



Youth Group
April Calendar Dates

We will meet on the following **TUESDAYS**

May 7 6:30pm to 8:30pm
May 14 6:30pm to 8:30pm
May 21 6:30pm to 8:30pm
May 28 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturday May 11 Bon Fire Darren's House
@ 6:00pm-10:00pm
Darren Dewitt, Youth Director 574-276-3453



Children's
Sunday School
Age 4yrs - 5th grade
9:00am, room 19
10:00am room 19

Kids Church
Age 4yrs - 5th grade
11:15am, room 19

Outing for the month will be @ Holiday Roller Rink, May 26th, 4:15-6:15 Parent chaperons will be needed. There will be a \$2.00 skate rental fee.

Contact our office at 574-679-4435 www.osceolaumc.org

For Prayer Requests, email: prayerministry@osceolaumc.org

If you would like to sponsor the news letter, contact the church office.

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Sermon Series

May 5,
Winning The War In Your Mind;
2 Corinthians 10:5

May 12,
Training your Mind
Philippians 4:8

May 19
Reframing
2 Corinthians 10:3-5

May 26
The Peace of God
Philippians 4:6-9

*The purest, unconditional,
eternal love,
that can ever be
experienced in life,
is the love between a
mother and her child.*

Mother's Day
May 12, 2019

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**Mother's Day Buffet Brunch, Saturday,
May 11, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary.**

Our program this year will be Pastor Will Deeds and others who will be sharing their musical talents with us. We will not be selling tickets but ask that you bring food items for our Food Pantry. We will still need a count of those attending so we can plan accordingly. There will be a sign-up sheet on the credenza and also a table set up in the main hallway on Sundays, April 28 and May 5. Please sign your name and the number of guests you will have. Child care will be provided. We will be serving a buffet this year but we will still need a few men to help with set up, the buffet and clean-up. Let Janet Keller know if you would be willing to help.

Thanks so much!

The Pastor's Corner

Hello Church Family,

I am so excited to share with you our confirmation class this year. During February and March our confirmation students met together with their mentors and we discussed the foundational aspects of our faith. All of them have been very engaged and inquisitive about each topic we discussed. Here are some of the topics we discussed: What is prayer, Basics of the Bible, **Christian Belief and what makes Methodists unique, What is Baptism and The Lord's supper.**

This upcoming weekend we will be heading on our confirmation retreat to "The Oaks" which is a retreat center just south of Mishawaka. We will spend more time together talking about our faith, worshiping and of course having fun. I know I look forward to further getting to know these awesome students. They will each have the opportunity to decide whether or not to confirm their faith in Jesus Christ.

On Sunday May 19 we will celebrate their commitment together as a church family. Please make plans to join us that Sunday and support them in their faith journey. Maybe write each of them a card to show them support. Please be in prayer for them as they make this very important decision in their life.

Peace, Love, and Confirmation,

Pastor Will



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Ad Council Chair's Thoughts – Short and Sweet

I'm planning on keeping this article, short and hopefully sweet. We are now finished with Easter in our church calendar and probably the sweet Easter candy is gone, if you like chocolate like I do.

May will be an interesting month. Starting May 5th we begin our new schedule. So, shake up your Sunday mornings a bit and come join us at the new times. Very soon it will feel like normal, again.

9:00-10:00 Traditional Worship

Discipleship / Fellowship Time (exact times will be set by each group)

11:15-12:15 Modern Worship

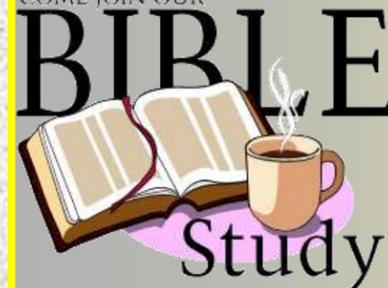
The groups meeting in the Discipleship/Fellowship Time have been working on new materials to teach as well. This includes kids and adult groups. So that is good news. Also, there will be cookies, fruits, veggies etc. available and that is great for those of us who have a 'sweet tooth'.

Spring is here, people who were gone for the winter are back and some of the flowers are already up! All that is sweet/good news. I feel like I should be writing this article like a text message with emojis (smiling faces) every so often. Yes, there is an emojiopedia to explain all the different ones and their meanings. And, no, I haven't read it yet.

So, keeping this short and sweet, welcome to May. All sorts of things are happening. I'm in the middle of those changes and I hope you are a part of them too!

Susan Baldwin, Ad Council Chairperson

COME JOIN OUR



Learn About the Bible this way....

Get an overview of the Bible, hear some fun facts, learn a bit about each book of the Bible and see why God had the Bible written. That is just some of the things we will do in our Study during the Sunday Discipleship/Fellowship time. Adding on to that we will 'see' Jesus in each book of the Bible and how

God is with us. We will also touch on the different types of literature in the Bible, the time line of the Bible and look at some maps. There will be plenty of info for everyone.

We will be meeting at 10:10 in the Parlor on Sundays starting on May 5. Susan Baldwin is teaching the class with materials provided through donations. The materials include a handout on what we will be studying and several Rose Publishing pamphlets. Come join us for a time of learning, discussion and fellowship. If you have questions or plan on coming, let Susan know by calling 574-291-8637.

See you in May.



The Trustees have been involved in a busy April.

Some of the items that have been addressed are among the following list. 1) The Day Care has put sinks in all of their rooms. Day Care paid for them, but received the blessing of the Trustees.

- 2) Three new air conditioners have been installed at a cost of \$30,500. They were all very old, very inefficient, or just plain no longer working.
- 3) There is new flooring in the south wing of our church. While it cost \$11,600, half of the expense was covered by private donations and the Talent Fund.
- 4) The fire marshals have inspected our building and deemed it safe.
- 5) The clothes dryer vent has been cleaned.
- 6) The generator has been given its yearly service check-up. As you read this note, please know that your Trustees are working to make our church safe and beautiful.

Dena Phillips, Trustee Chair



A HUGE Thank You to Boy Scout Troop 122

for hosting a Food Drive for our Food Pantry. They collected an estimated 800 lbs of food. Their generous donation of food will go a long way in addressing hunger in our community.

We are so grateful for their partnership in helping neighbors in need.

Wanda Weston, Mission Chair

New Service Times Beginning May 5th

9:00am Traditional Worship Service

10:00am Discipleship/Fellowship hour, several Sunday School opportunities both adult and children.

Room 19 Sunday School for kids age 4-5th grade. Middle school/High School kids meet up in the youth room for Sunday School.

11:15 Modern Worship. Includes Kids Church in Room 19

Parents can sign their kids in at the sign in station located in the Narthex. They can then drop off and pick up their kids in their classrooms.

Mission Trip, Back to Guatemala

July 20-27, 2019

Cost per person for an eight day/seven night trip is:

1) \$800 per person in country expenses. This covers all meals, transportation and building materials for the house we will build.

2) \$500-\$600 for plane tickets (estimated cost)

Estimated total cost: = \$1500 to be safe.

Other helpful trip information can be found at:

<http://porchdesalomon.org/mission-trips/>

We will have a future meeting with more information or you can contact Pastor Will with questions.

Prayerfully consider how you might be involved in blessing a Guatemalan Family.



Laity Corner

By Allen Bishop

THE PETER PRINCIPAL, no not that one, where someone is promoted to the level of incompetence. During Lent Pastor Will did a sermon series on Simon Peter, based on the book by Adam Hamilton. I had the privilege to lead a study on the book **and it moved me to read Peter's letters to the churches once again. As I neared the end of 2 Peter in chapter 3 verse 9 struck a chord with me, it reads as follows:**

"The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

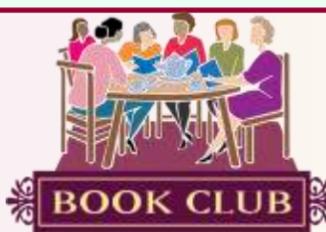
Peter saw and experienced firsthand the patience of the Lord, as well as His mercy and grace. How many time have each one of us experienced the very same? How many times do we fail to extend that same kind of patience to others, and what if we did **with that same mercy and grace? Truth is we can't, no one can match the level we have received, but we can try, by showing and extending to others the love of God in Christ we have received. By doing so we are drawn closer to God and we draw those to whom we are giving that love to Him as well.**



Young at Hearts

Seniors, come meet Pat Eller on Wed., May 1, @ 11:30 for lunch. We will be meeting at OutBack Steakhouse located at 4611 Grape Rd., Mishawaka. RSVP by Monday, April 29. Call Pat at 522-4796, or email her at peller72@hotmail.com or let her know at church on Sunday.

Come join the fun!



Christian Book Club

Meets Sunday, May 12 at 7:00pm at

the home of Betty Kincaid, 6410 Cedar Trail, South Bend,

Our May selection will be: The Mountains Between Us, by Charles Martin
In June we will meet to select our next 12 months reading list.



Women's Breakfast Bunch

Wednesday, May 22, 9:00 am
Macadoo's 2108 Lincolnway East

Note: we will be going on the 4th Wednesday this month because the last Wednesday we will be working on the rummage sale.

Call Linda Trader at 256-9567 if you need further information.

Ongoing Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Modern Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Children's Church	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (YR) 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore 10 week Bible Study (P) (ends June 3rd)	9:00 a.m. Tuesday a.m. Bible Study (P) 6:00 p.m. Modern Worship Band Practice (S) 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (RR)	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi in the (YR) 6:15 p.m. Handbells rehearsal (S) 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (YR) 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal (S)	4:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (P) 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting in the (FH) 6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study (P) 8:00 p.m. BBGS practice ev/oth wk (S)	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (YR) 9:00 a.m. BBGS practice ev/oth wk (S)

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****Consult the church website calendar or church bulletin for further information.****

Promise Keepers Breakfast:	Every other Wed of the month at Bravo Café at 6 a.m.
Real Services Senior Lunch:	Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. in the reception room
Promise Keeper's Lunch:	Every other Tuesday of the month at O.C. Café at 11:30 a.m.
Women's Breakfast Bunch:	Last Wednesday of every month Macadoo's Restaurant at 9 a.m.
Young at Hearts	Senior Luncheon - first Wednesday of the month at an area restaurant at 11:30
Caring Hands	Meets the 3rd Friday of each month (Parlor) 9am -12pm
Christian Book Club	Once a month 2nd Sunday of each month (off site & times, TBA)
Euchre	Meets the 4th Sunday of each month at 5:30-7:30



Euchre
May 26
5:30-7:30
Everyone welcome
Bring a snack to share.
Play cards, eat food, have fun!!! See you there!



Caring Hands, All are welcome!
Anyone interested in cutting material, blanket tying, crocheting prayer shawls, helping with lap quilts, or just come and fellowship with us, we meet the 3rd Friday of each month in the parlor from 9:00am - 12pm contact Susan Sebesta with questions @ 850-3259 (We take a break the months of June, July, Aug)



FOOD PANTRY Food Pantry Update
In April the Food Pantry serviced 45 families, and 140 individuals. Food donations can be dropped off anytime during the day.
Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful ministry.



Still looking for a way to help make disciples?
Noah's Ark Daycare would love to partner up with our church congregation and have you come in and hang out with the kids doing crafts, baking, reading, playing games, or just rocking one of the sweet babies.
The daycare would like to give Jessica Bolinger a big shout out for volunteering to work with the kids in the garden this year.
Its always fun to watch the kids plant and care for their garden and they love seeing all their hard work come to life as their vegetables and flowers begin to grow!!



Spring Rummage Sale
Annual Rummage Sale, Friday, May 31, 9:00 – 4:00, Saturday, June 1, 9:00 – 11:00.
\$2.00 per bag on Saturday. Snack Bar and Lunch will be available both days. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women for missions.



Items may be brought after Saturday, May 18 and put on the stage. On Saturdays, May 18 and May 25 the south Fellowship Hall doors will be unlocked from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm for your convenience. On Tuesday afternoon May 28 at 1:30 pm we will be taking rummage off of the stage. If you can help with that, it would be appreciated. Work days will be Wednesday, May 29 and Thursday, May 30 to sort and mark the rummage. Please wait until the tent is set up to bring larger items.

Thank you.