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# The Parish Voice

Nappanee United Methodist Church



June 2024

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## Christian Hospitality Comes with a House Key

*By Jane Leavitt, Parsonage Project Coordinator*



The remodeling is done, the welcome mat is out, and the door will be open to welcome all of you and to thank you for your generous giving and time spent in making this project a success. The Parsonage Committee will be hosting a 'House warming' event on Saturday, June 15, from 1:00-2:30, and all of you are invited. Pastor Byron will be blessing the home and praying for our new pastor and his family at 2:30. The Committee is also suggesting a fun way of further welcoming our new family by asking each of you to bring a house warming gift. The following are some examples, however, don't feel that you must limit your creativity to the following items:

All purpose cleaner  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Aluminum foil  
Glad storage bags  
Dishwasher soap  
Window cleaner  
Kleenex tissues  
Cans of corn  
Cans of green beans  
Cans of various soups  
Spaghetti sauce

Various pastas  
Kraft macaroni and cheese  
Cereal  
Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayo  
Flour  
Sugar  
Brown sugar  
Applesauce  
Martin's gift cards



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*By John Personett*

June 8 was originally scheduled to be a church clean-up day, but instead it's changed to a parsonage clean-up day beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Items on the 'to do' list:

Washing screens  
Wiping down cabinets  
Cleaning new floors  
Wiping out closets  
Cleaning window blinds  
Cleaning bathrooms  
Sweeping out the utility room  
Sweeping the porch  
Weeding around the porch,  
patio and garden shed

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the office. Please sign up and plan to give us a hand as we complete the Parsonage Project for the Stephens family.

Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known



We extend out Christian sympathy to the family of Martha Dinkeldein who died May 9.

thank you

From Audrey Mather  
 "Thank you! A big thank you to my church family for all the

prayers, visits, calls, texts, food and cards during all my recent health issues. I am so thankful to be part of this caring church congregation."

"I DO!"

Congratulations to Sydney Wysong and Jackson West who were married in our sanctuary June 1.



Dick & Marilyn Strakowski have returned to Nappanee to their home at 1202 East Marion. Due to health issues they are not able to attend worship, but they watch online every week. They would love to have contact with people from the congregation. This is their new phone number: (513) 470-7368



Thanks, Choir!

May 26 was the last Sunday for the Sanctuary Choir to sing until next fall. They will have the summer off. They ended their season with a favorite, *His Eye is on the Sparrow*. We extend our appreciation to Steve Phillips and the choir members for their dedication and for sharing their talents with us through song.

Graduate Recognition  
 Sunday, June 16



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In-person or available on YouTube



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## How we impact lives for Jesus through our support of our mission budget

By Dorothy Haney

Our pastors, the Kaisers, have done an amazing series about John Wesley for our stewardship emphasis. John Wesley is known for being the founder of Methodism. His ‘earn all you can, share all you can, and give all you can’ has been a basis of how we share what we’ve been blessed with.



There are, as we all know, many ways of giving. Sometimes it’s our time, other times it’s our talents, but this month, I would like to emphasize our treasures. This is where our mission giving comes in.

Our mission budget includes 19 different missions, some local, others around the USA, and others that help people around the world. You have always been extra generous in supporting UMCOR, especially in the event of a huge disaster.

However, we have 18 other missions that day-to-day depend on us for support so they can keep going on serving the people that they feel called to serve. So far this year, most of these missions have not received any of our gifts.

Each mission was started by someone or a group that saw a need and worked to help fulfill that need.

Let’s highlight a few:

*Grace Children’s Hospital* – When a couple from Indiana visited Haiti on vacation, way back in the 60s, they saw a need for a place to treat children suffering from tuberculosis. Haiti has always been a poor country, and now is in turmoil from gangs and unrest and poverty, plus an earthquake, but still the hospital continues to give help to all they can.

*McCurdy Ministries* – When Millie Perkins, a deaconess, visited New Mexico in 1912, she saw a need for education amid all the poverty and started the first school in the Española Valley. This mission continues today to help the community with education, faith-based programs, counseling services, and the like.

*Henderson Settlement* – In 1925, Methodist minister Hiram Frankes came to southeastern Kentucky with a dream of educational, economic and spiritual reform that he observed was so badly needed in this area. Today his dream lives on in the lives of the people in this impoverished region. (This would be a wonderful place to go on a mission trip!)

Each of the items on our mission budget need our support. So today, I’m asking you to help keep these dreams alive and continue to serve others in the name of Jesus. To make your gift more personal, learn more about these missions and choose one to donate to on a regular basis by giving through your offering envelope. Just indicate which mission and how much. Reread Matthew 25. Remember whatever we do for others is doing it for Jesus!



Thank you for overflowing the grocery cart with cereal in May!



### Open Door

*Item of the Month*



June’s grocery cart item for Open Door will be toilet paper. All kinds are accepted, one-ply, two-ply, three-ply; regular rolls, large rolls, mega rolls; ultra soft, ultra strong, quilted; single rolls, 6 packs, 24 packs; Charmin, Cottonelle, Angel Soft. You get the idea! We’re on a roll!

### Better Together

*By Dianne Debelak*

On **Tuesday, June 25, at 12:00 noon**, we will be dining at **The Oasis Restaurant**, 702 W. Lincoln Avenue in Goshen. It is located on the outskirts of Linway Plaza and we had lunch there a few years back. Save room for dessert as **The Chief Ice Cream Shop** is pretty close by and it would be a great way to top off the afternoon together!! To make it easier for everyone, we will carpool from the church parking lot at 11:15. The sign up sheet will again be posted on the bulletin board by the office door. Contact me if you have any questions at 574-354-0050.



### School Supply Give Away

*By Dianne Debelak*



Just an FYI, on **Saturday, August 3, at 10:00 am**, we will again be supporting our WaNee families with much needed school supplies. We will be handing out 100 bags of school supplies, as well as insulated lunch bags to the families. I will have more information this summer as to how you all can again support this worthwhile cause. Please call or text me if you have any questions.



### Thank You Camp Adventure Volunteers

*By Rick Jenkins*



Eight members of our church ventured to Camp Adventure on the backwaters of Webster Lake on Saturday, May 11. The main efforts of our group were to build picnic tables to go in two new shelters being built. The material for the tables was funded by a grant with the stipulation that they be completed by May 29th. It took us a while to get an assembly line going, but once we did we made good progress. Half of us worked on the picnic tables and half did clean up maintenance around the grounds. Those who helped were Erin Garl, Harley Garl, Mason London, Byron and Candy Kaiser, John Personett, John Leavitt and Rick Jenkins.



### Farwell to the Kaisers

June 30 will be the last day for Byron and Candy Kaiser to be with us. They have provided us with excellent pastoral care and leadership. We will say a 'sad' goodbye to them with a reception following the service Sunday, June 30. A basket will be available in the narthex for the month of June where you may place notes and cards to them.



Various sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the office. There are several different ways you can volunteer to help around the church or during the worship service. For example:



- ◆ Helping in the nursery during worship
- ◆ Reading Scripture during worship
- ◆ Serving as worship leader
- ◆ Mowing the grass at the church
- ◆ Attending Parsonage clean-up day, June 8

Also, each Sunday someone provides food in our coffee bar, Sacred Grounds. That hostess sign up sheet is located on the table with the coffee. Check with Roxy to learn more details about hosting one week.



- 01 Roy Young
- 02 Marguerite Adams
- 06 Dianne Debelak
- 07 Dave Detwiler
- 07 Jack Miller
- 14 Harley Garl
- 14 Jo Slabaugh
- 16 Cooper Leavitt
- 16 Harold Umbaugh
- 21 Honey Walters
- 25 Dick Strakowski
- 27 Harvey DeFrees
- 27 Alison Stair
- 29 Stan Heckaman

In-Person Worship

May 5	114
May 12	96
May 19	72
May 26	75

On-Line Worship

May 5	39
May 12	27
May 19	33
May 26	16

Sunday School Attendance

May 5	44
May 12	40
May 19	28
May 26	34

## Finance Update

By: Jenni Wysong

April Offerings \$20,833 (down \$2,957 from last year with one fewer Sunday in the month)

Year-to-date Offerings \$96,769 (up \$4,500 or 5%)

April Expenses \$16,243 (down \$3,959 from last year)

Year-to-date Expenses \$68,690 (down \$22,635 or 25%)



We are now even in the number of Sundays year-to-date compared to last year. The Building Fund has a balance of \$18,123; all tithes and apportionments are paid.

The Endowment Fund balance is \$106,450 and the newly created Capital Fund (from the sale of the Youth House after the transfer of \$20,000 to the parsonage improvement fund) has \$107,940 in it.

We are utilizing a High Yield Checking Account at Lake City Bank to earn interest on the Capital Fund dollars.



- 05 Nick & Lindsay London
- 07 Adam & Candi Tobias
- 14 Denny & Sarah Myers
- 16 Dave & Sue Gilley
- 18 Jesse & Amy Berger
- 22 Jim & Ruthann Stork
- 27 Don & Pat Miller

During our recent collection of Bibles and other curriculum we were able to collect 350 pounds of Bibles/books. Dick & Diana Smith drove them 350 miles to Fowlerville, MI to make the delivery at Christian Resources International.

Thank you for all the donations you brought in and also thank you to Dick & Diana Smith for making the 'day trip.' There are pictures on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



Correction to Linda Tetreau's email address: It should be [tetreaulinda@gmail.com](mailto:tetreaulinda@gmail.com)