

West Point United Methodist Church

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It's not often that I agree with anything that's printed as an opinion in the Washington Post. The following appeared in advice maven Carolyn Hax's column last March. One of her readers responds to the question: “When are children old enough to stop going to church?” I couldn't have answered it any better. This anonymous lady's response appears below, with permission from the Washington Post.

“Even as a liberal, tree-hugging laissez-faire parent, church mattered to me. My church youth group was the salvation of my teenage years, and I wanted my kids to have something similar to what I had — a group that cared about you just because you were there, and not because of your school coolness level, or your sports prowess, and one that attempted to do some good in the world by helping at soup kitchens, rebuilding houses, helping the elderly, gathering relief disaster supplies etc.

“It is up to parents to decide what they expect from their children and how important church is to them. They cannot force anyone to believe or participate joyfully, but just as they expect their children to follow the house rules for safe driving, and the use of the computer, they can set expectations for church attendance, if that is what is important to them.

“I wanted my children to participate in church activities at least until they graduated from high school, and of course this is easier if you set habits when they are younger.



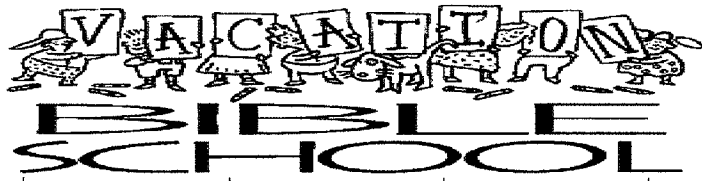



“When my children did not want to attend church, I negotiated that they could substitute Sunday school or youth fellowship on Sunday evening. But I made sure they kept a church connection, and modeled the behavior by going to church every Sunday myself. I would never have wanted to punish my kids for not attending, because all that does is further connect church with boredom and pain. When my daughter hit a terrible patch in high school, she had her church friends to assure her that she was valued and accepted. When my son was bullied at his school, he had another place to go. Kids have no idea that some day they may need this alternative set of social contacts. Church also was a place where they met other adults, not just teachers or their friend's parents, who had many skills and experiences to share and could be in their lives for years.

“My kids are free to make their own choices now, but I believe their church attendance has enriched their lives, expanded their circle of friends, and provided a haven from the cruelties of school and sports.”

June is a busy month at West Point United Methodist Church — particularly for our youth,

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June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 <i>Administrative Counsel meeting 7:00 PM</i>	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8 <i>Women's bible Study 7:00 PM</i>	9 <i>Morning bible study @ Carl & Sandy's 11:30 AM</i> <i>United Methodist Women 7:00 PM</i>	 Indiana UMC Annual Conference in Muncie from Thursday thru Sunday			12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	 Daily hours from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM Friday Night @ 7:00 PM for VBS Wrap						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
							
Lighthouse Youth to Birmingham Alabama from Sunday thru Saturday							
27	28	29	30				

SERMONS & SCRIPTURE LESSONS

June 6

- 2nd Sunday of Pentecost
- Holy Communion
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM
- Little Beamer's church

Psalm 30 & Galatians 6:1-10.
Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "A Lifetime of Moments."

June 13

- 3rd Sunday of Pentecost
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM
- Little Beamer's church

A guest pastor will preach today as Pastor Jeff is serving at annual conference.

June 20

- 4th Sunday of Pentecost
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM
- Little Beamer's church

A guest pastor will serve today as Pastor Jeff is in Birmingham with the Lighthouse mission trip.

June 27

- 5th Sunday of Pentecost
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM
- Little Beamer's church

The Lighthouse youth will conduct this worship service for their mission trip wrap up.

God Too Small?"

Prayer Concerns

Connie Burke, Eve Hamilton, Sharon Hughel, Helen Nice, Eric Elming, Jim Deckerd, Eileen Savoldi, Harold Bolinger, TCS School Corporation, Krystal West (friend of Robin Leuck), Brent Maxwell, Frosty Richardson, Len Fouts, Jane Fifer, Kenny Freeland, Stephanie Cart Whitmore, Julia Guinn (friend of Carol Stout's) all college and high school graduates.

All our men and women in uniform, particularly Cody Hamilton, John MacIntosh, Rob Gaither, and Jeremy Ritter, especially those serving in harm's way.

The family and friends of Carson Page on his recent passing.
The family and friends of Ricky Dodd (brother in law of Bob LeFevers) on his recent passing.

June Birthdays Adults

Bob McClellen	June 6
Angie Meadows-Wilson	June 20
Tracy Leford	June 23
Jerry Harbath	June 24

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!



I devoted myself to
study and to explore...
all that is done
under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 1:17

From Purdue University:

Katey Bartlett

From St. Joseph's

Sara Ritter

From McCutcheon High School

Colin Nicolson

Jacob Nicolson

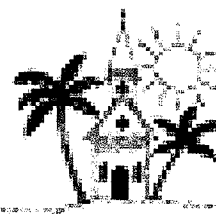
Matt Smelcer

Ellen Craig

Jene Sumner

Kevin Fergar

Tyler Anthrop



**DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH**

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youth programs and youth ministries. We have VBS June 14 through 18 when the wrap up on Friday night at 7:00 PM. On Father's day, eleven of our junior senior high school youth will be going down to Birmingham Alabama to participate on a mission trip. And later in the summer, two the college students in our congregation are going with a group of other adults to Henderson Kentucky for another mission trip.

Clearly, West Point UMC has been blessed with kids who love Jesus and want make a difference in His world with their deeds and their presence. My prayer is that our church continues to be a place of worship that embraces our youth not just because they are youth and certainly not because they are the church of tomorrow. My friend, they are a huge and vital part of the church of today. If I were asked by someone outside our church what I thought the chances were of WPUMC remaining that kind of church. I have to say that I feel pretty confident that we will. You wouldn't want to make a liar out of me would you?

Blessings, Pastor Jeff

How things stand with our new property

By the time you read this, playground equipment for Cadet Park will have arrived in West Point and will be installed very soon. Paying off the mortgage was huge last April but now concrete and tangible things are beginning to happen. We will soon have an all church meeting to discuss what to do next. In the meantime, I urge you all to be in vigilant prayer seeking God's will for us with the new building. Specifically, ask God what kind of building, what God would like us to do with it and when should we begin.

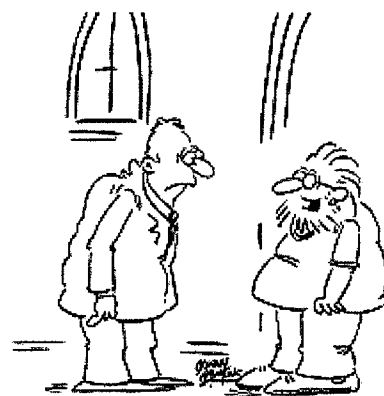
Blessings my friends.

Pastor Jeff



Bible Verse of the Month
First Corinthians 6:12

"Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"—but I will not be mastered by anything.



"I just set up a worship site on the Internet. Now I'm an E-vangelist."



GO GREEN SAVE MONEY

We are now able to e-mail the church newsletter to you.

If you would like to receive your copy of the newsletter via e-mail instead of US mail, send an e-mail to us at wpumc@tds.net. Please take advantage of this opportunity to save on paper (save a tree) and postage (save a buck) helping to make us good stewards of God's gifts.

Evansville Early Response Team Goes to Nashville

Preprinted from the Indiana Conference United Methodist Church Website.

An Early Response Team from the Indiana Conference's Southwest District (Evansville churches) arrived in Nashville, Tenn., on Sunday, May 9, to assist in flood relief efforts. It was the first team on site for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) work teams in Nashville, following an UMCOR plea for ERTs this past week.

Another team from the Southwest District is scheduled to arrive tomorrow, May 11. It will be the second team on site. The Rev. Randy Anderson, of Salem United Methodist Church in Evansville, is leading the team.

Southwest District Superintendent Glenn Howell said, "I am proud that the Indiana Conference, and the Southwest District, is first on site to help with the relief work."

June Birthdays

Dustin Sieber	Jun 3
Mason Birge	Jun 5
Kayla Button	Jun 10
Joey Stout	Jun 11
Garrett Emerick	Jun 13
Amanda McIver	Jun 18
Kayla Liggett	Jun 22
Kirsten Button	Jun 24
Jordana Bilyeu	Jun 30

If we missed anybody, please accept our apologies and let Pastor Jeff know so we can update our records!

Hey Light House;

This month Lighthouse will be having two more fundraisers for our mission trip to Alabama!

May 15th- Parent's Night Out. Times to be announced.

May 29th- Car wash Times to be announced.

Be ready to help out with both of these fundraisers. Our last "Parent's Night Out" was a big success. So let's work hard to make sure this one is too. Be prepared to play games and serve snacks to the kids.

708:

This month we will continue our lesson on David and Saul. We will also learn about the wisdom of Abigail and see that even the people closest to God can fall short of the kingdom of Heaven. May 12th will be our "chill day" at 708. So come join us for some food, fellowship, and fun.



Teen News

Little Beamers!!!!!!

Little Beamers will not meet in June but don't forget about VBS from June 14 through 18. Remember also that our VBS wrap up program will be Friday night at the church at 7:00. Tell all your friends and bring your to our VBS program

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our FINAL confirmation class is set for Wednesday June 9th at 6:00 PM. Come with an appetite because Pastor Jeff is buying the pizza. We will be discussing the decision making process for membership.



Blessings,

Pastor Jeff

BIBLE STUDIES

Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

That time has come! June is here. Be sure to mark your calendars for VBS which will be from June 14 through June 18. Remember: something new this year is that our wrap up program will be on Friday evening, June 18 at 7:00 PM instead of the following Sunday as usual. It's not too late for you to tap into all the ways you can help your church get ready for the onslaught of kids that will be coming to VBS this summer if you haven't already. Costs per child run between \$20.00 and \$30.00, so would you like to sponsor a child or two with a generous donation? We won't turn you down. Thanks for helping us make this happen! Contact Pam Katter at 572-2687 to donate or if you have any questions.

Disciple Bible Study Concludes

Thursday of May 28th marked the completion of the fourth disciple I class in the last seven years. Over thirty West Point and Jackson Heights folks have been through the course. For a church this size, that's a huge accomplishment. Congrats to all the recent graduates and to all of you who have previously

Women's Bible Studies

Come Join Us

Another successful bible study has been concluded and we are in the process of planning our next one for August. If you have any thoughts on what we should study, please contact Delite Ritter or Ronda Smith. *Mark your calendars for the Beth Moore simulcast right here at West Point United Methodist Church on September 18! We are so pleased to provide this ministry opportunity.*

Our Vision Statement

We envision the West Point United Methodist Church to be the focal point of our community and to be a welcoming church reaching out to everyone; offering all the opportunity to know and serve God; providing fellowship; offering spiritual leadership; and teaching the Word of God.

**For more information about West Point UMC, contact us at 765-572-2256, or
wpumc@tds.net or check out our webpage at
www.westpointunitedmethodist.org**

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Traditional Worship	9:30 AM
Praise & Worship	11:00 AM

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