



West Point UMC

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“Choose this day whom you shall serve But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”
Judges 24:15

Summer of Decision

As mother nature sheds the browns, grays and drab colors of late winter and dons the vibrant green of spring, the changing seasons serves as a reminder for us. It reminds of the fact that change is inevitable. Here in Indiana, for example, you can bank on the fact that four times a year our seasons will change. Change happens whether we participate in it or not, as in the seasons. Sometimes though, we choose to change or we enhance or embrace the change that is happening around us. Can I ask you a question? Is there any doubt that things at West Point United Methodist Church have changed in the last eight years? Is it just me or does our congregation and church family seem more focused on what God is doing in our midst and, dare I say it, more responsive to what God is *doing* in our midst? Clearly we still have a ways to go in terms of spiritual growth. In fact, I would venture to say that even the most spiritually mature of believers, the Mother Teresa types, would say that they still have a ways to go. You never stop growing in the faith if you are sincere about it. Yet the truth of that though does not negate the fact that we indeed have come a long, a very long way in our time together. We've changed; we've changed a lot; we are changing still. Friends, there are more and bigger changes to come. In our time together, we have transitioned from a winter period of relative inactivity to a spring of hopeful anticipation of what might be. But that time is giving way to another time; a time of stepping into a summer of activity. The time has come to transition those dreams into action. I believe it's time for us to start building our new church.

As your pastor I am pleased to announce that I will be starting a five part sermon series this month which I have called “Summer of Decision.” It is based in part of Rick Warren's “The Six Phases of Faith” bible study and it will, hopefully, challenge us to clarify our dream, the dream that I believe God has given us. It will help prepare us for the difficulties and delays that come with any building project or major life transitions. It will help prepare us for those end of the rope, dead ending seeming moments that face any people of God when they step out in faith into the wilderness of change. And finally, perhaps most importantly, it will reassure us that God is with us and will deliver us in the end if we are faithful to our end of the bargain. Friend, God is who He says He is and God does what he says he's going to do. That's always been true and it will be true for us as we move forward into this summer season both in our Indiana weather and in this summer season in the life of our church. It's an exciting time to be in ministry together. Amen.

Blessing,

Pastor Jeff

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Serving at Wesley Foundation 4:00 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Administrative Council mtg 7:00 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Morning bible study 9:00 AM</p> <p>Little Beavers 4:30—6:00 PM</p> <p>708</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Lighthouse Carmel Apple making 4:30—7:00 PM</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Blood Drive at the West Point fire station 3:00—7:00 PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Women's bible study 7:00 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Morning bible study 9:00 AM</p> <p>708</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast and car show</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Women's bible study 7:00 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Morning bible study 9:00 AM</p> <p>UMW 7:00 PM</p> <p>708</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Serving at Attica UMC 4:00—7:00 PM</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Lighthouse car wash @ Fire station Noon to 4:30 PM</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Book Study 7:00 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Morning bible study 9:00 AM</p> <p>708</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>memorial DAY</p>	<p>31</p>				

SERMONS & SCRIPTURE
LESSONS

May 1

- 2nd Sunday of Easter
- Holy Communion
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Summer of Decision Sermon Series begins

Romans 12:1-8 & Joel 2:28-32. Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "No Dream; No Esteem".

May 8

- 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Summer of Decision Sermon Series continues

James 1:2-8 & Romans 8:31, 37-39. Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Decisions that Make a Difference."

May 15

- 4th Sunday of Easter
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Summer of Decision

Sermon Series continues

Genesis 12:1-9 & Habakkuk 2:1-4. Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Delayed by Design."

May 22

- 5th Sunday of Easter
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Summer of Decision Sermon Series continues

John 16:29-33 & 2 Corinthians 6:3-10. Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Character Over Accomplishments."

May 29

- 6th Sunday of Easter
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Summer of Decision Sermon Series concludes

Hebrews 11:1-12 & Hebrews 11:24-31, 39-40. Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "From Dead Ends to Deliverance."

MAY BIRTHDAYS

DELITE RITTER	MAY 17
KAREN VESTER	MAY 18
AMY CHEESMAN	MAY 19
ELLEN CRAIG	MAY 20
LINDA KERBER	MAY 21
BRIAN LEDFORD	

Prayer Concerns

Matt Bowman, Nora Lamb, Joan Aikins, Mike Stout, Jim Hale, Dexter Andrews, Shirley Lutes, Joanna Cook, Vince Barry, Mary Lou Lawson, Patty Stetler, Florence Denny, Delaney Loveridge, Clayton Whitehead, Janet Greer, Donna Bell McCall, bob Bullington, Harold Bullinger, Steve Ford, Garnet Baumgartner, Bill House, Max Dellen (Jay Blessing's great grandson) Heather and Jenny Baumgarter (missionaries) Bailey Keller, Elizabeth Matthews, Aubry Deno, Ron & Nancy Oliver, The victims of last winter's tsunami in Japan and the Japanese people as they struggle to recover from natural disasters.

The family and friends of Bob Brown on his recent passing.

All our men and women in uniform, particularly Cody Hamilton, John Macintosh, Rob Gaither, Joe Lambert, Jeremy Ritter, Nathan Marks, John Barton, Brad Synesael and especially those serving in harm's way.





West Point UMC will sponsor a blood drive on Monday May the 9th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Please come and lend an arm to the Indiana Blood Center to assist them in overcoming some pronounced shortages in blood supplies for Central Indiana. Can you help? Can you make this a priority? Someone you love may be counting on you and you simply don't know it yet.

Bible Verse of the Month
Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.



**Japan/Pacific
Emergency**

**UMCOR
Advance
#3021317**

Please give generously to our Japanese Friends.

Women's Bible Studies

Come Join Us

The bible study on John has concluded. The next immediate topic is a book study on "Heaven Is For Real" with Todd Burpo as told to Lynn Vincent. This book is the story of Todd's young son Colton who almost died from a misdiagnosed case of appendicitis. Young Colton's stories about his experiences are powerful and compelling. Please join us as we discuss this marvelous book.



"It was embarrassing. While I was telling them to turn off their cell phones, my cell phone rang."

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Perseveres

One more lesson remains in our Lenten study with Rev. Adam Hamilton. We are studying the events that are included in the last twenty four hours that Jesus spent on the earth — the best part. Later this month, we begin our study on the Book of Revelation and the end times. But first, we will have a book study on “Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo as told to Lynn Vincent. If you are not plugged into a bible study and are free on Wednesday mornings, please feel free to come join us.

How things stand with our new property



In a recent meeting with representatives from the county highway department, we discovered that we will have to pay for some major modifications to highway 25 in front of our property if that is to be the major entrance to our future church. The cost of this, at this time anyway, is prohibitively expensive. We are not deterred! We will simply search for other options in terms of access to our new building. In all things, God will lead the way to the promised land and an entrance to where our new church will stand is no exception. We are still waiting patiently on God but we aren't just waiting. We are being active in the process. I believe we will have a building on our property within the next five years. In the meantime, stay alert! God is working mightily in our lives. Blessings, Pastor Jeff

Volunteers Needed

*Once a month we do a more through cleaning of our church.
We would like to have volunteers to help with this process.
There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. If we get
twelve volunteers, any one person would only have to do it once*

2011 Easter Lilies' Thank You

In Memory of parents and grandparents
Bob and Karen Vester

In Memory of our parents
Jerry and Vicki Harbath

In Memory of Mike Katter
Julie Katter

In Memory of relatives and friends
J.B. and Nellie Van Sickle and family

In Memory: Rex Buckner, Lucile Beers and Mark Beers
The Buckner family

In Memory: Myra Lefevers and Bob Lefevers
Bob Lefevers

In Memory: Bill Haan
Jane Haan

In Memory of Loved Ones
Jeff and Ronda Smith

In Memory of Kathy Jarvinnen
Helen Van Hook

In Memory of Helen Pearson
Larry Pearson

In Memory of Orville "Bolliver" Craig, Nicholas L. Craig, S.E. "Cy" and Beatrice Stover, Harry and Sarah Craig, and Del and Flora Byers
Doris Craig and Family

In Memory of Cliff Chase
Jack and Kay Chase

In Memory of Jim Emerick and loved ones
The Emerick Family

United Methodist Women

It's that time of year again. We will be having our spring dinner at Robbie's on May 11th at 6:00 PM. Remember this is the time when you can bring husbands or a friend.

What we need from you is an RSVP so that we can give Robbie's a heads up as to how many are coming. No need to preorder your food — we will be ordering off the menu. Please call Delite at 572-2771 to let us know if you and/or a guest are coming by May 4th. Thanks!

May Birthdays

Shelby Pritchard	May 17
Kyle Katter	May 18
Justin Ledford	
Logan Burke	May 27



Hey Light House;

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

Little Beamers!!!

With a false start on April 20th due to a power outage, we had our Easter Egg hunt on the 27th. What a great time! Our kids got lots of candy filled eggs and brushed up on all the things they learned about the bible at the same time.

In May we will meet only on May 4th but we are looking ahead to Vacation Bible School in June. It's right around the corner. In fact, VBS starts on June 6 and ends on June 10 with the wrap up program on Friday night at 7:00 PM See Pam Katter for details. See you on May 4th!

Spring is in the air and it's not just time for baseball, prom and getting closer and closer to summer break. It is also a time for fundraisers.

We will meet at the church on Friday May 6th at 4:30 to make caramel apples to sell for Mother's Day Sunday. We will start with some pizza though. Can't make caramel apples on an empty stomach can you?

We will also have a car wash on Saturday May 21st from noon to 4:30 at the fire station. Again, we will start with a pizza or two and wash as many cars as we can.

We will have 708 on the following dates:

May 4th
May 18th
May 25th

No 708 on May 11th.



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
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Sunday School: 8:30 AM
Traditional Worship 9:30 AM

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