



VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS

May 2016

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

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Underneath it All, We're All the Same

May will be the month that we collect new undergarments for children in our community that cannot afford them. It is called the "invisible sign of poverty" – having inadequate or no undergarments to wear. This is reality for many, including children and teens whose families cannot afford this purchase. Invisible, that is, until gym class, sports, or summer camp. Obviously, lack of these items is more than just a hygiene concern. Please help by contributing to the donation box that will be located in the Narthex during the month of May. Monetary donations are welcome as well.

Upcoming Events

- Taizé Service
1st & 3rd Thursdays
7 pm
- Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8
- Senior Sunday
May 8
- Pentecost
Sunday, May 15
- WINGS
Friday, May 20
10 am
- Community Lunch
Saturday, May 21
11:30 am
- Peace With Justice
Sunday, May 22
- Fifth Sunday Forum
Sunday, May 29



For other opportunities to serve or donate to Fletcher Place go to www.fletcherplacecc.org or click on the Fletcher Place logo above.



WHEN YOU JUST NEED YOUR MOMMY!

Married couples in the United States spend, on average, 130 hours per week on paid and unpaid work combined. But all our hard work is not enough. Research shows working parents “increasingly feel that they do not have enough time to get things done at their jobs.”

How do we cope? We look for ways to buy back our time. One researcher writes; “The time-starved mother is being forced more and more to choose between being a parent and buying a commodified version of parenthood from someone else.” Of course, fathers are faced with the same conflict, but mothers still do more of the household work. So, increasingly, new products and concepts are being developed to extract smaller bits of time and effort from family life and return them to the family – for a price – as ready-made goods and services.

Here’s how one company markets its services:

How much is it worth to stop being frazzled and feel rested and ready to go to work? If a personal concierge can keep you from realizing at three in the morning that you forgot to send out a Mother’s Day card, the odds increase that you’ll get a good night’s sleep and be fresh and ready to go the following day when your boss hands you another emergency project.

The truth is if you are young or old, there are

times when all of us need a mother. Like when you get sick for the first time living on your own. Or when you’re going through a horrible break up. Or when you’re faced with the task of moving and packing up years’ worth of stuff.

But sometimes, mom is 500 miles away or prefers a “tough love” approach – which you just can’t deal with. Enter “Rent A Mom.” For around \$40 an hour, you can have your very own mother figure help you make a tough decision, provide emotional support, or make you a homemade pumpkin pie when you’re spending the holidays alone. No judgment included.

Nina Keneally, 63, of Brooklyn, is the mother for hire. She came up with the idea for the service when she realized she was dishing out free advice to youngsters in her yoga class. “I’ve noticed that a lot of young people in the neighborhood wanted to talk to me about what was going on in their lives,” Keneally said.

As a mother of two adults, and one who is familiar with the New York City area, she says she can help Millennials navigate the harsh waters of life as a young person in the big city. As she puts it on her website, you can call her “When you need a mom, just not YOUR mom.”

The Joy Continues
Rev. C. Archibald Hawkins

Scholarships Available

If you are planning to attend college during the 2016-17 school year, you may qualify for a scholarship available through UHUMC. The deadline for the [Graber](#), [Heshelman](#), and [Beeman](#) scholarships is May 15, 2016.

Applications are available in the church office or on our website (click on the scholarship above). In addition, two scholarships are available through the financial aid office for University of Indianapolis students who are church members. Contact the UIndy financial aid office for applications and deadline information. Each scholarship has its own set of criteria. For more information call the church office at 787-5347 or e-mail at uhumc@att.net.

May Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Kristin Neuman | 14 Brayden Birt |
| 2 William Green | 16 Dennis Osborne |
| 3 Lee Kindred | Nicholas Hilgert |
| 4 Jeanne Hilgert | 18 Sarah Phillips |
| Robert Sachs | 20 Dorothy Weaver |
| 5 William McMillan | June Stanley |
| 6 Susan Hancock | 26 Charmain Mosier |
| Kelly Cesnik | 27 Patty Morgan |
| 7 Mark Cesnik | Brooklyn Kirkham |
| Mary Moreman | 28 David Wiley |
| 10 Wanda Hampton | Jakob Asbury |
| Evan Davis | 31 Michael Hancock |
| 11 Vicky Swank | Dorothy Benjamin |
| 14 Karen Duvall | |

June Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Evalyn Edwards | 19 Brian Green |
| 8 Ivy Williams | 20 Mary McMillan |
| 10 Heidi Jensen | 22 Linda Fowler |
| Ivan Moreman | Scott Manning |
| Jackson Shepherd | 23 Lillian Bravard |
| 11 Chris Wilson | Emily Hart |
| 12 Isaac Hilgert | 24 Broden Kelly |
| 13 Wendy Mattson | 27 Ivan Bennington |
| Madison Neuman | Brian Bill |
| 16 Shirley Bornman | 28 Doug Curts |
| Nancy Kingsley | Lynn Moran |
| 17 Leonard Lucas | 29 Penny Sue Decker |
| 18 Devon Bossingham | 30 Leann Wesner |

May Anniversaries

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|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 5/3/1958 | Roger & Mary Crouch |
| 5/4/2002 | Dewayne & Amy Hudson |
| 5/14/1966 | Jim & Karen Caughey |
| 5/18/1991 | Mike & Marsha Hart |
| 5/23/1992 | Tony & Kim Dykes |
| 5/25/2015 | Phyllis Webster & Bob Doles |
| 5/27/2006 | Larry & Mary Bledsoe |

June Anniversaries

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|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 6/4/1965 | Delbert & Becky Carney |
| 6/4/1999 | Jay & Janette Norris |
| 6/7/1958 | Don & Joanne Hannon |
| 6/8/1974 | Ivan & Martha Bennington |
| 6/8/1985 | Randall & Karen Decker |
| 6/10/1950 | Ivan & Mary Moreman |
| 6/14/1975 | Larry & Susan McKnight |
| 6/15/1963 | Kendall & Georgia Hottell |
| 6/15/1974 | Kenneth & Marylynne Winslow |
| 6/17/1995 | Curt & Rhonda Barclay |
| 6/19/1969 | Dewayne & Sue Hudson |
| 6/21/1989 | Charles & Amie Walls |
| 6/21/2014 | Isaac & Dana Hilgert |
| 6/22/1958 | Jack & Marilyn Reid |
| 6/23/1956 | William & Shirley Green |
| 6/26/1987 | David & Patty Morgan |
| 6/27/1998 | David & Shannon Burton |
| 6/29/1962 | Phillip & Linda Rodebaugh |
| 6/30/1990 | Jeff & Melinda Alford |



Thank you to everyone who came to help on the UIndy clean-up day. The church grounds look great!

Nothing But Nets was a great success this year. Thank you to everyone who helped by keeping score, playing in the game, and of course our great crowd of cheerleaders. We raised more than \$560 this year. That is enough to purchase 56 nets and save as many as 200 lives. Thank you for your support!

June Views Deadline: May 20

June Views Mailing: May 25

**Next Community Lunch
Saturday, May 21
at 11:30 am**

Join us for fantastic food and fellowship.



MAY LOOSE COIN

During the month of May, the loose change offering will go to support the BIBs Pantry. Please remember it is only the change that is in the offering plate that helps with each month's focused group. If you would like to make an additional gift, please place it in an envelope marked Loose Coin.

UHUMC Flagship Church for June & July

During June and July we are the flagship church for Fletcher Place. That means that they are depending on us to help keep the pantry stocked. Grocery sacks will be available starting May 22, to pick up and take home to fill. Following is what they need: canned items, stew; ham; tuna; chicken; chicken and dumplings; Spam; peas; corn; mixed vegetables; green beans; carrots; potatoes; peaches; pears; pineapple; fruit cocktail; applesauce; other fruits; cream soups (mushroom, chicken, and celery soup for casseroles); Spaghetti-o's; ravioli; soups (all varieties), boxes/bags; potatoes (au gratin, instant, mashed, scalloped); egg noodles; spaghetti and elbow macaroni; Tuna Helper; macaroni and cheese; cereal; pancake mix; powdered milk; rice; pasta mixes; dry beans, and jars and bottles; pancake syrup; gravy; jelly and spaghetti sauce.

Teacher Appreciation

University Heights is blessed with wonderful Sunday School teachers. Please remember to say thank you to these great teachers that give of their time to help our children, youth, and adults.

Volunteers Needed

Our Sunday School teachers are on a year round schedule; however, there are times when we need people to step in and teach. If you are willing to be a substitute teacher for our children or youth Sunday School classes, please call the church office or sign up at the Welcome Center.

Graduating from College?

Are you graduating from college this year or receiving another degree? Please let the church office know so we can share your accomplishments with the rest of the congregation at (317) 787-5347.

Senior Recognition

We will be honoring high school seniors on Sunday, May 8. Please call the church office to let us know what service you will be attending. There is a tail-gate breakfast in honor of our graduates, too.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

"M IS FOR THE MILLION THINGS SHE GAVE ME"

WINGS

(For women who live alone)

WHERE?

*Ken and Georgia Hottell's
5509 Stockwell Court*

WHEN?

*Friday, May 20, 2016
At 10:00 AM*

PROGRAM?

*Coffee and Goodies
Devotions*

Mother presentations

*Please bring something that
belonged to your mother to share*

Sponsored by Parish Care

*RSVP to the church 787 5347
Let us know if you need transportation*



Fifth Sunday Forum

Join us Sunday, May 29, for the Fifth Sunday Forum. More details to come.



*In memory of Anna Stotts
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Curts*



Our insurance company charges our Trustees with the safety of the congregation in case of an emergency. The first emergency I want to write about is a tornado. The chance of a tornado striking on a Sunday morning between 9 am and 12 pm is small, but since none of us can predict when and where a tornado will strike the only way to prepare for a tornado is to know where the safer areas are. I am sure that all of you know that if the weather people announce that we should take shelter while we are in our church, the safest place is in the lowest part of our building. Most of our rooms have windows in them so I will describe our few rooms without windows.

Our lowest level is safest except that Fellowship Hall is full of windows on the east and west sides which would make us vulnerable to broken glass and flying debris. It also is the room which has the largest ceiling which is at risk of a cave in. The safer areas on the lower level are the two small restrooms and under the stairs at the north end of Fellowship Hall, one on the east side of the kitchen and one on the west side. There is an illuminated exit sign above each doorway, and the restrooms are outside those doors. There is also a ladies restroom at the bottom of the Otterbein Street stairs, but there is a window in that restroom so it is not as safe as a room without windows. There is a men's restroom around the corner from the ladies room which has no windows and should provide a safer shelter. There is also the lower level hall behind the stage. All of these places are marked with a sign on the door or wall that says TORNADO SAFE AREA. All of these rooms have no windows and a small ceiling surface.

On the Sanctuary level there is the small kitchenette in the back of the lounge, the ladies pink restroom next to the kitchenette, and a larger restroom next to the elevette. All are marked with a TORNADO SAFE AREA sign.

In the education wing there are many restrooms between the Sunday School rooms without windows and with small ceiling areas. There is also the family restroom in the lower level hall and the work area behind Cristy's desk in the church office. Do not seek safety in Arch's, Sharon's, and Susan's offices as there are windows in all of those offices.

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

Our Church has endured the major expense of a lot of hail damage, that leak in the men's restroom that put more than half of the original structure basement under water, and the church is still standing without missing a single church service. Now we are looking at the little things. For the last two years we have been aware of water stains on two of the ceiling tiles in the ceiling of the Seekers classroom. Four of our most responsible members have looked for the leak and did not find it. To get an idea if it is still leaking, I put some spray primer on the two tiles. It matches the tile color very well. If a brown water stain appears after the next big rain, we will know it is still active. If no water stain appears, we will assume that either the water stain was just a fluke or after their lesson on baptism the Seekers held a water balloon fight in their room. We have had two heavy rains and so far no new water spots.

Two weeks ago, the Children's Center fireplace room noticed a brown water stain on the ceiling tile next to the chimney. When Dick Curts and I looked out of the little window that one must navigate to get onto the roof, we saw that some good Samaritan had replaced the rickety old wooden landing area and step with a new metal landing area and step. I don't know who made them but the church owes them a big thank you. Dick and I then confidently climbed onto the roof to look for the leak. The seam on three sides of the chimney looked as though each one of them could be the leaky villain so we applied sealant to all three sides of the chimney. We have had two heavy rains since applying the sealer and so far we have no new water spots there either.

Dick looked carefully at things and noticed that an irregular crack ran about one foot in length on our chimney so we sealed that too. Then sharp eyed Dick noticed that most of the seams in the cap were loose. We agreed that we would return when the weather was warmer to secure the seams.

Both Dick and I have been on the education wing roof to clean leaves and seeds out of our three drains so while we were up there we examined the drains. To the amazement of both of us there was not a leaf or seed on any of our drains. We were very happy when we climbed through that little window and walked across the attic to return to the main part of the church.

April Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
4/3	112	39	151	\$10,093
4/10	117	35	152	\$9,301
4/17	109	43	152	\$3,653
4/24	114	24	138	\$4,127

Special Offerings:**Loose Coin:**

April - \$85.02 (Children's Center)

Native American Ministries: \$97.00



Plan on attending a beautiful prayer service on May 5 & 19, at 7 pm in the sanctuary.

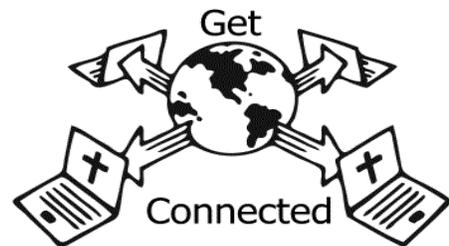
The Taizé Service has songs, scripture, and prayers.

Our sanctuary is always open during church office hours from 9 am – 3 pm. You are always welcome to come in and pray.

Sunday School Curriculum

The three units being studied this summer by our children are the Rainbow Promise, Fruit of the Spirit Part I, and Fruit of the Spirit Part II.

Important Resources

Missions of University Heights UMC[Fletcher Place Food Pantry](#)[Redbird Christian School](#)[BIBs Pantry](#)[UMCOR](#)[IPS School 65](#)**Upcoming Special Offerings**

[Peace With Justice Sunday](#) (May 22) enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

Other United Methodist Resources[Indiana Conference](#)[The United Methodist Church](#)**Christian Book Resources/Curriculum**[Cokesbury](#)[Family Christian Books](#)[Christianbooks.com](#)**DIGITAL EDITION OF THE VIEWS****UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS****UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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