

JACOBS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CHAPEL CHATTER

NOTE: Praise God!! Wearing masks is now optional, following the CDC and IDOH Guidelines.

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

Even in the midst of Lent, as we anticipate the dramatic return to the passion of Jesus taking upon himself the sins of the world at the cross, our sinfulness, we already see signs of the renewal that Spring brings to our world. With budding trees and flowers blooming, and the warmer days ahead, we with creation breathe in a collective breath of fresh air. Of course, those of you with allergies breathe it right back out with a sneeze and runny nose but that comes with the season. What also comes with the season is tumultuous weather and the anticipation of rain and wind and uncertainty of what it will bring. I expect that the initial creation of our world was a tumultuous time, why shouldn't we expect that the renewal and re-creation of our world that comes with Spring be so as well. Out of chaos, God created and continues to create our world and us, and what a chaotic world it is. Lent has brought to us, once again, a call to introspection and drawing closer to God. To give up something that stands in the way of our relationship and allow ourselves to be made a new creation in Christ. This resisting of temptation and call to denial of self in the pursuit of living a life that reflects Jesus in what we say and do can be difficult, tumultuous even. But in the midst of all that chaos, there is the promise of new and abundant life in Christ. Our God brings forth hope and shows us that all is not lost. Though the darkness surrounds us, the darkness is as light for there is no darkness in Him who loved us so much that He sent his one and only Son, Jesus "Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!" Phil. 2:6-8

The hope we seek is found in the Jesus we know. The risen savior of the world. May you be blessed as we move into Easter and continue beyond the empty tomb.

Peace,

PJohn.



NAME THAT TUNE!!

The following lines are from the *The Faith We Sing*. See if you can name the title of each song. Answers on back page.

- 1) Here to adore you for all of our days,
- 2) And now let the weak say "I am strong"...
- 3) He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love....
- 4) I have found a friend in Jesus, he is everything to me,
- 5) May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.
- 6) To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him...
- 7) I'm so glad you're in my life....
- 8) Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
- 9) I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,



TRIVIA QUESTIONS: (Answers on last page)

(1) What meat is quintessential in Memphis barbecue?

- A) Beef B) Pork C) Chicken D) Fish

(2) Where did Black Forest Cake originate?

- A) Germany B) France C) Romania D) Bulgaria

(3) What is the only U S River longer than the Mississippi?

- A) Missouri B) Rio Grande C) Colorado D) Columbia

(4) Which is NOT one of the four colors used in Passports worldwide?

- A) Red B) Blue C) Green D) White

MISSION PROJECTS

EXIT ZERO is a faith-based organization that has been serving the Southern Indiana area since 2008. Meals and basic human needs are provided to the homeless and very low income families thru donations of supplies and money. They have a mobile based unit that goes out and about every evening with supplies and necessary items. Exit 0 operates strictly on donations, has no paid staff but are blessed with an army of faithful volunteers. Their ministry operates based on Deuteronomy 15:11, **“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, you shall open wide your hands to your brother, to the needy and to the poor in your land.”**

We recently completed Hygiene Kits for Exit 0. We had 12 bags for men and 13 bags for women. These bags, filled to capacity with necessary hygiene items, were delivered to Exit Zero on March 2. See the pictures below. Thanks so much for your generosity in supplying items to fill these kits. Paul at Exit Zero was very thankful for our donations of the kits and support for the Exit 0 Ministry.

TRACY PATTON MINISTRIES REACH! FOOD PROGRAM provides food to local children in 15 Southern Indiana Counties, with each county handling their own food collection and deliveries. They work mainly through local schools to provide weekend food, summer food, school supplies and hygiene items to children in need. They are a 501c3 nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. There are no paid staff only faithful volunteers who support this worthwhile organization.

For January, we collected 121 cans of soup, 36 packages of Ramen Noodles, one bag of dry beans and several boxes of soup mix. February’s collection was Macaroni and Cheese. We collected 121 boxes of Mac and Cheese, and 6 additional cans of soup. The collection for March is cereal, pop tarts, breakfast bars, oatmeal. April’s collection will be Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Crackers. May will be pasta, spaghetti sauces, canned ravioli, etc. The collection bins are in the entryway of the church and are beginning to fill up. This will be an ongoing collection throughout 2022 with a different item focus each month. Pastor Tracy is overwhelmed and overjoyed with our collections.

MATTHEW 25:40

“In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”—Desmond Tutu

I've Been Thinking...

It was dark when I woke up. I made my coffee in silence, then sat down to do my morning meditation. I've come to notice that it's in these early hours when it's still that I can feel the most. I'm able to make sense of life for a bit when it's quiet. The stillness allows me to just be. As soon as I closed my eyes the other morning, the tears started to flow. They came slowly at first, then picked up steam. Within moments, I felt overcome. I felt overcome with the heaviness of what is happening an ocean away. Overcome by the heartbreak, the sadness, and the brutality of what we have been witnessing. Every image has pierced my heart. Every story has brought me to silence. Watching women my age and older walk for miles in the freezing cold, holding their purses, falling and getting back up, and charging ahead as they fight back tears. Watching children hold their parents' hands with looks of confusion, fear, and sadness on their faces. Watching men put their hands up to train windows as they say goodbye to their families leaving, while they stay home and fight to defend their country. Watching loved ones cradle those who lost their lives—weeping and wailing with emotion.

I don't think anyone can bear witness to any of these images without being totally undone, without being deeply moved, without thinking "there but for the grace of God go I." It's impossible to bear witness to this war without your heart breaking into pieces. Then you bear witness to President Zelensky speaking with strength, conviction, and defiance. He is quite simply extraordinary. His words, "I'm not hiding. And I am not afraid of anyone," and his resolve took my breath away. This is a man who has met this moment in every way.

I also know that I don't know the half of it. I also know that it all can change in a split second, which is why it's hard to focus on anything else. It is overwhelming for everyone who is paying attention. And how can we not pay attention to what is unfolding? How can we not feel what our fellow human beings are going through? This week I also listened to phone recordings of the wives and mothers of Russian soldiers who called a Ukrainian hotline looking for their husbands and sons, seeking information and trying to find out if they were alive or dead. They also deserve our compassion. They, too, are human beings caught up in this insanity. They are not the enemy. I feel like I can almost feel millions of hearts cracking wide open around the world. The pain, the heartbreak, the sorrow spilling out everywhere. All because of one out-of-control man. God help us.

Every morning this week I found myself struggling to hold onto hope. I've struggled to hold onto my faith. I've struggled with my own anger, rage, despair, and helplessness. And yet, every time I turn on my TV, there is some story of someone who inspires me and lifts me up. Someone whose humanity takes my breath away.

Humanity—at its best and at its worst—is being played out in front of our very eyes. I believe that this moment is calling us all, no matter where we live, to be beacons of hope. To not lose faith. To carry on like the millions of Ukrainians who are walking for miles hoping to find safety, hoping to find refuge, hoping to not be afraid. As I've watched the images, I've been struck by the fact that one's life can come down to a backpack. It comes down to the clothes on your back and what fits into your backpack. Let that sink in. I've found myself sitting in the comfort of my home thinking a lot about that. Thinking about whose hand would hold mine. Who would walk with me? Who would welcome me in? Who would help me? What would be in my backpack? Do you know what would be in your backpack? Do you have someone in your life who would walk with you? Do you think you would be taken in by total strangers? Would you take in total strangers like so many in Poland have done?

Are you thinking about how to meet this moment? There are many ways each of us can meet this moment. None are too small. Whether it's a donation of diapers, booking an Airbnb in Ukraine, supporting journalists, taking things out of your backpack and sharing them with others here in our own neighborhoods—the list goes on. These are profound questions. These are questions for this moment and this moment is all we have.

Love,

Prayer

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear God, please help us make sense of what is happening half a world away. What can we learn from the bravery and courage demonstrated by the people of Ukraine? What lessons might we learn from witnessing humanity, at its best and worst, play out in front of our eyes? Help us hold a place in our hearts for our fellow brothers and sisters. Amen.

QUOTES BY FAMOUS PEOPLE

1. The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. -
Nelson Mandela
2. The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. -*Walt Disney*
3. Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. -*Steve Jobs*
4. If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor. -*Eleanor Roosevelt*
5. If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough. -*Oprah Winfrey*
6. If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success. -*James Cameron*
7. Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans. -*John Lennon*

BIBLE BOOKS PUZZLE (SUBMITTED BY BRENDA HURST)

Brenda says it helps to have a list of the books of the Bible handy for reference when you begin working the puzzle. Hint: Some answers run from word to word. The answer sheet will be one of the back pages.

BIBLE books

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**Rev. Clifford Lindley (photo 1959)
Pastor 1955-1963**



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The poem below was written by Olive Lindley, wife of Pastor Clifford Lindley in the picture above, The woman playing the piano in the background may or may not be Olive. These items were submitted by Valerie Tingley, from the church archives.

MY CHURCH

Where the maples toss their branches to
a blue and peaceful sky,
And the hickorys hide the squirrels' nests
in their leafy tops on high,
There's a little white walled churchhouse
standing on a gentle hill.
And when friends and neighbors gather
I rejoice to be there still.

Many years ago was founded on the
sacred Word of God
And those faithful, sainted builders
long have slumbered 'neath the sod,
But the fire that sanctified it burns
upon the altar still
Bringing warmth to hearts who seek it, in
that church upon the hill.

When the sun streams through the windows
on a quiet Sabbath day
It is like a halo falling from that
strait and narrow way
And we feel that God is with us, as He was
in days of yore
When He walked with His disciples through
the fields and on the shore.

There is good, old-fashioned singing of
the songs so dear to all,
"I am standing on the Promises," and
"My Savior First of All."
As we bow our heads in reverence when the
pastor leads in prayer
All the loved ones now departed seem to
worship with us there.

Many feet have worn that doornail, some
with joyous, happy tread,
Some with slow and measured footsteps, as
they walked beside the dead.
Saint and sinner each have crossed it,
some in search of wealth and ease,
Some with humble hearts and patient,
seeking only God to please.

Little Church upon the Hillside, keep
your lamps all trimmed and bright;
Many souls there are who need you, lone
and wandering in the night.
We will pass as those before us, when our
work on earth is done,
But you'll stay to spread the gospel
for your work has just begun.
Olive V. Lindley



EASTER BASKETS ARE BEING MADE FOR OUR SHUT - INS. THE LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS IS IN THE ENTRYWAY - IT APPEARS THAT MONEY DONATIONS MAY BE THE ONLY THING LEFT IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP FOR SOMETHING ELSE. Thanks to Glenda Riggs for taking the lead on this mission project.

Jacobs Chapel family and Pastor John
Our Community and Country as we learn to normalize Covid
All front line workers and first responders
Our Government Leaders
The Ukraine Crisis
(Our Shut – Ins) Nancy Eiler, Maria Roseberry, Janie Endris,
Eugene Endris, Melba Jenney, Jerry Lou Hendrickson and Betty
Poole
Car Jackings/Gun violence/victims in Louisville
Ruth Luker’s Brother – Buddy Eckert – health issues
Marielle’s daughter, Betty Poole in PCU for bowel obstruction
Norma’s daughter, Judy, moved to Lincoln Hills
Nancy Eiler , moved to Guerin Woods
Lou Franklin, wrist, hand and shoulder injuries from fall
Family of 13 year old local girl who committed suicide
Paisley Decker, 3 month old, has gained ½ pound – now waiting
results from gene testing
Warren Hurst, Paul’s brother, recovering from heart surgery
Glenda’s brother in Otisco – surgery for skin cancer on ear
Family of Mary Jo Smith, at her passing

CONCERNS



JOYS

Progress being made on Pastor John’s house
Covid numbers down making mask wearing
optional

***Note – this list of joys and concerns is not all inclusive. If you know of
someone you want on the list, please let me know. Thanks!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March

Phil Duncan - 3/7 Savannah Allen – 3/13 Brenda Hurst 3/16
Arthur Poole – 3/19 Betty Poole 3/20

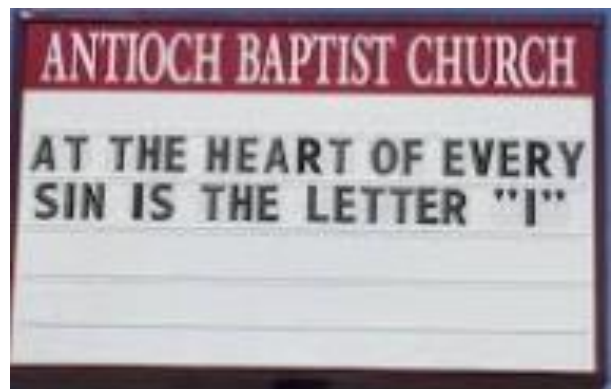
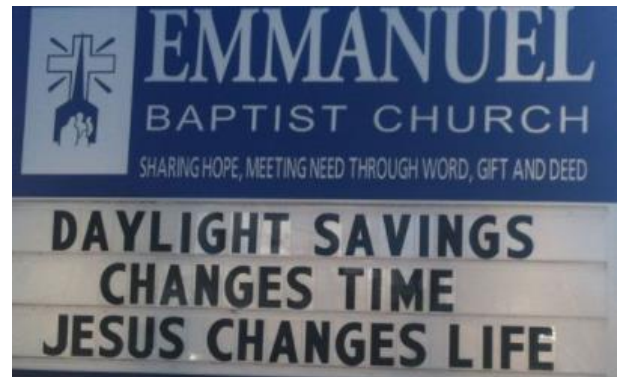
April

Will Barger - 4/11 Sharon Darnell – 4/13
Jerry Lou Hendrickson – 4/17 Paul Hurst – 4/28



No Anniversaries for March or April

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES" (submitted by Joyce Vibbert)



Construction Progress on Pastor John's home - Ready for painting!! It's coming along!!

***SPECIAL DAYS AND/OR HOLIDAYS
DURING MARCH, APRIL, & MAY***

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday - Ash Wednesday — officially known as the Day of Ashes — is a day of repentance, when Christians confess their sins and **profess their devotion to God**. ... Ash Wednesday is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter, when Christians believe Jesus was resurrected.

Thursday, March 17 – St Patrick's Day - Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Friday, April 1 – April Fool's Day - April Fool's Day is an annual custom on 1 April consisting of practical jokes and hoaxes. Jokesters often expose their actions by shouting "April Fools!" at the recipient. Mass media can be involved in these pranks, which may be revealed as such the following day.

Saturday, April 2 - Beginning of Ramadan Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week.

Friday, April 15 – Good Friday Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum. It is also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, and Black Friday.

Sunday, April 17 – Easter Easter is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.

Monday, April 18 – Tax Day In the United States, Tax Day is the day on which individual income tax returns are due to be submitted to the federal government. Since 1955, Tax Day has typically fallen on or just after April 15, but is April 18 in 2022. Tax Day was first introduced in 1913, when the Sixteenth Amendment was ratified.

Friday, April 22 - Earth Day Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EarthDay.org including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries.

Sunday, April 24 – Orthodox Easter Easter as it's commonly celebrated in the United States falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the spring equinox, while Orthodox Easter is celebrated on the Sunday after the first full moon after Passover. Both holidays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus within the Christian tradition

Thursday, May 5 – Cinco de Mayo Cinco de Mayo is an annual celebration held on May 5, which commemorates the anniversary of Mexico's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May.



TRIVIA QUESTION ONE – ANSWER - PORK

Memphis barbecue is known first and foremost for ribs, but regardless of the cut, the meat will always be pork, typically pork ribs and shoulder. Before being cooked, Memphis barbecue gets a dry rub of brown sugar, salt, pepper, and spices, depending on the chef. While it cooks, the meat is slathered with a tomato-based sauce.

TRIVIA QUESTION TWO – ANSWER - GERMANY

As its name suggests, black forest cake (schwarzwälder kirschtorte in German) hails from the Black Forest, a mountainous region of southwestern Germany in the state of Baden Wurttemberg and Germany's largest continuous forest. A classic German dessert, the cake is made with rich layers of chocolate sponge, dark cherries, and whipped cream. The cherries and sponge are soaked in kirschwasser or kirsch, a dry, clear brandy that the Black Forest region is famous for.

TRIVIA QUESTION THREE - ANSWER - MISSOURI

The Mississippi River runs for about 2,350 miles, heading from northern Minnesota's Lake Itasca down to the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana. It's the second-longest river in the United States. The Mississippi falls just behind the Missouri River, which runs for about 100 miles longer, from the Rocky Mountains in Montana to St Louis, Mo. where it joins up with the Mississippi.

TRIVIA QUESTION FOUR - ANSWER - WHITE

The next time you're standing in line at customs, look at the passports and you may notice a theme. Passports around the world are only made in four shades: red, blue, green, and black. While there aren't any official rules around color, the reason for the limited variety is because these simple, dark hues make the documents look more official. Blue is the most common choice, followed by red, green, and, black. Malawi and New Zealand are among the just seven countries with black covers. The color used is often symbolic: Many Islamic states have green passports due to its religious significance. And colors don't always stay the same: Before the switch to blue in 1976, American passports were green.

Name That Tune Answers - All from The Faith We Sing

- 1) Page 2018 "Honor and Praise"
- 2) Page 2036 "Give Thanks"
- 3) Page 2040 "Awesome God"
- 4) Page 2062 "The Lily of the Valley"
- 5) Page 2068 "I Love You, Lord"
- 6) Page 2086 "Open Our Eyes"
- 7) Page 2088 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
- 8) Page 2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"
- 9) Page 2270 "He Has Made Me Glad"



Thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter. Please continue to submit pictures, articles or anything you think might interest our Jacobs Chapel Family. My email (NEW) is joycevibbert@outlook.com, cell phone # 502-939-2932 or snail mail address - 8240 Rachel Lane Sellersburg, In 47172. The next newsletter will be in May 2022.

The answers are in the green highlighted areas, some run between words.

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