



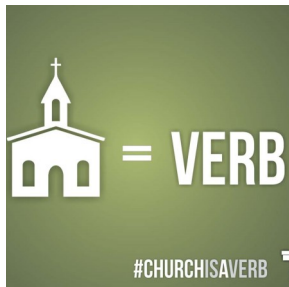
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOCIAL MEDIA ROUND UP

Highlighting posts from the past month



FIRE & WATER
Students want to know: How did you watch the Super Bowl? Here's how they did it. (Don't they look into the game...)



#ThoughtForTheDay: church is a verb. How will you church today? At home? At work? With your family? In your job? In your Facebook-usage? Church isn't merely a place to which we go, it's who we are and what we do. #ThereforeGO!



Addy Miller celebrated her birthday by bringing food to the pantry.

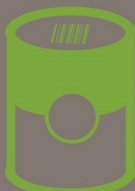


Upcoming Events

- March 1** Parent Night Out
6:00-9:00pm
- March 6** Ash Wednesday Worship
7:00pm, Sanctuary
- March 9** United Methodist Men
8:00am, Library
- March 10** Blood Drive
8:30a-12:00p
Fellowship Hall
- 5/6th Grade Ministries**
4:00pm, Dining Room
- March 17** Celtic Sunday
Traditional Worship
Wear Green

COMING IN APRIL

- April 18** Maundy Thursday
Worship
- April 19** Good Friday Worship
& Family Event
- April 21** Easter Worship



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS
CANNED BEEF STEW, PASTA OR RICE SIDES, ALFREDO SAUCE, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, GRANOLA OR BREAKFAST BARS

Donations may be dropped off in the pantry boxes located inside Doors 1 & 4 or at the Food Pantry on Wednesdays between 9:30am and 7:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

In her book, [The Fire of Your Life](#), Maggie Ross recounts the story of Emma, a survivor of the Holocaust, who came each day at 4pm without fail and stood outside a Manhattan church and screamed insults at Jesus at the top of her lungs.

After weeks of this, the pastor, Bishop C. Kilmer Myers, went outside and said to Emma, "Why don't you go inside and tell him?" She disappeared into the church.

An hour went by, and the bishop, worried, decided to look in on her. He found Emma, lying face down before the cross, absolutely still. Reaching down, he touched her shoulder. She looked up with tears streaming down her face and said quietly, "After all, he was a Jew, too."

Even though she was tremendously bitter, through her deep pain having suffered the unspeakable horror of the Holocaust, Emma identified with Christ. She may never have understood why He chose to suffer but she felt His suffering touch her suffering that no one before had been able to touch. In identifying with Christ and

his suffering Emma felt a kind of liberation. The horrible truth of her past was still horribly real but she was free from the unbearable loneliness of her suffering as she found another who had "been there" too -- one who knew what it meant to truly suffer.

On March 6th, Ash Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent. It is a time when we strive to identify with Christ in His suffering in His journey to the cross. As we share His journey I invite you to find time and ways to seek Christ – to identify with Him - both privately in your own spiritual journey and together with others in your church. Through our identifying with Him in His suffering and accepting His suffering on our behalf we, too, are free -- free from suffering alone and free from the penalty of sin as Christ suffered to bear it for us.

Maybe, like Emma, you, too, are suffering even as you read this right now. Maybe you know the deep pain of the loneliness when no one else understands what you have gone through or are still going through: severe illness; watching your children making poor choices;

failure in a relationship [your failure, or that of another]; the loss of a loved one in death; you name your suffering.... Tell Christ of your pain. Show Him your wounds and He will show you His scars. Feel the healing comfort as His hands, scarred for your suffering and mine -- as those hands hold you close in your pain. Know that He understands. He has "been there" where you have been and that He comes to free you today.

**FOR THE ONLY
CAUSE THAT
MATTERS,**

Pastor Kevin

LENT



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"I'd been struggling with some wounds that were pretty intense and needed healing—things I didn't want to share with family and friends. But with my Stephen Minister walking next to me, I felt safe and comfortable. So I shared my deepest hurts with her—some really painful things that I feared she might judge me for and that made me wonder if God could possibly love me.

After I told her those things, I was really nervous and dreading her response. I was worried that she would think I was an awful person. But instead, she put her arm around me and said, "I'm sorry you had to go through that."

And that was a turning point for me. To go from fear of judgment to a positive affirmation of care, empathy—and even sorrow for what I'd been through—it was so meaningful. That's when I began to feel God's love again.

The fact that God is invisible makes it hard for me to experience him sometimes. I'd been through some very negative experiences in life that caused me to question whether God even existed—and, if he existed, whether he loved me. I truly wondered, after all the things I'd done and the mess I'd been through, if God could still love me.

What I needed the most was unconditional love—to know that no matter what I shared with her, no matter what I'd done, she cared for me. I experienced God's sorrow and God's compassion and God's love through her care—and it made all the difference for me. It was the tangible expression of God's love in my Stephen Minister that changed my life."



CARE MINISTRY

If you're experiencing any of the many difficulties of life and would like to investigate receiving compassionate Christian care, please call the church office at 317.849.1805 or email stephenministry@fishersumc.org.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Did you ever think what God's impression might be of smart phones and their effect on relationships? For the March 9th breakfast program in the church library, Ralph Tennant will share some thought-provoking observations regarding the results of our being immersed in electronic devices.

All men of the congregation are invited to share in a hot breakfast at 8:00am before Ralph's presentation.

UMM LENTEN BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Time: 7:30 am

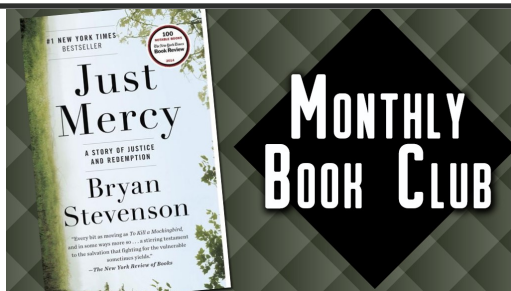
Theme: "WHO is your neighbor"

March 23	Noblesville First UMC 2051 E. Monument St.	Speaker: Mr. Dennis Schrumph
March 30	The Promise UMC 12648 E. 116th St.	Speaker: Ms. Emily Reece
April 6	Carmel St. Marks UMC 4780 E. 126th St.	Speaker: Mr. Craig Wood
April 13	Sheridan UMC 207 E. 2nd St.	Speaker: Pastor Adrienne Curtis

FIFTY PLUS

Please join Fifty Plus Older Adult Ministries on March 14, 2019 for another fun event! Following devotions and lunch, Patchwork Music returns to Fifty Plus to share a performance of traditional Celtic music and stories. Patchwork Music consists of Rick and Holly Garrett, two very talented musicians and vocalists who freely share their faith along with their musical gifts. The luncheon and performance will be in Connection Central (inside door 3) at 11:30am. No reservations are necessary; please come and bring a friend. If questions, please contact jenni debaun at jdebaun@fishersumc.org or 317.849.1805.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB



Join the Monthly Book Club in March as they read and discuss *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. A true story, Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he

didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice

If you are looking for a way to combine your love of reading and books with a small group atmosphere of fellowship, this is the place for you! The Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Library at 7:00pm. This month they will meet on March 26. If you are interested or need more information, contact Kim Arnott at 317-797-8612 or kimarnott@mac.com.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



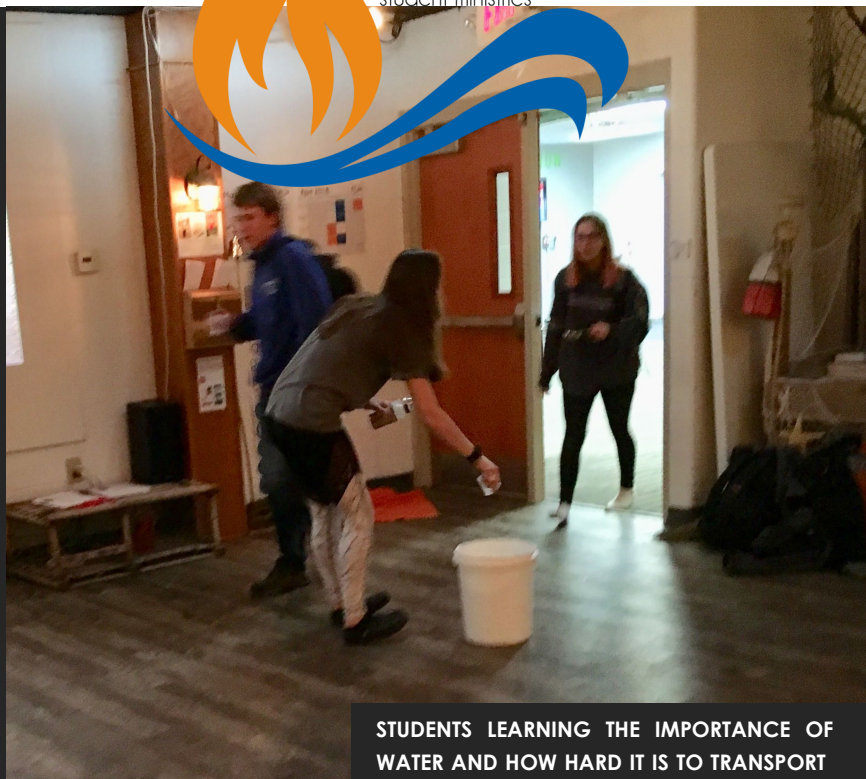
Fire &
Water
student ministries

30 HOUR FAMINE

The 30 Hour Famine is a global event in which students from all over the world get sponsors to go without food for 30 hours and raise money for those who go without food every day. During the weekend students learn about global famine, participate in an activity where they learn what it is like to live in other parts of the world, serve our Food Pantry to help those who are hungry here at home and have a little fun. We also end each famine with a meal from one of the countries we are focusing on for the weekend (that they have to cook while hungry!).

If you know a student who would like to be a part, contact trichards@fishersumc.org or have them sign up at our 30 Hour Famine page that you can reach from the FIRE & WATER Website (fumcfireandwater.com). Likewise, if you would like to support our famine (or a specific student) you can do so at that page and donate online.

Thank you for your support, over the years we have fed thousands of people through this event. Give generously!



STUDENTS LEARNING THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER AND HOW HARD IT IS TO TRANSPORT

MARCH FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES

F.I.R.E. (JUNIOR HIGH)

March 3	Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours
March 10	Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours
March 15	Fire & Water Night Out @ 7:00p
March 17	Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours
March 21	Bingo at Hamilton Trace @ 3:15p
March 24	Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours
March 31	Sunday School

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Refinery @ 6:00 pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm

W.A.T.E.R (SENIOR HIGH)

March 3	Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours
March 7	Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
March 10	Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours
March 14	Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
March 15	Fire & Water Night Out @ 7:00p
March 17	Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours
March 21	Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
March 22-23	30 Hour Famine
March 24	Sunday School
March 28	Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
March 31	Sunday School

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Drink Deep @ 6:00 pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm
Home Bible Studies take place throughout the week

BELIEVE CONFERENCE

April 6-7 Students will join hundreds of other JHers as we seek a deeper understanding of who Christ is and what it means to follow him. Signup forms are available in The Pier and online.

FIRE & WATER NIGHT OUT!

For March we will be having a Game Night in the Wharf. 7:00-10:00 on March 15, food will be provided. Come on out and show off what you learned at the Winter Retreat...

30 HOUR FAMINE

Next month WATER (sr. high) students will be going without food for 30 hours to raise money for those around the world who truly don't have food. If you would like to donate to their cause, please click the link on the FIRE & WATER webpage at www.fumcfireandwater.com.

CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM BY SEARCHING FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES OR VISITING FUMCFIREANDWATER.COM

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

So then, as we have opportunity,

**LET US DO GOOD
TO EVERYONE,**

and especially to those who
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GALATIANS 6:10

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Galatians 6:9-10 tells us "so then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

As this congregation of faith, we have many opportunities to help each other in a variety of ways, from praying diligently to delivering meals, to working with children to teaching classes, and the list could go on and on.

Other ways are by sharing Holy Communion with the homebound. Here at Fishers UMC, we share Communion on the first Sunday of the month during worship, but many can't join in because a chronic illness keeps them away or because they've moved to a care facility. Our Stephen Ministers and other people have been trained to take blessed elements to those who can't regularly join the body of Christ. This not only brings a welcome visit but reminds people that they're still part of our congregation, even if they can no longer attend worship on Sunday morning.

Has someone who used to attend your Sunday school class moved to a nursing home? Has someone you used to see frequently at church dropped off of your radar? If you're aware of someone in this situation, please let us know who's moved, who's missing, who you're concerned about because you haven't see them for a while. We'd be honored to help re-connect someone with this wonderful, caring congregation – but we can only do it with your help. Please speak with a pastor or call the church office at 317.849.1805.

Thank you for helping us continue to do good to those who are of our household of faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE

Give the Gift of Life by Donating Blood! The next Fishers UMC blood drive will be Sunday, March 10th from 8:00am-12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign Up In Connection Central or online at donorpoint.org



PARENT NIGHT OUT

Parent Night Out is back! Drop off your infant-5th graders on Friday March 1st or May 3rd from 6-9pm. They will play games, do crafts, watch a movie and eat a snack! Pre-Register at fishersumc.org/parentnightout or in the Church app.



BINGO PRIZE DRIVE

Put A Smile On The Face Of A Hamilton Trace Resident by donating prizes for monthly Bingo at Hamilton Trace Senior Living Community (sponsored by our Jr. High student ministries). Drop off any of the items below in Connection Central March 3rd through 24th (Hershey Bars are their favorite!).

FULL SIZE HERSHEY BARS

Dark, Regular, With Almonds

FULL SIZE SNICKERS BARS

ANY OTHER FULL SIZE CANDY BARS

INDIVIDUAL PACKS OF COOKIES

Oreos, Chips Ahoy, Vanilla sandwich

INDIVIDUAL PACKS OF CHIPS OR POPCORN

Not microwave



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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 11:00 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 & 11:00 am

