

# FIRST MERIDIAN HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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FROM PASTOR KIM

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's June! I find that very hard to believe, but it's true! As the summer heats up, and so do your summer schedules, please note the following things:

## **BOLD CHANGE:**

### **A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Beginning with Pentecost Sunday, June 9, I will be preaching about the Holy Spirit's gift of bold change (and bold speech, bold action, bold acceptance, bold love) to the early Church and to us. The gift of bold change is often dropped on us like a can of orange paint that leaves a gigantic splot on the roof of a house! It doesn't always look like good news at first, but if we cover it up too fast, we may miss what the Spirit is up to! If you've never had that happen to you, then come to worship in June and hear the story of Mr. Plumbean and how he deals with just such an orange splot (made when a seagull dropped a can of orange paint on his house; nobody knows why). The transformation of Mr. Plumbean's house and neighborhood mirrors the transformation of the Church in Acts and foreshadows what God has in mind for our individual lives AND our congregation! During worship in June and July, in addition to bold stories, bold singing, bold preaching, bold fellowship, and bold colors, we'll hear from representatives of various community organizations bringing bold change to those in need. The congregation will have opportunities to contribute to all the boldness, visually and prayerfully.



Plan to join us for a  
**Summer of Bold  
Change!**



## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - BOLD BUILDING BEAUTIFYING**

The members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee have divided up responsibility for the various interior and exterior areas of maintenance between themselves. However, we are in need of someone to serve on the committee and oversee the interior decorating/design aspect of the committee's work. During our **Summer of Bold Change**, Buildings and Grounds is partnering with some of the young families to makeover the nursery near the Sanctuary. It won't be too involved, just some fresh paint and a few items to make it look more up to date and welcoming. There are other such projects that need to be tackled – nothing big – but that will make a big difference! If you are interested in helping coordinate some of this work, please talk to John Melind or me.

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE THIS SUMMER**

While folks are away on summer vacations, the financial obligations of our congregation continue. If you have pledged to give a specific amount each week or month, thank you, and I encourage you to keep up with that pledge even if you are away. You can mail a check to the church or give electronically. If you have questions, feel free to contact Alexis Gonzales at [alexis@fmhpc.org](mailto:alexis@fmhpc.org) or at the church phone number.

Have a wonderful June!

Grace and Peace,

*Kim*



## **Dorcas Baskets Ministry in the Dominican Republic (Thank You, FMH Deacons!)**

Whitewater Valley Presbytery started a partnership with the Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana (IED) Church six years ago in the southwest region of the Dominican Republic (DR). This also supports one of the PC(USA) mission sites as well as Jo Ella Holman, one of our PC(USA) missionaries. Throughout this partnership, we have had numerous people in our presbytery travel to meet and build relationships with the churches in this region.

During our time together, we have learned that one of their biggest needs is educational supplies and curriculum for their children, youth and adults. The southwest region is the poorest area in the country, and many of the churches do not have the financial means or resources to get supplies.

For many years our presbytery wrote Vacation Bible School curriculum in partnership with our brothers and sisters in Mexico (which is on the wwvp.org website). Since this material was already in Spanish, it was clear that we should share it with our new friends in the DR. The name "Dorcas Baskets" came from one of the IED churches who filled baskets with donated items from members and shared them with neighbors in need. We adopted the name and decided to invite churches in our presbytery to put together "Dorcas Baskets" containing craft materials and curriculum for 120 children throughout a week of VBS.

This is the fifth year that our presbytery has run this mission ministry. Every year, when groups travel to the DR to deliver 12 Dorcas Baskets, we hear repeatedly how important these are to the churches. Yes, children can attend VBS without making a craft, but these materials allow children to be creative; to have a hands-on experience with the Biblical story; and to take this craft home and retell the story to their parents.

The Deacons of First Meridian Heights again donated VBS supplies for 120 children. On behalf of the Hispanic Ministry Lead Team of the presbytery and the IED church, we thank you for your support of this ministry!



Children from the 2018 VBS program. Crafts for this year's VBS.

## PENTECOST WORSHIP

Please join us for a very special worship service as we celebrate Pentecost on **Sunday, June 9!** Pentecost is the festival at which we remember and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples and the birth of the Christian Church. Please wear red to worship and bring any small hand percussion instruments you have (finger cymbals, maracas, claves, etc.) as we gather for an exuberant celebration filled with joy!

## PWO JUNE LUNCHEON

Ladies and gentlemen, you are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and celebration of a wonderful year of mission activities for our communities locally and worldwide. Join us at Bravos, located at W. 86th and Township Line Road, west of St. Vincent Hospital, on **June 13**. The meeting time is **11:30 a.m.** RSVP to Carol Rader (see church directory) **by June 10**. If you've worked on Puppy Pillows, donated money to the Thank Offering or the Birthday Offering, given to the Eskenazi Baby Shower, or attended World Day of Prayer, we're looking for you to come. See you there.



- Allison Naum, June 1
- Lisa Ann McQuiston, June 9
- Kay Wightman, June 9
- Zachary Crist, June 12
- Jay Kirkpatrick, June 16
- Carole Kirkpatrick, June 20
- Karen Bright, June 20
- Thomas Brimm, June 24
- Carol Foulke, June 28
- Matthew Fox, June 30
- Meghan Fox, June 30

*If we've missed your birthday, please let the church office know at [fmhpc@live.com](mailto:fmhpc@live.com).*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, June 23**, following worship for the purpose of electing elders and deacons.

## FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

### THANK YOU & FAREWELL TO TRISH HAWKINS

We have been blessed to have Trish Hawkins as our Administrative Assistant for the past 2 ½ years. During a critical time of transition, Trish provided excellent support to the staff and congregation, and we are grateful! Her last day at FMH will be **Friday, June 7**. Please offer your expressions of thanks to Trish at [fmhpc@live.com](mailto:fmhpc@live.com) or call or drop by the church office! We'll miss you, Trish!

### ALEXIS GONZALES PROMOTED TO FULL-TIME BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Beginning **Monday, June 10**, our part-time Business Administrator, Alexis Gonzales, will become our full-time Business Administrator. This full-time position will include the duties Trish covered as Administrative Assistant. Alexis already does an outstanding job for the church! We're grateful she has accepted this expanded role and will continue to share her gifts with FMH.

### GET READY TO CELEBRATE RON ELLIOTT!

After 30 years of service to our congregation, Ron Elliott will be retiring at the end of March 2020. That seems far off, but given Ron's knowledge and experience with the building and programs of the church, we knew we needed to make a plan for this transition now. We are currently working with Ron to gradually pass his work of maintaining the building and managing the facilities to our Assistant Custodian, Natasha Nix. While Natasha won't be adding additional hours at this time, she will begin reporting to our Business Administrator, Alexis Gonzales, **beginning June 1**. Ron will continue to share knowledge with Natasha and the Buildings and Grounds Committee and will work on seasonal maintenance needs and other special projects during the next several months. As 2020 gets closer, we'll share plans for honoring Ron and his many years of service to FMH. Get ready for a party!

Kathy, Karin, Bruce, Muuka and Kim

## MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church event is the second part of the *Jesus' "I am" sayings* series. The **June 12** theme is "I am the True Vine," and we'll be outside in our community garden. The fun begins at **5:30 p.m., and we'll end by 7 p.m.** As always, we'll have a worship story, activities, and food that go with this theme.

Please remember to wear your Messy Church t-shirt if you have one, and dress to be outside! If you have questions, please contact Ginger Lippert at (317) 439-6868 or at [ginger6111@yahoo.com](mailto:ginger6111@yahoo.com). We look forward to getting messy with you at FMHPC!



Condolences go out to Mark Zwoyer on the loss of his mother, Janet Zwoyer, who passed into the Lord's house on May 15. Cards of sympathy and support can be sent to Mark's home address; please check the church directory and or contact the [church office](#) if you need Mark's address.

To learn more about Janet's extraordinary life, please visit this [link](#).

## FROM YOUR CLERK OF SESSION

The session has called a congregational meeting in the Sanctuary following worship on **June 23, 2019**, for the purpose of voting on the slate of deacons and elders put forth by the nominating committee.

In April the church records were reviewed as required annually by the presbytery.

Elders have invested time in studying the Word and sharing prayer together as a foundation under the leadership of Rev. Kim Olson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Zirnheld, Clerk of Session

## READY TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY?

Community garden season is upon us! With warmer weather, the garden north of the church building is ready for another season of producing nutritious food for our food pantry friends and building relationships with neighborhood and FMHPC gardeners. Many hands make light work! Please be on the lookout for emails, Facebook posts, bulletin announcements and other communications notifying you of opportunities to prep the garden, plant, weed, water, harvest and otherwise nurture this important community resource. Every minute of your time is welcomed.

For more information, please contact Katie Marlowe at [marlowekbd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marlowekbd@sbcglobal.net).

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADS!

**Sandy Halsmer:** Shortridge High School  
*Graduation Open House:*  
**Sunday, June 30, 2019, 1 to 4 p.m.**  
5316 N New Jersey, Indianapolis

**Katie Manion:** North Central High School

**Emily Padgett:** North Central High School  
*Graduation Open House:*  
**Sunday, June 2, 2019, 1 to 4 p.m.**  
43 W Hampton Drive, Indianapolis

**Katherine Smith:** North Central High School

**Anna Baker-Olson:** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Psychology, Rhodes College

**Brad Foulke:** Doctor of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine

**Jonathan Green:** Master's in Social Work, University of Indianapolis





## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS!

Starting **June 9**, we will turn to the following Sunday AM routine for the summer:

- Infants and toddlers will be cared for by Miss Addie as usual.
- Older kids will join the worship service and leave for Sunday School after "Joys and Concerns" as usual:
  - Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will be in the room behind Miss Addie's nursery room, which will be spruced up. Jessica Halsmer will be the main teacher for this class and will be equipped with curriculum selected by Rev. Olson.
  - Ages 6 to 9 will go to Miss Julie, who will also use curriculum selected by Rev. Olson.
  - Kids 10 and older may stay in worship or offer to help in Miss Julie's room.

The Newzee group will take a break for the summer. And mark your calendar: The next **Kids' Celebration Sunday** will be **August 25**.

### Food Pantry Needs for May/June

— canned fruit & toilet paper —

Items can be dropped off in the bin outside the church office.

### Food Pantry Volunteer Signup

Our church has been committed to staffing the community food pantry, located at Northwood Christian Church (SW corner of Central and 46th Street), on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month for many years. Currently, Muuka and Allyson Muyumba serve as coordinators on the second Saturday, and Tom and Susie Hacker serve as coordinators on the fourth Saturday.

For the month of June, please consider signing up [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4bada72ea5fb6-northwood) for either **Saturday, June 8 or Saturday, June 22**. At the same time, you may also sign up for any future months!

If you have questions regarding the program or wish to volunteer but do not have computer access, please do not hesitate to contact Muuka at (317) 610-1809, Susie at (317) 432-3928, or the church office at (317) 283-1305.

Thanks to all of you for helping us to serve our community through the sharing of God's abundance!

### CAMP PYOCA

Clear your calendars and make your plans to join our church community at Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center on Labor Day weekend! Pyoca is located in Brownstown, IN, about a 90-minute drive from church. **We'll be there from Saturday morning, Aug 31, until Sunday afternoon, September 1.** Waterfront activities (fishing, canoeing and swimming), crafts and other outdoor activities await. Cabins are air conditioned, and the wonderful Pyoca kitchen staff will prepare our meals. Details will be sent out soon regarding cost; scholarships will be available.

We hope to see YOU there!



# CHURCH WOMEN UNITED INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER PRESENTS:



## PUBLIC FORUM ON CHILDHOOD HUNGER AND POVERTY

June 15, 2019  
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Indiana Interchurch Center  
Krannert Meeting Room  
1100 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN

FORUM PANELISTS INCLUDE:



Dr. Leah Gunning Francis, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, Christian Theological Seminary



David Miner, Program Chair Bread for the World



Mary Dubinin, Food Programs Director Gleaners Food Bank



Rev. Dr. Theron D. Williams Sr. Pastor, Mt. Carmel Church

**ALONG WITH:**  
Representation from the Office of Mayor Joe Hogsett

Congressman Andre Carson's Office: Invited



**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*You are encouraged to bring one or more nonperishable food items with you to the Forum*

# CHURCH MISSION TRIP TO APPALACHIA!

October 13 – 18, 2019

Parkers Lake, KY

Space is limited to 20 persons

(14 years and older)

**SIGN UP BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**

Our Mission and Outreach Committee has organized a mission trip to beautiful McCreary County, Kentucky, through Christian Appalachian Project. CAP's mission is "Building hope, transforming lives, and sharing Christ's love through service in Appalachia."

As a mission team working with CAP, we'll help fulfill their mission by working on home repair projects for low-income families and elderly persons who have no other means of repairing their homes. CAP provides tools, materials, and leadership at the worksites. You do not have to have any repair/construction experience or skills. Their leaders will train us and make sure we can all contribute to the projects.

We'll arrive Sunday evening, October 13 (dinner on the road). We'll head back home on Friday morning, October 18 (following breakfast). We will stay in one of their volunteer facilities where meals will be provided. We will provide our own transportation to Kentucky (carpooling is encouraged) and to the worksites each morning.

**COST:** The Mission and Outreach Committee has set the cost per person at \$125 (that includes housing and meals). The actual cost to the church per person is \$325. If you don't need the full \$200 discount provided by the Mission and Outreach budget, please consider paying more than \$125. If you need more than \$200 off per person, please contact Pastor Kim (kim@fmhpc.org) to make arrangements. **A \$25 deposit per person will hold your spot. The remaining \$100 is due on Sunday, August 18.** Please make checks payable to FMHPC and write "Appalachia Trip" in the memo line.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1			1 •Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 10am to Noon, Community Room
2 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Communion Worship Service, 10am, Sanctuary	3 •Mission & Outreach Team Mtg., 6:30pm, Parlor	4 •Indianapolis Council of Women, 9 to 11:30am, Parlor	5 •Women of Grace, 7 to 8:30pm, Parlor	6	7	8 •Food Pantry, Northwood Christian Church, 8:45am
9 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Pentecost Worship Service, 10am, Sanctuary	10 •Comm./Marketing Team Mtg., 5:30pm, Parlor •Finance Mtg., 6:30pm, Parlor	11	12 •B&G, 3:30pm, Parlor •Messy Church w/ Light Meal, 5:30 to 7pm, Community Room	13 •PWO Luncheon Out at Bravos	14	15
16 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Worship Service, 10am, Sanctuary	17 •Session Mtg., 7 to 9pm, Library	18	19 •Women of Grace, 7 to 8:30pm, Parlor	20	21	22 •Food Pantry, Northwood Christian Church, 8:45am
23 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Worship Service, 10am, Sanctuary •Congregational Mtg. to Elect Elders/Deacons, 11:15am, Sanctuary  30 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Worship Service, 10am, Sanctuary	24 •Content Due for July Newsletter <a href="mailto:fmhpc@live.com">fmhpc@live.com</a>	25	26	27 Alexis Out	28 Alexis Out	29 •Food Pantry, Northwood Christian Church, 8:45am

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**Our Mission Statement:**  
*To serve, love and grow in ever-widening circles of Christ's grace.*



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