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Hidden Treasure

Every Wednesday I teach our Preschool children a Bible story. Three groups of children, 20 minutes each. Ages two through five. While I usually enjoy this time teaching the Word of God it can be a challenge to keep the little one's attention. The attention span of a three-year-old is limited to say the least. I am really stretched creatively each week. Often times I wonder if it is worth it. Usually as I walk to the Sanctuary from my office my mind is racing attempting to come up with the perfect theatrics.



Gene Backes, Pastor

On a recent Wednesday morning as the last group of children exited the Sanctuary, a feeling of defeat overwhelmed me. I really believed that the last hour of storytelling to 67 children concerning Moses and the burning bush was a failure. The kids were a little hyperactive to say the least and I wasn't sure that any of the message hit home. The very last child was halfway up the aisle when she turned around and said, "I love you Pastor Gene." My heart melted. My frustration vanished. My doubt as to the importance of this time was erased. This child in complete innocence spoke from her heart. From her heart to my heart.

A Hidden Treasure. Every now and then God brightens our day with a Hidden Treasure. An unexpected blessing. Sunshine in the midst of clouds. I am praying for each one of you that God blesses you with a Hidden Treasure. And I am also reminded that each one of us can be a blessing to someone else. The Hidden Treasure that little child gave to me cost nothing. But oh the value that was received!

-Blessings, Gene

jesus loves you *jesus loves you* *jesus loves you*



Real People.

Real Life.

Real God.

All Saints Sunday is November 7th. St. James West will pay tribute to those church members who have been called home to God in the past year:

**ALL
SAINTS
SUNDAY**

Bill Ditterline

Gerald Fitts

Jerry Peckenpaugh

Elsie Seifert

We will also be recognizing our new 50-year member:

Nancy Ackerman

November Birthdays

3
Raymond Burnett, Ryan Romines

4
Kaleb Wilson

5
Kathy Gilkey, Kloe Miller

6
Kathy Cummings,
Patti Hochstetler

7
Janet Shultz,
Robert Sulawski

8
Nicole Smith

9
Scott Uloth, Zaiden Wilson

10
Mike Bass, Dennis Kirkland

12
Sandy Parker

15
Hunter Roedel

16
Cleta Gartner

17
Jack Heise, Jacki Roehr,
Karen Taylor

18
Phyllis Mayer

19
Haley Buck

20
Randy Bailey, Savannah Gross

22
Anna Blalock

24
Sean Bass, Blaine Chamberlain,
Jennifer O'Neil,
Wesley Peckenpaugh

25
Janet Gibson, Kent Greathouse

27
Daniel West

28
Jana Hughes, Edna Kasper,
Rachel Coleman

29
Chris Smith

30
Pattie Mills

Happy Belated Birthday!
October 5 Angela Gilkey

Words of Thanks & Praise

"A huge thank you to everyone who helped with and worked this year's Fall Festival Corn Fritter Booth. This year could be our biggest year yet, bringing in \$24,345 and being able to help seven different groups. A special thank you to ImaginationTs for donating the awesome Fritter Getter shirts and the Monday Night Raw group for volunteering their time to work multiple shifts throughout the week."

-The AMEN Group

"I want to thank everyone for the prayers and words of condolences, and the help you gave me through the loss of my sister. It was a heart filled blessing the way you all stepped up to help me in our time of need and comfort. May Father God lay blessings on each one of you, His children."

-Your Brother and Sister in Christ, Pappy & Connie Mabee

"Thank you so much for providing a meal for the group. It means so much to come here and not have to worry about dinner. Thanks again."

-Cancer Pathways Midwest Team

"Thank you for your generous gesture of inviting Kairos Outside to work your Fall Festival booth and share in the funds that were raised. It was a joy to work with David & Jennifer, and Andrew & Ashley. We appreciate the chance to raise funds for the Kairos ministry."

-Jeannie Harshbarger, KOSI Secretary

In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathies to these families who have lost loved ones:



Judy McClelland passed away October 5, 2021. Judy is the sister of Pappy Mabee.

David Frankenger passed away October 10, 2021. David is the brother of Pattie Mills.

Linda Weber passed away October 11, 2021. Linda is the niece of Jan & Bob Smith, and cousin of Susie Backes.

Valerie Hunsaker passed away October 12, 2021. Valerie is the sister-in-law of Marci Hunsaker.

Joyce Schmitt passed away October 24, 2021. Joyce is the mother of Les Schmitt and Teena Bartlett.

St. James West By the Numbers

Apportionment

(January – September 2021)

Conference\$17,271.00

District\$2,072.00

General Fund

(Year-to-date weekly average)

2020\$4,561.00

2021\$4,429.00

% Change.....-2.9%

Weekly Average	September 2020	September 2021	% Change
General Fund	\$4,574.00	\$4,243.00	-7.2%

St. James West News & Notes

Mountain Mission Pickup-Tuesday, November 2nd

Donations marked "Mountain Mission" can be brought to the CFC on Monday, November 1st.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Monetary donations are now being accepted for Thanksgiving baskets distributed to St. James West church families in need. Donations marked "Thanksgiving baskets" can be put in the offering plate, or submitted online. *We are only requesting monetary donations at this time.* If you know of someone in our church or near-Westside community who could benefit from receiving a basket, please call the church office with their contact information no later than Tuesday, November 9th.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Each OCC shoebox you pack helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. A limited number of boxes are available in the Welcome Center. Anyone can take a box to pack with supplies (a flyer with suggested items and how to pack and pay for a box is also available). If boxes run out, you can use your own standard size shoebox or plastic shoebox-sized container with lid. Pack a box and place them at the front of our Sanctuary **no later than MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.**



Hanging of the Greens

November 28th we will be celebrating the Hanging of the Greens at 5:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to help with the service or decorate, see Jennifer O'Neil or Ashley Lancaster. We will start decorating immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service and will provide lunch to all that stay and help. This year we have decided to not have the dinner. All are invited to this special event as it helps to prepare our hearts and minds for the Christmas season.



United Caring Shelters Monthly Breakfast

Four volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve breakfast on **Saturday, November 13th** at the United Caring Shelters starting at 8:00 a.m. through 9:30 a.m. Contact Lisa Toelle at (812) 457-8327 for details.



Blankets for Cancer Pathways Midwest

We've been working to supply Cancer Pathways Midwest with 75 handmade blankets (knitted, crocheted, quilted, sewed, etc.) for bereavement boxes. Thanks to everyone at St. James West working on this we have delivered **76** blankets so far! Cancer Pathways Midwest appreciates it so much and they have many other ways to use the blankets so we are going to continue to make and give blankets.



It doesn't matter what the need is, these are touching the hearts of many dealing with cancer. If you have a question, please contact Karen Taylor at (812) 483-7876.

Blood Drive

St. James West United Methodist Church

Christian Family Center
3111 Hillcrest Terrace
Evansville, IN 47712

Sunday, November 7th, 2021

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m



**American
Red Cross**



Call 1-800-RED CROSS
or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter
'STJAMES' to schedule an appointment.

Fall Fun!

Fall Festival Booth raised \$24,345!



St. James West Trunk or Treat



ST. JAMES WEST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2021

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Praise & Worship

10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship

Journey With God (Middle School), Lifeguard Ministry (PS-5th grade)

Mondays:

6:00-6:45 p.m. Mondays With God meal

7:00 p.m. Mondays With God Praise & Worship

Lifeguard Ministry (Kindergarten-5th grade)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8a-12p Pickleball (CFC) 6p MWG Meal (CFC) 7p Mondays With God Worship Service 7-9p AA Meeting (CFC)	2 5:30-6:30a Men's Group 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 11:30-3:30p CFC Reserved 7-8p Bible Study (WC)	3 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 6-7p Church Chicks Mtg. (CFC) 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd floor) 7:15-9p Pickleball (CFC)	4 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 2-3p CFC Reserved 3-4:45p CFC Reserved 5-8p CFC Reserved	5 8a-12p Pickleball (CFC) 5:30-6:30p CFC Reserved	6 1-5p CFC Reserved
7 Communion/ All Saints Sunday 8a-1p American Red Cross Blood Drive	8 Communion 8a-12p Pickleball (CFC) 6p MWG Meal (CFC) 7p Mondays With God Worship Service 7-9p AA Meeting (CFC)	9 5:30-6:30a Men's Group 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 2-4p CFC Reserved 6:30p Administrative Council Mtg. (CFC)	10 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd floor) 6-8p Pickleball (CFC)	11 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 2-3p CFC Reserved 5-8p CFC Reserved	12 8a-12p Pickleball (CFC) 5:30-6:30p CFC Reserved	13 8-9:30a UCS Breakfast Volunteers 12-6p CFC Reserved
14 1-3p CFC Reserved	15 8a-12p Pickleball (CFC) 6p MWG Meal (CFC) 7p Mondays With God Worship Service 7-9p AA Meeting (CFC)	16 5:30-6:30a Men's Group 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 2-4p CFC Reserved 7-8p Bible Study (WC)	17 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd floor) 6-8p Pickleball (CFC)	18 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 9a-4:30p CFC Reserved 5-8p CFC Reserved	19 8a-12p Pickleball (CFC) 5:30-6:30p CFC Reserved	20
21	22 8a-12p Pickleball (CFC) 6p MWG Meal (CFC) 7p Mondays With God Worship Service 7-9p AA Meeting (CFC)	23 5:30-6:30a Men's Group 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 2-4p CFC Reserved 7-8p Bible Study (WC)	24 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd floor) 6-8p Pickleball (CFC)	25 Thanksgiving (Office closed) ALL DAY CFC Reserved	26 Office closed 8a-12p Pickleball (CFC)	27
28 5pm Hanging of the Greens Ceremony	29 8a-12p Pickleball (CFC) 6p MWG Meal (CFC) 7p Mondays With God Worship Service 7-9p AA Meeting (CFC)	30 5:30-6:30a Men's Group 8:45-11:30a PS/MMO 2-4p CFC Reserved 5-7p CFC Reserved 7-8p Bible Study (WC)		Key: ADR-Alpha Domus Room CFC-Christian Family Center FH-Fellowship Hall MMO-Mother's Morning Out PS-Preschool WC-Welcome Center		



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