
The Parish Voice

Nappanee United Methodist Church



February 2024

Sanctuary: The 50th Anniversary Part One: History of the Sanctuary

Phil Lehman, Chair Church Archives and History



Sunday, May 5th, will be the 50th anniversary of worshiping in our sanctuary. The first worship service in May 1974 was also on Sunday, May 5th.

When the Nappanee Grace (former EUB} and the Trinity (former Methodist) churches merged in 1969 to form the Nappanee United Methodist Church, the Trinity building was used for worship until a

building plan could be developed. Planning for a new sanctuary began in January 1972 and groundbreaking was held in June 1973. However, two important decisions had been made before the planning began. The first decision that the congregation made was to stay at the Market Street location and maintain a ministry in midtown. The second decision concerned the 1916 building. The 1916 building was a classic Methodist building which served the congregation well but required extensive renovation. The cost of bringing the 1916 building up to a standard necessary to serve the future needs of the congregation compared to the cost of a new building that would include a sanctuary and offices was considered. Following much discussion, the congregation agreed that building a new sanctuary would be the best choice and use the 1916 building for fellowship, classrooms and thrift shop with minimum renovations.

The new building included two offices, reception area, work room, chapel and a large sanctuary. The offices were in the south part of the present narthex. It was not until the fellowship hall was built in 1989 that the present office wing was added, narthex enlarged, and the library addition completed. The door to the storeroom in the west narthex had been the outside entrance to the Senior Pastor's office. The storeroom had been the original stairs to the basement with an outside entrance. The location of the original south entry doors can still be seen by the bulletin board on the north and south wall. Second entry doors were added later where the cut is in the heating unit. The present Sacred Grounds room was originally designed as the chapel. The pre-

sent entry from the narthex to fellowship hall was where the stairway into the lower level of the 1916 building had been. Where the display case with the round-stained glass panel is located, were the steps leading to the main level of the 1916 building.



Better Together

By: Dianne Debelak

Our February gathering for Better Together, will be held on **Tuesday, February 27th, at 12:00 noon**. We will be dining together in Wakarusa at **The Garage Coffee Shop**, located at **104 W. Waterford Street**. The staff there is delightful and the sandwich menu is delish. If you would like to go, but prefer to carpool, please let us know when you sign up. There are several of us that are fine with doubling up on driving. As always the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office door. Looking forward to seeing some new faces.



Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known

Our sympathies for the family of Doris Chokey. She passed away on Saturday, January 20th.



The planned closing date on the sale of the Youth House property is scheduled for February 12, 2024. A portion of the proceeds will be used to make needed repairs and upgrades to the parsonage before our new minister arrives.

The remainder will be invested in an interest bearing account. The annual interest can be used for general fund purposes.

Nappanee United Methodist Women of Faith

By: Sue Matthews, UMW President

Our recent meeting resulted in a decision to sponsor two fundraisers. The first is our well-known "Super Bowl Sub". Superbowl Sunday is February 11th. Tickets for the subs will be on sale January 28th and February 4th, before and after church services. The price is \$7 and will include the sandwich and chips. Donna's famous cookies will be available for sale when you pick up your meal. (which will be 11:00-12:00 Sunday, February 11th)

Our second fundraiser will take place the beginning of October. We will serve a chicken and noodles dinner. More information will be made available as the time for that event gets closer. Both events will raise money for missions. We try to give to one local group, one state group, and one national group in need. Our officers will meet in November to select the three groups and determine the amount to be donated based on money received from the two fundraisers. If you have any suggestions, please inform Sue, Dianne, or Peggy in November.



Dues for the United Methodist Women for 2024 can still be given to Dianne Debelak, who will be happy to take your money and register your membership. Checks can be made payable to **United Methodist Women** for \$15.

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<u>In-Person Worship</u>		
December 31		86
January 7		82
January 14		40
January 21		88
January 28		93
<u>On-Line Worship</u>		
December 31		30
January 7		32
January 14		40
January 21		15
January 28		13

<u>Sunday School Attendance</u>		
December 31		38
January 7		21
January 14		-
January 21		37
January 28		36

You're Invited!

By: Sue Matthews

Ladies, this invitation was sent to me by Yvonne Bancroft from the First United Methodist Church in Michigan City, Indiana.

"The First United Methodist Women invites you to a 'Valentine Tea'. Each February, for the past 70 years it has been the tradition to hold a tea for any women in the area. It is a non-denominational event given to celebrate the gift of love in all communities. There will be a short devotional and a light form of entertainment followed by tea and sweets in the community room."

The tea will be held Saturday, Feb. 10th at 1:30 pm (which is 2:30 our time). If you would like to form a carpool or two and attend, please let me know by February 9th. Travel time is about 1 hour 15 minutes to get to: 121 E. 7th St. Michigan City.



What do you call two birds in love?
Tweethearts!

What did one bee say to the other?
I love bee-ing with you, honey!

What did the enamored deer say?
I'm very fawn-ed of you!



- 20 Claude & Jan Brown



WOW

The next WOW meal will be Wednesday, February 14th. Serving starts at 5:15 pm. The meal will be pulled pork sandwiches, green beans, chips, & a dessert. Please make sure to sign up on the sheet outside the office.



Wayne & Martha Dinkeldein
New home phone number 574-773-0681

Carolyn Sheley
574-301-1032



We Love Our Women—Period!

By: Dorothy Haney

From moms to friends, to grandmas and aunts, we all love the women in our lives. Therefore, for the month of February and Valentine’s Day, we’re collecting items to show our love for all women, especially for those in need.

Two years ago we collected men’s underwear, last year we did diapers, this year we’re collecting items for women, such as hygiene items, sanitary supplies, underwear, bras, and socks. These items will be donated to Broadway Christian Parish, a United Methodist church in South Bend that serves the homeless, and to The Center (FCDC) right here in Nappanee.

Broadway Christian Parish is a special place for the homeless to be served, especially with the recent severe cold weather. Here the women can enjoy a warm breakfast and hot coffee, can take a shower and do their laundry. They can get gloves and clothing to help them with the cold and can use this address to receive mail and put this address on an application so they can get an ID, without which many doors are closed to them. Maybe the most important thing is the love and compassion they receive here.

The Center here in Nappanee always has a need for feminine hygiene items.

So please pick up a list from the display table in the narthex, and show God’s love by donating during the month of February.

Just so there’s no doubt about it...WE LOVE OUR WOMEN—PERIOD!!!

Needed items to donate to our “We Love Our Women – Period” collection during the month of February

Clothing – The Board of Health states that *clean, gently* used items are okay, *except* for underwear.

Women’s sizes small, medium, large and XL

New underwear, sizes S to XL

Bras, all sizes (not considered underwear)

Thermal underwear

Leggings

Gloves

Hats

Boots/shoes – women’s size 7-10

Warm socks

Any winter items

Sanitary supplies –

Sanitary pads

Tampons

Depends

Hygiene items – Trial sizes are preferred, but all sizes can be used

Lotions

Chapstick

Shampoo

Soap

Hygiene wipes



In the event of inclement weather requiring us to cancel church activities, or worship services, you will find the notification listed on WNDU (channel 16), WSBT (channel 22), and on the church Facebook page. An email from the church will also be sent out.



The Realm of the Impossible

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God’s realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

—Corrie ten Boom