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You will be enriched  
in every way to be  
*generous in every way.*  
which through us will  
*produce thanksgiving*  
to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

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**Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,  
in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!**

Our hearts overflow with gratitude and awe as we reflect on the profound blessings of our recent Baptism Sunday. It was a day of deep spiritual significance, as we gathered both outdoors in our courtyard and within the sanctuary to celebrate the power of God's grace and the unifying waters of baptism.



The courtyard, bathed in warm sunlight, became a sacred space where the ordinary was transformed into the extraordinary. Our humble horse trough, reborn as a baptistry, symbolized the Jordan River where Jesus himself was baptized. This vessel held the waters that welcomed twelve individuals into a new chapter of their faith journey. These waters were more than physical; they carried the promise of rebirth, renewal, and the unwavering embrace of God's boundless love.

Inside the sanctuary, a different but equally profound experience awaited. As we remembered our own baptisms, the invitation to approach and receive a blessing with water brought a tangible connection to the essence of our faith. The drops of water on our skin served as a reminder of being redeemed, known by name, and of our eternal belonging in the family of God.

The unity and support demonstrated by our church family was truly heartwarming. Those who attended both services, affectionately known as the "double dippers," exemplified our commitment to journey together as a community of faith. Our celebration went beyond the act of baptisms; it became a shared commitment to uplift and walk alongside one another, no matter where we are on our spiritual paths. It was a moment when the veil between heaven and earth seemed so very thin.

As we carry forward the blessings of this Baptism Sunday, let us not forget the significance of the waters that blessed us. The unity we shared, whether in the courtyard or sanctuary, serves as a reminder that we are united by our faith in Christ. Let the memory of these waters guide our steps, deepen our connections, and strengthen our commitment to living out our faith all throughout our mission field.

**In the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray we continue to...  
Show Love, Share Love, and Spread Love!**

**Grace and Peace, Pastor Amber**

# WELLNESS AWARENESS

Cheryl Howard | PARISH NURSE



*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

## COVID RISE

COVID is on the rise – again! It is a new variant, as virus's do, they mutate to survive, so this is not surprising. The best defense we have is cover your cough, stay home when not feeling well, WASH your HANDS and get vaccinated. If you are in the high risk group: those over the age of 65 years which has a death rate 97 times higher than people ages 18-29 years – persons with heart or lung conditions, weakened immune systems, obesity and diabetes, you should get a booster vaccine if appropriate. There is an updated vaccine that should be available at the end of September. The best time to get a flu shot is end of September and October – it is safe to get them at the same time.

## HEALING MUSIC

Music stimulates many areas of the brain as it listens to rhythm, harmony, tone, volume, timbre. Silence can be golden and music can be healing. It connects us to others and allows us to take a step back in time to jog our memories.

## DO YOU SMELL IT?

The part of the brain that processes emotions, learning, and memory also processes smell. Smells help us reproduce emotional memories. Do you remember walking into your home as a child and smelling dinner cooking? What emotion or feeling did you have? Were you able to quickly identify the odor? Research shows that if you breath in a pleasant odor while sleeping, you will see dramatic improvement in memory compared to those who did not! Persons who were exposed to an essential oil such as rose, eucalyptus, orange, lavender, lemon, peppermint or rosemary for two hours every night for six months had a 226 percent improvement in memory!!! The olfactory system is a superhighway to the brain. Who has the strongest sense of smell – elephants do! Another interesting finding is newborns can only smell a few things, their mother being the strongest, but by the age of 8 smell is much more sensitive and then it slowly starts to decline by the age of 20. One of the first symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease is changes in the ability to smell. Currently studies are seeing a link between depression leading to impaired smell. Contact your physician if you experience changes in your ability to smell.

# MANY MIRACLES

Cathy Mosier | PRAYER TEAM

Jesus performed many miracles during His time on Earth, BUT He performed only seven on the Sabbath... Jesus shows us the Sabbath is meant to be a day for healing and “doing good.” We are supposed to worship the LORD on the Sabbath because it is GOD’s Day. Doing works for The LORD and witnessing to others is a form of worship. Worship isn’t just singing songs to the LORD, but also sharing His word and doing works that Glorify Him.

Jewish law required them to do NO WORK on the Sabbath nor to walk more than 3,000 feet from their homes. Anyone found “working” on the Sabbath was taken to the Pharisees to be punished.

YET seven times Jesus healed on the Sabbath.

Mark 1:29–31 records Jesus healing Simon Peter’s mother in law, who then got up and began to serve Jesus. Mark 3:1-6 records Jesus healing a man with a withered hand while the Pharisee’s watched. John 9:1-16 is the only healing that occurs on a person who was born with the “disease.” Luke 13:10-17 happens while Jesus is teaching in the synagogue. He heals a woman who has been crippled by disease for 18 years and couldn’t straighten up.

Jesus calls her up in front of everyone and says “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity”.

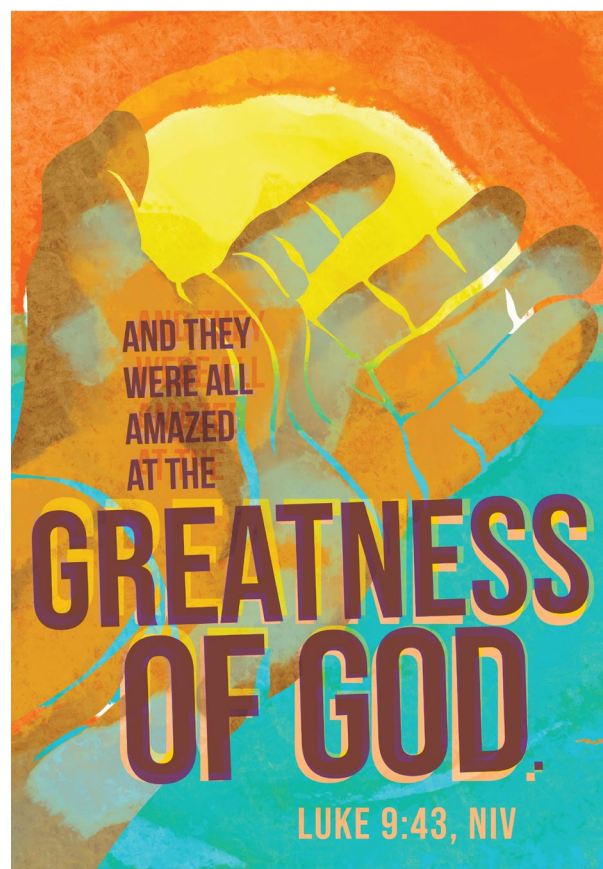
Luke 14:1-6 recounts Jesus dining with a Pharisee and healing a man in the house.

Mark 1:21-28 records a man with an evil spirit who recognizes Jesus in synagogue on the Sabbath. The man asks, “Have you come to destroy us?” Jesus sternly charges the spirit to “Come out of him!” John 5:1-18 recounts, perhaps, the longest account of a healing. A man waiting for healing beside the pool of Bethesda, he’d been there for 38 years and yet Jesus asks him, “Do you want to be healed?”

How do we approach those who need healing? On a Sunday? During the week? Do we do what Jesus does? Do we find a way to bring about healing? Do we find a way to show them Jesus’ LOVE?

In Christ’s service

Cathy





Dave Nance | MISSION CHAIR

**CHURCHES IN MISSION (CIM)**

Thank you Congregation! The donation for Churches In Mission food drive have been amazing. Even though an exact count was not possible, we do know that we provided over 100 of each of the food items along with some shampoo and deodorant. Thank you for the much needed targeted donations and for being the Church for those in need in our

community! While to drive is over, the CIM box is always present. Feel free to pick up extra for others anytime you go grocery shopping.

**PEACE RESTORED**

On Sunday, September 24 the Indianapolis Brass Choir will provide a benefit concert for Peace Restored right here in our Sanctuary. This will be an event that attracts people regionally as well as locally. As such, we need to turn out for the benefit but also as hosts providing a warm welcome to our guests.

For more information you can see the flyer on the bulletin board and on our social media. There are also handouts throughout the church you can pick up and share with friends and community. Please talk to any of the mission committee members if you want to participate in the setup or resetting, before/after this event.



**INDIANAPOLIS  
BRASS CHOIR**

**SEPT. 24, 2023 • 4:30pm**

Goodwill offering benefitting  
Peace Restored



LOCATION: Mooresville First United Methodist • 900 Indianapolis Rd., Mooresville, IN

## HENDERSON TEAM

The Henderson Team recently donated \$2,000 in gift cards from Kroger and Walmart for Desert Rose to distribute to those currently in their care. These individuals/families are in the process of transitioning out of Desert Rose into their new homes.

The Desert Rose Foundation in Martinsville, is a faith-based non-profit organization whose mission is to provide transitional shelter for victims of domestic violence, etc. They provide a safe environment for women with or without children who have been in abusive relationships

In June the group participated at the Strawberry Festival providing a BBQ lunch and also worked diligently parking cars at Old Settlers. We'd like to thank the many volunteers that have helped make these projects successful!

If you'd like to join our next team meeting, it is Monday October 16 at 7 pm in the parlor. We will be discussing our next project, which is our Angel Tree Christmas for the children who are supported by the Henderson Mission in Frakes, KY

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women (UMW) say thank you! Thank you to FUMC for the great success of our Rummage Sale. People were lined up at the doors to get in because of your great donations. It was the best sale we have had for many years. Our profit was a little over \$2,000.00, which will go towards missions we support. We would like to also thank the following people who helped sort and price each item: Pam Milburn, Barbara Clay, and Paul Sites. Also, thanks to the Trustees for their donations to our sale. The remaining items were donated to a charity named Angel Acres which is a rescue mission for abused animals.

Just a reminder, the UMW offers a ONE-TIME scholarship of \$1,000.00 to women of the church who are furthering their education be it a trade school or college. Contact the office for an application and other information.

We are still collecting aluminum cans for recycle. There is a container in fellowship hall where they may be placed.

December 17 will be the UMW Cookie Sale. Yummm!

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 from 3 to 5 pm. Start thinking about how you can decorate your car! Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall the end of September.

We are working on our children's Christmas program. Stand by for more details.



### WHERE

Camp Indicoso, 1558 Sieboldt Quarry Rd, Springville, IN 47462

### WHEN

Friday, October 6 through Sunday, October 8. Meet at the church on Friday at 6pm. Eat dinner before you come to the church. We will return late afternoon on Sunday.

### WHO

All youth – 5th grade through 12th grade. Friends are welcome. We have room for 32 people!

### WHAT

Wacky games and lots of fun. Sleeping in Merriman Lodge. (No tents – Yay!!!) Saturday night worship around the campfire with s'mores! Lots of Biblical teaching on issues facing youth in today's society. Enjoying God's creation in Brown County!

### COST

\$70 per person. This covers transportation, lodging, meals, and t-shirt.

### WHAT TO BRING

Sleeping bag/blanket; pillow; clothes for a 2-night/2-day stay; toiletries (there will be showers); Bible; hoodie/sweatshirt/jacket (in case it is cold); flashlight (for games in the dark!)



Many thanks to the Yeagers and Friends for hosting a cookout and fishing expedition for the youth. It was an awesome time of intergenerational fellowship!





**Tomorrow's Promise Preschool**

Our first month was great! The kids and the teachers are getting to know each other, develop routines and having fun together. In September our themes are:

- Western • Community Helpers
- Transportation • Apples

There is no preschool on September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

**LAY SERVANT CLASSES**

Registration is now open for the Central District Lay Servant Academy. This will be held on Sept. 30 from 8 am to 5 pm at Castleton UMC, 7101 N. Shadeland.

Below you will find the registration link for classes.

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/CElsa93023>

Please spread the word and share the link.

Hope to see you there!



Join the Friendship class in the parlor every Sunday at 9:45 for Bible study and fellowship .

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Please check with your leader to confirm meetings.*

Group Name	Time	Location	Leader	Date	Description of Study
<b>SUNDAY GROUPS</b>					
Seeker Sunday School	9:45 am	Rm 106	Cathy Mosier	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Friendship Class	9:45 am	Parlor	Yeager / Harris	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Here and Now Class	10:45 am	Rm 104	Dave Nance	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Alcoholics Anonymous	4:00 pm	Rm 110	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Support group
The Crossing	5:00 pm	Rm 112	Dan Herron	Meeting Now	7th-12th grade youth group
5th/6th Grade Youth	5:00 pm	Rm 108	Chad Litten	Meeting Now	5th-6th grade youth group

<b>MONDAY GROUPS</b>					
Trailblazers	1:00 pm	Parlor	Cheryl Howard	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Henderson Mission	7:00 pm	Parlor	Herb Haggard	Oct. 16	Mission outreach locally & regionally
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 pm	Rm 110	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Support group

<b>TUESDAY GROUPS</b>					
Quilters	9:00 am	Parlor	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Bring sewing machine

<b>WEDNESDAY GROUPS</b>					
Prayer Group	8:00 am	Prayer Chapel	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Pray for our church/community
Chancel Choir	5:00 pm	Rm 103	Sandy Fanning	Meeting Now	Traditional service choir practice
Handbell Choir	6:30 pm	Rm 103	Cathy Mosier	Meeting Now	Handbell practice

<b>THURSDAY GROUPS</b>					
LRE Visitation Team	9:30 am	Rm 104	Sandy Fanning	Sept. 14 & 28	Meet for devotions, visit nursing homes/shut-ins
Worship Team Practice	6:30 pm	Sanctuary	Chad Litten	Meeting Now	9:45 Worship team practice

<b>FRIDAY GROUPS</b>					
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 pm	Parlor	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Support for addiction
Al-Anon	7:30 pm	Rm 110	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Spouse support for addiction

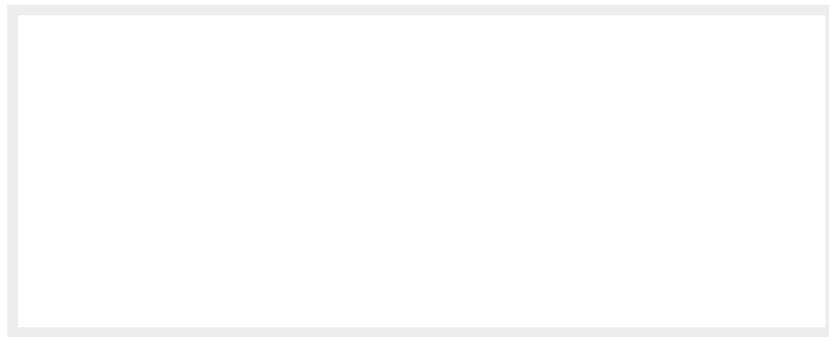
<b>SATURDAY GROUPS</b>					
UMMen's Breakfast	8:00 am	Parlor	Team Leaders	Sept. 9	Breakfast & devotion with sharing

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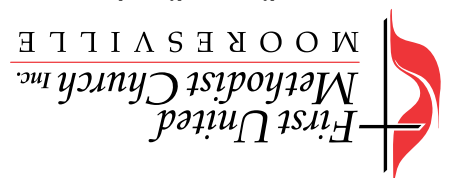
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Alanon	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:30am Traditional 9:45am Contemporary 9:45am Adult & Children Sunday School 4pm AA	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm AA 	<b>5</b> 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 9am Quilting Group	<b>6</b> 8am Prayer 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 5pm Chancel Choir Practice 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 6:30pm Trustees 7pm Worship Band	<b>8</b> 9am Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 4:45pm Youth Cookout (off-site) 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Alanon 	<b>9</b> 8am UMM Breakfast
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**One Worship Service**  
**Sunday, Sept. 3 • 10 am**  
*(Labor Day Weekend)*

**Join us outside in the courtyard  
for an all-church worship service!**  
*(NO 8:30 OR 9:45 WORSHIP)*



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# BAPTISM SUNDAY CELEBRATION







