
The Parish Voice

Nappanee United Methodist Church



November 2023

Our Church Looks forward to 150 Years

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Soon Nappanee will be celebrating 150 years. Our Nappanee United Methodist Church will also celebrate those years. The Nappanee United Methodist Church traces its local heritage to three congregations—Methodist Episcopal (1874), United Brethren in Christ (1874) and Evangelical Association (1891).

Near the end of 1873, a group of Methodists began meeting to discuss organizing a Methodist Church in Nappanee. In 1874, they began holding Sunday School and prayer meetings in various Nappanee locations. The first meetings were in the homes of members. Soon the meetings grew too large for homes and they began rotating between the Hartman Hall on South Main Street, the Nappanee Elementary School on North Main Street and the Church of the Brethren on East Market Street. When the United Brethren in Christ building was completed in 1875 they began holding their worship services in that building. A Methodist Episcopal pastor was assigned in 1877 and the congregation continued meeting in the United Brethren in Christ church building until 1887 when the ME church building at 301 East Market was completed.

In 1874, the Locke Circuit of the United Brethren in Christ began meeting with the plan to establish a church in Nappanee. The United Brethren in Christ church is part of the United Methodist church heritage. The early church program consisted of Sunday School and prayer meetings in various locations in Nappanee. The meetings were generally at the Nappanee Elementary School on North Main Street. They also met at the homes of members. The members soon realized the importance of establishing a permanent church home and property at the corner of South Elm Street and East Market Street was purchased. In 1875 a one-room wood-frame church building was begun at 201 East Market Street and worship services began. Their first United Brethren in Christ pastor was assigned in 1876. According to local history, the United Brethren in Christ church building was the first church building built in Nappanee.

It's Shoebox Time!

By: Dorothy Haney, Missions Chair



We hope your shoebox plans are coming along. Here are some reminders to help.

8. Pray that your box will be one that will reach a heart for Jesus after they complete the discipleship course. No – the number's not wrong. I had this one last, and then decided praying should be first! The journey of every shoebox gift is guided by prayer.

1. Make sure you have a quality “WOW” item that will light up the eyes of the child receiving your box.

2. Include school supplies and hygiene items such as bar soap, toothbrush (no toothpaste), washcloth, etc. Do not include food or candy, or any liquid or war-related items.

3. Use the items in the totes to complete your box. They are there to be used to make your box more special.

Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known

We are going to make up an order of gift cards in addition to the Martin's cards. There is a list of available cards to purchase. Contact Dave and Linda Detwiler for more information.



Plan to join us November 5, for All Saints' Day, a special day in the life of the Church. It is that day when we remember and celebrate the lives of the members of our congregation who have died and joined the church eternal during the last year.



- ◆ Our condolences to the family of Yvonne Murphy, who passed away October 4th.
- ◆ Our condolences to the family of Jerry Freet, who passed away October 13th.
- ◆ Our condolences to the family of Wilma Orsund, who passed away October 14th.

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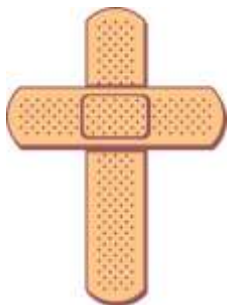


Daylight Savings ends on November 5th. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!



We Need Healing

By: Pastor Mary Hubbard



There is a Hebrew word that is used, “*Tikkun*”; it refers to the healing of the world.

In Sunday School class the other day we got on to the issue of responsible gun ownership, and the prevalence of guns in our nation—and in Nappanee. We need healing, so that people who should not have guns, don’t.

Another class segued into politics a little, bemoaning the perceived lack of our representative’s representation—not being responsive to the peoples’ needs.

Another class is dealing with the history of the Church, which is a mixed bag, indeed!

All of this shows the need for healing in the world. And our Church is a part of the healing.

Our wonderful variety of adult Sunday School classes offers us a choice of ways we can help each other learn. It can also be a place to strategize how to heal this poor, bent world.

A wonderful Wesleyan hymn has a verse in it that says “take away our bent toward sinning”; together, we can help unbend things and bring *tikkun* to the world.



It’s Shoebox Time!

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4. Rather than including the money for shipping (\$10.00) in the box, just put it in your offering envelope, noting that it is for the shoebox project. The church will then send a check for all money received.

5. Attach an *adhesive* label indicating the age and gender of the child you made the box for. These labels are found on the table.

6. Personalize your box with a note or a picture of you or your family. Also, there are papers available on the table to complete to tell them about yourself. That way they will know that you are a ‘real’ person that cares about them.

7. Bring your box to church by Sunday, November 12th, so they can be taken to the collection church.

OR---Use the ‘*Build a Shoebox Online*’ option. You can send the Gospel to a child somewhere in the world if you don’t have time to shop or if shopping is difficult. Go to the Nappanee UMC webpage and click on the shoebox image. Or you can go to the church’s Facebook page. Either way will take you to the Nappanee goal page so that it is included in our total. This is the easiest option and maybe the least expensive. For \$25.00, your box will be filled with quality items and includes the shipping fee. If you would like some help, talk to me about it and I will make one on-line for you.

Our church’s goal is 45 actual shoeboxes and 30 online. That doesn’t mean we can’t make a lot more. Remember that each box has ETERNAL value – that’s the one you’re prayerfully preparing. Pray that through your box a child will learn about “God’s Greatest Gift,” Jesus.



- 02 Kellie MacGowan
- 03 Linda Detwiler
- 07 Kurt Schwartz
- 10 Audrey Mather
- 10 Andy Wysong
- 11 Megan Stankovich
- 12 Krystal Beer
- 12 Dennis Debelak
- 13 Jesse Berger
- 15 Jim Stork
- 16 Norma Personett
- 17 Caitlin Knepp
- 22 Tessa Beer
- 25 Beth Huff
- 25 Jean Hunt
- 25 Jack Stair
- 28 Carol Cripe
- 29 Susie Pletcher



<u>In-Person Worship</u>	
October 1	85
October 8	77
October 15	81
October 22	91
<u>Sunday School Attendance</u>	
October 1	40
October 8	41
September 17	39
September 24	31



WOW

The next WOW meal will be Wednesday, November 8th. Serving starts at 5:15 pm. The meal will be grilled ham and cheese, tomato soup, and a dessert. Please make sure to sign up on the sheet outside the office. If you wish to help provide a dessert, sign up on the right side of the sheet.



- 05 Roger & Mary Buss
- 24 Tom & Dana Parciak
- 26 Brad & Carla Newcomer



Financial Report



The month of September provided additional cost savings due to the Pastor insurance and pension not being paid for our interim. Offerings were even with last year's September. Discussions have centered on our Stewardship Campaign in November and our budget for 2024. You will soon find your 2024 offering envelopes in your mailbox at church – with the delay last year until Spring...we made sure to order them extra early to ensure timely arrival!

The last quarter of the year traditionally brings strong months of offering. We need to finish the year strong to enter 2024 with a foundation of financial sustainability. I am so proud of what we have accomplished as a congregation and look forward to 2024 with optimism.

Don't forget to check your mailboxes for your Q3 giving statements!



As of September 30, 2024:
 Offerings are up \$17,424 ~ 9.8% (YTD \$194,500)
 Expenses are down \$14,574 ~ 7.1% (YTD \$190,425)