



THE LAMPLIGHTER



MAY 2010

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Musings from Pastor Phred Whose House Is It?

When I was a child (about a hundred years ago) we often referred to the church building as the Lord's House. We do not often hear the phrase "the Lord's House" anymore.

Now we talk about "my" church, as if "I" owned the church. We are stewards, not owners. If there is any ownership involved, the Church owns us. A theologically sound statement of this would be, "The Lord of the Church is the Master of our lives."

When I was a child I was taught to be in church and Sunday School every Sunday. In seminary we talked about doing worship and being the Church. Now, in our consumer society, we've become consumers of worship. Our attitude has become, "What do I get from worship?" Our attitude should be, "What do I bring to worship?" (This is not just a Methodist or Indiana problem. It is a problem throughout the Church.)

One aspect of this problem is in some towns where I have been a pastor; Christians float from church to church. They never make a commitment. They never truly belong. They hang on to the fringes of the Church. They fail to do the work of the Church. They seek to consume their favorite form of worship - like going to a favorite restaurant. Worship is not about style. Worship is not about certain

music. Worship is not about the preacher. Worship is not about you. Worship is not about making you feel good. We gather in the church to worship Jesus, the Lord of the Church, the Master of our lives.

John Wesley's motto was: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." He was a doer, not a consumer! No wonder Wesley saw the new Methodist movement grow from a campus prayer meeting to a world wide revival. Now, too many Methodist have become "ME"thodist and our churches are dwindling away.

We Methodists claim as our goal "making disciples for Jesus Christ." Let us reclaim our heritage and be Methodists. Let us fill the Lord's house for the Lord's sake.

See ya' Sunday, in the Lord's House.

Pastor Phred Cain

Graduates!

On Sunday, May 23rd we plan to have a Graduate Recognition and honor them during our worship service. We will also have a list of family members who are graduating in our bulletin. If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please let Marilynn Grossman or Pastor Phred know as soon as possible - we don't want to forget anyone, especially on this happy occasion!

Choir Notes

. I would like to give a BIG THANKS to the Woodruff Grove Choir! They work so hard and I really appreciate the commitment it takes to pull off a Cantata like this. We had a lot of great comments from the congregation as well.

We will be gathering again in June for a July 4th special. After that is our Summer hiatus. *Thanks again, Sandy Ringler*

Thank you for sharing your wonderful talents with the Easter Cantata

Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church Choir

Steph Blake

Donna Henschen

Marty Young

Jan Russell

Deb Troyer

Tom Atkins

Bob Russell

Bill Thomas

John Russell

Sandy Ringler, Director

JR Young, Sound

Upcoming Rummage Sale...

We have a busy week ahead of us! No amount of time will be considered "too little" to have helped us!

Sunday - We plan to move boxes from the basement and arrange tables. We will have lunch for those who stay and help!

Monday-Wednesday 9am-5pm - come to help us arrange, sort and set up for the sale.

We will also need help during the sale on

Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

Thursday morning is Opening Day - our busiest sale time and we will need the most help then. Friday will be ½ Price Day.

Saturday will be \$2.00 a Bag Day. On Saturday we will need a crew to help clean and pack things up. **Please let Marilyn, Jacque or Linda Patterson (for kitchen help) know if you can be here. We'll look forward to having you on our team!**

****Please bring in your Rummage Sale donations now! We would like to have all items priced before the sale, yesterday if possible!***

Ladies Bible Study

The ladies Bible Study of "Women Who Achieved for God" is drawing to a close. We have enjoyed our time of study and fellowship with one another. It is so important as a church family to share and grow with one another. We will be choosing another study from the same series to begin in May. If you would like to join us, please let Susan Young know as soon as possible.

We have a great group, but there is always room for more! *Susan Young*

Movie Night, on Saturday!



It's time for another Saturday Family Movie Night! Join us on Saturday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. for a showing of "Planet 51"-rated PG. We will meet in the Fellowship hall for every kid's favorite meal of hot dogs and chips and then proceed to the Sanctuary to watch the movie. This is a perfect time to invite your friends to a church activity. As always the meal, movie and popcorn are free! *Susan Young*

Administrative Board

...Our next Administrative Board meeting will be May 18, 2010. We encourage every member of our Church to attend these meetings. We will be discussing the possibility of providing a monitor for those at the pulpit or lectern, (ie; Pastor, Liturgist, Worship Team, and Choir). So far, the solution we had first looked at, apparently won't work, and we are awaiting further quotes on other ways to go. There will also be a presentation from the Youth Fellowship regarding the proposed playground equipment. If anyone else has items for the Board, please contact me at 260-336-3477 so I can place it on the agenda. *John Russell, Chairperson*

Camps



Now is the time to sign up for Summer Camp opportunities! There are a few catalogs on the table in the Gathering Place or you can go on line to find out more information at: beacamper.com

Outer Circle Cluster: Pantry Drive

Our next meeting of the Cluster is scheduled for May 25, 2010 at the Lima United Methodist Church . This Church is located at 6900 N 450 W. We will be discussing the Cluster Training videos that were passed out at the last meeting, as well as those things each of us are doing to Rethink Church .

We are asking all our members to bring in canned food and/or paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, Tissues, etc) to give to our two cluster food pantries. Scott and Topeka both have successful ministries with food pantries, and both are in need of items to help replenish their shelves. Please have the items here by May 23 so we can take them to the next Cluster meeting. The training videos are also available for anyone wishing to view them. Contact John Russell if interested.

John Russell

10. Troy & Stephanie Blake
15. Jan & Bob Russell
24. John & Pam Wainwright

Upcoming Movie Nights!

June 10th, 7pm: "Star Wars"

June 16th, 7pm: "To Save a Life"

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**First Public Supper
of 2010!
Baked Steak
May 22nd, 4-7pm**



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Birthdays

1. Glen Patterson
2. Braeden Cassel
Annella Smith
4. Jenessa Wainwright
5. Glen Hassinger
7. Jordan Henschen
8. Danny Young
9. Aaron Young
12. John Wainwright
14. Bonnie Roebel
15. Julie Eagleson
17. Allison Young
18. Derek Young
24. Brad Murphy
26. Taylor Patterson
29. Birdeen Sweet



May Anniversaries

3. Ed & Susan Huguenard

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Thanks to everyone who helped support the Boy Scout Jamboree Mission Project in April. Whenever we can get Bibles into the hands of our youth, it is a good thing.

The mission emphasis for May is the Broadway Christian Parish in South Bend. Their ministry includes a food pantry, a breakfast and fellowship time each weekday morning, a place to come in off the street and take a shower, get a fresh set of clothing, do laundry and receive other assistance. On Sundays, the congregation serves dinner to anyone who comes. For 25 years, Broadway Christian Parish has served over 100 people each Sunday. Please prayerfully consider giving to this very worthy ministry. If you'd like to know more about this ministry and the services provided go to www.broadwayumcsb.org.

This summer the Youth Fellowship will become a mission team on two fronts. They will be installing play ground equipment for our younger (or young at heart) to enjoy and will also be helping Habitat for Humanity build a new home for a family in Wolcottville. Please encourage our youth as they set out to be a light for Christ in our community.

Woodruff Grove Library

Our library located in The Gathering Place continues to grow as new books are being added often! There are many different types of reading available for your use. No need to sign a book out- simply take a book and return it when you are done. Do you

have books at home that you have read, and want to see them put to good use? Why not donate them to the library for others to enjoy? If you would like to see a book on a topic that is not represented, please let Susan Young know. Coming soon- DVDs!

Susan Young

Kids Club

We had a terrific turn-out for our Spring Session of Kid's Club and averaged almost 20 more kids a week than in our 2009 Spring Session. Please note the picture below of our fifth grade class. We wish them God's blessings as they move on to middle school next year!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Grossman for her endless hard work that she gives to this mission project. She is so loving to our children, for Jesus sake! If you have an opportunity, please make sure to thank Karen personally. She is a blessing to our whole church family!

*It takes a Mother's Patience,
to bring a child up right,
And her Courage and her Cheerfulness
to make a dark day bright.
It takes a Mother's Kindness
to forgive us when we err,
To sympathize in trouble
and bow her head in prayer.
It takes a Mother's Wisdom
to recognize our needs
And to give us reassurance
by her loving words and deeds.
And that is why in all this world
there could not be another,
who could fulfill God's purpose
as completely as a MOTHER!*

What Is A Mother...

*It takes a Mother's Love
to make a house a home,
A place to be remembered,
no matter where we roam.*

Ladies Aide

Ladies Aide will meet on May 12th at 8:30am with a Spring Kitchen Cleaning. This will be for all groups that use the kitchen. Any time you can give to this task will be helpful.

Our first Public Supper of "Baked Steak" begins on May 22nd, 4-7pm. We will soon be asking for help, pies, and salads for this.

Devotions will be lead by Marty Young and Hostesses will be Lois Keck and Jacque Young. All ladies are welcome to join our group!

Anointing of Hands

Thursday, May 6th, is Nurse's Day. On Sunday, May 2nd, during the worship service, we will anoint the hands of our nurses. "Anointing of the Hands" is a very brief ritual to honor our nurses. Nurses, please be sure to attend church on May 2nd that we may recognize and honor all your good work.

Also, invite the nurses you may know to join us in worship on May 2nd. We would love to honor their work as well. Any questions may be directed to Pastor Phred.



The Mission Statement of the United Methodist Church

"The Mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

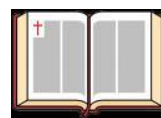
A Grandmother's Wish

If I were granted any wish,
I'll tell you what I'd do...
I'd wish my kids were small again,
for just a month or two;
To hear their squeals of laughter,

To watch them while they play,
And when they asked me to join in,
I'd NOT say, "Not today."
To hug again their chubby frame, to kiss
away their tears,
And cherished childhood innocence
that's washed away the years;
Then when it's story time again,
I'd stay a little longer;
To answer questions, sing the songs,
So memories would be stronger,
But time is callous, wishes, myths,
Yet God in His great wisdom
Has given me another chance
before I join His Kingdom;
The face may not be just the same,
The name is changed, 'tis true,
But yet the smile that radiates,
reminds me so of you,
God must have known that Grandma
Would need a chance or two
For many little happy things
she hadn't time to do;
So God gave love to Grandma's,
to equal that before,
That, in effect, embraces
those little lives she bore.



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www.woodruffgroveumc.org
Add us to your "favorite" file and
check us out as we continue to grow!



Scriptures and Sermon Titles

May 2010

Sunday, 2 May 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Nurse's Sunday
Scripture: Acts 11:1-18
Sermon Title: A Superior Child?

Sunday, 9 May 2010

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Scripture: John 14:18-24
Sermon Title: Is Obedience Love?

Sunday, 16 May 2010

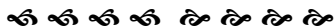
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
Scripture: Luke 24:44-53
Sermon Title: The End of Easter

Sunday, 23 May 2010

Pentecost
Graduation Recognition
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21
Sermon Title: Pentecost

Sunday, 30 May 2010

Trinity Sunday
Memorial Day
Rev. Cain will be on vacation



Now you are the body of Christ

1 Cor. 12:27

Christ has no body now on earth – but yours
No hands – but yours
No feet – but yours
Yours are the eyes through which the
compassion of Christ is to look out on a
hurting world. Yours are the feet with which
He is to go about doing good. Yours are the
hands with which He is to bless now.

-Teresa of Avila



a Life”. We not only recommend that your son or daughter come and see the movie with us, but we also recommend that you see it as well.

Unfortunately, teens today are hurting and facing challenges like never before – we can see it every where we go. “To Save a Life” is rated PG-13 because it doesn’t shy away from tough topics. It deals with social divisions, school violence, cutting, suicide, teen pregnancy and divorce – not in a graphic way, but in a way that is authentic to many teens’ lives. And it points to a way out of these problems through faith and reaching out to others. Ultimately, it asks the question “What’s my life going to be about?” and dares teens to answer with boldness and honesty.

Our hope is that by seeing this movie, your son or daughter will be inspired to reach out to the hurting and lonely on their campus, in their future work environments and truly make a difference in their world.

Give God what’s right, not what’s left!

**God doesn’t call the qualified;
He qualifies the called.**

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

**Kindness is difficult to give away
because it keeps coming back.**

**We don’t change the message:
The message changes us!**

**We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not an act,
but a habit. –Aristotle**

**Live as if Christ died yesterday,
Arose this morning,
And is coming back tomorrow!**

Upcoming Movie Night: “To Save a Life”



We have plans to show a very sensitive movie at Woodruff Grove which may be life-changing for those involved. On June 16th at 7pm we’ll be showing the movie “To Save

If you have any news items you would like to have put in the June issue of "The Lamplighter" newsletter, please let Rosy O'Brian know. We'd like to include them! The deadline for submissions will be the morning of May 24th. If you have any address updates or corrections, or if you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please let us know that too! You may contact us by e-mail at woodruffgrove@yahoo.com with this information. Thanks!