

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOCIAL MEDIA ROUND UP

Highlighting posts from the past month



During the 3rd Grade Bible class, Pastor Troy asked this question: "What is one thing you know for sure about Jesus?" Here are just some of the kids' answers: "He loves us." "He is God's Son." "He died and then came back alive."



We use small boxes to load out food to our food pantry clients and they have to be taped together each week. Box man Steve Williams shows how many boxes we'll go thru each week.



Fire & Water has been grateful for how our church family is praying for students! One student happily said the person praying for her sent a picture of her card on their fridge. Prayer is powerful! Pick up a card at church!



Upcoming Events

November 14 Fifty Plus
11:30am, Dining Room

November 9 United Methodist Men
8:00am, Dining Room

November 10 5/6th Grade Ministries
4:00pm, Dining Room

November 24 Thanksgiving Food Drive
In Worship Services

November 26 Monthly Book Club
7:00pm, Library

November 29 Family Night Out
5/6 Grade
6:30pm, Family Life Center

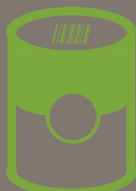
COMING IN DECEMBER

December 2 UMW Candlelight Dessert

December 8 Christmas Cantata

December 10 Blue Christmas

December 24 Christmas Eve Worship



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

GRAVY OR BROTH, CANNED YAMS, STOVETOP STUFFING, BOXED SCALLOPED POTATOES, HOT CHOCOLATE

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

Face the nation; Face the music; Put a good face on things; Face facts... It's interesting how often we use the word "face" in our language; even if we have a face "only a mother could love," or a "face made for radio!" We intend to face up to our responsibilities but too often we choose to "save face" instead.

I did it again just the other day! Faced with an important but difficult issue that needed to be named so we could get past it, I said the wrong thing to someone I love dearly. I knew what I wanted to say and I knew what I felt and my intentions were right but when the moment came to face the issue knee to knee and nose to nose with one of the people I treasure most in the entire world I backed away from being totally open and honest with my feelings and made a mess of it. Do you know what I mean? Have you ever been there? Why do we do that? Why do we wimp out or deflect an issue when it really counts? Too often we choose to save face rather than face the truth in an effort to avoid exposing our hurts and our hearts and admit our own failings and make ourselves vulnerable before another person.

Does it really matter if we fold under the pressure of the moment and fail to speak our hearts? If we are willing to face the truth, the answer is yes. Speaking our hearts reveals who we are. It is the surest way to really show our faces [and our hearts] to another and is at the core of authentic redemptive loving relationships.

This isn't easy stuff, to be sure – loving honestly and deeply isn't for sissies – so don't just take my word for it. The Greatest Lover of all time and beyond time has some words to say to help us face the hard truth that, if we are going to really love someone, we have to face up to our responsibility to speak the truth in love. Here are just a few truths God has given us in His "love letter" to us – the Bible:

Proverbs 27:6 tells us "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."

Proverbs 15:1-2 "A soft word turns away wrath but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly but the mouth of the fool pours forth foolishness."

Luke 6:45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good;

and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of his heart his mouth speaks."

Real love is not easy. It has to be handled with extreme care – and with honest humble hearts. If we don't handle love and those whom we love with care we can cause great pain, sometimes just to save face. We are not perfect and we often make a mess of it – I know I do and those I love can testify to that as well. I think we make a mess of love because, in our[my] pride and our[my] fears of being misunderstood or rejected, our vision gets cloudy. Even at our best, the Apostle Paul reminds us in 1st Corinthians 13 that we can only see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; but one day we shall see face to face – see God and each other. Now we know God and each other only in part; then we shall know fully, even as we are known. Until then, God, give us the courage to face each other in love.

Is there someone you love whom you need to love face to face today?

**FOR THE ONLY
CAUSE THAT
MATTERS,**

Pastor Kevin

FREE EVENT! ONE NIGHT ONLY!

FINANCIAL PEACE *Live!*

LIVE STREAM

Wednesday,
Nov. 20

FISHERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 20, 2019 at 6:30pm

Register: fpu.com/1102049

Learn how to get your financial life under control!

A STEADY REMINDER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Mark and I had been married 26 years. Our sons were 18 and 20. We loved being parents, but with our younger son graduating high school, we were eagerly anticipating the empty nest and having more time for each other.

In the fall, when our younger son started college, Mark began having stomach issues and back pain, which would linger for a few days and then disappear, only to reappear later. He also developed a cough. When his doctor ordered an MRI, the results were devastating—Stage IV pancreatic cancer, already in his liver and both lungs. Mark was only 53.

Our lives were turned upside down. I suddenly found myself trying to provide emotional support to Mark and our sons during the worst experience any of us had ever endured. I wanted and needed to keep myself together to focus on caring for Mark, but I was emotionally drained—full of sadness and terrified of what the future held. I had always been a “take responsibility for everything myself” kind of person. However, I knew I couldn’t do this alone.

I talked to my pastor about it, and she suggested matching me with a Stephen Minister. I agreed, and less than two weeks after Mark was diagnosed, my Stephen Minister came for the first of her weekly visits. It’s difficult to convey how important this Stephen Ministry relationship was for me. Our pastor was wonderful, and we had an amazing amount of support from many other people, but the time I spent with my Stephen Minister was the only time in the week when I could truly focus on my own needs. She was there just for me.

My Stephen Minister let me know that, while she was very concerned for Mark, her role was to be my support—to listen and help me process what I was feeling and going through, without giving advice or telling me what to do. The consistency of our Stephen Ministry relationship was crucial in helping me cope. Her weekly visits became an anchor in my life—something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. She was a steady reminder of God’s presence, helping me know I was never alone.

Although Mark and I chose to talk publicly about his condition, my Stephen Ministry relationship was completely confidential. I knew I could share anything with her, and that’s where it would stay. Mark’s illness progressed rapidly—ten weeks of treatment, followed by six weeks of hospice, and then his passing. My needs changed as I went from being a wife to being a caregiver to being a grieving widow and dealing with everything that the loss of a spouse entails. Through it all, my Stephen Minister’s love and support continued. She was there for me at every stage of my journey. It was never easy, but my Stephen Minister helped me through the most difficult moments of my life. I really can’t say enough about how much I appreciate my church’s Stephen Ministry. The compassionate, consistent, and confidential support of my Stephen Minister was so important in helping me cope—and then begin to heal.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STEPHEN MINISTER IN YOUR LIFE

email stephenministry@fishersumc.org or call the church office at 317.849.1805.

All inquiries are kept completely confidential

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Fire &
Water
student ministries

As you may know, this year's pumpkin patch was quite an adventure.

We were not given a resupply of pumpkins due to a winter storm at the pumpkin patch (they lost 300 acres of pumpkins), we had another tent try to blow away, and we've had an almost 70 degree swing in temperatures at the patch. Despite all this people bought pumpkins, the Fishers UMC family served at the patch and we have raised some money for student mission trips. Thank you to all who helped with this fundraiser and we look forward to seeing you next year.



PUMPKIN PATCH

NOVEMBER FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

- 11/1 Pumpkin Patch Tear Down @ 1:00p
- 11/3 Sunday School, Meal, Refinery, After Hours
- 11/10 Sunday School, Meal, Refinery, After Hours
- 11/15 FIRE & WATER Night Out @ 7:00p
- 11/17 Sunday School, Meal, Refinery, After Hours
- 11/21 Bingo at Hamilton Trace @ 3:15p
- 11/24 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)

- 11/1 Pumpkin Patch Tear Down @ 1:00p
- 11/3 Sunday School, Meal, Drink Deep, After Hours
Real World Retreat Forms Due
- 11/6 Real World Retreat Begins @ 7:00p
- 11/7 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
- 11/10 Sunday School
- 11/14 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
- 11/15 FIRE & WATER Night Out @ 7:00p
- 11/17 Sunday School, Meal, Drink Deep, After Hours
- 11/21 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30p
- 11/24 Sunday School, Meal, Drink Deep, After Hours

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Meal@ 5:30p, Drink Deep@ 6:00p, After Hours @ 7:30p
Home Bible Studies take place throughout the week

NIGHT OUT

For November's FIRE & WATER Night Out we will be heading to Urban Air Adventure Park. This is open to all 7-12 graders and FIRE & WATER is covering the cost of your ticket so there is no cost (unless you want to buy food, arcade, etc.) We are leaving promptly from door 4 at 7:00 and will return at 10:00pm.

SUNDAY NIGHT MEALS

When we meet with students Sunday nights we provide a meal for them from 5:30-6:00. FIRE & WATER will pay for all the food, we need adults who are willing to serve the meal and stay and take part in what we do for the evening. Please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/ZLeXhas>. If you have questions feel free to email lsimmonds@fishersumc.org or trichards@fishersumc.org.

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UNITED METHODIST MEN



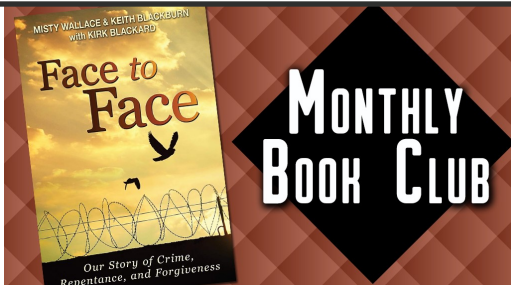
November's United Methodist Men breakfast will feature material taken from the series, "Jesus the Game Changer." This month's focus is on Leadership. Christian leadership principles can help us disciple ourselves and others as we pursue the Fishers UMC mission. Saturday, **November 9**, 8:00am in the Dining Room. All men are invited to come for a hot breakfast and interesting discussion.

FIFTY PLUS

Please join Fifty Plus on Thursday **November 14** for devotions, fellowship and a festive luncheon. In addition, Reverend Babb, a retired United Methodist pastor and active woodcarver, will present a program designed to help us prepare for the blessing of Advent. A woodcarver for Christ, Reverend Babb has been carving and preaching the gospel for most of his life, and his programs are always fun and educational. The details in his carvings are outstanding, and the stories he shares are things you won't want to miss.

No reservations are necessary; please come and bring a friend! Please contact jenni debaun at 317.849.1805 or at jdebaun@fishersumc.org if you would like more information.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB



Join the Monthly Book Club in November as they read and discuss *Face to Face* by Misty Wallace. Can a victim of violence and the perpetrator find reconciliation? *Face to Face* is the true account of Misty Wallace and the night Keith Blackburn shot her and left her for dead on the south side of Indianapolis. As they each take turns giving their accounts of the events leading up to that night and what happened after, we explore the intersection of repentance and forgiveness. They share their stories so that others can see how forgiveness doesn't just affect the one forgiving but also the one who has been forgiven.

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 **November 26**. If you are interested or need more information, contact Kim Arnott at 317-797-8612 or kimarnott@mac.com.

WAYS YOU CAN SERVE

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive to help the Come To Me Food Pantry is November 24th. On Sunday, November 10th and 17th empty shopping bags, with lists of needed items, will be available in each worship service. Please bring back your filled bag on Sunday, November 24th.



CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers and Greeters are needed for all Christmas Eve services and communion servers are needed for the 9 and 11 pm services. Sign up in Connection Central beginning November 17th.



THANKSGIVING TURKEYS AND PIES

Turkeys and Pies are needed for the Good News Mission on Thanksgiving Day. Sign up in Connection Central beginning November 3rd and bring items to church kitchen by 1:00 pm on November 28th. Call Milt Yakey at 317.294.0416 with questions.



THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Fishers UMC is partnering with Cumberland Road Elementary to provide Christmas presents for children and their families. Tags with wish list items will be in Connection Central beginning November 17th. Please drop off presents by December 8th.



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 8:30 & 9:45 am
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 11:00 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 & 11:00 am



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