



Knox United Methodist Church

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*Pastor Sheri
LoCasio*

Pastor's Ponderings

Easter Greetings, my friends! Even as we begin the month of May, we are IN the Season of Easter, which lasts until we celebrate Pentecost (June 5th).

What an Easter we celebrated this year! The Youth and Kids blessed us with a passionate play called “*Have You Reached Your Verdict?*” for Palm/Passion Sunday. We celebrated Maundy Thursday with a Dinner & Service in Fellowship Hall and got to hear from the original 12 Disciples as they shared testimony to their relationship with Jesus and how “Maundy Thursday” 2,000 years ago affected each of them. For those souls who traveled to North Judson UMC for this year’s Good Friday Service, we were blessed with the Tenebrae.

And then... *finally*... Easter Sunday!!! We began the morning at Sunrise to witness the “*Easter Bunny Interrogation*” before we headed to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious breakfast! With bellies filled, we made our way back upstairs to celebrate our Risen Lord by singing, worshipping, praising, and rejoicing! Thanks be to God! You’ll find photos snapped from these events throughout this newsletter... Enjoy!

Now that we’ve celebrated Easter, let’s live every day as Easter people! Let’s share the Good News as the early disciples were taught, and as WE have been taught.

Most of all, remembering God’s presence with you and within you, share the love that you have been blessed to receive by the Almighty Adonai.

In seasons of change, sometimes it feels like we’re trying to get through it by ourselves. For whatever you’re going through, you’re not going through it alone. I close in sharing this poem from a dear friend at Munster Ridge UMC- Diane Comandella. She shared this with me; my soul was touched and my heart was blessed:

I AM

I found myself regretting the past and fearing the future.
Suddenly my Lord was speaking: “My name is I AM.” →



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Church Office Hours

- Mon 1:00 - 4:30 pm
- Tue 11:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Wed 1:00 - 4:30 pm
- Thu 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Pastor's Ponderings, cont'd

God paused.

I waited.

God continued, "When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I WAS."

"When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I WILL BE."

"When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I am here. My name is I AM."

Thanks be to God!

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The Cast of "Have You Reached Your Verdict?"

- Jesus- Gideon M. Judge- Trenton M. Prosecutor- Trevor B.
 - Jacob the Pig Farmer- Kaylee K. Judas- Isabelle A.
 - Boaz the Potter- Stella A. Bailiff- Alex B.
 - Lazarus the Weaver- Khloe O.
 - Guard 1- Kason R. Guard 2- Summer O.
- (starting back row, left to right)



Palm/Passion Sunday
April 10, 2022

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2022

Members Present: Jack Miller Pastor Sheri Lyn Allen Shirley Fosler
 Marshall Garlach Mitch Martinkus Sandy Miller Sally Oliverious
 Melba Shilling

Others Present: Lisa Nichols MaryBeth McIntire

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Jack; Pastor Sheri opened with a devotion and an opening prayer.

Last month's Meeting Minutes were read. Jack shared that Victor was to share devotion at Men's Group Meeting. Motion made to approve by Mitch with correction, and seconded by Sally. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marshall shared financial reports as of March 30, 2022. All bills are paid to date. Tithes are down. Cheryl will begin using the In/Out account for donations that are to go toward a bill when there is no specific account; she will be asked to keep a list of the amounts coming in and what those amounts are to be used for.

FINANCE REPORT

Shirley reported nothing new.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Sally reported that the lights have been changed and the restroom plumbing has been completed. Lyn shared that there is an old crib in an upstairs closet. There will be some cleaning done in the future.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Pastor shared nothing new.

WORSHIP REPORT

Pastor shared that the Youth's Palm/Passion Sunday play was awesome! Thanks to Deb McIntire and all who made it happen.

We will hold Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall with a meal and service, including Communion. The tables will be set up reminiscent of Jesus' last supper with His disciples. Pastor, Mitch, and MaryBeth will set up. Mitch will bring ham and cheese; Shirley will bring bread and chips; MaryBeth will bring fruit. Drinks are in the refrigerator. Cookies in the upstairs kitchen can be served.

A Good Friday Service will be held at North Judson UMC at 6:00pm. All are invited to attend.

An Easter Sunrise Service, performed by our kids, will be held at 7am. Easter Breakfast, provided by the Men's and the Women's Groups, follows at 7:30am. The Easter Sunday Service is at 9:30am. Easter baskets will be given out to the children by the Women's Group.

During the Financial Reporting, Melba asked if the Collection Plates were going to be passed as they were last Sunday (Palm Sunday) and if it was going to be handled this way for the future. Council decided to keep the Plates at the sanctuary entryway where Pastor moved them since resuming after covid so people can place their tithes there as they enter or exit. This is the current directive shown in the bulletins. It was suggested to announce it so people know.

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (f/k/a Nominations)

Lyn reported nothing new.



Council Meeting Minutes, cont'd

MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Sandy shared that the next Food Bank will be held on Wednesday, April 13. Helpers are needed. Also, coffee and snacks won't be served after the Easter Sunday Worship Service. Pasto shared that April's Game Day! is cancelled as it falls on Easter Sunday.

METHODIST MEN'S REPORT

Mitch shared that the Men's Group met yesterday, April 10. They were blessed to see Dave Hays join the Group; it was a blessing and an answer to prayers. Bernie cooked and Victor provided the devotion. They discussed and made plans for Mother's Day. The next Meeting will be on May 8 at 7:30am downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Charlie will cook and Lee will provide the devotion. All men are welcome.

WOMEN'S GROUP REPORT

Sally O shared that the Women's Group met April 3. They discussed the Easter Breakfast as well as preparing Easter baskets for the kids. The next meeting will be on May 1 at 8am in the library. All women are welcome.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor will be taking vacation April 21 through April 27. The Friday and Saturday NA Groups will need to have the building opened so they can meet. Jack volunteered to open on May 15 (Pastor will be involved in the Good Friday Service at North Judson UMC) and MaryBeth volunteered to open on April 22 and April 23.

GOOD OF ORDER

The policy on service/therapy/companion animals will be tabled until a future Meeting. Information needs to be obtained about certifications for a service animal and Indiana law.

The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00pm.

With no other business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by Jack with Jack closing in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Fosler

Knox United Methodist Church Council 2022

Senior Pastor - Rev. Sheri LoCascio
 Church Council Chair - Jack Miller
 Church Council Vice-Chair - vacant
 Lay Member to Annual Conference - Debbie Mix
 Reserve Lay Member to AC - vacant
 Lay Leader - Debbie Mix
 Staff/Parish Chair - Mitch Martinkus
 Finance Chair - Shirley Fosler
 Treasurer - Marshall Garlach, Marilyn Hays
 Trustee Chair - Lee McIntire
 Trustee Treasurer - Sally Oliverius
 Lay Leadership Vice Chair - Lyn Allen
 Education Chair - Debbie Mix

Education Assistant - Georgia Pope
 Recording Secretary - Shirley Fosler
 At-Large Member - Melba Shilling
Ex Officio Members with vote:
 Historian - Dan Miller
 Men's Group - Jack Miller, Mitch Martinkus
 Missions & Outreach Chair - Sandy Miller
 Prayer Coordinator - Sandy Miller
 Women's Group - Shirley Fosler, Lisa Nichols
 Youth Representative - vacant
Ex Officio Members with no vote:
 Financial Secretary - Cheryl Tellman

FINANCIAL REPORT 3/31/2021

SUBMITTED BY MARSHALL GARLACH & MARILYN HAYS

| Account # | Account Name | Period Activity | YTD Balance | Budget YTD |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| 4.10.140 | Tithing by Envelope & Checks | 5,150.00 | 17,875.00 | 25,324.00 |
| 4.10.141 | Loose Offering | 182.00 | 647.72 | |
| 4.10.142 | Use of Building | 50.00 | 240.00 | |
| 4.10.143 | Misc. Other Offering | 0.00 | 15.00 | |
| | Total Income | \$5,382.00 | \$18,777.72 | \$25,324.00 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| 5.10.150 | Conference Tithes | 533.20 | 1,852.27 | 1,875.00 |
| 5.10.151 | District Tithes | 53.32 | 185.22 | 189.00 |
| 5.10.152 | Annual Conference Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| 5.10.155 | Pastor Salary | 2,947.00 | 8,841.00 | 8,841.00 |
| 5.10.156 | Custodial Salary | 142.50 | 472.50 | 750.00 |
| 5.10.157 | Musician Salary | 400.00 | 1,100.00 | 1,299.00 |
| 5.10.158 | Travel Reimbursement/Prof. Expense | 0.00 | 168.58 | 501.00 |
| 5.10.159 | Administrative Assistant | 865.20 | 2,748.36* | 2,575.00 |
| 5.10.160 | Pastor Pension Expense | 497.29 | 1,491.87* | 1,450.00 |
| 5.10.170 | Supplies (Alter & Communion) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 |
| 5.10.171 | Pulpit Supplies | 0.00 | 0.00 | 13.00 |
| 5.10.172 | Music (Copyright License, etc) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 63.00 |
| 5.10.180 | Church Utilities - Gas/Electric | 497.00 | 1,491.00* | 1,375.00 |
| 5.10.181 | Church Utilities - Water/Trash | 235.75 | 707.25 | 750.00 |
| 5.10.182 | Church Utilities - Telephone | 143.68 | 429.04* | 363.00 |
| 5.10.185 | Parsonage Utilities - Telephone | 0.00 | 349.98 | 450.00 |
| 5.10.186 | Parsonage Utilities - Water/Trash | 84.33 | 252.99* | 249.00 |
| 5.10.187 | Parsonage Utilities - Gas/Electric | 233.18 | 699.84* | 613.00 |
| 5.10.188 | Insurance Church/Parsonage | 0.00 | 382.00 | 2,363.00 |
| 5.10.190 | Office Supplies | 122.57 | 185.43* | 100.00 |
| 5.10.191 | Postage | 0.00 | 58.00 | 88.00 |
| 5.10.193 | Cleaning Supplies | 0.00 | 0.00 | 63.00 |
| 5.10.200 | Computer Programs/Updates | 0.00 | 0.00 | 113.00 |
| 5.10.205 | Equipment Maintenance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 450.00 |
| 5.10.207 | Office Equipment Purchases | 0.00 | 0.00 | 126.00 |
| 5.10.210 | WKVI | 160.00 | 520.00* | 500.00 |
| | Total Expenses | \$6,915.02 | \$21,935.33 | \$25,329.00 |
| | Difference | <u>(\$1,533.02)</u> | <u>(\$3,157.61)</u> | <u>(\$5.00)</u> |

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

Attendance

Thank you for signing the attendance pad each time you are here for worship. This helps us to care for our "family" as God asks us to do. You need not include your phone number, address or e-mail address each time unless it has changed.

food bank

OF NORTHERN INDIANA

will be at:



Knox United Methodist Church
201 S Shield St, Knox

Thursday, May 26

9:00 am - 11:00 am CT

(or until supplies last)

Volunteer help is *always* appreciated!



Cast of "Easter Bunny Interrogation"

- Easter Bunny- Stella A.
- Interrogator 1- Khloe O.
- Interrogator 2- Alex B.
- Cop- Summer O.

Spring symbols remind us of Resurrection by Rev. Mark Price



When the weather turns warmer and the grass grows greener, it's easier to understand the promise of new life and renewed hope that Christians proclaim as "Easter people." The reminders are all around us so be sure to keep an eye out on your next spring stroll.

Birds

The robin, a very common bird in the U.S., has a red breast and a legend to explain it. Seems that once a gray robin flew to Christ's crown of thorns to draw out a thorn, and when it did, a drop of Christ's blood fell on its breast, leaving a stain forevermore.

Bees

It takes lots of buzzing bees to spread the pollen and make flowers grow. The honey these creatures create is a biblical symbol of God's favor. The Torah agrees, for it describes God's promised land again and again as "flowing with milk and honey."

Flowers

Long considered a symbol of hope and new life, the daffodil is one of the blooms most often connected to the Resurrection. Tradition says that giving a gift of daffodils will ensure happiness for the receiver—but always give a bunch: a single bloom signals doom.

The flowering shrub known as the forsythia is what I call the Easter tree, because when its spidery branches are moving with the wind, they seem to be arms waving in praise of the season. According to tradition, forsythia means anticipation—an appropriate companion word for Resurrection.

It is said the dogwood tree used to grow straight and tall, but after it was used as a crucifix for Christ, God made it short and twisted with a thin trunk so it could never be used as a cross again. The dogwood bloom has four parts, each with a rusty red color on the end and a small hole, a reminder of where the nails were driven into the cross. The center stamens look like the crown of thorns.

Faith

The traditions that developed around these spring symbols helped explain the concept that God in the flesh took on death and came back to tell us there is life on the other side. What fantastic news!

This spring, be a witness to the good news that Christ is risen:

- Learn about the symbols and notice them when you are outdoors this season. Even better: plant some dogwoods and flowers in your yard and on the grounds of your church.
- Fashion a cross from cuttings of spring flowers. Invite others to help. Set it out in front of your church, or even your house, for all to see.
- Make (don't buy) a gift for someone who needs to be reminded of the love of God made known in the Risen Christ.
- Play. Not a video game or a phone app. Physically play. Move. Dance. Interestingly, the Irish jig and tap dancing have their roots in an early Saxon tradition called the "hop-egg." The purpose was to step among a dozen eggs as if walking the Stations of the Cross. This egg dance is likely the distant relative of hopscotch.

The Council at Nicaea in 325 AD gave the Church a revised creed. The last line reads: "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."



As Easter people, we don't have to look further than spring for an exclamation point to that affirmation.

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Maxinkuckee Singers Spring 2022

Show Time 7:30 PM Eastern

Admission: FREE! (Free-will offering accepted)

Thu, May 12 - Knox United Methodist Church 201 S. Shield St



Congratulations Graduates!

We would like to celebrate our graduates this year. Congratulations on your accomplishment! If we have missed anyone please let us know so that we can be sure to include them in our graduation recognition Sunday. Date TBD.

High School

- Isabelle Awald
- Devon Bowering
- Trevor Busse
- Kate Collins
- Hannah Howe
- Kaylee Krom
- Gabriel Manning
- Trenton Messer



College

- Nina Blount
- Tori Bulick - Ball State
- Hunter Kemble - Ancilla
- Jerrin Provost - Ball State

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



| | |
|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Ron Parker |
| 6 | Kevin Galloway |
| 8 | Merlyn Lucas |
| 11 | Gideon Miller |
| 13 | Taylor Kemble |
| 13 | Pastor Sheri LoCascio |

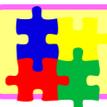
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| 15 | Georgia Pope |
| 20 | Patsy Thompson |
| 21 | Maria Hasnerl |
| 27 | Steve Dodge |
| 31 | Pat McIntire |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



24 Merlyn & Susan Lucas





PUZZLE PAGE



Christian Easter Word Scramble

Be First To Unscramble The Following Words And Phrases That Pertain To Easter.

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eh si neirs _____

uaimprtlh rtney _____

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