



Looking to the Future with Faith

In October our worship theme is “Looking to the Future with Faith.” In this month we will be sharing about visioning and planning for the future in times of uncertainty. This month will also be the month we ask members of the congregation to make commitments to the ministry of the church through the 2021 church budget.

As you can imagine, there are challenges to budgeting for 2021 but there are also huge opportunities! We are in a time of rapid change in the Church and in our society. Now is a good time to plan for the continued ministry of First UMC into the future.

People are connecting to the church in new ways and now is a time when people are exploring their faith and spirituality in new ways. We are learning just how important our connections are to us. We miss being with our friends, family and church family regularly. This has caused us to understand just how vital our relationships are, including our relationships to God and the Church!

To be what God wants us to be in the future the church needs to be the stable presence of God and God’s people in the community. We now have opportunities to make a great impact on the lives of people, now more than ever!

This month we will also celebrate our relationship with Simpson College on the 3rd Sunday of October. Simpson will not have its usual homecoming activities. But we are working on a combined worship experience which we hope everyone will enjoy!

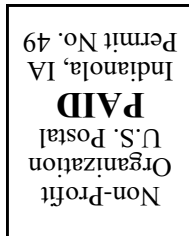
When the pandemic started early in 2020 many of us had no idea that we would still be in the midst of it in October. But, even in the midst of this pandemic I am excited how you as a congregation are adapting and ministering. Our 8:30 a.m. sanctuary service and 10:00 a.m. contemporary service are meeting in person and our 11 a.m. online church is going strong! Sunday School classes are meeting, youth are gathering, the church is continuing to do mission.

I am so proud of this church and your drive to keep First UMC’s vital ministries active! While 2020 is a year of unimaginable challenges, I believe we have a great future in new, revitalized and growing ministries!

Let’s look to the future with faith!

In Christ,

Pastor Tim



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Church Office hours are Mon – Thurs. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Follow us on Facebook: [Indianola FUMC](#) and [Indianola FUMC Children’s Ministry](#)
and on Instagram: [fusefirst](#) and [indianolafirstumc](#)

Sunday schedule:

8:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary

10:00 a.m. service outdoors or in Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. online worship service This 'Traditional-style' service can be found on Facebook (Indianola FUMC), YouTube, and indfumc.org.

Phone-In service: Call 712-432-3900. When you call, it may ask you to hang up and wait for a call back a few seconds later. If so, answer. When prompted, enter this code (ending with # sign as shown): **841689 #**. It will ask you if you are the moderator--ignore that prompt and stay on the line. The service should start after a few seconds. For best sound quality, listen on speakerphone.



Fall Stewardship Series: Looking to the Future with Faith

Oct. 4th- 'Looking to the Future with **Faith and Vision**'
Hebrews 11
 Pastor Tim

Oct. 11th- 'Looking to the Future with **Faith and Openness**'
Matthew 24:42-44
 Pastor Tim

Oct. 18th- *Simpson College Sunday*

Oct. 25th- *Commitment Sunday:* 'Looking to the Future with **Faith and Commitment**'
2 Cor. 8:1-15
 Pastor Brian

Church Directory

If you would like a printed copy of the current church directory, please contact Ellen Wright at 961-5317 or ellen@indfumc.org

FUSE needs your help! We are working towards our 2021 mission trip and creating a cookbook to offset costs. We are looking for your best and most tasty recipes! Write down 1 or write down 5, we want them all! Help us support our youth group in their next Mission Trip! ***Please have recipes turned in by October 15h.*** Print out and leave your recipe at the church or email recipes to ljjacobs@q.com



Prayers of sympathy for the families of our members who have recently passed away:

Linda Nicholson Elna Bricker

Prayers for those with recent health concerns: Ed Pace



MEALS ON WHEELS

The Warren County Nutrition program is seeking volunteers to assist with routes of meal deliveries in Indianola and Hartford as well as a backup volunteer in Lacona/Milo. **WE NEED YOU.** If anyone is able to help out one day a week or even one day a month it would be helpful so we can meet the needs of those who count on these meals. If you have any questions, please contact me or the Indianola Meal site at 515-961-1155. We also are planning to expand our program in the near future with some weekly delivery of 5 meals/week to some of our rural clients who have not been able to be served by this program in the past. Any help would be appreciated!

-Jodene Devault, Warren Co. Health Services

jodened@warrencountya.org

Phone: 515-961-1074

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020

	Difference		
	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Revenues			
Pledge receipts	\$371,672	\$400,000	(\$28,328)
Non-pledge receipts	\$49,430	\$76,100	(\$26,670)
Other revenue	\$10,105	\$21,530	(\$11,425)
Total revenues	\$431,207	\$497,630	(\$66,423)
Total expenses	\$486,418	\$524,650	\$38,232
Net income (loss)	(\$55,211)	(\$27,020)	(\$28,191)



Middle School

Wed 6:30-7:30pm

High School

Wed. 7:45-8:45pm

To receive text reminders text @fusefirst to 81010

Follow us on Instagram at fusefirst

Like us on Facebook at Fuse-first

www.indfumc.org

FUSE is open to all students 6th-12th grade! On Sunday mornings, FUSE meets in the FUSE room at 10 a.m. for Middle school and High school students. On Wednesdays, Middle school meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and High School meets from 7:45-8:45 p.m. Masks are required at all FUSE events. :) If you would like to stay up to date on all things FUSE, follow us on Instagram/Facebook and join our Remind texts by texting @fusefirst to 81010.



We want our kids to give back to our community. Focused on instilling mission-minded values, we will be celebrating **Socktober** this year! This October we will be collecting socks to be given to Helping Hand! This mission project will be driven by students from pre-K to 12th grade. Please help by donating socks here at church!



Wednesdays @ the Well for K-5th grade is BACK... and virtual! Join us on Zoom at 6:30 every Wednesday **beginning Oct. 21st.** The Zoom ID is 587 437 8346 and the password is Bibletown. We have activity sheets and other fun resources for you to have at home to use each week! If you would like an activity pack, please let Ellen know at ellen@indfumc.org.



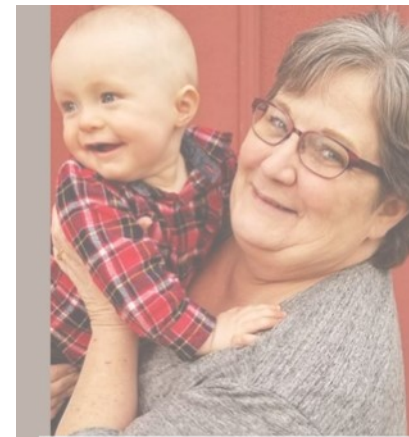
If it's Fall, then it's time for pumpkins and apple cider...and nuts! This year United Methodist Women will be conducting our annual Nut Sale online. Times are different but the nuts are just as good as ever!



Place your order online at <http://bit.ly/UMWNutSales> or by calling Marilyn Leek at 961-2390. **Orders are due by October 21;** pickup (check or exact change only) will be on Saturday, November 14 from 1-4 p.m.

Each bag is 1 lb.
Available nuts are:

Cashews	\$12.00
Pecan Pieces	\$12.00
Pecan Halves	\$12.00
Mixed Nuts	\$12.00
English Walnuts	\$12.00
Harvest Medley Mix	\$12.00
Whole Almonds	\$12.00
Turkish Apricots	\$ 9.00



FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS, DIXIE HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO INTRODUCING OUR CHILDREN TO JESUS. WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE HER NEXT ADVENTURE AS SHE RETIRES! PLEASE SEND A CARD LETTING HER KNOW HOW MUCH SHE IS LOVED!

Happy Retirement Dixie!

Please send cards to:
Dixie Olsen
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Indianola, IA 50125



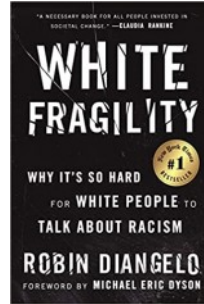
Library News October 2020

What a year this has been! Our Director of Christian Education, Ellen Wright, asked about books in the library relating to race relations. We have a number of informative, educational books and have just added these new selections:

For adults: *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo.

For teens: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.

For children: *A Kids Book About Racism*



Other books the library already has:

Who Lynched Willie Earle?: Teaching to Confront Racism By Will Willimon

The Same Sky by Amanda Ward

Do All Lives Matter? by Wayne Gordon

Hands on the Freedom Plow by Faith Holsaert

Threading My Prayer Rug by Saheeha Rehman

Detained and Deported by Margaret Regan

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique Morris

Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism by Drew Hart

Called to the Fire by Chet Bush

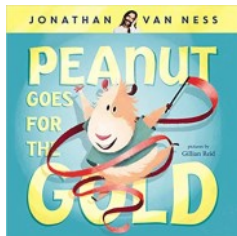
March, 3 vol. by Rep. John Lewis

We also have a number of children's books relating to race and black history.

Other new books:

Queerfully and Wonderfully Made: A Guide for LGBTQ+ Christian Teens by Leigh Finke

Welcoming and Affirming: A Guide to Supporting and Working with LGBTQ+ Christian Youth by Leigh Linke



For children: *Peanut Goes for Gold* by Jonathan Van Ness

Currently, most of these books are laid out on a library table so they can be easily found. Books can be checked out for 3 weeks—please put your name and due date on the library card (found in the back of the book) and leave on the desk. The library is open whenever the church is open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - noon, Sunday mornings 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

[We are continuing the tradition of sending Care Packages to our college](#)

[freshman!](#) We are seeking monetary donations to offset the cost of shipping and a small gift. If you would like to donate, please write "College Care Package" in the memo line of your check, envelope, or e-gift. If you have a college freshman and want them to get a package, please call the church office to let us know their address...961-5317 or email Merrilee@indfumc.org Contact Pastor Brian at pastorbrian@indfumc.org if you have questions. **Donations will be accepted through Oct. 11th.**



Thursday Book Club



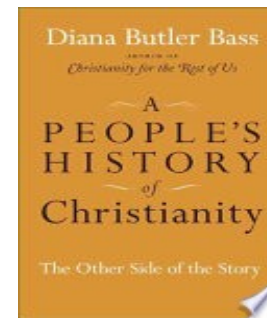
Please join us at 1pm on the first Thursday of the month. All are invited and welcome! To begin the year we will meet via Zoom.

The Zoom ID will be : 846 6673 1606 with the Passcode: 471022

With questions regarding the Zoom please contact Marv VanWyk at marv.vanwyk@me.com Please contact Bruce Haddox at bbhaddox@gmail.com with any questions regarding the book club.

November 5th- *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

December 3rd- *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson



Adult Sunday School: A virtual Sunday School class continues from 9:30-10:30 on Sunday mornings. Led by Bruce Haddox, this group is discussing the book "A People's History of Christianity" by Diana Butler Bass. Books are available at the church office or online for purchase.

Please contact Bruce Haddox at bbhaddox@gmail.com with any questions.

The zoom link is 899 4904 8828.



Open Table continues to provide free drive-up 'meals to go' for anyone in the community every Tuesday, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. People can drive in or walk up from Salem Ave. on the southside of the church and exit on "B" St..

Oct 6- Hot beef sundae

Oct 13- Maidrite sandwiches

Oct 20- Enchiladas

Oct 27- Creamed chicken biscuits

Nov 3- Chicken strips

Nov 10- Tater tot casserole