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# The Parish Voice

Nappanee United Methodist Church



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## Be the Church!

*By: Pastor Mary Hubbard*

John Wesley wrote “There is no such thing as a solitary Christian.” Paul said that the Church is the body of Christ.

We belong together, we need each other. Without one another, we are incomplete. Our various gifts, talents—and even our opinions! - are needed, not just for service to our community and world, but are needed for us.

We need to differ so that we can grow; a well-worn saying is that “learning comes at points of conflict.” When we disagree, we can learn. And we don’t need to be disagreeable while doing it!

I need the community of Church. It reminds me of my strengths and weaknesses, it reminds me of my need for others, it reminds me that others need me. Because of Church, I grow, I change, and hopefully I mature!

I see Jesus in the Church. If you are not attending worship somewhere, come home here. Come see Jesus with me. And find the Jesus in others!



## Single Board Approval

There was an all church conference on Monday, October 2nd, with the District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy. There was an unanimous vote to approve the single board model. The people selected will start their positions immediately.



## Nappanee United Methodist Women of Faith

*By: Sue Matthews*

I would like to meet October 29<sup>th</sup> immediately after church with present and future officers, plus Sally and other members who would like to give their input/suggestions for fundraisers (to be held next year).



During the October 18<sup>th</sup> Sarah Circle meeting at 4:00 pm in the library (unless you are notified otherwise), the “**Thank Offering**” will be collected.

## Operation Christmas Child

It’s shoebox time for Operation Christmas Child again. October 15th is Kickoff Sunday, so be sure to pick up a shoebox (or 2) and fill it for a child somewhere in the world that needs to know that Jesus loves them. There will be items available to help you complete your box, or you can donate items for others to use. Check the table for supplies. Pick up adhesive labels for your box or boxes.

Remember that you can also build a shoebox on-line. We will have a special address available for our online goal of 30 boxes for our Nappanee church. Our goal is 75 boxes...30 online and 45 filled shoeboxes. We can reach our goal with your help.



The Apple Festival was a great success this year. Thanks for all your support and prayers.. Whether you were physically working the tent, cooking, prepping, praying or bringing your hungry appetites, we appreciate you! Our profit was approximately \$8,800.00. All profits support missions. Thanks again for being the hands and feet of the church to our community and beyond. To God be the glory!

Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known