



September 2017

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

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## New Music Director and Organist Announced

University Heights United Methodist Staff Parish Chairperson Vicky Swank announced the new Music Director and Organist for the church. Darrin Isaac will begin his tenure on Sunday, Sept. 4 as the new Music Director. Darrin has a music degree from the University of Indianapolis. He has been active with the chancel choir, the celebration service team as well as the Taizé service. The new organist, pianist and accompanist is Natalie Covert. Natalie will also begin on Sept. 4. Natalie, also a graduated from UIndy, is a music teacher in Indianapolis. She has been active in the celebration service and Taizé service also. It was also announced that Mona Curts will be continuing her role as director of the bell choir.

## Hurricane Harvey Help

Bishop Julius C. Trimble is asking for prayers for those effected by Hurricane Harvey. Besides praying, we can help by sending Hygiene Kits. All items must be new. These things need to be at the church by Friday, Sept. 8 at 9 am so they can be assembled. If you are interested in helping assemble the kits, sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office at (317) 787-5347.

### Items needed - Hygiene Kit

Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster.

### Hygiene Kit Materials:

- 1 hand towel  
15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches  
Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb  
Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long  
No pocket combs or picks please  
Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers  
No emery boards, please
- 1 bath-size soap  
3 oz. and larger sizes only  
No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content  
Do not remove from original packaging
- 1 toothbrush  
Adult size only  
Do not remove from original packaging
- 6 adhesive bandages  
¾ inch to 1 inch-size  
Common household Band-Aids
- 1 plastic bag  
One-gallon size sealable bag only
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

### Upcoming Events

- Taizé Service  
1st & 3rd  
Wednesdays  
7 pm
- Rise N Shine with Rachel  
Sunday, Sept. 10  
10:10 am
- UIndy Student Welcome Pitch-in  
Sunday, Sept. 10  
12 pm
- Hope & Healing, SOS  
Thursday, Sept. 14  
7 pm
- Community Lunch  
Saturday, Sept. 16  
11:30 am
- Youth Outing  
Sunday, Sept. 24  
12:00 pm



## Learning to Live With It.....

Thirteen years ago, homeowner Jerry Lynn was trying to figure out where he should put a hole in his wall for a TV wire. He went up to the second floor of his house and lowered his wife's alarm clock on a string through an air vent – according to a story from CNN, he “thought he could listen to the alarm, which he set to go off after 10 minutes, and know where he needed to poke a hole in the wall.”

But then the string broke. The clock fell. Lynn was still able to use it, though; when the alarm went off, “he could still hear where he needed to poke a hole in the wall.”

And then the alarm kept going off every night at the same time – for 13 years.

Lynn had figured the batteries in the clock would likely die soon, but each night he and his

wife would be treated to about a minute of beeping that could be heard “from any room on the first floor.”

Lynn told CNN that they don't mind the beeping: “It's kind of cute.” But NPR reports that recently, the nightly alarm became “too much to bear,” and the clock was removed from the wall.

Rather than throw it out, though “the clock now sits on their mantle, still set for 7:50 p.m.”

What do we have in our lives that we've just learned to “deal with,” to ignore or sweep under the rug? What can we instead ask God to transform as we move away from “conforming to the pattern of this world” (Romans 12:2)?

*The Joy Continues*

*Rev. C. Archibald Hawkins*

**Next Community Lunch  
Saturday, September 16  
at 11:30 am**

Join us for fantastic food and fellowship.

**October Views Deadline: Sept. 22**

**October Views Mailing: Sept. 27**

## New Tuesday Evening Bible Study to Begin

“When you compare them with the books written by Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, the Minor Prophets are minor only in size. The messages the Minor Prophets wrote are of major importance. In fact, their messages ought to fill us with wonder. We should be amazed when we read Hosea's description of God's jealous love and Joel's illustration of God's glorious kingdom. Jonah and Nahum both deal with the wicked city of Nineveh and amaze us with God's gracious long-suffering. Habakkuk watches the enemy approaching and invites us to be amazed at God's righteous judgment. Malachi amazes us with his revelation of God's contemptuous people, weary of serving the Lord.

“Too many sleepy saints have lost their sense

of wonder. The Minor Prophets shout at us to awaken us and invite us to open our eyes and be amazed at what God is doing in this world.” - Warren W. Wiersbe

We will begin our study of the Minor Prophets using Warren W. Wiersbe's commentary *Be Amazed: Restoring an Attitude of Wonder and Worship* (second edition, David C. Cook, 2010). The cost of the book is \$15. It is an 8-week study beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 pm in the Church lounge.

Please prayerfully consider joining us for this study and enter into wonder and amazement. Be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Starla Hilgert at [mikeandstarlahilgert@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandstarlahilgert@gmail.com).



Thank you to everyone who brought in supplies for School #65, our Children Center and Sunday School classrooms. All are greatly appreciated!

I would like to thank everyone for all their cards, prayers, visits and calls during my recent hip surgery. It was so much appreciated. I don't know what I would do without my church family.  
Hugs to everyone  
*Wanda*

Thank you to all of the cookie makers and our hosts, Mike and Starla Hilgert, at the Children Center's Back-to-School Night. Cookies were enjoyed by all and there were even some left over for the staff the next day. Thank you for making the Children Center families feel welcomed in our church!

I want to thank you all for your continued support of my academic pursuits. The award of Heshelman Scholarship is invaluable for my course of study. This church has always fostered and protected my faith in the peaceful co-existence of the world's cultures and religions. I hope to one day use my language skills to serve the people too many in this country have deemed dangerous or alien. This church has always replenished my energy to do so with its tolerance, exemplified through a scholarship for Christian service awarded for these pursuits.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE who sent me cards, flowers, called me just to talk, food, visits, and especially prayers, during my surgery and recovery. Thank you Arch for coming to visit me and your prayers that go straight to the top. Most of you know, but I had extensive spinal surgery on June 1 of this year. It is now August 16, and I am still in a brace with PT to go through soon. The pain is much better, but not gone. This church "Family" is the best. If I would list everyone I need to thank, this note would fill the entire Views for at least a month. Thank you so very much and keep the prayers coming, I am not done yet.

Thank you all,  
*Haley K. Wilson*

*Kay Wiley*

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during the passing of my father-in-law, Larry.

*Laurie Davis*

Thank you to those who ordered Fall mums from the Children's Center.

**SEPTEMBER LOOSE COIN**



During the month of September, the loose change offering will go to support our Funeral Dinner budget. 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.

**September Anniversaries**

- 9/1/2006 Ben & Rebecca Hilgert
- 9/9/1955 Chester & Doris Hedges
- 9/22/1972 Mark & Susan Barhan
- 9/26/1992 Dennis & Sandra Osborne
- 9/29/2007 Colby & Brittany Birt

**September Birthdays**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Jerry Booher        | 21 William Griffin   |
| 4 Leon Meyer          | 22 Mona Curts        |
| 7 Linda Richards      | Carrie Lamb          |
| 9 Elizabeth Batteiger | Karen Nieman         |
| 11 Esther Edwards     | 23 Ronald Burgess    |
| 12 Virgil Mayhew      | 24 Stan Curts        |
| Adam Barclay          | Nancy Stenger        |
| 14 Bruce Laetsch      | Becky Wykes          |
| June Roembke          | Stephanie Kelly      |
| 16 Wendy Bravard      | 25 Ashley Morgan     |
| Grace George          | 26 Rachel Osborne    |
| Larry McKnight        | Bev Riffle           |
| 17 David Rodebaugh    | Blake Moran          |
| 18 Dorothy Reddix     | 28 Randall Hendricks |

## Youth News

Rise 'n' Shine  
With  
Rachel



Rise 'n' Shine with Rachel on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 10:10 am in the Youth Room for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## Youth Event

Join us for lunch and trip to Anderson Apple Orchard on Sunday, Sept. 24, following the 11:05 am service. We will go by a fast-food restaurant for lunch and then off to the orchard. Drivers are needed for this event. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

### Mission Activity for the Month

Join in the Out of Darkness Walk on  
Saturday, Sept. 16.

## Look for Our Helping Hand

Cold, winter days are quickly approaching. Many children do not have hats, mittens, and scarves to keep them warm. Our Helping Hand will be in the lounge during the month of October for you to place your donations. Start looking for bargains now!

Mark your calendars for Charge Conference on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 pm at Rosedale Hills UMC.

## Keys, Key Fobs and More

If you have a key or key fob to the church building that you are not using, please turn it in to the church office. Cristy would like to compile a list of who all have keys to the building. If you have a key, please let her know at (317) 787-5347.

## Children's Center Silent Auction Items Needed

Annually, the Children's Center auctions items to raise funds to supply its classrooms with learning materials, age-appropriate toys, etc. How can you help? Donations are needed to auction. These donations can be gift certificates, themed gift baskets, tickets, quilts, etc.

Auction bidders will be needed from Monday, Sept. 18 - Tuesday, Sept. 26. You will be notified if you were the winning bid.

This is a great fundraiser for the Children's Center, please consider participating. If you cannot participate and you want to make a donation, just mark your offering envelope. Thank you for supporting the Children's Center Silent Auction.

The smell of  
Fall will soon  
be in the air!



## All-Church Pitch-in-Lunch and Celebration Concert to Welcome Back UIndy Students

Join us Sunday, September 10, for an ALL CHURCH pitch-in lunch following the 11:05 am service to welcome back our college students. Lunch will be followed at 1:00 by a Concert in the Sanctuary by our Celebration Team plus friends. This is a fun way to fellowship with church friends, meet new and returning college students, and be entertained by fantastic music. Meat will be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or in your Sunday School Classrooms. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship!



### In memory of Doris Fowler

*Mrs. Marty Bennington  
Mrs. Mary McMillan  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Hannon  
Mrs. Cindy Wesner  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Burgess  
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Borden  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Olvey  
Mrs. Nancy (Phil) Stenger*

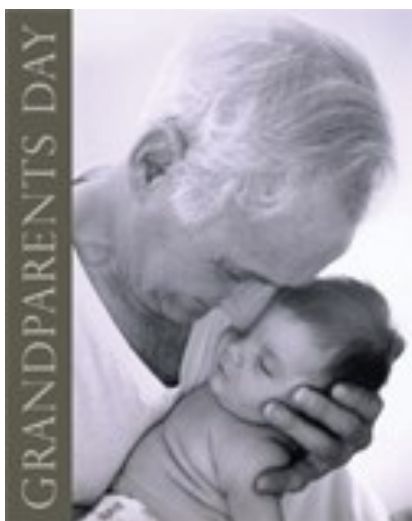
### In memory of Ivan Bennington

*Mrs. Cindy Wesner*

## Wear Orange and Walk in Anthony's Memory

Out of the Darkness Walk in Indianapolis is Saturday, Sept. 16, from 2 – 4 pm. Come and walk in loving memory of Anthony Wilkerson. His group will be wearing orange shirts, his favorite color. This walk is in White River Park in downtown Indianapolis. To register or to donate go to [www.afsp.org/walk](http://www.afsp.org/walk). Join the walk to prevent these tragedies! If you want more information about the walk or Hope & Healing, SOS, please contact Matt or Amy Davis at (317) 833-3025 or (317) 833-3094.

## Celebrate Grandparents Day on Sunday, Sept. 10



This is probably a day Hallmark came up with; however, it is always great to stop and think about our grandparents and all they mean to our lives. God Bless Them! Here are a few stories for Grandparents - When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

"When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

"Elephants and grandchildren never forget." - Andy Rooney

July/August Statistics				
Date	Attendance			General Fund
	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
07/30	95	26	121	\$2,996
8/6	93	21	114	\$7,236
8/13	95	23	118	\$9,000
8/20	96	23	119	\$4,903
8/27	130	30	160	\$5,012

**Special Offerings:**

**Loose Coin:**

June/July: \$217.63 (Fletcher Place Loaves Meal)

August: \$ 71.31(Out of the Darkness Walk)



Plan to attend a beautiful prayer service on September 6 and 20, 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. Please continue to pray for our church, our church family and our community at home if you cannot join us at the church.

# Important Resources

**Missions of University Heights UMC**

[Fletcher Place Food Pantry](#)

[Redbird Christian School](#)

[BIBs Pantry](#)

[UMCOR](#)

[IPS School 65](#)



**Other United Methodist Resources**

[Indiana Conference](#)

[The United Methodist Church](#)

**Christian Book Resources/Curriculum**

[Cokesbury](#)

[Family Christian Books](#)

[Christianbooks.com](#)

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