



# November SonBurst Newsletter

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**Making Christian disciples by loving God, loving others,  
and serving the world.**

## November 2012

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## Going GREEN: How Do YOU Want the Sonburst?

Choose one of three ways to let us know how you want to receive the Sonburst:

1. Call the church office and tell us (317) 831-3376
2. Email us: [info@MooresvilleFUMC.org](mailto:info@MooresvilleFUMC.org)

3. Sign-up online for the eNewsletter:

Go to:  
[www.MooresvilleFUMC.org](http://www.MooresvilleFUMC.org)

Select "Current Events" tab then select "Go Green." You will need to enter in your email address twice on two web pages.

## Senior Pastor's Note

Dear Church Friends,

During the October Administrative Council, I presented my personal goals for our church. These are based on Jesus', Great Commission for the church found in Matthew 28:18-20, "Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."



### 3 Core Purposes (Acts 2:38-47)

- 1. Evangelism:** Reaching people with the message of Christ.
- 2. Discipleship:** Teaching believers to increasingly love, trust, and obey God as Lord and King, while training others to do the same.
- 3. Ministry/ Mission:** Meeting another person's need in the name of Christ, expressed to persons inside the church as ministry and expressed to persons outside the church as mission.



Moving ahead in 2013 as we minister to all people, **Pastor Dennis**

Three Year Goals for First UMC	2013	2014	2015
Disciples in Worship	440	465	485
New Disciples (Membership Increase)	15	17	20
New Small Groups	20	25	30
Disciples in Mission Work	150	165	180

## Stephen Ministry

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Stephen Series is a complete system for training and organizing laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around your congregation. Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care and support to people experiencing grief,

divorce, cancer, job loss, loneliness, disability, relocation, and other life difficulties. There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, November 5. If you are interested in becoming involved with this ministry, contact Claire Farrand or the church office.



## Notes from Parish Nurse Cheryl Howard, R.N.

*"This is what the Lord Almighty says, 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.'" Zechariah 7:9*

### **A Prayer for the Caregiver** by Bruce McIntyre

*Unknown and often unnoticed, you are a hero nonetheless.  
For your love, sacrificial, is God at his best.  
You walk by faith in the darkness of the great unknown,  
And your courage, even in weakness, gives life to your beloved.  
You hold shaking hands and provide the ultimate care:  
Your presence, the knowing, that you are simply there.  
You rise to face the giant of disease and despair,  
It is your finest hour, though you may be unaware.  
You are resilient, amazing, and beauty unexcelled,  
You are the caregiver and you have done well!*

Today, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease- 5.2 million aged 65 and over, and 200,000 under the age of 65. By 2050, up to 16 million will have this disease. Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. It is the only cause of death among the top 10 causes of death, without a way to prevent, cure or even slow it's progression. More than 60% of Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers rate the emotional stress of caregiving as high or very high and 1/3 report symptoms of depression.



There is a site called caregiver.com. They have an online support group. However, please don't walk this path alone- call me or a friend. You cannot be a caregiver without receiving care for yourself.

**Cheryl Howard, R.N.**

## New Thanksgiving Tradition

Start a new Thanksgiving tradition- each day of November; write something you are thankful for. I am thankful to be a part of such a gracious and prayerful church.



## Nurses' Bulletin Board

Watch the Nurses Bulletin Board by fellowship Hall. It changes monthly. A variety of healthy tips and a list of classes and support groups are displayed. Many of the classes are free. There are also Care Notes, please feel free to take and share. If you have a special need, not addressed, please call me, **Cheryl Howard**.



## Oral Cancer

Oral cancer is one of the few types of cancer that haven't experienced a significantly reduced mortality rate in the past 30 years. In fact, the number of North Americans developing oral cancer is three times the number who develops cervical cancer. Sadly, one North American dies of oral cancer every hour of every day.



## Beware of Trans Fats

Beware!!!! If the list of ingredients has partially hydrogenated oil- this is code for trans fats! Healthy snacks that do not contain trans fats are: nuts, air popped popcorn, yogurt, fruit, vegetables, dried fruit, peanut butter, hardboiled eggs, hummus and cheeses.



## Mission Opportunity: Helping People with Their Taxes

Volunteers needed to assist senior citizens with their taxes at the Mooresville Library. This includes training and equipment. If you are interested, please contact Claire Farrand at [claire.farrand@Hotmai.com](mailto:claire.farrand@Hotmai.com) or 317-834-5023 by the end of October.



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, is seeking local volunteers to help taxpayers who request assistance preparing and filing their 2012 tax re-

turns. Volunteers do not need to be AARP members to participate, but should be computer literate and have some familiarity with federal and state income taxes. As a volunteer, you will receive free tax training, followed by IRS certification testing. In 2011, the Mooresville group assisted over 250 taxpayers in preparing and filing their tax returns. For more information on how you can join the Mooresville AARP Foundation Tax-Aide team, contact Carl Weissgerber at 317-834-2922, or e-mail "[cp.weissgerber@att.net](mailto:cp.weissgerber@att.net)." Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS.

## Blog by Anne Gatts: Interpretations

My two-year old grandson, Isaiah, is learning more words every week. It's such a delight to listen to him try to put his thoughts into words in a way that I can understand. Of course, attempting to hold a regular face to face conversation with a toddler who is in the room with you can be a challenge let alone trying to do that using Skype. Often my daughter Rachel has to play the part of the UN translator and interpret the word exchange for me. Usually it goes a little like this:

**Rachel:** Tell Gigi what you did today.

**Isaiah:** Uhhmm. I creek.

**Gigi:** Oh did you go to the creek?

**Isaiah:** I kirl.

**Gigi:** Did you play with a girl?

**Rachel:** No, he saw a squirrel. Tell Gigi what the squirrel did.

**Isaiah:** (No verbal response. Starts bouncing up and down.)

**Gigi:** Did you see the squirrel run up the tree?

**Rachel:** No it shook its tail at him. Remember, Isaiah?

**Isaiah:** (No response since he has become bored with the conversation and has run out of the room.)



Isaiah reminds me a bit of Dug, the befuddled little dog in the animated movie, *Up*, who is constantly distracted by squirrel sightings. Dug would be engrossed in a conversation with the other story characters then would suddenly halt mid-sentence to point and shout, "Squirrel!" Funny how that behavior also occasionally mirrors my conversations with God. There are times when I try to pray, but my mind seems to chase after every "squirrel" that enters

my brain. What am I to do?



Anne Gatts is the 9:45 Contemporary worship leader.

I guess the first thing is to admit to God that I am distracted at that moment. Too often, I try to jump into serious conversation without readying my heart and mind. I certainly agree with the apostle Paul when he writes in Romans 12:12 that we should, "*pray without ceasing*," keeping an ongoing conversation with God as we move through our day. However, I also have a daily need to lock myself in my prayer closet and devote undistracted times for worship, thanksgiving and petition. When I am having trouble focusing I pray something like, "*Lord, I want to talk to You about this, but other thoughts keep creeping in and pulling me away. Father, center me on You alone.*" If I remain quiet and focus my mind on God, my heart and spirit follow.

Even in those times when I am unable to verbalize exactly what I want to say I am assured that I am heard. Romans 8:26-27 says, "*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.*" What a wonderful promise that is!

*Lord, Jesus, thank-you for the promise of your Holy Spirit who lives and dwells in us interceding to the Father on our behalf. I am so grateful that You hear me when I call out to You even in those times when I cannot adequately express myself. I love you, Lord.*



Visit Anne's blog at:  
[devotedteachersheart.com](http://devotedteachersheart.com)

## Ministry Opportunity with Summer Camping

Fall is now upon us. Summer and all of the fun of family vacations, pool parties, and going to camp has come and gone. However, the preparations for next summer for the Impact 2818 Outdoor Ministries are in full swing! The Summer 2013 Camp Schedule is almost complete, and directing teams are busy planning for the upcoming summer filled with fun and Christ. How did this summer go for the seven camp sites of Impact 2818? There were 3,252 campers this summer, with 433 of those campers coming to know Christ for the very first time! How awesome is that! Perhaps more amazing is that 231 students recognized, responded to, and are exploring a call to ministry from God. God sure is good!

Camp cannot happen without the various volunteer counselors, directors, and helpers. This year brought 1,060 volunteers that poured God's love into the lives of

campers. Camp also cannot happen without some unsung heroes: donors. Through the donations of individuals and partnering churches (around \$372,271.95 in total) 1,168 campers were able to attend camp. You too can be a part of the Summer 2013 fun at the Impact 2818 camps! Sign up to be a volunteer counselor, or get a group together this spring to help prepare one of the camp sites for the summer. Is your schedule too busy? No problem! You can also financially support camp by donating to various construction projects or to the camp scholarship fund. For more information on donating your time, talents, or finances, see the Impact 2818 website at [www.impact2818.com](http://www.impact2818.com). You can also contact our church's Church Camp Coordinator Ben Esterline at [basterline@gmail.com](mailto:basterline@gmail.com).



## Operation Christmas Child

**Shoe boxes are due November 18.**

The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise."



This year, we have official Operation Christmas Child boxes for everyone to pack. These boxes lay flat

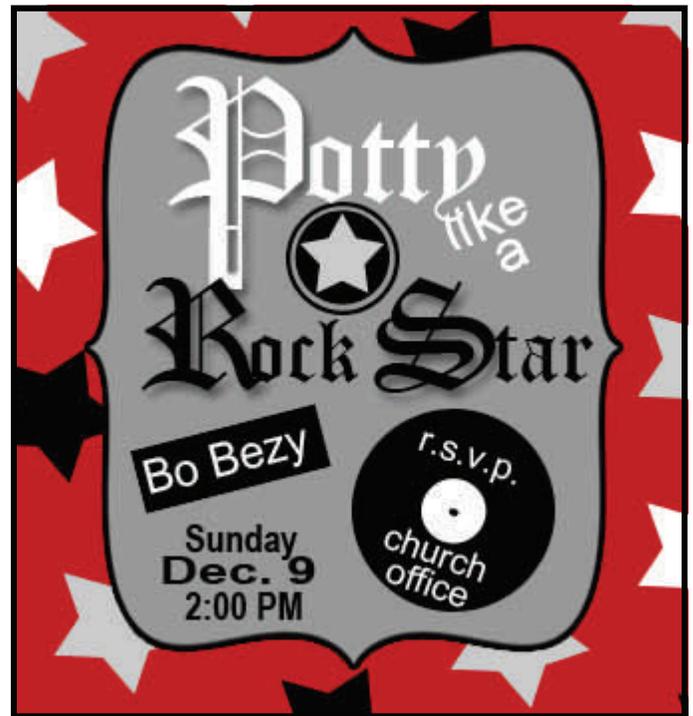
and you simply fold together - complete with lid! Another great option is to use plastic shoe boxes with a lid, and simply lay tissue paper or gift wrap along the bottom and sides, fill with special items and put the lid on - that counts as wrapped!

If you own a business, or work someplace that can help, please contact me directly. I have packets of information for business to do OCC shoebox drives. I am happy to come and present the program to your business and pick up all donations.

I will have a donation box in the hallway for NEW items to be donated, if you do not want to pack an entire box. Item ideas are listed in the next column of this article.

**Gift Ideas are written in the brochure located next to the boxes.**

## Baby Shower for Pastor Ben and Rebecca Bezy



Save the Date! Join us on Sunday, December 9th at 2pm to celebrate the arrival of Pastor Ben and Rebecca's first child! Help us to shower them with blessings during this exciting time. More details to come...but, ladies, this is one party you don't want to miss!

# Pastor Ken Johnson, Colt's Chaplain: Guest Speaker November 11

Pastor Ken Johnson, Colt's Chaplain, will be speaking during all three worship services

Pastor Ken Johnson has overcome the roughest of family situations and personal demons to become a minister, work for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and serve as the chaplain for the Indianapolis Colts. He has seen firsthand the wonders and changes God can bring to any situation. Johnson chronicles the challenges he endured growing up in a drug-filled and dysfunctional household in his book, "Journey to Excellence." Johnson was a high school football star in Texas and was a teammate at the University of Tulsa

with a man who later would become the Bears head coach in Super Bowl XLI -- Lovie Smith. After college, Johnson spent time as a police officer before rededicating his life to the Lord in 1982 and joining the Indianapolis FCA chapter as the urban outreach leader. He began working with the Colts shortly thereafter. "I try to help players in tough times and just let them know that life happens at all times and you always have to be ready in Him," Johnson reflected.

**Sunday, November 11**  
 worship service times \* 8:30, 9:45, 11:10AM



**Ken Johnson**  
 Indianapolis Colts  
 Chaplain

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## Chancel Choir News: NEW Bells & Christmas Cantata Practice

**Wanted!! Narrators for the Christmas Cantata. Please call Jennifer Burton if you are interested.**

Join the Choir for the Christmas Cantata!! Practices begin October 24th from 7:30-8:00pm every Wednesday. This allows you to attend a WWW class and then come join us. The Children's Choir will have their Christmas program on December 16th at 5:30pm. The adult Christmas Cantata follows at 6pm. We will have a short dessert reception afterwards. Please plan on staying for both. Total program is 1 1/2 hours.

Bell Choir recently purchased a 3rd octave of bells. We hope to have these in use by December. We are excited about the new range of music that we will now be able to perform and look forward to more and more members now that we have so many bells.



## Ministry at Jackson Center

We are in need of someone on a daily basis to come into the Center to help warm the kids' lunches. They would need to be here for about 45 minutes starting at 11:30. It doesn't have to be the same person but we need to be sure that we know who is coming each day if it is different volunteers. If interested, they can contact the Jackson Center at 834.0200 or see Lara DePoy.



## Breakfast with Santa

Wait for a sign-up sheet to help with "Breakfast with Santa." This event will be held on December 22nd from 9:00 - 11:00AM. Family are invited to get their picture taken with Santa, have a yummy breakfast, and make fun Christmas crafts all for a small charge. Write it on your calendar and hope to see you there.



## Thank You from Dianna Parrott

Pastor Dennis, Ben, Church Family and friends. Thank you so much for all the prayers and concerns during my recent open heart surgery. The words of prayer are very much appreciated.

**Thank you again, Dianna**



## Barry Nelson Family



To the Grief Committee: Thank you for the food for our family. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.  
**Brian & Stacy Nelson**

## Nursery Ministry: children 0-36 months old

### Sunday Morning: Worship

Loving, tender care is provided by a consistent staff during all three worship services every Sunday morning (8:30, 9:45; 11:10).



### Mommy & Me

Mommy & Me meets every Thursday. Limited to 10 per class, this class is currently full. But, if you are interested in attending, please contact Lydia @ 834-1787.



## Tomorrow's Promise Preschool News

### Preschool News: Thanksgiving Break & Weekly Themes



Preschool will be on Thanksgiving Break November 21st, 22nd & 23rd. School resumes on November 26th. The weekly themes for November include:

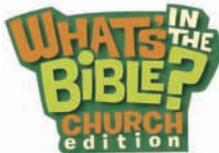
"Let's Pretend" (Nov. 1-2), "Bears" (Nov. 5-9), "Native Americans" (Nov. 12-16), "Let Us Give Thanks" (Nov. 19-20), and "Cooking" (Nov. 26-30).



## Children's Ministry: 3yrs-4th Grade

### Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:10AM

Children begin in the sanctuary with their family and are released to a teacher after the "Children's Moment." The teacher takes the children to Room 130. We currently are using new curriculum called, "Buck Denver asks...What's in the Bible?" The creator of Veggie Tales, Phil Vischer, designed this curriculum to walk kids through the entire Bible! Parent's pick-up children after the Worship Service.



### Sunday Worship 9:45

Children begin in the sanctuary with their family and are released to their Sunday School classes after the "Children's Moment". The Sunday School superintendent and some of the Sunday school teachers escort the children to their classes. We encourage new students to be escorted by their parents to see which room their child is in and to meet the teachers. Parents with younger children are also encouraged to walk their child to their class. Older children can walk independently to their classes. A hands-on Bible curriculum is used. Parents must pick-up their children from the classrooms immediately after worship.



### Wednesday Night 6:30 PM

The Wednesday night Christian Education program for children begins at 6:30 PM in Room 117. During this time they will have a Bible lesson, make crafts, have a snack and just have fun.



### Children's Choir

Children's Choir is for preschool thru 4th Grade. Practice will be during the 2nd service children's church. They will perform during the benediction of the first service and then at the beginning of the second service once a month.



### Contact Children's Leadership

#### Nursery Coordinator

Shelly Duncan - shelly@moorevillefumc.org

#### Sunday School Coordinator

Kathy Everman

#### Children's Choir Director

Jennifer Burton - jennifer@moorevillefumc.org

#### Preschool & Children's Director

Lydia Rychtarczyk - lydia@moorevillefumc.org

## Youth Pastor Bryan Vickery: Fall Retreat Recap

What a fun, exhausting, exciting, busy weekend it was with the 5th-12th graders at Camp Indi-Co-So! In addition to high ropes, zip-lining, challenge courses, group games,



worship, late night conversations, and sleep deprivation, we learned a lesson from Sasquatch. We learned that the "missing link" for many of us is a gap between KNOWING and DOING. Jesus has commanded us to make disciples who not only KNOW what He has taught but who also OBEY it (Matthew

28:18-20). The cool thing is, God hasn't left us alone in our efforts. He didn't just TELL us what to do in the Bible;

He put on skin, walked this earth, and SHOWED us how to live. Then when Jesus returned to the Father, he left us a great HELP: the Holy Spirit! After telling, showing, and helping us, however, God doesn't just DO it for us. Paul's training, straining, striving, pressing on, taking hold, and fighting exemplifies the hard work it takes to become DOERS of the Word. Where do you stand with obedience today? Are you fighting to be a doer as Paul did? Are you remembering to rely on the tools that God has given us to help us obey by spending time in His Word and following the lead of the Holy Spirit? We're not called to a Bible reading club that merely KNOWS God's Word. Let's be determined DOERS!

## Bon Fires for Youth

There are two bon fires planned for the youth in November:

1. For 5th-6th Grade, there will be a bon fire at Norma Justus's home, November 3, beginning at 5:00 PM.
2. For 7th-12 Grade, Lydia Rychtarczyk will host a bon fire at her home on Nov. 9 at 7:00 PM.



## Youth Calendar, Web Site, FB



Calendar



Web Site



Facebook



## Contact Info for Youth Leaders

### Jr./ Sr. High Youth Group Contacts

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Ben Esterline -- (317) 341-1835  
baesterline@gmail.com

Becca Frankosky



*Bryan Vickery's  
Blog*

### 5th-6th Grade Youth Contacts

Dan Herron - (317) 831-9826  
dherron59@gmail.com

Kim Vedder—(317) 407-6624  
kimmie\_62@ymail.com

## Youth Calendar

### November

**3** 5:00 PM: 5-6th Grade Youth  
Bon Fire @ Norma Justus's home

**4** 4:00 PM: 5-6th Grade Youth  
5:00 PM: 7-12th Grade Youth

**9** 7:00 PM: 7-12th Grade Youth  
Bon Fire @ Lydia Rychtarczyk's home

**11** 4:00 PM: 5-6th Grade Youth  
5:00 PM: 7-12th Grade Youth

**18** 5:00 PM: 5th-12th grade  
Operation Turkey Drop & Thanksgiving Dinner

**25** NO Youth for 5-12th Grade Youth

# Small Groups: November

## Old Testament Prophets Study

Led by Todd Henning, a new small group will be studying the Old Testament Minor Prophets. This group will meet weekly and ***begins meeting on Wednesday, October***



***24th, at 9:30 AM, in Room 111.*** We will be discussing the Minor Prophets. They are only called "minor" because the books are shorter in length than those such as Daniel, Jeremiah, etc... They are extremely important in many ways, and include the promise of Salvation through Christ Jesus, and what God's plan is for the future of mankind. For those of you who have previously attended the Wednesday class, the format will remain the same. For anyone who is new, this is how we do it! Fellowship at 9:30, and get down to business at 9:45, with class concluding about 11-ish. We keep meeting weekly, until we are done for summer break. (Usually about the time the kids get out of school)

Feel free to forward this to your friends. Please let me know if you have received this little note, and whether or not you plan on joining us. (If I don't hear from you, I will call.....)

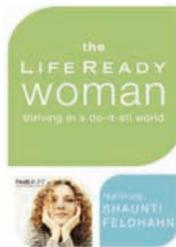
## Two New Groups on Wednesday

***Two new Wednesday studies began Wed., 6:30 PM, October 24! It's not too late to join!***

**BASIC. Who Is God?** A Small Group Experience is based on the first three films in the BASIC series featuring best-selling author Francis Chan: FEAR GOD, FOLLOW JESUS, HOLY SPIRIT.



Room 111



**The Life Ready Woman** helps you discover God's road map for finding balance, peace, and delight in this crazy contemporary life.

## WWW Calendar

Nov. 21—Thanksgiving Break (**WWW will NOT meet**)



Dec. 19—LAST Wednesday to meet

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women (UMW) would like to thank those ladies who showed interest in the UMW at the Mission Fair and look forward to working with each of you. Don't forget our Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on December 23rd between services. We are also planning for the Cheese-ball Tasting event in January, 2013. We will have some of your favorites and one or two new ones (we hope). Thank you for supporting your UMW!



## Asbury Circle November 20

The next meeting of Asbury Circle will be on November 20, 2012. This month's Hostesses will be Mary Butzow and Ginny Kerr. Anita Henderson will have the Devotional reading. Our guest speaker will be Joyce Robinson. She will speak of her book called "I Was a Waif and Child Servant....No Regrets". We are inviting any woman who is interested in what our Circle does and also to hear what Joyce has to say.



## Wednesday Schedule

5:30 PM	Meal (free will offering)	Fellowship Hall
5:45 PM	Handbell Choir/ Jennifer Burton	Choir Room
6:20 PM	Nursery for 0-3 years old/ Shelly Duncan	Nursery
6:30 PM	Children 4 years—4th grade/ Lydia Rychtarczyk	Children's Wing
	Youth 5th-12th grade/ Bryan Vickery	Youth Room & Fellowship Hall
	Financial Peace University/ Cathy Mosier	Room 110
	Lectionary Scripture Bible Study/ Rev. Dennis	Parlor
	Adult Choir for 8:30 Worship/ Jennifer Burton	Choir Room
	Holy Yoga/ Sue Klinger	Narthex
BEGAN October 24	BASIC by Francis Chan Ben Bezy/ Jeremiah Curbeaux	Room 111
BEGAN October 24	Life Ready Woman Becca Bezy/ Amy Curbeaux	Room 113
7:30 PM	WWW Ends	

## Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Savings Time  
ENDS, Sunday,  
November 4



## New Small Group

This is a new class which will be meeting at 9:45 on Sunday mornings. An early planning and fellowship meeting in the parlor at 9:45 on Sunday Nov. 4. First class will be Sunday, Nov. 11. Leader: David Nance.



### Small Groups for Adults

Questions? Contact Tammy Payton [tammy@moorevillefumc.org](mailto:tammy@moorevillefumc.org)

Group Name	Time	Location	Leader	Start Date	Description of Study
<b>Sunday Groups</b>					
Booster Sunday School	9:45 AM	Room 110	Richard Kellum/ Lois Curry	Meeting now	Bible Study
Seekers Sunday School	9:45 AM	Room 111	Diana Sparr/ Cathy Mosier	Meeting now	Bible Study
Friendship Class	9:45 AM	Room 113	Karen Yeager/ Jim Harris	Meeting now	Bible Study
"Hear" & Now Class	9:45 AM	Parlor	Dave Nance	Meeting now	Not a Fan of Jesus
Women's Bible Study	4:30 PM	Room 110	Sue Klinger	Nov 4 & 18	Becoming a Woman of Purpose
<b>Tuesday Groups</b>					
Prayer Group	7:30 AM	Chapel	team leaders	Meeting now	Praying for our church & community
Quilters	9:00 AM	Room 111	team leaders	Meeting now	Bring needle and thread
Sewing Ladies	9:00 AM	Parlor	team leaders	Meeting now	Bring your sewing machine
<b>Wednesday Groups</b>					
Todd Henning Study	9:30 AM	Room 111	Todd Henning	Meeting now	Old Testament Minor Prophets
Bell Choir	5:45 PM	Room 143	Jennifer Burton	Meeting now	4th grade through adult: playing @ 8:30 Sunday morning worship periodically
Adult Choir	6:30 PM	Room 143	Jennifer Burton	Meeting now	4th grade through adult: singing weekly during 8:30 worship service
Lectionary Scripture	6:30 PM	Parlor	Rev. Dennis	Meeting now	Bible Study
Holy Yoga	6:30 PM	Narthex	Sue Klinger	Meeting now	Yoga exercise
Financial Peace	6:30 PM	Room 110	Cathy Mosier	Meeting now	Dave Ramsey's teaching on finances
Basic by Francis Chan	6:30 PM	Room 113	Pastor Ben Bezy & Jeremiah Curbeaux	Begins Oct 24	BASIC: What is the nature of God? Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
Life Ready Woman	6:30 PM	Room 140	Becca Bezy & Amy Curbeaux	Begins Oct. 24	How women can live a balanced life by developing a personal plan for life
<b>Thursday Groups</b>					
Mommy & Me	9:30 AM	Room 134	Lydia Rychtarczyk	Meeting now	Mom's with babies 0-36 months old.
High Street Connect	7:00 PM	Snyder's Home	team leaders	Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs. night	Home Bible Study
Prayer & Share	11:30 AM	Downtown	Rev. Dennis	Meets monthly; every 3rd Thurs.	Business people gather for lunch downtown
Home Bible Study	7:00 PM	Beal's Home	Rev. Gene Young	Every other Thurs. (Nov. 1, 15, 29)	An Introduction to the Book of Romans
<b>Saturday Groups</b>					
Genesis Bagels	7:00 AM	Hwy. 67 next to Indiana BMV	Dave Nance	Meeting Now	Bible Study and share group

## Our Missionaries: The McGavran Family Serving in Indonesia

You surely are feeling the chill of October and November as you are reading your Sonburst newsletter! Sunny greetings from warm and hot Salatiga, Indonesia! And 'virtual' hugs from the McGavran family to you, our home church family. As I type our newsletter article for you, it is only 3 days before Don leaves us to travel to the States for a teacher recruitment fair. Yuk, I don't like it when he leaves! I do like some of the goodies he'll



bring back!!! So, once again, if you happen to see someone one day that makes you say, "hey, that guy looks like Don McGavran! Naw, can't be!" well, it just might be him! Last year his recruiting trip took him closer to his mom in Houston and relatives on

his side in California, but this year he will be in landing in Indy, staying with my parents a couple times, and for the first time he will get to visit Trine University and be with Tyler! This will be the first time anyone in our family will meet any of Tyler's college friends, other than quick and awkward 'hellos' via skype. Needless to say, we are all excited about this development! But don't miss the real reason Don is there! Mountainview has some openings to fill for the 2013/2014 school year. I will list those at the end in hopes that you will do anything you think of to help spread the word about our needs at MICS. Of course the link to our school website is the easiest avenue by far to spread the word. It's also a great place to 'visit' our school and see what it's like both in terms of the physical property as well as our students, activities, etc. Of course the best way to see MICS is to come visit!!!! You are always welcome! In January 2013 we will have been here for 2 full years. I am thankful to share that after about 18 to 20 months, I think Don and I now feel much more settled here. I have been receiving more language teaching and am beginning to feel much better about how much language I know. My challenge is speaking it comfortably. I tend to have those infamous "brain-freezes" when I am in a position to speak to an Indonesian in their language. All of a sudden I get tongue tied and sound like a 4 year old! My teacher assures me this will pass; I wish I felt as confident of that. I told her she has to prove it to me! I know one thing: not many of you will know if I really can speak it or not next time I see you and I try! Don is so close to finishing his Ed.D. we can taste it! Taste it or not, it's still a hurdle! He passed 5 out of 6 comprehensive exams and is soon to complete all his portfolios. He has his first draft done of the last 2 chapters of his dissertation and is now waiting on his dissertation chair to send those back for revision/additions. He will take the remaining comp. exam in November and hopefully turn in the final draft of his dissertation for his full committee to review in November as well. His goal is to complete his defense of his dissertation by December 18th, which would then mean he is finished! He will then wait until May 2013 to go to CIU for his graduation ceremony! Oh, this has been a long journey! We will be one happy family when this is 100% finished! We covet your prayers for Don's targeted finish date to be reached. To update you on some of my counseling opportunities, let me say that the one was referred outside Indonesia

with the potential of myself offering follow up sessions. In the meantime, I helped with 2 separate students at MICS having some struggles. God is at work and I am honored to be a part of His work in such times as these. Brittany and Hunter are growing and maturing by leaps and bounds. Hard to imagine the days I was nursing Hunter in the foyer of First UMC! He just turned 15 in August and Brittany 17 in September. If it weren't for my increasing grey/white hair, you wouldn't think I'd aged a bit! I assure you, I realize I've aged each and every time I sit on the floor and have to get up! Wow, the violence did increase since my last newsletter in response to the video posted on the web, but we did enjoy the safety and calm of Salatiga. We feel so blessed for that. So many were killed and injured with no purpose or benefit. We can only cling to the word of God when times are challenging and uncertain. His word reminds us that no matter what happens, we remain in His care and will one day eat with Him at His banquet table. I reflect on the words of MICS' previous superintendent's wife just an hour after their daughter was violated, "God is still God" and yes, that may be all we can stand on at times, but it is and always will be enough. We thank you for prayers for our safety. So, First UMC, we remain here serving the Lord in our daily tasks and routines, much the same as you do there. I am continually reminded that the labor is great but the workers are few. Please, don't forget to be a light in this dark world so people will have the light to follow and draw them to our Savior and Lord, Jesus. Pray we do not grow weary of the race set before us here in Indonesia. That our lights will shine and make a difference for our students, our staff, those around us and those we will still encounter; that our labor is not in vain. We are grateful to you for being our home church. We need you and appreciate you. We need your prayers and appreciate your monthly monetary support as well. We will soon begin planning for a trip back to the States as a family in June/July 2013. It will be a time of refueling for our inner tanks and celebration of what the Lord has done and enabled us to do over the past many years. GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS! We love you First UMC! **Don, Tyler, Brittany and Hunter-Gene**



**(NOTE: Mountview's Teacher openings are posted on First UMC's Facebook page—be sure to select "share" to help spread the word about their positions!)**

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<p><b>18</b> 8:30-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:10 Children's SS 4:00 AA 5th &amp; 6th Youth 4:30 Women's Study 5:00 7-12 Youth Family Thanksgiving (FH)</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:00 &amp; 12:15 Pre School 6:15 Visitation Team meet 7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9:00 &amp; 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Asbury meeting 6:00 3rd Service Band practice 6:00 Girl Scout Leader meets</p>	<p><b>21</b> NO Pre School NO WWW</p>	<p><b>22</b> </p>	<p><b>23</b> Office Closed NO Pre School 8:00 AA &amp; Alanon 5-6:30 PM Black Friday Casserole SALE</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
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## Black Friday Casserole

Mark your calendars now for Friday, November 23, from 5-6:30 PM for a "taste testing" dinner featuring four casseroles, soup and salad at our church. The cost for the dinner will be a free-will offering. **All proceeds will help take a "bite" out of the church mortgage. The church quilting group has been busy all summer creating an assortment of quilts** and various homemade items that can be purchased for Christmas or birthday gifts. Help donate food to offset the cost; the sign-up sheet is outside the Fellowship Hall. Food items are due Wednesday, Nov. 7. **Help assemble food** into casseroles on Saturday, Nov. 10 & 17.

**4 Casseroles & Dessert will be sold following the "taste-testing" dinner:** Spinach Lasagna, Mexican Lasagna, Cheesy Ham & Potato, Chicken Stuffing Casserole, and Apple Crisp. These will be sold in 3 sizes:

\$15 - 9X13 (6-8 servings)

\$10 - 8X8 (4-5 servings)

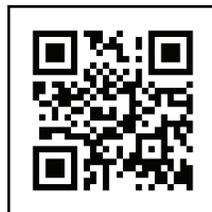
\$5 - loaf pan (2-3 servings)

\$10 - Mexican Casserole sold only in 8" round pan

\$10 - 64 oz. Vegetable Soup



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## Bell Ringing

Each year volunteers ring the bells in Mooresville and Monrovia to help provide a brighter Christmas for the less fortunate in Northern Morgan County. We will be scheduling people to ring at Marsh, Kroger, the Monrovia IGA and the Camby Wal-Mart, the last weekend in November, each weekend in December and the up to Christmas Eve. Call Pam Taber at 446-8226 to secure a timeslot to ring the bell.



## Churches in Mission

Our church provides Christmas for several families each year through the Adopt a Family at Churches in Mission. The families all live in Northern Morgan County or Camby. The families range in size from two to seven, and typically you will buy a gift and an outfit for each child under age 18, and food for their Christmas meal. Expected spending is \$150 to \$200 depending on the number of children. Also, cash donations are accepted. The families will be ready to adopt before Thanksgiving. Watch for news in the bulletin and eNewsletter explaining how you can adopt a family!

