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Talent Anyone? Get Your Act Together Now! Talent Show and Auction March 5, 2011 7:00 PM



Can you juggle, yodel, tap dance, sing a tune, or play the ukulele? Or, do you have some kind of entertaining talent that you would wish to share with the congregation? Your opportunity to shine will be on **March 5, 2011** as we are going to have a church wide talent show!

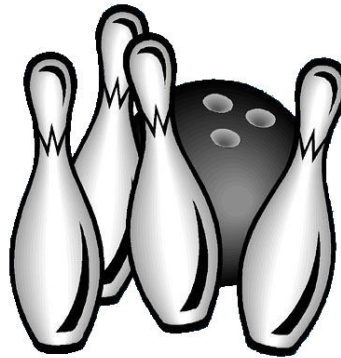
People of all ages are encouraged to participate. Start planning now; you may wish to start practicing! First, second and third place winners will be determined by audience participation in a voting process that allows you to vote with your monetary contributions. After an act is finished, baskets will be passed through the aisles. If you enjoyed the act, vote accordingly with your dollars! The act with the most votes wins! An act sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office door. As in past years, we will be auctioning off pies as well! Plan to be there to see all the talent as we will be auctioning off the pies in between the acts!

This year's proceeds will go to the **High School Youth Mission Fund.**

Senior Highs to YAR—Feb. 26-28

For the second year in a row, a group of our senior high YF members will participate in the IL Great Rivers Conference YAR event (that's Youth Annual Retreat). It's a great time to connect with other United Methodists for a weekend of powerful music, worship, speakers and workshops. The event takes place Feb. 26-28 at Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville, IL. Please pray for safe travels and a weekend of drawing closer to Christ and each other.

Family Bowling and Putt-Putt Outing



Join the Family Fellowship Team on **February 27th** for a fun afternoon of bowling and glow in the dark putt-putt golf! Please feel free to invite your friends as well! Details are still pending, but please contact the church office prior to

February 18th if you are interested in attending this fun event!

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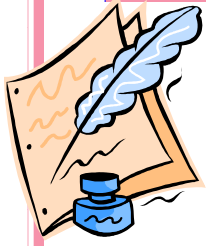
Saturday Night Light Worship 5:30PM

Sunday Traditional Worship 8:45AM

Sunday School 10:00AM

Sunday Emerging Worship 11:00AM

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From the Pastor's Pen

If the Kingdom of heaven is here and now then why are we always wanting to be somewhere else? Or are we looking in the wrong spot?

The Gospel of John is pretty clear that Jesus is the King of a kingdom that is not of this world. And that this kingdom is where Jesus is. Look at Jesus words to Pilate in his last hours:

“My kingdom is not of this world.” John 18:36a

Also in John 18:37 Jesus goes on to say,

“You say that I am King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”

This I leave with you for meditation.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Kevin



Children's Ministries

The Live B.I.G.(Belief in God) **THEME** for February: *The Bible teaches us how to live.*

The B.I.G. Idea: We believe that the Bible helps us discover what God wants us to be and do.

Lessons in all age groups will include: The Shema; The Golden Rule; The Lilies of the Field; and Blessed are the Peacemakers.

Violence and bullying are in the news. It is a widespread problem everywhere. How are we equipping our children/youth to take a stand and be different?

The lessons in February will be a great way to begin conversation with the GC UMC Kids.

Our church is called to care for others. The CM Committee has adopted “*Called to Care*” as a new mission for our children/youth.

“*Called to Care*” is a proactive response for leading children/youth to live like Jesus. Watch for more information on “*Called to Care*”.

Parents, teachers, and interested persons were invited to attend a free ‘anti-bullying’ seminar at Urbana Free Library on January 25th.

Opportunities to Serve:

1. Treats for Gathering Time: Once a month we would like to surprise the children with a special treat i.e. cookies, cupcakes, muffins, rice krispie treats, fruit, etc. If you would like to sign up – put a note in the offering plate or contact Judy Eckhoff
2. Do you like to send cards? Children are missing from Sunday School and we want them to know they are missed. Partner with teachers by sending a note/card to these kids.

Dress a girl (Africa project)... pillowcases are available! If you can sew a dress, or two, contact Judy Eckhoff .



Home Sweet Home Ministries

Senior High youth have an ongoing relationship with Home Sweet Home Ministries in Bloomington. Besides saving their Sunday School money to help fund meals there for the homeless, leaders have also taken over small groups to work in the HSH warehouse where items are sorted for the ministry's resale store. The most recent trip was over Christmas break. On Wednesday, December 29, a group of four youth and two adults spent the morning sorting and breaking down boxes to clear space in the warehouse. Those participating were Jessica and Justin Hunter, Katie Ricks, Eric Gee, and Sam and Barb Horsch.

February Birthdays



Darren Eckerty	1	Chase McCall	9	John R Bell	17	Hunter Pruitt	24
Sandy Fairchild	1	Trent Wetherell	9	Cheryl Hester	17	Dorothy Shields	26
Barb Horsch	2	Doris Young	10	Martha Benson	18	Laynie Shields	27
Joyce Dewey	3	Haley Arends	11	Claudia Chase	18	Benjamin VanSwol	27
Jean Ertel	4	John Kinder	11	Fred Wittemann, Jr.	18	Jerry Wright	27
Donald Rhodes	4	Nicholas Vogelbaugh	11	Steve Woodall	18	Brandon Clark	28
Donna Douglas	5	David Noellsch	12	Miranda Kearney	20		
Wanda Baird	6	Garrett Wright	12	Lucas McCallister	20		
Cody Jamison	6	Christopher Wittemann	14	Cathy Steidinger	20		
Margaret Farmer	7	Becky Young	14	Grant Goltz	21		
Seth Barnes	8	Alex Bennett	15	Zachary Glascock	23		
Zachary Barnes	8	Fred Wittemann, Sr.	15	Shirley Jackson	23		
Kim Fisher	8	Steven Hawthorne	16	Lois Kelley	23		
Dwayne Horsch	8	Shirley Peeken	16	Jasmine Bennett	24		

Happy
Birthday!



February Mission Socks
will benefit
the Gibson City
Welfare.

Stats and Such for January

Giving YTD (budget) through Jan 23	\$ 17,743.81
Giving Goal YTD (budget) through Jan 23	\$ 27,040.00
Giving Goal (budget) each week	\$ 6,760.00
*Other Giving YTD through Jan 23	\$ 7,005.00

Weekend of	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00	SS 10:00	Offering
Jan 2		128	19	84	\$ 4,155.00
Jan 9		145	14	83	\$ 4,982.81
Jan 16		167	13	85	\$ 4,054.00
Jan 23	17	121	31	85	\$ 4,552.00

*Includes giving for the following missions: Bereavement Meals, Memorials, Designated Giving (Handyman Fund, Cookouts at County Market for Missions, Special Offerings, etc.), Mission Socks, Opportunity School, Organ Fund, Elevator Fund, and Youth Mission Trip. It also includes Interest Income.

February Anniversaries

	Day	Years
Phil & Jean Noellsch	1	36
Ron & Mary Ann Hood	13	56
Richard & Joyce Bennett	14	29
Mike & Kenna McCall	14	24
Terry & Shelley Overman	25	33
Jeff & Judy Eckhoff	27	29
Lyle & Linda Goltz	27	40



The family of Cindy Fisher would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards of encouragement, and acts of kindness during Cindy's battle with ALS. As there is no cure for ALS, when the opportunity comes around to help ALS Association, please do so in memory of Cindy.

Thank you,
The Fisher Family

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Prayers for the People

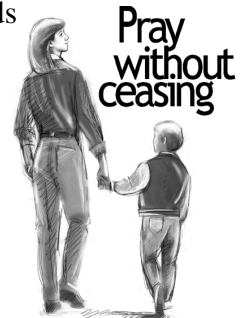


Join us in the sanctuary each Monday morning at 9:00 for prayer. Every member of our congregation is prayed for by name. The following people are in need of our prayers:

Teresa Beckman
 Marian Boog
 Verna Buck
 Melody Cochran
 Mildred Davis
 Dusty & Nancy Davis
 Ed Eagleson
 Rick & Jean Ertel
 Jennifer Fancher
 Kim & Marci Fisher and family
 Ruth Fisher
 Grace Hanley
 Myron Hanley
 Ruth Harris

Donald Hiner
 Hailey Jamison
 Vivian Imlay (Lorene Edwards daughter)
 Goldie Kincade
 Imogene Loy
 Phil & Malinda Lutz
 Bob & Bettie Main
 Louis Miller (Mike Arsenault's grandfather)
 Warren Meinhardt (Laura Hazen's father)
 Marilyn Morano
 Mark, Angela and Kailyn Overman

Joni Peters
 Judy Peters
 Ron Probus
 Thelma Probus
 Dale Riblet
 Dorothy Rudolph
 Shanley Family
 Dorothy Shields
 Jo Swanson
 Dixie Thomas
 Frank Titus
 Don Williams
 Emily Young
 Harold Young



Births, Baptisms, Weddings, Deaths

Congratulations to **Virgil Rosendale** and **Faye Clark**, who were united in marriage on January 1, 2011.

There were no recorded births, baptisms, or deaths this past month.

Gibson City Food Pantry Needs

The current needs of the Gibson City Food pantry are listed below. Items may be brought to the church and placed in the coffee area on the main floor. Thank you!



- can meat (tuna, chicken, ham)
- sugar
- ramen noodles
- spaghetti o's
- ravioli
- condiments
- cleaning products
- hygiene products

I also have some baby food that i need to get rid off, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th stages, if you have anyone who can use it, please contact Melissa Jamison at 784-4910.

Annex	Manor	Asta Care	Heartland Health	McLean
Verna Buck	Frances VanSwol	John R. Bell	Goldie Kincade	Bill Loy
Ruth Harris	Ella Mae Miller		Dorothy Rudolph	
Doris Young	Thelma Probus			
	Judy Peters			

Area Nursing Home Residents

Valentine Boxes and Envelopes

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and once again we are inviting you to share in giving to our special friends a gift of love. Please continue making a difference for Christ in the lives of our special friends. On Wednesday, February 9, Valentine envelopes will be mailed. Boxes to our special friends will be delivered on Sunday, February 13th. If you would like to add someone to our list please contact the church office.

- ♥ **Make Valentines for those listed below. You may purchase cards or make your own!**
- ♥ **Bring your Valentines to the church and place in the shoe boxes or envelopes.**
- ♥ **Candy may be placed in the boxes and envelopes but please take into account anyone that may have dietary restrictions.**

Boxes

Marian Boog
Verna Buck
Shirley Butler
Ora Lee Coleman
Zella During
Imogene Graff
Grace Hanley
Ruth Harris
Goldie Kincade
Ella Mae Miller
Judith Peters
Thelma Probus
Dale Riblet
Dorothy Rudolph
Clevita Tongate
Frances VanSwol
Doris Young

Envelopes

John Bell
Jaisi Bishop
Julie Boesen
Kirsten Boesen
Austin Borton
Brandon Clark
Jenna Cowell

Cameron Dewey
Matthew Ertel
Kate Gramley
Jeremy Grider
Jane Hastings
Kristen Hood
Mick Horsch
Carol Kline
Kyle Knerr
Bill & Imogene Loy
Zachery Mohn
Sidney Overman
Lauren Pool
Craig Sharp
Libby Shields
Allison Taylor
Warren Walters
Harold Young
Austin Borton
Jared Cox
Miranda Kearney
Spencer Moore
Jilian Nagle
Michael Romshek
Austin Seneca
Mackenzie Seneca
Elaine Taylor

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Worship Information for February

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Liturgist	Karen Kummerow	Virgil Rosendale	Eric Gee	Marsha Riddle
Greeters West	Linda Goltz	Glen & Marsha Riddle	Glen & Marsha Riddle	Pam Romshek & Family
Greeters South	Eric & Pam Gee	Don & Janet Jensen	Don & Janet Jensen	Susie Tongate & Family
Acolytes	Danielle Eckerty & Morgan Steinman	Kaitlyn Kietzman & Taylor Engel	Erin Arsenualt & Audrey Boss-Maxey	Micah & Jonah Moody
Sound Room 8:45	Lonnie Engel	Kim Fisher	Steve Hawthorne	Joel Hood
Projection 8:45	Sam Horsch	Donna Eckerty	Jessica hunter	Doug Woodward
Projection 11:00	Jeremy Steidinger	James Fairfield	Jessica Schultz	Jeremy Steidinger
Nursery 8:45	S. & J. Schultz	S. & J. Schultz	S. & J. Schultz	S. & J. Schultz
Children's Church 8:45	open	Sarah Chase	Mick Kingsley	open
Altar Flowers	Open	Dave & Linda Hester	Open	Glenn & Mildred Davis
Saturday Ushers	Open	Open	Open	Open

Head Ushers for February are Jon Clark and the Boy Scouts.

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We're on Facebook! Our page name is "Gibson City UMC"

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