

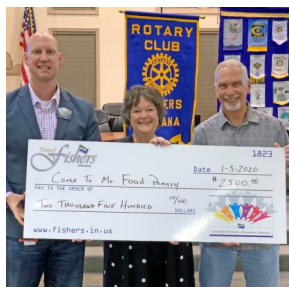
MARCH 2020

Fishers United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOCIAL MEDIA ROUND UP

Highlighting posts from the past month



The Fishers Rotary Club recently donated \$2,500 to our pantry.



FIRE & WATER had lots of fun watching the big game. But more importantly, what was your favorite commercial?



T2 Engineering delivers 144.5 pounds of food to our food pantry.



Upcoming Events

March 8

Blood Drive

8a-12p, Fellowship Hall

March 12

Fifty Plus

11:00am, Dining Room

March 15

Orientation Begins

9:45am, Library

Celtic Sunday

Traditional Worship

Lunch Fundraiser

10:45a-12:30p,
Fellowship Hall

COMING IN APRIL

April 9

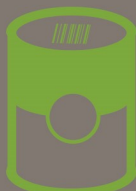
Maundy Thursday

April 10

Good Friday

April 12

Easter Sunday



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

CANNED SPAGHETTIOS, REGULAR OATMEAL, PANCAKE MIX, PANCAKE SYRUP, TOASTER PASTRIES

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

I was going through some old files recently – a task I force myself to do each year – and most of the files get sorted into one of several stacks:

- “keep and refile – still active”
- “keep for records”
- “keep - good stuff”
- “Huh? Did I really say that?”
- “Where did this come from?”

Among the paper mountain before me I found a single sheet I can't remember every seeing before. There was a picture of a wheat field and a simple deep thought centered on Worship and I haven't been able to dismiss it. I have no idea who wrote it but here is what it said:

Wheat, when it matures, bows down.

This is the easiest way to tell the difference between the wheat and the tares.

So it is with us.

The only difference between the heart of those who belong to Jesus and those who still control their own heart is humility.

One day every knee will bow.

We bow early.

I've been wondering – am I worshiping with the right attitude? And who or what do I worship? If I am being honest, there are far too many times I come into a place of worship at the right time to worship, but I don't always manage to enter into worship. Anxieties creep in; I focus on the next place I need to be and thing I need to do; negative voices replay critical remarks battering my too sensitive ego. And I leave the sanctuary never having seen or heard God – the object of my love and worship. I leave never

having bowed before him. My heart and mind betray me and worship escapes me. What about you?

The season of Lent is upon us as we seek to know the joy of Christ's Resurrection revealed at Easter. But to get there we have to grow and become mature. We have to learn the secret of being humble – like wheat – when we mature, we bow down. As it is written, “One day every knee will bow.” We bow early.

**FOR THE ONLY
CAUSE THAT
MATTERS,
Pastor Kevin**



CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS

On Friday June 12, 2020, the Indiana Conference will be celebrating both our former pastor, Pam Cook and our current pastor, Kevin McKinney, as they are both retiring this year. During this special service, the Conference hopes to have pictures of the pastors engaged in their ministries. If you have pictures the pastors may enjoy, please send them to the address below. Please note names where possible and if the picture needs to be returned. Also, "thank you" packets will also be prepared for these and the other retiring pastors, and we hope to have cards and letters from congregants and friends.

Please mail these and any pictures to:

Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
Attention Kathy Mitchell
301 Pennsylvania Parkway, Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46280



Alternatively, you may email them to
human.resources@inumc.org.

Please direct any questions to Kathy at
317.924.1321.



STATE OF THE CHURCH: PROTOCOL, PERSPECTIVE, AND PRIORITIES

A Conversation with Bishop Trimble

Please plan to join Bishop Trimble for a discussion on the State of the Church. He will share details about the Protocol, offer perspective, and clarify priorities of the church in Indiana, but he also wants to hear from you. Come ready to share in this dialogue about the state of The United Methodist Church.

Fishers United Methodist Church: Saturday, March 21 at 10:00am

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO GIVES US THE

VICTORY

THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

STUDENT MINISTRIES

NERF NIGHT

Hiding behind a barricade, peeking out to see the target, adrenaline rush when you storm the home base...all a part of a Nerf Night! Sound like a good adventure?

A generous donation enabled Fire & Water Student Ministries to purchase a Nerf Arsenal last year. We are grateful for the ability to offer a fun activity for students and an opportunity to invite their friends to be a part.

Our next Nerf Night will be our monthly Fire & Water Night Out for March on the 20th from 7-10pm. Know a 7th-12th grader with excellent aim and a mind for strategic assault? Let them know to join the fun.



MARCH FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

- 3/1 Sunday School, Meal, Refinery, After Hours
- 3/8 Sunday School, Meal, Refinery, After Hours
- 3/15 Sunday School, Meal, Refinery, After Hours
- 3/19 Bingo at Hamilton Trace @ 3:15p
- 3/20 FIRE & WATER Night Out @ 7:00p
- 3/22 Sunday School, Meal, Refinery, After Hours
- 3/29 Sunday School, Meal, Refinery, After Hours

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School @ 9:45a
Meal @ 5:30p, Refinery @ 6:00p, After Hours @ 7:30p

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

- 3/1 Sunday School, Meal, Drink Deep, After Hours
- 3/5 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
- 3/8 Sunday School, Meal, Drink Deep, After Hours
- 3/12 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
- 3/15 Sunday School, Meal, Drink Deep, After Hours
- 3/19 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
- 3/20 FIRE & WATER Night Out @ 7:00p
- 3/22 Sunday School, Meal, Drink Deep, After Hours
- 3/26 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
- 3/27-28 30 Hour Famine
- 3/29 Sunday School

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NIGHT OUT

We will be having a Nerf War on March 20. Doors open at 7:00, snacks will be provided, pick-up at 10:00. Dress ready to run around, all other gear will be provided.

30 HOUR FAMINE

WATER students will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine March 27-28. If you know a 9-12 grade student who would like to be a part have them pick up a packet and/or sign up at <https://www.30hourfamine.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=22958>. If you would like to donate to our cause you can visit the same link to give (if you click on roster you can pick a specific student to support.)

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Permission forms and information for the 2020 Summer Mission Trips are now available www.fumcfireandwater.com.

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

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Calling all men! You are invited to the United Methodist Men Lenten Breakfast Series: Passing Along The Faith. Below are the dates and places, please note that all breakfasts start at 7:30am and if you would like to carpool, meet at Fishers UMC at 7:10am.

Saturday, March 14 at Christ UMC, 318 North Union Street, Westfield

Saturday, March 21 at Emmanuel UMC, 16000 Cumberland Road, Noblesville

Saturday, March 28 at The Promise UMC, 12648 E. 116th Street, Fishers

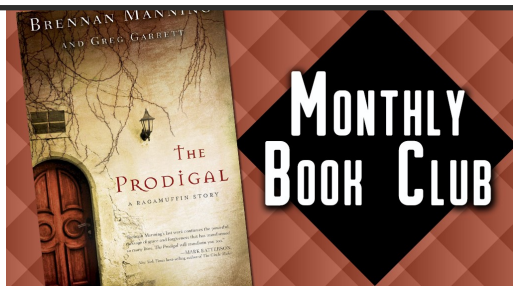
Saturday, April 4 at Fishers UMC in the Gym

All Fishers men are invited to participate and to help host this event (prepare and serve breakfast).

FIFTY PLUS

Please join Fifty Plus Older Adult Ministries on March 12, 2020 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, call jenni debaun at 317.849.1805.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB



Join the Monthly Book Club in March as they read and discuss *The Prodigal: A Ragamuffin Story* by Brennan Manning. Jack Chisholm leads a devoted and growing mega church, has several best-selling books, and knows how to preach. What he doesn't know is anything about grace. After an evening of immorality, he is swiftly removed from the pulpit and his wife and daughter disappear. But just as Jack is hitting bottom, who should appear but his long-estranged father, imploring his prodigal son: "Come home." *The Prodigal* illustrates the power of grace through the story of a broken man.

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! They meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. This month, they will meet on March 24 in the Library at 7:00pm. If you are interested or need more information, contact Kim Arnott at 317-797-8612 or kimarnott@mac.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CELTIC SUNDAY

//Sunday, March 15, Traditional Worship//
St. Patrick was best known for spreading Christianity throughout the area, using what was available - the shamrock - to teach the meaning of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. See you on the 15th wearing green in Traditional Worship!



LUNCH FUNDRAISER

//Sunday, March 15, 10:45a-12:30p,
Fellowship Hall//

You are invited to a baked potato bar lunch on March 15! This is a fundraiser meal that will help send the adult mission team on their trip in summer of 2020. A free will donation will be taken.

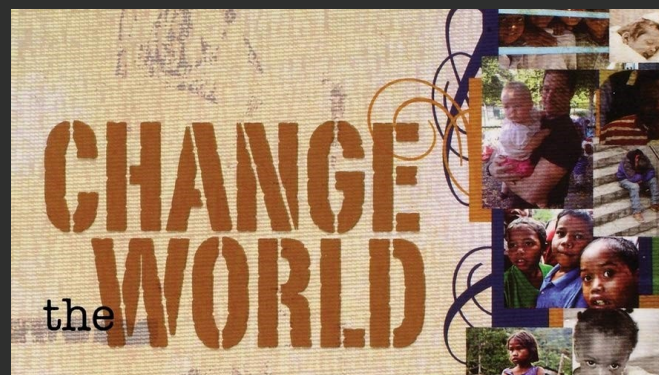


DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



ORIENTATION

Do you want to know more about Fishers UMC and how you might get plugged in? Are you new to our congregation and want to know more about our church? Are you interested in becoming a member? We invite you to join us for a 3-week class (March 15, 22 and 29) at 9:45am in the Library, just off the lobby outside the Sanctuary. Sign up in Connection Central, in the app or at fishersumc.org/orientation.



STUDY ON MISSIONS

It's easy to simply go to church, toss a few bucks in the offering plate and occasionally read our Bible. But Jesus has bigger plans for us. We are called to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world – he wants us to CHANGE the world! Join a 6-week study on missions beginning April 15 at 7:00pm in Room 280. Based on Mike Slaughter's book *Change the World*, this study will link Bible study to both local and global missions. Sign Up coming soon!

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 11:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 & 11:00am



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