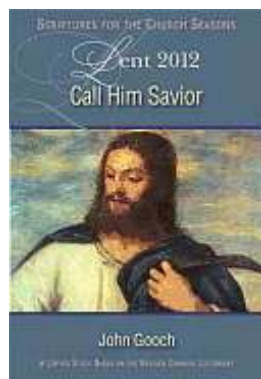
When? Wednesday, February 22 @ 7pm

Who? CUMC and St. John's church (across the parking lot)



Mark your calendars and come together to begin your journey of Lent!

The service will include the imposition of ashes and the sacrament of Holy Communion.



### Call Him Savior (Lent Study)

Tuesdays 6:30—7:30p.m.

February 21—April 3

Room 308 (top floor)

Led by Phil Burke

Lent is sometimes thought of a time to deny oneself of something, like giving up chocolate for Lent. Rather than give something up, put something on.

Call Him Savior examines the Revised Common Lectionary readings for Lent.

A key part of living and passing on the faith is to hear and remember the stories of the Lenten season. Celebrate the gift of salvation and new life in the resurrection and remember these stories, while reclaiming what it means to call Jesus your Savior. Each week there is a reading from the Old Testament, gospel and New Testament. The classes are independent though there is an ongoing theme.

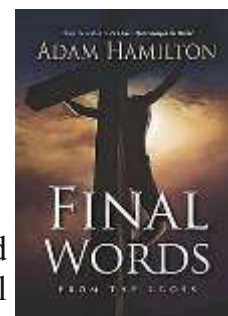
There are sign-up sheets in the main hallway under the Adult Ministry bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Burke or Cathy Allison.

### Final Words From the Cross

By Adam Hamilton

Wednesday Evenings 5:30—6:45p.m.

February 15 & 29, March 7, 14, 28, and April 4



Adam Hamilton explores Jesus' final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. Each chapter begins with the biblical account followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Following the last statement, a postscript recounts the words Jesus spoke following His resurrection, including what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth.

There is a sign-up sheet under the Adult Ministry bulletin board in the main hall. Please sign up ahead of time so we know how many books to order. If you have any questions, please see Cathy Allison. **Childcare will be available for children 10 and under if requested.**

## Your Tithes and Offerings at Work!

70 degree indoor temperatures  
Lights  
Cold water in the drinking fountain  
Running, hot water  
Carpet on the floor  
Amplified sound  
Bibles  
Coffee, creamer, sugar  
Tables to sit at  
Stove for cooking food  
Candles



Padded pews  
Hymnals  
Computers in the office  
Snow removal  
Telephones  
Paper towels  
A roof over our heads

Just a few things we might take for granted and all possible because we provide for the ministry of the church through our financial gifts to our general fund...Thank you!

## CUMC Health Care Ministry

Over the past year the Health Care Ministry [HCM] has been busy taking blood pressures; 177 of them for 54 different people. We also coordinated the giving of 27 Flu shots in September. A big thank you to Kathy Shaw, Sharon Ton, and Nancy Moore for all their help this past year.

As we move into the Lenten season a reminder, as you think about giving something up. Instead of chocolate or soda, how about a healthy change in your lifestyle? How about a decrease in fatty foods, sugary foods, or more exercise or start an exercise program. A walk around the block today may be the start you need to begin a new outlook on life.

**So CUMC, the challenge is there—  
start moving and eating smart!**



## Preschool News!

The Preschool has a very busy month ahead of them. The preschool has been invited to Preschool Preview Night at the Library Media Center on February 9th from 6-8 PM. Then we will have a Spring Preschool Open House on February 16th from 6-8PM in Rooms 202 and 204. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the staff and visit the classrooms.

Beginning February 1, the preschool will be accepting registrations for the Fall 2012-2013. The Preschool will have openings for our

morning and afternoon 3-day classes with a maximum of 12 students.

Our 2-day class will have openings for morning and afternoon classes with a maximum of 10 students per class. For more information about our preschool, please contact Karen Alexander at 983-1803.

The Missions Team will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Preschool on Friday, February 24 from 4:30-6:30.

This month the preschoolers will be learning about dental health, with a follow up visit to Dr. Hurst's dental office.

Our 3-day classes will be learning to count money to coincide with President's Day. They will also learn about Heart Health to go along with Valentine's Day. The preschoolers will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a class party. The party will include games, snacks and a craft.

February 17th and 20th, there will be no classes for our Winter Break.



**Open Registration  
Begins February 1**

**Open House is  
February 16  
from 6-8 PM**



Celebrating a

# February Birthdays!

|   |                  |    |                    |    |                    |    |                   |
|---|------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Terry Hiestand   | 6  | Libby Winnell      | 15 | John Franiak       | 20 | Georgia Rice      |
| 2 | Brian Cheeseman  | 7  | Bill Meyer         |    | Bill McCarel       | 22 | Mike Harris       |
| 3 | Mike Trout       |    | Kent Mishler       | 16 | Hannah Brown       |    | Anne Hiestand     |
| 4 | Cortney Anderson | 8  | Laurie Lukes       |    | Tanya Casteel      | 23 | Alix Reinke       |
|   | Ethan Kroft      |    | Jacob Merryman     |    | Eric Crownover     | 24 | Ashley Blumer     |
| 5 | Deborah Beard    | 9  | Judy Fyock         |    | Ryan Crownover     |    | Karen Burnside    |
|   | Krystena Colbert |    | Benjamin Hiestand  |    | Robert Fitzmaurice |    | Eric Graham       |
|   | Joshua Lahaie    | 10 | Lance Reinke       |    | Marissa Smith      | 24 | Laura Mishler     |
|   | Asher Olesen     | 11 | David Grismer      | 17 | Millie Samuelson   | 25 | Chuck Baudouine   |
| 6 | Kelly Lowery     |    | Gerald Hebert      |    | Jeff Stricker      |    | Cora Nowatzke     |
|   | Holly Raimondi   | 12 | Chet Nay           |    | Margo Winey        | 26 | Sam Iatarola      |
|   | Jeff Rucklos     |    | Kylie Surgot       | 19 | Brock Easley       | 27 | Tracey Merryman   |
|   |                  |    | James Whitenack    |    | John Postelnik     |    | William Stolz     |
|   |                  | 13 | Marsha Rzepczynski |    | Ron Warner         |    | Stephanie Swanson |
|   |                  | 14 | Laura Harrington   | 20 | John Harrington    | 28 | Angela Linsemeyer |

*If you know of a birthday we have not included please contact the church office—926-1478.*



- ◇ This congregation is the best! I am so grateful for the Gift of Love that I received at Christmas! Thank you so much for your generosity! Love, JoAnn
- ◇ *"My family and I thank you, our church family, for your generosity, your support, and your thoughtfulness. You touch our lives in so many ways. We thank God for each one of you." ~ Pastor Cathy*
- ◇ Great thanks to this congregation for the wonderful gift at Christmas. It's been a tight year for us all which makes your gift even more generous and warming. There is always something that needs to be replaced or purchased, whether it is at church or school, and your gift help makes that possible!!! After 2 decades of being a music director (at 3 different United Methodist Churches) it is so wonderful to know that this congregation is the most giving and caring of all!!! ~ Bill
- ◇ *To the entire congregation of Chesterton United Methodist Church, I would like to express my thanks. For your support in the youth of our church and the ministry that strives to teach them, to help them grow spiritually, and to guide them in their walk with Christ. Your support was shown again through your extreme generosity at Christmas in your gifts for the staff. I am honored to be a member of staff and a member of this wonderful family in Christ. Again, thank you for all your support! In His Service, Toby*
- ◇ Dear Church Family, We would like to thank all of you for the "Christmas Gift" we received. No other time in our work history have Kevin or I received such a generous gift. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and encouragement we have received since we have become the "Co-stodians" here at CUMC. This church is a very big and important part of our lives, and we are very happy to be a part of it. In His Service, Marijo and Kevin Novinger
- ◇ Each year the congregation's gift of love is a reminder of 1 Corinthians 13:13: "Three things will last forever--faith, hope, and love--and the greatest of these is love." And each year I remain more thankful. ~ Margret Brenn
- ◇ Thank you very much. It's a wonderful way to be told "We notice and appreciate your work". ~Deborah
- ◇ **Thank you so much for the very generous gift! ~ Lori St. Pierre**
- ◇ Thank you for the Christmas Love Gift. I appreciated it. Thank you ! ~ Szu-Ping

# Youth You Should Know...

## Ian DePerio

Ian is a Junior in High School and his favorite subjects include Creative Writing and Photography. His least favorite subject is pre-calculus. When he graduates high school, he'd like to move to Chicago and attend school for Film. In his free time, he enjoys playing music, being outdoors, hanging out with friends and traveling. When asked a fun fact about himself, Ian said "I really want a paranormal experience to happen to me." His favorite thing about the NET Youth Ministry is the connections made with people.



## Duneland Boys & Girls Club

Things have really picked up at the club. We are now averaging over 100 club members a day again. Lots of activities are happening including; spelling bees, dodge ball tournaments, and Claymation movie projects.

Our educational programs continue to produce very positive results. Our members that were tested in our Link & Learn Program have already improved one grade level increase in test scores for math and reading.

Several of our Torch Club Members served at the CUMC Jacob's Table in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Our hope is that different club members will be able to serve at Jacob's Table at least twice a month in the near future.

Joe Juarez is the Duneland Unit Supervisor, Maggie Israeli is our Membership Secretary. The Duneland Unit is open Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 6:20 pm. Cost for a year's membership is \$20. (Scholarships are available to those who qualify for free and reduced lunches at school.)

If you would like to volunteer at the Club – please call Joe at 926-9770 or email him at [juarez@bgcpoco.org](mailto:juarez@bgcpoco.org). We are always in need of tutors!

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Porter County has been serving youth for 40 years. The Clubs provide programs for more than 5,000 boys and girls in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, the arts and

sports, fitness and recreation.

The Boys & Girls Clubs offers affordable \$25.00 annual membership (\$20 at the Duneland Club) with Club sites located in Valparaiso, South Haven, Duneland and Portage. For more information on membership, volunteer opportunities or to make a tax deductible donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Porter County, please contact your local Club or call (219) 464-7282 or visit [www.bgcpoco.org](http://www.bgcpoco.org) Great Futures start HERE.

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## Mission's Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, February 24

Carl Parish Hall 4:30p.m.—6:30p.m.

Proceeds to Benefit "Chesterton UMC Preschool"



Missions Dinners

All Dinners will start at 4:30 and end at 6:30.

Cost is \$5.00 per person

Children under 5 are free



The Missions Team would like to thank the following people for providing the meals for the men's shelter:

**Jan. 2—Sue Keiser**  
**Jan. 16—Cathy Holsapple**



## Transitions

1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
of Each Month

Noon—1:30 p.m. Swedish Chapel  
Led by Jeanne Nelson—Brown

This is a group of women who get together for lunch, for support and to discuss life issues and the transitions that we go through in life. Bring your own lunch and join us. Please contact Jeanne Nelson—Brown or Cathy Allison if you have any questions.

## Memorial Committee Report for 2011

IN 2011, memorial gifts to the church were received in memory of Carol Brenn, Carola Phillips, Dorothy and Wayne DeGroff, Jack Cloud, Walter Rector, Eda Clark, Pat Wright and Pearl Saffran.

Memorial funds were used for signs around the building, banners for the Sanctuary, *Something's Up* projects, a table for the Commons and children's Sunday School.

Betty Canright ~ Memorial Committee

## Book Buddies Friday, February 10 @ 6:30 pm



**Book Buddies** is a non-denominational group of enthusiastic readers who enjoy reading and discussing books. **We meet every second Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Swedish Chapel.**

We understand that everyone has different taste in reading and we are always interested in expanding our reading experiences. We hope that you will join us just for the fun of getting together, and talking about the things that you liked or didn't like about the book we read for the month. (One of the reasons I joined Book Buddies was to help me expand my reading experiences and step out of my "comfort zone" as a reader.) Do you think you would like to join us and step out of your "comfort zone" as a reader? We would be very happy to have you. **Our book selection for February is "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay.**

Volunteers pick a book and sign up that book title for the group to read at least a month ahead of the monthly meeting. This allows the group time to read the book before it comes up for discussion. The individual who recommended the book will lead discussion on the book they have chosen. We do not require members to recommend a book for the group to read, but we want to give every member the opportunity to participate in that way if they so desire. If you have any further questions about our group feel free to call Joyce Beck at 926-5214 or email [joyce2@frontier.com](mailto:joyce2@frontier.com).



A huge thank you for all who supported the cookie walk with their generosity in donating the ingredients, who baked cookies at home and at the work shops, those who gave of their time on Friday to decorate sugar cookies and the helpers who worked Saturday.

A special thank you to Elaine Estridge who played the piano and the Guitar Choir who entertained with joyous music during the cookie walk. The Tea Shoppe was a great success thanks to Cheryl Keller.

Another successful Cookie Walk because of God's love reflecting in all the helping hands and the awesome cookies. The profit was \$4,638.24.

Thanks again,  
Genia Anderson and Mary Lou Price  
Co-Chairpersons

Date: February 11, 2012  
 Time: 1:00 p.m.  
 Place: First United Methodist Church  
 121 E. Seventh Street, Michigan City

The First United Methodist Women sponsor a Valentine Tea each February for ALL of the women in our area. This is a non-denominational event and it is to celebrate the gift of love in our community. We have done this for over 60 years. It is a tradition of which we are proud.

We have a short devotional and then a light form of entertainment. This is followed by tea in our community room. The women of our church make the refreshments with love and care.

**Guess who's  
 90th Birthday  
 is  
 February 25?!**

**Chuck  
 Baudouine!**

**Happy  
 Birthday  
 Chuck!!**

**We miss you  
 at CUMC!**

## SEMINAR ON FRAUD

Credit Card Fraud, Consumer Identity Theft, Phone Call Scams  
 and other important schemes and issues of concern to seniors

Presented By

**THE INDIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

Sponsored by Senior Adult Ministry of First United Methodist Church  
 103 Franklin Street Valparaiso  
 February 16<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon

Cost: \$9.50 includes lunch by DISH Restaurant

Make Reservations by February 13

For Reservations or Information Contact: Wayne and Joann Weaver  
 462-7771 [wjweaver@frontier.com](mailto:wjweaver@frontier.com)

Make check payable to FUMC Valparaiso  
 Indicate on memo "for M.E.T.S. seminar"  
 Guests are welcome

## Daffodil Sunday March 25



Sunday, March 25 will be Daffodil Sunday. As daffodils welcome the arrival of spring, they serve as the Society's symbol of hope, renewal and the promise that one day our world will be free of cancer.

This powerful event supports the American Cancer Society's critical programs that fight cancer on all fronts: research, education, advocacy and patient services. Because of individuals like you and the Society's unique leadership in fighting cancer, more people than ever before are winning their fight against this disease.

Do you want to see our Sanctuary all bright with lots of yellow Daffys all around? Would you like to recognize someone special with a bunch of these lovely cheer-ups?

Contact Sue Keiser @ 926-3554 to pre-order! Thanks in advance!

*I'm finally wearing 2 shoes alike! January 11, the doctor at Cleveland Clinic released me to walk on my right foot! It's been 5 plus years dealing with this broken ankle.*

*I can't imagine going through all the pain and tribulations without you. All the help, calls, cards, rides, food, etc. are greatly appreciated.*

*Thanks for the concern while I was in the hospital again in December. Your prayers are such a comfort. I am so blessed.*

*God has been so good to me and I'm grateful he lead me into this wonderful church family. Thank you, thank you, thank you.*

*With all me love and gratitude,  
 Debbie Otto*



**Our Sympathy is extended to family and friends of:**

- † William Gates January 20
- † Alberta Jean Simon January 18
- † Connie Garmen January 13
- † Helen January 10
- † Gary DeFoil January 2
- † Hazel Macheta December 29
- † Don December 29



On Sunday, January 22, we celebrated the baptism of

Aren James Whitenack and Macie Ryan Pack!

- Dan Baughman
- Eric Cundiff
- Beth Simmons
- Cody Simmons
- Chris Snead
- Matthew Springsteen





Alene Burnside  
Ethel Hake  
Donna Beth Hammond  
Martha Pattengale



**Our Prayers have been lifted up for:**

Tom Smith, Bob Whitenack, Michelle, Cassie & Chet Nay, Carson Gallagher, Louise, Ervin McBride, Chuck Baudouine, Bill Moore, Shirley Reibly, Alyce & Bill Clark, Rusty Schultz, Don Johnson, Ryan, Susan Coffey, Phil Baugher, Sylvia Straub, Brenda Wojkovich, Alice Owen, Mark, Bruce Palmer, Dorothy Cross, Debbie, Linda Clark, Martha Rimsky, Merka Jurkovic

**Remember the following who are suffering from cancer:**

Ken Anderson, Frank Blackmore, Dorothy Bohanick, Karen Brinks, Sandy Bryan, Stan Buck, Dick Cassler, Linda Clark, Jason Cotton, Bill Ferrence, Bob Flick, Anne Fritz, Carson Gallagher, Tina Gillum, Karen Giordano, Rosa Gregorezyk, April Hallberg, Steve Hancock, Meg Hanrath, Monica Hargarten, Dr. Alan Harre, Mike Hearn, Brian Henningar, Nicole Hipp, Karen Howell, Theresa Jacobs, Merka Jurkovic, Tom Kremer, Raymond Latchford, Thelma Luna, Shirley Lutrick, Jean McGroaty, Maya Mena, Toni Milan, Shari Otto, Bruce Palmer, Julie Palmer, Penny Pelkey, James Peterson, Shirley Reibly, Sue Richmond, John Rose, Rusty Schultz, Donna Seagraves, Jodi Sefner, Dwight Shumway, Linda Smith, Sylvia Straub, Nancy Tuttle, Matt Wesley, Linda Whipkey, John Wilson, Loretta Wilson, Roxanne Yagelski

**We Celebrate Joys with the following:**


- ◆ Rachel Beard earned and received her Silver Award through Girl Scouts!
- ◆ Thanks to God for the lives that were saved in a fiery crash on US 30 on January 15. The Indiana Patriot Guard pulled many out of cars!
- ◆ The Given's family is celebrating Cole's Official Name Change to Cole Morgan-Givens!
- ◆ Congratulations to Maureen Mauzy who has retired after 50 years of Nursing, Administrative Assistant, Minister and Social Worker!

*Dear Church Family,*

*I cannot adequately express my appreciation for all of your support during the last year: the meals, the cards, the gifts, the hugs, the words of encouragement, and the abundant prayers. All of you helped carry me through a very difficult time; God's overwhelming grace manifest in each of you.*

*I have completed my surgeries and active treatment for breast cancer, and I look forward to the new year, hopefully free from the disease. I know that God has great plans for me and that He has great plans for our church. What a blessing you have been to me and my family.*

*Meredith Nevers*



Let us  
be Jesus'  
Valentine for the  
world this  
February!!

**Remember...**  
when you exit the doors  
of the church,  
you are entering the mission  
field!

**You are the hands, the heart,  
and the spirit...of Jesus!**



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Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Group: 2:30 p.m.  
Editor: JoAnn Cundiff

March Newsletter Deadline: February 20



**CAMP!!!!**

Check out the opportunities for CAMP this Summer!!! Go to [www.beacamper.com](http://www.beacamper.com) and check out the possibilities. There's something for all ages and a variety of interests! Usually the deadline for Early Bird registration is April 1! Our Indiana United Methodist Church camps are some of the very best!!!!

**Mark Your Calendar!**



- February 22 Ash Wednesday  
Service with St. Johns
- March 11 Youth will lead worship!
- March 21 Elmhurst College Choir (IL)  
performance here!
- April 5 Maundy Thursday Service
- April 6 Good Friday Service led by the youth
- April 8 Easter Celebrations!  
Choir Cantata at 8:15 and 10:45
- May 20 Confirmation Sunday
- June 3 Graduation Sunday



**M & M's Welcomes  
Visitors & New Participants**

M & M's is a group of Magnificently Mature women who enjoy getting together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month for fellowship & study. We meet from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Swedish Chapel to read and discuss a chapter from the book *Moments That Take Your Breath Away* – there is no homework! All lesson materials are available at the meeting. For more information or to look at the study material, please contact either Carol Vanderlinden or Sue Harris.



**Please pray for the ministries, the pastors  
and the leaders of the churches of the  
"Lake Effect Cluster":**

- First United Methodist Church—Michigan City
- First United Methodist Church—Portage
- Chesterton United Methodist Church
- Church of the Four Seasons UMC — Lake of the Four Seasons
- Porter United Methodist Church
- Valparaiso United Methodist Church
- Westville United Methodist Church
- Wheeler United Methodist Church



# February

## Chesterton United Methodist Church February 2012 Calendar of Events



|  | Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|----------|
| <i>Sundays</i>                                 |  |  |   |  |  |  |          |
| 8:15-9:15<br>Blended<br>Worship<br>8:30-       | <br><b>Wednesdays</b><br><b>5:45 pm Handbells</b><br><b>7 pm Chancel Choir</b>                               | <br><b>Bulletin Deadline</b><br>Wednesdays<br>9:00 AM  | <b>1</b><br>12 pm Transitions SC<br>1 pm Wesleyan Circle<br>5 pm Confirmation TRH<br>5 pm Deep Waters MAC<br>6:30 pm DISCIPLE IV 308                                      | <b>2</b><br>8 am DISCIPLE III<br>12 pm Mary-Rachel Circle TRH<br>7 pm Volleyball   | <b>3</b><br>9 am Mom's Morning Out CPH<br>9:30 am Companions in Christ SC  | <b>4</b>   |          |
| 9:15-10:45<br>Coffee<br>Fellowship             | <b>5</b><br>9:15 Blood Pressure Check Sanctuary  | <b>6</b><br>9 am Ten Commandments TRH<br>10 am Prayer Shawl SC<br>4:30 pm Jacob's Table<br>7 pm Joy Circle SC<br>7 pm Life Recovery 308<br>7 pm Contemporary Band                        | <b>7</b><br>8 am Staff Meeting SC<br>5:30 pm Cloggers MAC   | <b>8</b><br>1 pm Dorcas Circle CPH<br>5 pm Confirmation TRH<br>5 pm Deep Waters MAC<br><b>6 pm VBS Planning 306</b><br>6:30 pm DISCIPLE IV 308 | <b>10</b><br>9 am MMO CPH<br>9:30 am Companions in Christ SC<br>6:30 pm Book Buddies SC                                    | <b>11</b><br>8 am UMM Breakfast CPH<br>8 am Fruitful Congregation Workshop TRH |          |
| 9:30-10:15<br>Con-<br>temporary<br>Worship     | <b>12</b><br>10:30 Blood Pressure Check CPH<br>5 pm Ten Commandments TRH                                     | <b>13</b><br>9 am Ten Commandments TRH<br>9:30 am Hospitality SC<br>4:30 pm Jacob's Table<br>6:30pm Trustees Wkrm<br>7 pm Life Recovery 308  | <b>14 Valentine's Day</b><br>7:30 am Master's Men<br>8 am Staff Meeting<br>9:30 am Prayer Ministry Sanctuary<br>5:30 pm Cloggers<br>6 pm Missions Wkrm<br>7 pm M & M's SC | <b>16</b><br>8 am DISCIPLE III<br>6 pm Preschool Open House 202-204<br>6:30 pm Finance SC  | <b>17</b><br>9:30 am Companions in Christ SC<br>12 pm Elizabeth Circle SC  | <b>18</b>  |          |
| 10:45- 11:45<br>Traditional<br>Worship         | <b>19</b> 11:45 am Blood Pressure Check SC<br><b>2:30pm New Member Class SC</b><br>5 pm Ten Commandments TRH | <b>20</b> <b>9 am March</b><br><b>Sandscript Deadline</b><br>9 am Ten Commandments<br>10 am Prayer Shawl SC<br>4:30 pm Jacob's Table<br>7 pm Life Recovery 308<br>7 pm Contemporary Band | <b>21</b><br>8 am Staff Meeting SC<br>5:30 pm Cloggers MAC<br><b>6:30 p.m. Call Him Savior 308</b>  | <b>22</b><br><br>6:30 pm DISCIPLE IV 308<br><b>7 pm Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary</b>  | <b>24</b> 9 am MMO CPH<br>9:15 am UMW Board TRH<br>9:30 am Companions<br><b>4:30 pm Mission/Preschool Spaghetti Dinner</b> | <b>25</b>  |          |
| 9:30-10:30<br>Sunday<br>School for<br>all ages | <b>26</b><br>2:30 pm New Member Class SC<br>5 pm Ten Commandments TRH  | <b>27</b><br>9 am Ten Commandments TRH<br>4:30 pm Jacob's Table<br>7 pm Life Recovery 308  | <b>28</b><br>7:30 am Master's Men<br>8 am Staff Meeting<br>5:30 pm Cloggers<br>6:30 p.m. M & M's<br>6:30 p.m. Call Him Savior 308   | <b>23</b><br>8 am DISCIPLE III<br>308<br>7 pm Volleyball MAC   | <b>24</b> 9 am MMO CPH<br>9:15 am UMW Board TRH<br>9:30 am Companions<br><b>4:30 pm Mission/Preschool Spaghetti Dinner</b> |  |          |
| 2:30-4:00<br>Youth<br>Group                    |  |  |   |  |  |  |          |