

Unity Presbyterian Church

Yoke Newsletter ~ June 2016

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From Pastor Andrew :

The Dream to Grow

**“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”
John 15:8**

During our stewardship campaign last fall we asked the congregation to share their dreams for Unity. We received many responses each with a similar theme. Grow! There were dreams to grow fiscally, missionally, spiritually, and physically. They are all wonderful and amazing dreams and growth is something we all desire for Unity. Whether we want a stable budget, more active service in the community, a deeper understanding of God for our members, or a new sanctuary the growth of these dreams are connected to having an active and committed congregation.

We have something great going on here and we are truly blessed. With God's help we can share the love of Christ with our community through the Potts Food Pantry, the Community Garden, and our Fellowship Dinners. We are a faithful and generous community that loves to serve, worship, and fellowship together. I am certain that Terre Haute has people who are looking to find a place just like Unity where they can get involved too.

In his book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* Robert Schnase discusses the fundamental practices successful churches embody to be the church that people are searching for these days. My sermons this summer will look at these biblically inspired practices of Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission & Service, and Extravagant Generosity. Together we will explore how God is calling each of us to these practices, the ways we already engage them, and in what ways we can use them to increase our commitment to being a church that makes disciples for Jesus.

I will also be starting another Inquire class for people interested in learning more about what it means to join the church as a member. If you or someone you know is curious about what it means to be a Presbyterian at Unity be sure to join the class.

God has called us to be a worshiping community that serves together and with God's help we will fulfill our dreams and grow, sharing the love of Christ with all who pass through our doors.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,
Rev. Andrew Black

Worship Schedule

June 5th — Third Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word and Table
Sermon: "I AM Sent YOU" Rev. Andrew Black
Inspired by Exodus 3:1-15

June 12th — Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "Mi Casa es Su Casa" Rev. Andrew Black
Inspired by Romans 15:1-7 & Radical Hospitality

June 19th — Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "One Day in Your Courts" Rev. Andrew Black
Inspired by Psalm 84 & Passionate Worship

June 26th — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "A Rich Dwelling Place" Rev. Andrew Black
Inspired by Colossians 3:14-17 & Intentional Faith Development

Where in the World is Pastor Andrew?

June 6th & 7th
Pastor Andrew will out of the office for a family get-a-way.

Thanks for all you do for the Potts Food Pantry

Thank you, by bringing just one item per person per week you have greatly impacted the ministry of our food pantry. Keep watching the weekly bulletin insert for suggestions on the items the Food Pantry needs most. During the summer the demand for help often increases while donations often decrease. If we work together we can share the love of Christ without letting this happen in our community.

Remember, we don't need to offer just tangible gifts, but also gifts of time and service. The pantry needs YOU. A great deal of time and effort goes into operating the food pantry each month. There is food to purchase, stock, pack, and distribute. Our current dedicated group of volunteers are amazing, but they need YOUR help. There are many creative ways that you can offer your time to assist in this important work of the church. How is the Spirit calling you to aid in the efforts of this vital mission?

Please let Pastor Andrew, Dawn Chapman or Jan Buffington know if you are interested in doing something to help us continue to answer Christ's call to care for and love our neighbors. ~Pastor Andrew

THANK YOU from Alex Jennermann:

Dear Unity Presbyterian Church, Thank you for the personalized pen. The pen will certainly be used. I also want to thank you all for your gracious support over all these years. It certainly means a lot to me. Sincerely, Alex.



This basket full of letters picture, written by local church members (including Unity) is shown sitting on the altar of United Campus Ministries. They were written for Bread for the World, an organization working to eliminate world hunger. Representatives from those churches gathered on May 2nd to dedicate the letters at a service lead by Rev. Linda Peters. The letters were then hand delivered to legislators later that week.

Summer music is just beginning and the openings are many!

If you would like to share a musical gift or even a dramatic reading or dance with the congregation, please contact Amie Ellison or sign up on the chalkboard in the choir room. Thanks so much!

Looking for pieces of left over tile you may have lying around

"I'm looking for a few tiles (whole or any pieces) of different bold colors (red, blue, green, yellow, cobalt blue, pink, magenta, brown, black etc. of all shades) for my small art project. Thank you, Tanya Letfullin"

Take me out to the Ballgame!



Mark your calendars for a fun night out! Our first summer family fun night will be Friday June 10th at a Rex baseball game! The game starts at 7:05, so as a group we will try to meet out front about 10 minutes before. Be sure to stay the whole time as there will be fireworks after the game!

Look for more information to come during church! See you then!

Morning Glories

During June and July the Morning Glories will meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. On June 14 we will meet at 11:00 a.m. at Bob Evans. Please note the change in time. We invite everyone to join us. Hope to see you there.



Remember to save the front of your greeting cards. We can't send American, Hallmark or Disney cards. There is a bag for them on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



View from the Inside - by Camille Church Mouse

Weather alert!! It will either be cloudy, sunny, chilly, hot or rain!! I don't think it will snow. It has been beautiful with all the green and flowers!

The Canvas Party was great. My picture is on my living room wall. Thank you, Amie for bringing it to us.

We had another musical evening with the Farrington Grove Chorale performing. I just closed my eyes and listened to the beautiful music.

The Progressive Dinner progressed again. Ed and Lorna escorted me this year. As usual by the dessert course I was stuffed! A big thank you to all of the hosts/hostesses/dessert makers and clean up folks!!

We celebrated our graduates and teachers this month. The choir has wrapped up for the year and are resting their voices for the summer.

It has been a busy month. There are lots of activities planned for the summer. There are hints flying around about a 4th of July party, I'm so excited. Vacation Bible School will be coming, the fish fry, the community garden and I'm sure there will be more.

Watch your bulletin and newsletter to keep up-to-date. Things are moving forward so come grow with us and be a part of our future!

God's blessings and joy to all of you! Peace and love!

GREEN CORNER

One of my favorite views when travelling to different parts of the Midwest is seeing the wind farms stretching out into the horizon. I often say that I want a wind turbine, the LARGE kind for my house. I don't think that would work!!!

Obtaining an alternative source of power is a dream of mine for Unity. Our electric bill is almost \$6,000 a year. If we could reduce that amount we would save money for other church uses and we could help save the earth from the negatives associated with electric power generation. That would be a win/win situation.

The following article gives some points to consider when looking at wind vs solar energy. It provides us with information to think about as we move forward with our green mission.



When considering an off grid or grid connect power system; the two main choices for renewable energy equipment are wind turbines and solar panels. So which is the superior, wind energy or solar power?

It really depends on your geographical location and energy requirements, but given the substantial investment involved with either option, it's critical to select the right system for your needs from the outset. Getting it wrong can cause you not only great expense, but major headaches.

For most suburban and rural settings and applications; solar power is usually the best choice for the following reasons.

A solar power system:

- Has no moving parts
- Has better reliability and a 25 year warranty
- Requires less monitoring
- Does not require expensive maintenance
- Provides more predictable energy output based on BOM and NASA data.
- Better value for money in sites with average wind speeds less than 5 meters per second
- Is less conspicuous than a wind turbine
- Is totally silent in operation
- Allows for quicker installation with less cable required
- Is less susceptible to lightning damage
- Is less susceptible to high wind damage.
- Requires less space in most cases as the panels can be installed on a roof

Additionally, many local government authorities are rather averse to permitting wind turbines being erected within townships. Even the quietest of turbines do generate some noise, so they really aren't all that well suited to suburban areas where neighbors may be disturbed and perhaps complain.

Is wind right for you?

Wind generators are an effective source of renewable power in many areas across the world.

To make sure a small wind system is right for you, there are things to consider:

- You have at least 4.5 m/s (10 MPH) average wind speed. Best results at 12 MPH (5.4 m/s) or more.
- Your property is unobstructed from tall buildings and trees. Ideally, you should have 0.5 acres or more
- The local zoning allows a structure that is at least 12.8 m (42 feet) tall
- Your local utility has an existing interconnection agreement

Some things to think about!

Go Green!!