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# The Parish Voice

Nappanee United Methodist Church



April 2023

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## Bashor to Celebrate 100 Years

By: Dorothy Haney, Missions Chair



We recently received the following notice from Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy: *"Our United Methodist Bashor Children's Home will celebrate 100 years of faithful life-changing ministry this spring! Think*

*about all the lives changed because of the faithfulness of God and the generosity of God's people. 100 years of providing the love of Jesus Christ to children and youth right here in the North District."*

Bashor Children's Home began as the Bashor Deaconess Orphanage on land donated to the Methodist Episcopal Church by John and Emaline Bashor in 1923. The original home is still standing on Bashor Road, west of Goshen.

The church governed a boys orphanage until it suspended operations during World War II. It was reopened in 1950 and remained an orphanage through 1968. Bashor Children's Home then refocused its mission on residential child care in 1969 and launched a period of rapid growth as the agency adapted to the changing needs of the community.

Today they provide help for troubled children and their families through residential care, day treatment/ alternative education, and foster care. In 2016, they opened a shelter for homeless teens. Recently they built a new unit specifically for young ladies who have been subject to severe abuse and/or have been a victim of human trafficking.

On Sunday, April 23, 2023, you are invited to join the celebration of Bashor's 100th Anniversary with a tour of Bashor Children's Home from 2:00 to 4:00 pm followed by a celebration service with our Indiana Bishop Julius C. Trimble. This is your chance to see and learn about this important service to the children in our community for yourselves.

If you'd like to keep Bashor helping our vulnerable children for another 100 years, how about contributing \$100 (or any amount) by noting Bashor on

your offering envelope. Hurting children in our area will be blessed by being shown the love of Christ in action.



## WOW

By: Sue Matthews

The next WOW meal will be April 12<sup>th</sup>. Serving will begin approximately at 5:15 and end when all have been served. The menu for that second Wednesday (April 12) is: baked potato bar and dessert. This includes a potato and choices of the following: cheese, broccoli, chili, onions, bacon bits, butter, and sour cream as well as dessert. The meal requires a few extra helpers. Please let me know if you can help any time between 4:00 and 8:00.

Also, sign-up is extremely important for this meal. Don't forget to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board for any carry outs that you know of. Thanks for your help. Karen and I are hoping for suggestions for the meals for the next few months.



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### Summer Camp

Summer church camp registration is now open. Through beautiful locations, exciting activities and intentional relationships, campers and guests are encouraged to reflect, grow, and amplify the impact in their world. Get details at [impact2818.org](http://impact2818.org). Contact the office for the camp code before you register online to receive a 50% discount.



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### Vacation Bible School - Save The Date!

Vacation Bible School 2023 will be June 4-7th! Please plan to join us for a Stellar VBS that is Out of This World! We will have traditional VBS nights June 4-6, with a family dinner and activity night on Wednesday, June 7th. In the coming months, we will be looking for volunteers to help for the 3 Traditional VBS nights as well as to join us to meet our families on June 7th during family night. We would love to see as many members of our congregation as possible for dinner that evening! Stay Tuned!



**Stellar VBS is out of this world!**

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world!

### The Parish Voice is the monthly newsletter of the Nappanee United Methodist Church

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### Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

In-person or available on YouTube



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# Pastor's COLUMN

## These Things Are True

*By Pastor Kevin Reed*

“Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.”  
Romans 6:8-10



Spring is a beautiful time of year. It is the time when the green of life returns to our yards and neighborhoods. It is the time when flowers bud and begin opening with their radiant colors and patterns. The birds begin to sing after their return trips from warmer places. Spring is about new life and renewed life.

As spring begins its return, I am reminded of the hymn “Now the Green Blade Riseth,” #311 in the United Methodist Hymnal. It is a beautiful picture of Jesus’ resurrection. It reminds us that God is in the business of bringing life where many see nothing but death.

Spring is often the time of planting. It is the time when the seemingly dead seed is planted in the seemingly dead earth, but it only takes a few weeks for evidence of life to be seen. That which was considered absent of life was merely dormant, just waiting for the right moment, and what is produced is many times greater than what was buried.

It is my prayer that as we move into this Easter season, we experience resurrection in our own lives. It is my prayer that you rediscover the restoring nature of God in any broken and dormant places in your life. May the life of Christ fill us. And may that life permeate every part of our lives that it may brighten the world life flower blooms, give strength to the people around us like grain, and provide hope just from the existence of life in us.

## Death Doesn't Win

In the final hours of 2021, a wildfire near Boulder, Colorado, destroyed 1,000 homes, including one belonging to Pastor Bill Stephens. His family, out of town at the time, lost all their possessions. After months of feeling buried in debris, insurance paperwork and mourning, Stephens decided that Easter 2022 would mark a fresh start.

During worship that morning, the pastor shared a photo of vibrant daffodils emerging on his charred property. Burned remnants were visible in the background, just as Easter’s backdrop includes the pain and death of Good Friday. But the empty tomb in Easter’s foreground means death won’t win, reminded Stephens. Even when earthly life “isn’t all daffodils,” we have hope and eternal life through Jesus.

Easter reveals that God will “give us the joy, and it’s going to be in the heart of pain that we go through as well,” added the pastor. “And that just makes me draw closer to God.”





**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 03 Amy Berger
- 04 Lily McGuire
- 05 Dick Pletcher
- 06 Tyler Phillips
- 06 Jenni Wysong
- 07 Jerry Huff
- 08 Vickie Miller
- 08 Bob Stover
- 08 Micah Sword
- 12 Nikki Bliss
- 16 Tony Garl
- 17 Sarah Myers
- 19 Bryce Knepp
- 19 Deb Whetstone
- 20 Kent Beehler
- 21 Ian Campbell
- 21 Henry Garl
- 23 Lindsay London
- 23 Marcia McKee
- 24 Harold Collins
- 25 Tim Miller (Jane's husband)
- 29 John Personett
- 30 Janet Lemler



**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 09 Dennis & Dianne Debelak
- 17 Todd & Krystal Beer
- 23 Bob & Helen Strang
- 26 David & Lindsae Harrold
- 27 Jeff & Angie Stillson



In-Person Worship

February 26	71
March 5	84
March 12	62
March 19	73
March 26	74

Sunday School Attendance

February 26	34
March 5	44
March 12	36
March 19	43
March 26	34



Finance Update: a  
SPRING Board Toward a  
Healthier Balance Sheet

*By: Jenni Wysong, Finance Chair*

You've all done it again! Offerings were up in February \$3,223 or 16% over February, 2022 -- Offerings YTD are up \$4,685 or 11% over previous year. Expenses were higher in February by \$2,646 or 11% over February, 2022, and YTD expenses are higher by \$2,251 or 5%. The increased expenses result from Utilities and Insurance. All apportionments for February were paid. Let's keep this momentum going into Spring!



Welcome our new members:

- Dennis Debelak
- Dianne Debelak
- Erin Garl
- Glen Hostetler

Welcome to our new members through transfers:

- Carolyn Sheley
- Jan Neidigh
- Bob Neidigh



Better Together

*By: Dennis & Dianne Debelak and Dick & Diana Smith*

Our April Better Together will be on Monday, April 24th, at 6 pm for dinner. We will be dining at an old favorite, The Charger House, at 111 US 6, in Ligonier. They are known for some of the best tasting white fish ever!! Plan to join us and sign up on the reservation list on the bulletin board by the office door. If you have any questions at all please contact the Debelaks or the Smiths.



## Indiana United Methodist Church History Indiana's First Methodist Ordained Minister

By: Phil Lehman, History Chair

A current project of the Indiana Commission on Archives and History is restoring two grave headstones.

The first ordained Methodist minister appointed to a circuit in Indiana was Moses Ashworth. He served in southern Indiana and part of his circuit included the Robertson Meeting House (Old Bethany). A story told in the February issue of the Parish Voice. Pastor Ashworth retired from the ministry after a brief time because the quarterage (salary) was not enough to support his family.

He died in 1838 and is buried along with his wife and a son in the Prairie Chapel Cemetery in Posey County. According to the history of the cemetery the exact spot of the grave cannot be located. Prior to 1893, many of the headstones in the cemetery had been removed and piled in the corner. The owner of the adjacent farm believed the area would look better if plowed rather than let it grow in briars and weeds. The headstones of Moses and his wife, Eliza, were found and rescued around 1903 and in 1955 found their way to the UMC archives at DePauw. At DePauw, the headstones were kept with the Robertson Meeting House. However, they did not go with the meeting house when it was moved to Rivervale in 1999 but were kept at the archives. When the archive building at DePauw was renovated this past year, they were turned over to the Commission on Archives and History.

The Indiana Commission on Archives and History is in the process of having the headstones of Moses and Eliza restored. Because their history is closely intertwined with the Robertson Meeting house, when the work is completed, they will be on display on the grounds with the Robertson Meeting House at UMC Camp Rivervale. An interpretive marker will be provided onsite to honor Ashworth and detail the historical significance of the early circuit riders in Indiana.



Each school year, East Noble School Corporation will submit to the state a Teacher of the Year candidate. Candidates will be considered based on the following criteria that are in alignment with the Council of Chief State School Officers, National Teacher of the Year Program:

- Be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher in an Indiana accredited public or non-public school, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve, who is planning to continue in an active teaching status.

- Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.

- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues.

- Play an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school.

- Be poised, articulate, and possess the energy to withstand a taxing schedule

- Demonstrate innovative 21st Century skills and continued professional growth.