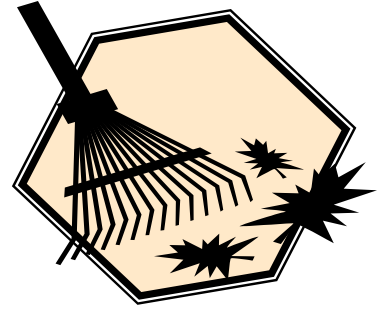


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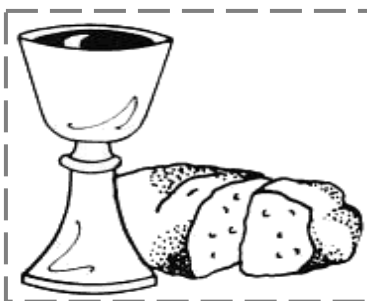


BREAKING BREAD 'ROUND THE WORLD

The table was decorated with confetti, crepe paper streamers, and party hats. There was a cake with candles glowing. No one had to remind me that this was a birthday party. The scene said it all. Another day, the table was laden with turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce and all the other trimmings. That was a Thanksgiving dinner to be sure.

On the first Sunday of every month our altar table at church is adorned with bread and juice. Every Christian knows that would be the Table of the Lord. One of my favorite days of the year is World Communion Sunday. It is the first Sunday in October—this year October 6. On this Sunday, Christians all over the world will break bread together and lift the cup of Salvation to their lips at a table that circles the world.

There's a story about a small church in Norway called the Church of the Lamb: "Instead of having a cross on its steeple, it has the figure of a lamb. The people of that village love to tell why that lamb was placed on the top of their church. One day, as work was being completed on the brand new church building, a young man lost his footing and slipped from the steeple. At the precise moment that he was falling toward the ground, a flock of sheep was passing by. The workman fell right on top of a little lamb. The man's life was saved as the lamb was crushed to death. Today, when the townspeople see that lamb on top of the steeple, they remember how its life was sacrificed to



save the life of that construction worker. But more importantly, they are reminded of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who willingly, not accidentally laid down His life to save all people." (From "Holy Communion is..." by R. E. Lybrand)

Every time we celebrate Holy Communion we are reminded that Jesus gave His life so that we might be saved. Will you join us on World Communion Sunday for this celebration of the forgiveness of your sins?

Pastor Bonnie

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...and God!

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Editor's Notes: I could write about many things in this box this month, such as the fact that Halloween candy has been out since mid-September, or that my drive back and forth from classes will soon become a bit more beautiful because of the fall foliage. Instead, I am going to have a "newsletter contribution callout" of sorts. Articles forwarded through e-mail are nice, but sometimes they don't have that certain personal touch, so I am looking for people to make a monthly submission for the newsletter: maybe about your thoughts on life, or the Bible, or maybe a church COMIC STRIP?? I have tried to make a comic, but my combination of sense of humor & limited artistic talent have yet to come up with something good. Anyone who thinks they have writing skills or artistic talent worthy of going in this here newsletter shouldn't hesitate to contact me!

-Tim Schnepf

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Rake those leaves (or use a leaf blower?).

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

OCT 06 > Ed Istwan for Deb's birthday (10.11)

OCT 13 > Dick Temple in remembrance of Bev's birthday (10.14)
and their anniversary

OCT 20 > Doug & Elaine Latia in honor of their 32nd anniversary (10.18)

OCT 27 > Jim Davidson for Jim & Anita's 18th anniversary (10.27)

MOWING SCHEDULE

OCT 05 > Doug Latia

OCT 12 > Ralph Rohrer

OCT 19 > Steve Mitchell

<< That's all folks!

WISHES OVERHEARD

- + We wish to thank Jil Funk for organizing the Ice Cream Booth at the Buck Creek Fish Fry this year! We appreciate your hard work, Jil.
- + We wish to say thanks to all who participated in the Buck Creek Fish Fry in any way. Whether you went and ate, bought a cake or raffle tickets, or volunteered to help at one of the many jobs involved in putting on the Fish Fry, we thank you.
- + I wish we could get more donations for the Sunflower Fund. (see more about this on page 5)
- + We wish to say how great it is that Suzann Brouwer and Mindy Jester have taken on the title of "co-teachers" for the High School Sunday School class!
- + I wish to say how great it is that the church is getting a new roof!

ANONYMOUS ANGELS ARE BACK IN ACTION!

The anonymous angels have taken flight, leaving lots of room for more of them to touch lives in our congregation and community! Remember...do a good deed and attach an angel to whatever is given so those visited will know it's from a BCUMC angel. Then, if you have visited or if you've been visited...take a smaller angel (with a red heart) and place it on the 'head' angel's skirt. Let's see how active our angels will be after a summer break!

YES KITS GO TO LIBERIA

Yea rah for our generous congregation! 80 YES kits were made and filled with school supplies and a New Testament. In addition, many of you donated extra supplies for teachers. All

of the YES kits filled by the Lafayette District will be sent to the W.V. Tubman-Gray School in Gbarnga, Liberia. Buck Creek UMC has participated in the YES Kit project for more than twelve years through your compassionate hearts! *Thanks to Nancy Feaster for serving as our Operation Classroom Coordinator at BCUMC.*



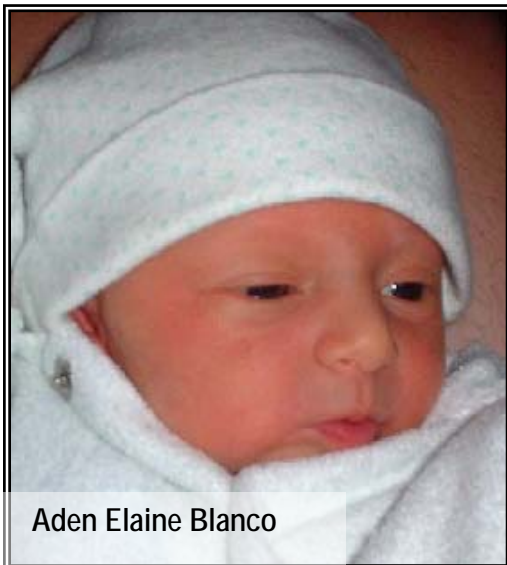
AN ISHE ANESU UPDATE

Thanks to VBS, our Congregation and Ladies Missionary, two children will be able to attend school for a year and have two hot meals each day during the school year. *THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE!!!*

MEDICAL KITS GOAL

The Missions Committee has set a goal of filling 10 medical kits by late October. Enough supplies have been donated to fill seven so far. Please check the 'needs' list and help with this worthwhile project. The medical kits will be shipped to the Tubman-Gray School in Gbarnga, Liberia, along with the YES kits. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS NEWEST PROJECT!**

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

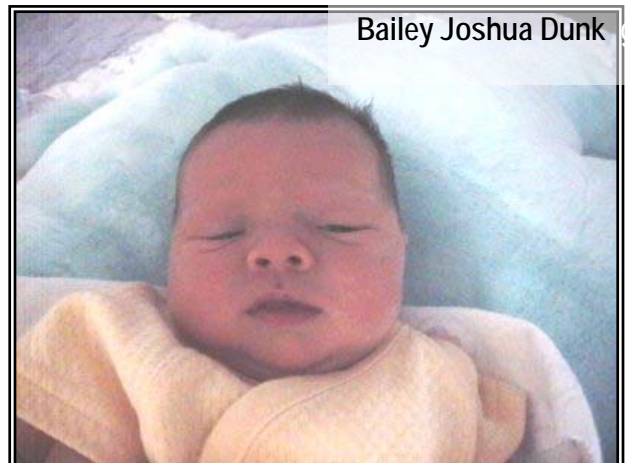


Aden Elaine Blanco

> Aaron and Jenee (Latia) Blanco were blessed with a new baby girl on August 28, 2002. Aden Elaine Blanco weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Doug & Elaine Latia. (Elaine calls her new granddaughter "precious"!) Paternal grandparents are Jesse & Barbara Blanco of San Antonio, Texas. Also welcoming his new little sister "Adie" is big brother Caelum! The Blancos reside in Westchester, Pennsylvania.

> Bailey Joshua Dunk was born on September 14, 2002. Billy and Bridget Dunk

are the proud first time parents. Bailey weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth. Bill's mother Linda LaMaster and her spouse Clarence are the happy paternal grandparents. John & Barbie Irr are Uncle & Aunt! The Dunks reside in Ackworth, Georgia.



Bailey Joshua Dunk

Congratulations to all!

PINE CREEK CAMP MEMORIAL FROM BCUMC

Pine Creek Family Campground will benefit from a memorial donation in memory of **Beverly Temple**. Ladies Missionary has designated the memorial gift to be used for the family campground upgrade. The campground is in need of upgraded electrical service.

Bev loved children, and she and Richard enjoyed camping at our all-church retreat so it's fitting that the donation is the seed for a growing mission commitment to Pine Creek UMC camp. Let's help it grow!

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry workers needed for Monday 10.19, Wednesday 10.21 and Thursday 10.22. Workers are needed to help in the food pantry at the Community Family Resource Center (CFRC) from 12:30 to 3:00 on the days indicated, to help bag groceries and necessities given to people in need. Please see Bob Shepard if you are willing to work any of these days.

BCUMC WORKTEAM 2003

Preliminary plans are being laid for the workteam to go to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. At this time, we are aiming for the latter part of July, 2003. Everyone interested in going or wanting more information, please contact Pastor Bonnie, Bob Shepard or Ruth Davidson. We want to get the dates reserved as soon as possible. Thanks! (*Refer to the September 2002 BCUMC Newsletter for more information about Henderson Settlement*).

SUNFLOWER FUND NEEDS FUNDS

We continue to ask for donations to support our Sunflower Fund. Your contributions send flowers to those in the hospital, get well flowers, milestone birthdays, cheer flowers, funeral flowers, and to those in nursing homes or homebound. It also provides memorial money (in lieu of flowers) to a designated place. Please make sure you mark your contribution "Sunflower Fund". You will be blessed for your donations. Thank you.



"Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."

Romans 12:10

FEAST OF THE HUNTER'S MOON APPROACHING

TIME CASPULE 1944

The present blockhouse at Fort Ouiatenon was built in 1930, & has had ongoing renovations the last two years. How it looked in 1944 (37 years before the first recreation of the feast in 1967)



was recently discovered in an old picture album. Pictured left to right are: Sylvia Eckhart, Wilma McNary and Ella Davidson. (Photo taken by Ella Mae Eckhart.)

GEARING UP FOR THE 2002 FEAST

The 2002 Feast of the Hunter's Moon will be October 5th & 6th. This year's theme is "Fire Up Your Imagination". It is held rain or shine (preferably shine!) at the Fort Ouiatenon Historic Park, on South River Road, southwest of West Lafayette, Indiana. Go out and enjoy a buffalo burger and support the BCUMC Youth Group.

MYF ELECTS OFFICERS

On September 8th, the Youth Group elected officers for the upcoming year. They are:

President: Casi Davidson
Vice President: Melissa Shepard
Secretary: Tiffany Faroute
Treasurer: Adrian Davidson

The Youth Group meets (usually) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. You may join MYF if you are in grades 6-12.

RAFFLE WINNERS!

The winners of the Ladies Missionary Society Indiana / Purdue duffel bag raffle are Linda Austin (Indiana U. bag), and Judy Skees (Purdue bag). Congratulations! Thanks for your donations.



A PUMPKIN PRAYER PRAYER

Dear God, as I carve my pumpkin, help me say this prayer.

- ◇ Open my mind so I can learn about You; (Cut the top of the pumpkin)
- ◇ Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do; (Clean out the inside)
- ◇ Open my eyes so Your Love I will see; (Cut eyes shaped like hearts)
- ◇ I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me; (Cut nose in shape of the cross)
- ◇ Open my ears so Your Word I will hear; (Cut ears shaped like the Bible)
- ◇ Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near; (Cut mouth in the shape of a fish)
- ◇ Let Your Light shine in all I say and do! Amen. (Place a candle and light it)

QUOTE

"We need to be the biggest pumpkin we can!"

-Pat Miller (children's sermon)



SOCK-IT-TO-THEM AGAIN!

>>Ladies Missionary Society's sock collection for the Lebanon Children's Home was so successful last year (240 pairs) they've decided to do it again. There will be a wicker laundry basket placed upstairs, and one in the basement for your contributions. The socks will be delivered in early December. Let's make it 300 pairs this year!!



BOYS>

- ◇ Dress socks (all colors)
- ◇ White footie socks
- ◇ Sports socks
- ◇ Houseslippers

GIRLS>

- ◇ Pantyhose (all sizes, colors)
- ◇ Anklets
- ◇ Sports socks
- ◇ Kneesocks
- ◇ Houseslippers

Manicure sets, nailclippers (hand and toe), and nailpolish will also be accepted!

The socks will be donated in memory of Bev Temple who was a long time member of Ladies Missionary.

KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN MISSION PICKUP

Buck Creek UMC is once again helping with the Kentucky Mountain Mission, which benefits those in and around Jackson, Kentucky, a rural, impoverished area. Be sure to bring your items for the Kentucky Mountain Mission pickup to the church on Saturday, October 5 or Sunday, October 6. The truck will come by and pick up the items sometime between October 7 and 9. Below is a flyer with ideas for what to bring. Thanks for your help!

METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION URGENT NEEDS

IF POSSIBLE,
PLEASE PLACE
DONATIONS IN
BOXES. THANKS!



We need:
Plastic bags,
Brown paper
bags



FOR your response
to our request for
SAFETY PINS!!
Keep them coming!!

Kitchen Items

● Dishes ●

Workable Small Appliances
(crock pots, elec. skillets, irons, etc.)

POTS & PANS

MENS SHOES

MENS CLOTHING

UNDERWEAR

NURSING UNIFORMS

BABY ITEMS

SUMMER CLOTHING

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Pictures, lamps
what nots, **LINENS**,
odds and ends,
FURNITURE

ITEMS WE CANNOT USE:

Incomplete sets of
encyclopedias,
Text books,
Hymnals,
Hospital beds



UM NEWS TIDBITS

All over the country, United Methodist churches and other groups pack up used eyeglasses and ship them to an address in Maryville, Tenn. The boxes - marked "fragile" and "glass" and bursting with bubble wrap - arrive almost daily at Fairview United Methodist Church. The office workers say they delight in seeing where the packages originated from. Someday, the eyeglasses will be shipped to



an overseas mission. Until then, the new arrivals will join some 20,000 other pairs in a church storage room or the 10,000 pairs that Tom Beard (director for "Glasses to the Masses") keeps in his living room. The 7 year-old ministry has supplied thousands of glasses for more than 30 missions, including Methodist Mobile Medical Clinic in Paraguay and Operation Classroom in Liberia. Missions have also been served in Costa Rica, Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba, Ukraine, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya and Venezuela. Unpacked, the eyeglasses are stored until they can be cleaned in the church dishwasher, often by a Boy Scout troop or Sunday school class. Then it's just a matter of time before volunteers test every lens in every pair of glasses for prescription strength. They use a machine called a "lensometer," which Fairview's congregation donated \$2,200 to buy in 1995. The lensometer spits out a slip of paper containing the prescription. The paper accompanies every pair of glasses on the way to the mission field. The ministry started in 1995, when Fairview Sunday school classmates Tom Tate and Jerald Johnston learned that the local Lions Club had collected a stash of used eyeglasses that had yet to be distributed. The son of an optician, Tate knew that it is illegal to distribute eyeglasses in the United States without a doctor's prescription. "But there is such a need in other countries for these eyeglasses that our country is just throwing away," Tate says in a telephone interview. Say missionaries Marion and Mary Woods (who operate clinics in churches in Costa Rica): "We believe that is another way to fulfill the words of Jesus: Take up the pieces that nothing be lost. It is one more way to help people to have the life that is more abundant in quality and spirit."

-United Methodist News Service

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>>*No children's sermon October 6th (Holy Communion)*

>>Communion Steward: Fred & Faye Merkel

>>Organist: Mindy Jester

>>Choir Director: Anita Davidson

*This month, all servants are tentative. Feel free to find a sub for your job!

Contact Tim Schnepf if you would like to be a servant for December.

Worship Themes October 2002

10.06.2002 - World Communion Sunday

Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; Matthew 26:27-29

Sermon: "The Longest Table in the World"

10.13.2002 - Laity Sunday

Read John 4:1-29

Sermon: "This is How We Worship"

10.20.2002 - This is Shocking!

Read Hosea 1-3

Sermon: "Gomer, the Adulterous Wife Speaks"

10.27.2002 - Reformation Sunday

Read Luke 6:17-23; Psalm 118:19-24

Sermon: "The Attitude Adjustment"

BUCK CREEK FISH FRY: 2002

It was the opening of the 2002 Buck Creek Fish Fry on Saturday, August 24, and at exactly 4:30pm the rains came. It poured over the grounds. It flowed through the parking lots and rained on the tents, it drenched the people working and the people eating. *Charlie Younker saved his meal before he got under the table.*

It rained on the workers reroofing East Tipp Middle School (the fry was held on the



Auctioning off the cakes!

grounds of ET). It soaked the volunteers manning the food tables and the men scurrying to cover the hot oil tanks where the fish were frying. (Raindrops hitting the uncovered hot oil -snap-crackle-pop- turned instantly to steam.) The workers in the cake tent kept moving the cakes for auction farther down the shelves in the tent away from the rain. Cake bakers were hurrying with their finished products to the tent, but a few

raindrops managed to trickle onto some of the cake nametags, blurring them. (Ala mystery cakes!) Some folks decided they were so wet already there was no use to seek cover. Several got new hairdos from the rain shower (as



Preparing the fish & fries!

Ruth said). Folks pulling into the parking lot reached for their umbrellas

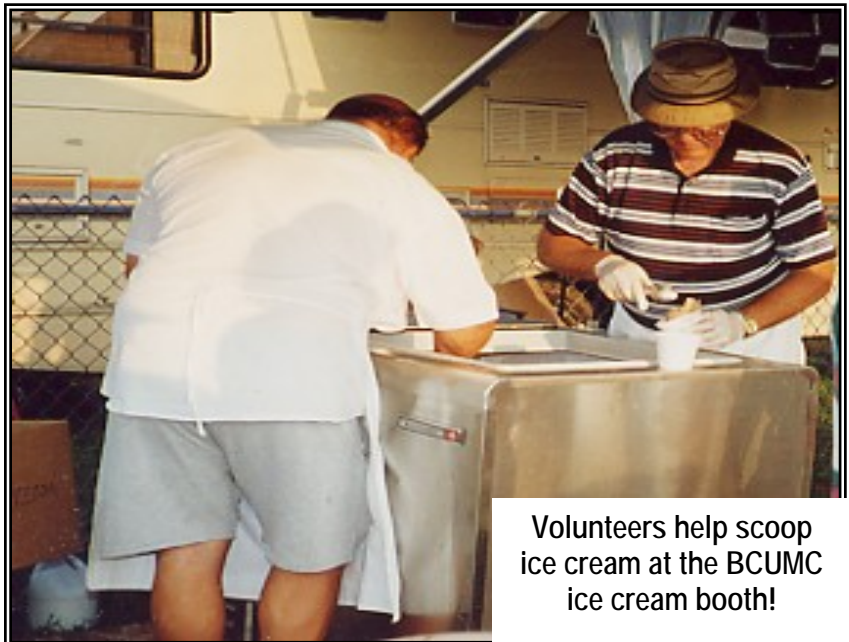
and waited to see if the pouring rain would stop. (This could have been a chaotic scene, but it was an organized process as if it had been rehearsed by its cast.) They all knew what to do if it rained. Someone called the



Waiting for customers at the ice cream booth

local radio station to let them know that yes, the fry was still on. The rain left as suddenly as it had come, and the sun shone. Straw came from nowhere to cover the muddy ground patches. Rolls of paper towels appeared on the tables to sop up the water on the chairs. The diners began to set at the long tables with their backs to the sun instead of under the tables. Soon the sun turned to partly cloudy, but no more rain as the evening progressed. The roofers poured water from their tarps atop of the school, and the Fish Fry continued. Hard to believe all this happened within just a few minutes.

Because of the rain, it seemed there were a few more carry-outs than usual. No floating french fries in those covered styrofoam boxes! Despite the rain early on, the crowds came and the lines were long, and everyone



Volunteers help scoop ice cream at the BCUMC ice cream booth!

enjoyed the delicious catfish. The standard fashion accessories of the evening were umbrellas seen dangling from wrists and belt loops.

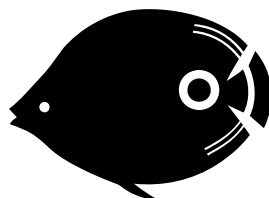
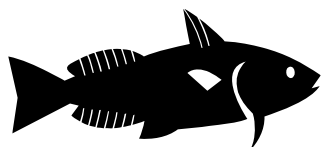
BCUMC members were very active participants in this community fundraiser for the Volunteer Fire Department. Three of the raffle prizes were donated by BCUMCers: Fly Fishing Trip down the Eel River (Clark McCreedy) (Eel River is near Logansport for those who were asking); a red, white, and blue afghan made by Linda Austin; and two \$100 massages donated by Clayton Temple. BCUMCers were all over the Fish Fry... breeding fish, frying fish, serving at the tables, working in the cake tent, manning the ice cream booth. Mmmmm... the ice cream booth. Vanilla, strawberry, chocolate, butter pecan and added this year: cookie dough! Mmmmmm...

NUMBERS: More than 2054 were served (300 more than last year), and the cakes auction cleared (approximately) \$3100. The Ice Cream Booth brought in \$1800. After expenses and a donation to the Fire Department, they cleared \$817 which goes to the Retreat fund.

...And as a big red moon smiled down on the dwindling crowd, the Buck Creek Fish Fry was tucked away for another year. Next year's date is August 23. Mark your calendar!



A lot of hard work goes into the planning, preparation and completion of the Fish Fry each year. If you'd like to participate in planning next year's fry, please contact Ron Austin Jr.



A MESSAGE FROM BOBBY DOWELL



Pastor Bonnie Shoaf and Bobby Dowell after Bobby's message

On two consecutive Sundays (August 25 & Sept. 1) we were privileged to hear a special 2 point message from high schooler Bobby Dowell.

(Part 1 synopsis of a 2 point message, August 25)

"A friend told me this story of when he was young. He found an injured bird in the yard and brought it in. His mother said, "Get that out of here!" But they snuck it in anyway and nurtured it back to health. When his mom found it, she wanted it out of the house. They released the bird, but it dropped. They threw it in the air but it dropped,

dropped, dropped, again and again. The put the bird in a cage, and he finally learned to fly.

They let him out of the cage, and opened the door of the house to let him out, but the bird saw the outside through the window instead and SMACK! He hit the window so hard the bird died. You stupid bird! The door was right there. Do you fly through soaring or do you keep hitting the window?

What kind of bird are you? [*Bobby read Isaiah 29:13*] In Genesis 1 & 2 the world was perfect. Man was with God. You know how beautiful sunsets are today? They are no comparison of how it was with Eden. Now the world revolves around sin. What is the worst news you've ever heard? Nothing compares with what I have to tell you—This news is so bad. I'm sorry, but we can't be with God. Imperfect beings can't be with perfect beings. You know the ark in Raiders of the Lost Ark? There really was

such an ark. Uzzah accidentally touched the ark and was disintegrated. The ark was carried on poles to the temple and placed behind a huge velvet screen. Once a year they would go in to see the ark, but first they would tie a ribbon around an ankle, and say, "pull me out in 5 minutes." [*Bobby sat up two chairs.*] Human. God. Eden was beautiful. You can't imagine how great it was. The animals didn't kill each other. Man didn't have to work for his food. One day came the first temptation. You know the story. We see now [*Bobby holds up a full length mirror*] once you sin, we turn away from God. God does not move. Once it goes up ("sin": the mirror) it never comes down. It's infinite width, height, depth... all you can see is a sinner—a reflection of yourself. Are you flying through the door or still hitting the mirror that's yourself? Time goes on, there are more people on earth, and more sin. Even though you are forgiven, you cannot be with Him. It is not a perfect world any more. The wage of sin is death. If there was no sin, we'd live forever. A barrier is what we have. I'll leave you with these questions: What kind of bird are you now? How do you feel about the barrier you keep hitting and what are you going to do about it?

(Part 2, September 1): I left you with a guilt trip last week, but it had to be done. I'll refresh your mind. (He picked up a tall mirror.) When you turn away from God, a barrier is made. If we turn back, all we see is our sinful self. Think back 2000 years. There was no America, only the Middle East. Then a man comes along and tells all these stories, but no one believes him. His name's Jesus Christ. He even proves who he is, with actual evidence he is who he says he is, but nobody believes. In John 3:16 it says that for God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son... for us. For US. That's pretty awesome. A man came for one reason, for us. He died for us. How does that make you feel? What kind of bird are you now? A man died for you, so you can have life. How do you feel? The Pharisees put Jesus on the cross. They had whipped Him with a cat of 9 tails. It's 15 feet long made of leather, with bones, rocks, whatever they could find attached. It would wrap around the body and pull and pull. 40 whips could kill you. Our savior took 39 whips, and then they put him on the cross. They can't nail you through your hands because you'd fall right off so they nail through your wrists. A lot of people think you die from the bleeding and the whipping, but it's the asphyxiation. The way your arms are, and your body hangs, you can't breath and must pull yourself up to

get a breath, minute after minute. Jesus did this for 9 hours before He died. Before He died he said, "It is finished." Of all the things He could have said, He said, "It is finished." A soldier stabbed him in the side to make sure He was dead. Last week we talked about the Ark and how it was kept behind a velvet curtain. When Jesus died, that curtain was ripped in half. Jesus was put in the tomb. Mary came and He was gone. He arose from the dead! Still some do not believe. You still have to think why did He do that? He loves every one of you. The wage of sin is death. No sin, no death, and we would live forever. If the barrier is broken [Bobby smashed the mirror with a wooden cross!] what kind of bird are you now? Do you feel you can be with God eternally? What are you going to do with your life right now? You need to know the ABC's. A = Admit you are a sinner; B = Believe in God, that he is real and does exist; and C = commit your life to Christ. The hardest thing is to stick with it. My purpose these last two Sundays was to open your minds to God."

"Don't take God for granted. He doesn't take you for granted!"

-Bobby Dowell

WHICH WOLF

"We are not humans having a spiritual experience, but spiritual beings having a human experience." A Native American Grandfather was talking with his grandson when the grandson asked about how he dealt with the anger, struggles and uncertainties in life. The Grandfather said to him: "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One wolf is the vengeful, angry, violent one. The other wolf is the loving, compassionate, and forgiving one." The grandson asked him: "Which wolf will win the fight in your heart?" And the grandfather answered: "The one I feed."

Thanks to Mary Jo Totten from Battle Ground UMC for forwarding.

SOME SERVICE

A young lad was visiting a church for the first time, looking at all the announcements and posters along the walls. When he came to a group of pictures of men in uniform, he asked a nearby usher, "Who are all those men in the pictures?"

The usher replied, "Why, those are our boys who died in the service." Dumbfounded, the boy asked, "Was that the morning service or the evening service?"

Contributed by Marie Pless

KING'S QUARTET ENJOYED

On September 8th, The King's Quartet traveled to Buck Creek UMC all the way from their home church of Bourbon United Methodist (a 2 1/2 hour drive). Thirty some other members of Bourbon UMC also made the trek to Buck Creek. (Bourbon UMC is Pastor Bonnie's former parish!) The King's Quartet is Pastor Bonnie's "discovery" as she first heard them perform at a Mother-Daughter Tea at Bourbon. She encouraged them to sing for worship services at Bourbon, which they did and they just keep moving forward. The Quartet consists of: Terry Clemens, Dennis Dreibelbis, Ryan Schori and Calvin Yoder.

Pastor Bonnie introduced the Quartet, and they proceeded to give us a sermon through song. We all stood and sang with King's Quartet "God Bless America" (in tribute



Pastor Bonnie sings with the King's Quartet

to 9-11) before they began their set of songs. The set we were treated to included "I'll Fly Away" (wow!); "Gospel Ship"; and "The Church in the Wildwood". The Quartet became a Quintet as Pastor Bonnie was asked to join the group for "her" song: "The

Wedding Banquet". This was especially nice and we got to hear our Pastor's wonderful voice as well!

Other gems that morning: "Turn Your Radio On"; "Made For Heaven"; "This World is Not My Home" (which featured high school senior Ryan Schori's marvelous voice); and "Jesus Hold My Hand". They ended with "Amazing Grace". This was such a powerful ministry by such gifted singers. (Clarence LaMaster commented it was so good to hear some of those old-time favorites he sang as a youngster heard in church again.) We thank King's Quartet for sharing with us here at BCUMC. Come back any time!

"If it wasn't for HIS amazing grace, we'd all be in trouble." -Member of King's Quartet

FLAG. BELL. CANDLES. TEARS AND PRAYERS

We're just a little church in a little town far from New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania, but on the evening of September 11, 2002 we were connected to all those places in spirit. As the bell rang out from BCUMC: 9 times and silence. 11 times and silence, then 1 time, symbolizing 9-11-2001, 58 people gathered inside to remember the day

America changed.

We didn't have to be told to sing The Star Spangled Banner; as soon as the piano started so did we. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by God Bless America. Pastor Bonnie lit a tall red candle in memory of the victims, using the flame from the Christ candle "whose flame does not diminish". We read together the prayer "For Our Country" from our hymnals.



Pastor Bonnie with the candle lit for the victims

"Silent Night 9-11 (The God Song)" (telling how God was with

each and every victim on 9-11) was read aloud. It ends with these words: *"September 11, 2001 was not the end of the journey for you. But someday your journey will end. And I will be there for you as well. Seek me now while I may be found. Then, at any moment, you know you are 'ready to go'. I will be in the stairwell of your final moments."*

Pastor Bonnie read from Deut. 10:12-13, 17-19 then shared a true story she heard on the radio of a 15 year old Muslim boy who lived in Ohio. Kids made fun of him, called him diaper head because of his turban, and snubbed him, except for one classmate who accepted him for who he was. This classmate asked him to go to a revival. There for the first time he heard the doctrine of the Christian faith. Jesus is known to the Muslims as a great prophet, but not the son of God. Before the service ended, this man received Jesus as his Lord. The church took him just as he was. Now he is a pastor, and so is his brother. He also baptized his mother, but his father died before accepting Jesus. Pastor Bonnie asked us to "accept and hear God speaking to you."

After we sang "My Country Tis of Thee", time was given for sharing thoughts and feelings: Seeing today a man in Afghanistan playing taps was amazing; 3000+ white rose petals (one for each victim) sprinkled down from St. Paul's Cathedral in London was beautiful; seeing a crowd of office workers all dressed in red/white/blue meant so much; the reverence and respect people had all over the world; sadness; knowing now the firefighters' passion for their job and appreciating them more; a premonition of something bad going to happen a year ago and not knowing who to tell; worrying about a precious new baby after hearing the news last year and wondering what will happen next...

Fireman's wife Michele Mitchell read with great emotion and tears "A Fireman's Prayer". She shared that 9-11 opened her eyes to just how short a fireman's life can be. They leave and may not return, but she has never met a fireman who didn't love his job. She understands what those firefighter's spouses felt in NYC. Another fireman's wife, Angie Austin, said that it can be just as hard for a volunteer firefighter's wife, as they go out into the night and all



Firefighters Mike Taylor, John Irr, Ron Austin, Jr., and Steve Mitchell

you can hear is the crackle of the radio, and you just don't know if they'll come home. Angie also shared that she was moved to tears today when she saw boots and gear on the ground by a fire truck with its lights

going: a signal that there is a fallen fireman. Please remember the 343 firefighters fallen in New York City a year ago, and all the other people killed that day in the three locations. Pray for their families and friends for peace and healing. *Firefighter Steve Mitchell told us that the years worth of experience of those firefighters combined equaled 4000 years.*

After Pastor Bonnie read John 8:31-36, we raised our voices for "Lift Every Voice & Sing". Then she had us come forward to light our candles from the remembrance candle, and asked us to "take this light with you out into the

world." As we all stood with candles lit, we sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth". To strive for peace on earth, we must invite those who do not know the Lord to come in and see what Jesus has done for us (and see what He can do for them). *We had four local firemen with us this evening: Steve Mitchell, Ron Austin Jr., Mike Taylor and John Irr.*

"Thank you firemen so much. No one can thank you enough but God." - Pastor Bonnie

"I pray for them everyday (the victims). I'll never forget it as long as I live." -Marie Pless

Neither will we, Marie, neither will we.

Thanks to Tim Schnepf (bell ringer), Wes Austin (acolyte) and Coley Sharp (pianist) for their assistance this evening.

RECIPE CORNER

ELLA MAE's BAKED APPLES

(in her own words)

"Timely advice is as lovely as golden apples in a silver basket. -Proverbs 25:11

We usually peel apples, although some people don't. Then core—cut in halves or quarter. Place in ungreased baking dish—(you could use PAM if you wanted to).

Stir up mixture of sugar and flour—I just guess at proportions.

Sprinkle over apples. Add water to make baking dish not over half full. Red coloring may be added to water if you want a rosy red dish. Or, put red hots on apples if you like.

Dot with several small bits of oleo or butter. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake in 350 degree oven about 30-45 minutes. After good and hot baste apples with cooked juice so none will be dry.

Again, you must judge doneness by sticking fork into apples. I usually let the apples get rather soft---but not mushy.

This is my Mom's recipe (Ella Mae LaMaster). She always made these in a special flowered round baking dish (see picture above). In her later years she enjoyed going to Doud's Orchard in Denver, Indiana for her apples. -Nancy S.



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-Pam Church (children's sermon prayer)