

DECEMBER 2016

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*Mooreville First United Methodist Church
900 Indianapolis Rd., Mooreville, IN*

Upcoming Events

- November 30 Advent Bible Study begins
- December 6 Preschool Christmas Program
- December 8 Preschool Christmas Program
- December 10 Breakfast with Santa
Christmas Program practice
- December 11 Christmas Program
- December 18 Christmas Cookie Sale
- December 22 Blue Christmas
- December 24 Christmas Eve services
- December 25 Christmas Day -
Family friendly worship

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WELLNESS AWARENESS

by CHERYL HOWARD, parish nurse

"I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the spirit that is on you and put the spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone." Numbers 11:17

The Lord said this to Moses when Moses was becoming more frustrated with the Israelites he was charged with leading. Moses cried out to God that he was tired of hearing their complaints and could not carry these people himself. He didn't want the job!

How many of us will suffer these same thoughts during the Christmas season – a time of trying to please those you love and care about, and yet you find there is still little satisfaction. Moses wanted to please the people. Moses wanted to supply their needs. But they were still grumbling! God stepped in and said there is help. The answer was to give up and let God! He instructed Moses to bring 70 of the known leaders and God would enrich them to help Moses carry the burden. You don't have to create Christmas memories single-handedly. At this time, remember sharing is caring. It is about togetherness and sharing the joy—you don't have to be the creator of all things for all people! This season is not all about you.

Join Our Bible Study

Come and join our Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. Being in community with one another enhances brain activity, lowers blood pressure, relaxes muscles, and decreases chronic pain. Plus, you are safe to wonder and explore and ask questions!

Are you watching? Do you see it? God's grace is all around. God's beauty is in the eyes of the next person you pass by. God's peace is felt in the air we breathe. Don't miss it. Your health depends on it!

We all have a way of taking on others stress or distress. Pray. Tell God about your dilemma. Then your first action is in-action! Many people just need you to listen. They don't want you to solve their problem – just listen. Sometimes speaking it out loud will help us to solve the issue ourselves!

Listen without judging, without taking sides. Don't follow them into the dark places they may be tempted to share. Don't dwell – is there really a need to know the details? It may only draw you in deeper and you become just as stressed as they are. Be careful not to say anything you may later regret. Finally, offer

your support and understanding when you step away. This means you are not responsible for the other person's peace. Let that be the job of God. Then pray they will receive the peace of God.

JOIN ASBURY CIRCLE

a women's mission group



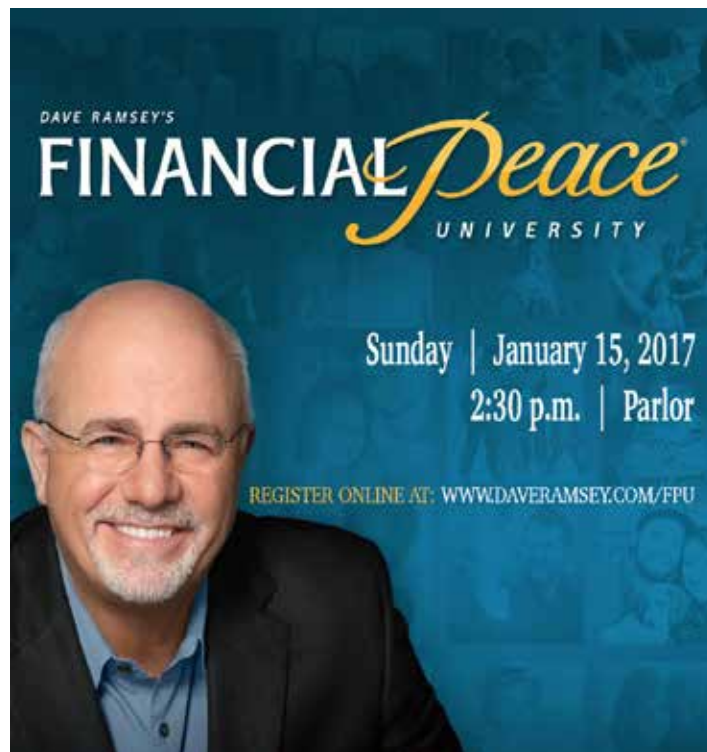
Asbury Circle will be having a Christmas pitch-in on Tuesday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome to join us! Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided by the officers. You will enjoy an inspirational devotion by Mary Butzow. Hang onto your boots! Pastor Dennis will be giving the program. We wish to extend a warm invitation to all members of our church and your friends. You know the food will be delicious! Although we have no Asbury members celebrating a birthday in December, we want to wish Jesus a very Happy Birthday! Please note that Asbury does not meet during January and February. We will resume meeting the third Tuesday in March 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Have a very Merry Christmas!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

begin to manage your finances

We all need a plan for our money and Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely and much more. Classes begin January 15 from 2:30 to 4:00. You can sign up for this class and purchase your study kit by going to this link: <http://fpu.com/1031031>.

Contact Dave Browning for more information at dave.browning@gmail.com or the church office at (317) 831-3376.



Prayer Challenge

by CATHY MOSIER, Prayer and Stephen Ministry Team

Pray is the link that connects us with God. This is the bridge that spans every gulf and bears us over every abyss of danger or need. How significant the picture of the early church: Peter in prison, James had been killed, the Jewish rulers were triumphant, Herod supreme... the following five translations of Acts 12:5 states:

- but the church was earnestly praying to God for...
- and fervent prayer was being made by the assembly unto God ...
- the church prayed constantly and intensely to God for ...
- but fervent prayer for him was persistently made to God by the church ...
- but fervent and persistent prayer for him was being made to God by the church ...

The ceaseless Jesus Prayer is a continuous, uninterrupted call on the Holy name of Jesus Christ with lips, mind and heart; and in the awareness of His abiding presence it is a plea for His blessing in all undertakings, in all places, at all times, even in sleep. The words of the Prayer are: "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me!" Anyone who becomes accustomed to this Prayer will experience great comfort as well as the need to say it continuously. You will become accustomed to it to such a degree that you will not be able to do without it! AND eventually the Prayer will of itself flow in you.

Whether your prayers are fervent, persistent and audacious or a short, simple, sweet and constant conversation I encourage you to continue to PRAY! As Anne reminded us in the Scripture reading

from Philippians 3:12-21 we need to be continually dissatisfied with our current level of relationship with Jesus Christ! We will be celebrating the birth of Jesus soon. What is your relationship like? What can you do to make it MORE???

Would you like to take a more active part in praying for others? Your Prayer Team is currently looking for a few more individuals who will be willing to send out Prayer Cards on a regular basis! Shake-up your prayer life! Deepen your devotional time! Make a commitment to know Jesus MORE!



*Blue Christmas
Memorial Candlelight
Service*

6:30 p.m. • December 22

Maybe you've lost a love one. Maybe you're going through divorce, illness or depression. We want you to know that you are not alone. God is with us. Everyone is welcome to attend our Blue Christmas Memorial Candlelight Service. A time for help and healing during the holidays.

"What God wants for Christmas"

Church-wide Christmas Musical and Drama

We Need You for Our Christmas Program!

Many people are needed to make our Christmas program a success. It's not too late to join! Extra voices are needed in the children's and adult choir. If you are interested, contact Rebecca Vernon (rebeccajanevernon@gmail.com). Kids and adults are also needed as extras in the drama portion of the program. Please contact Beth DeHoff (badehoff@iu.edu). The date is Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. There will be a full practice on Dec. 10 in the morning. If you have any questions, you can also contact the church office at (317) 831-3376. There are only a few weeks left, so don't hesitate to join this special event!

DRESS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE DECEMBER 10

- 10 a.m. – Adult choir (music room)
- 10:30 a.m. – Adult choir and flute player (music room)
- 11 a.m. – Drama practice (sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. – Adult choir and children rehearse together
- 11:45 a.m. – All come together for final practice in sanctuary
- Finish by 1 p.m.

Mark these important dates on your calendar:

December 10 (dress rehearsal) and
December 11 (Christmas program).

What God wants for Christmas



SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 2 P.M.

**Mooresville First United Methodist
Church Christmas Program**

FEATURING

Chancel Choir
Joyful Noise Bell Choir
Praise Band
Drama Team
Children's Choir

Mooreville First United Methodist



Breakfast
with *Santa*
Sat. Dec. 10
9-11:00AM

Food ★ crafts ★ picture with Santa
story time with Mrs. Claus
9:30 visit with Santa's reindeer

Proceeds from the breakfast will go to Churches In Mission as well as any new/unwrapped toy brought in and donated that day.

\$4 - Adult Breakfast \$2 - Child Breakfast
\$5 - Santa Photo \$2 - Child Crafts only
\$4 - Child Breakfast & Craft combo
Kids under 3 eat free

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HALLOWEEN HIKE thank you

Family Ministries would like to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Halloween hotdog/Trunk or Treat event. It was a great success! Our Trunk or Treat winners are as follow:

- 1st place goes to Heidi Coppess and Family
- 2nd place goes to Autumn Justus and Sydney Heitmann
- 3rd place goes to Dennis and Tammy Payton

Thank you Trunk or Treat volunteers, thank you kitchen and life group help and thanks to everyone who donated candy or chips for this event. We had an awesome evening serving our community.

Family Ministries

Last year, along with the toys donated during "Breakfast with Santa," Mrs. Claus gave a check to Churches in Mission from the proceeds of this breakfast. Thanks to our church family for supporting this community ministry!



Indiana Dream Team Giving Tree

helping others celebrate Christmas



A gracious thank you goes to all who participated in the giving tree for the Indiana Dream Team children. Our church family is very generous and it is greatly appreciated. All gifts need to be returned by Dec. 16 with the child's name on it. If you have any questions, contact Michael Cooper at michael@moorevillefumc.org

Henderson Mission Update

by DAVID NANCE, Henderson Mission President

The Henderson Mission team would like to express our gratitude to our church family for providing Christmas presents for the kids in the Frakes, Kentucky area. On Sundays November 6 and 13, the FUMC family pulled 121 names off the Henderson Angel Tree. Thank you! That was right after the shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse, along with all the other ministries we support. Once again we are so blessed to be serving on such a generous church team.

This has been a very busy year for the Henderson Mission Team. We both welcome and encourage new members. Any member of the team would be glad to discuss our activities. Please know that anyone reading this little note is welcome to join us for any of our posted meetings. For more information about UMC Henderson Settlement you can visit: hendersonsettlement.com.

Another recent project the Henderson Mission team supported financially, was Matthew Speer's Eagle Scout project. Matthew constructed a GaGa pit next to the church's playground.

Thanks again for all the mission support you provide.



Matthew Speer's GaGa Pit constructed for an Eagle Scout's project – funded by Henderson Mission group

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Northern Morgan County Christmas Assistance

Each year volunteers ring the bells in Mooresville, Camby and Monrovia to help provide a brighter Christmas for needy families in Northern Morgan County. You can help by giving a little of your time to ring the bell this holiday season.

We will be scheduling people to ring Mondays – Saturdays at the Mooresville Kroger, and the Monrovia IGA, and on Fridays and Saturdays at the Camby Wal-Mart, from the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve. The funds raised during these times, at these locations are used to assist needy families right here in northern Morgan County.

If you are willing to make a difference in someone's life right here in our community, call Pam Taber at (317) 446-8226. Or look for her between services in the Narthex to secure a timeslot to ring the bell.

God bless you.



NICARAGUA MISSION TEAM FUNDRAISER UPDATE

raising money for Nicaraguan missions



The Nicaragua Mission Team would like to extend a huge thank-you to our church family for your support of the shredding truck fundraiser. It was definitely a beautiful day in the neighborhood to de-clutter, and we appreciate everyone in our church and surrounding community who came out to take advantage of the truck and to donate toward our mission. Through your support we raised over \$800! We'd also like to give a special shout out to Mike and Cathy Mosier for covering the cost of the shredder. Thank-you all for your generosity! Because you cared, the wheelchair mission in Nicaragua will be blessed.



Group Name	Time	Location	Leader	Start Date	Description of Study
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Sunday Groups

Booster Sunday School	9:45 am	Room 104	Maggie Overpeck	meeting now	Bible Study
Seeker Sunday School	9:45 am	Room 106	Mosier/ Sparr	meeting now	Bible Study
Friendship Class	9:45 am	Room 110	Yeager/ Harris	meeting now	Bible Study
Here and Now	9:45 am	Parlor	Dave Nance	meeting now	Bible Study
Drama Team	3:00 pm	Room 108	Beth DeHoff	meeting now	drama ministry
Alcoholics Anonymous	4:00 pm	Room 110	team leaders	meeting now	support for addiction

Monday Groups

Visitation	6:15 pm	Work Room	David Klehm	Dec. 5 & 19	visiting in our community
Henderson Mission	7:00 pm	Parlor	Dave Nance	TBA	mission outreach locally & regionally
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 pm	Room 110	team leaders	meeting now	offering support from addiction

Tuesday Groups

Blueberry Hill	7:00 am	Blueberry Hill	Ben Bezy	December 6	connect group format - men's group
Prayer Group	7:30 am	Prayer Chapel	team leaders	meeting now	Praying for our church & community
Quilters	9:00 am	Parlor	team leaders	meeting now	bring your sewing machine
Asbury Circle	1:00 pm	Parlor	team leaders	December 20	mission-focused women's group
Bible Study Fellow.	6:40 pm	Sanctuary	team leaders	meeting now	inter-denominational women's study

Wednesday Groups

Good Days	9:00 am	Room 104	Cheryl Howard	meeting now	dealing with health challenges
Hand Bell Choir	5:30 pm	Room 105	Rebecca Vernon	meeting now	bells for 8:30 traditional worship
Traditional Choir	6:30 pm	Room 103	Rebecca Vernon	meeting now	songs for 8:30 traditional worship

Thursday Groups

Visitation Team	10:00 am	Room 104	Sandy Fanning	Dec. 1 & 15	meet for devotions, then visit church attendees
Contemporary Band	6:00 pm	Sanctuary	Ben Bezy	meeting now	songs for contemporary worship
Brain Injury Support	7:00 pm	Parlor	Cheryl Howard	resume in Jan.	support for brain injury persons

Friday Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 pm	Parlor	team leaders	meeting now	support for addiction
Alanon	7:30 pm	Room 110	team leaders	meeting now	spouse support for addiction

Saturday Groups

Genesis	7:00 am	various locations	Dave Nance	meeting now	contact Dave Nance for location
Men's Breakfast	8:00 am	church	team leaders	Jan. 14	breakfast & devotion with sharing

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00-11:30 Preschool 9:30 Visitation Team 12:15-2:45 Extended Care 6:00 Contemporary Band Practice 6:00 Indy Hoops	2 9:00-11:30 Preschool 9-1:00 Tri Kappa set up 7:30 pm AA 7:30 pm Alanon	3 7am Genesis Connection - location varies 9-4:00 Tri Kappa Tea
4 8:30-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:45 Children & Adult SS 11:10 Children's SS 3:00 Drama Team 4:00 5th-6th Grade Youth 4:00 AA	5 9:00-11:30 Preschool 12:15-2:45 Extended Care 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 489 6:00 MJBBL Cheer Practice 6:15 Girl Scout Troop 2861 6:15 Visitation Team	6 7:00 Blueberry Hill Men's Group 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9:00 Quilting 9:00-11:30 Preschool 12:15-2:45 Extended Care 6:00 Girl Scout 370 6:00 Preschool Christmas Program	7 9:00-11:30 Preschool 12:15-2:45 Extended Care 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Girl Scout 847 6:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 7-12th Youth 6:30 Cub Scouts 250 6:30 Advent Bible study	8 9:00-11:30 Preschool 12:15-2:45 Extended Care 6:00 Contemporary Band Practice 6:00 Girl Scout 1949 6:00 Preschool Christmas Program 6:30 Pioneer Clovers 4H Club	9 9:00-11:30 Preschool 7:30 pm AA 7:30 pm Alanon	10 9:00 Breakfast with Santa 9:00 Christmas Program practice 1:00 Vedder Event 6:00 Youth Leader meeting
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NO PRESCHOOL - Christmas break						



Advent Bible Study

- Bible Study about Advent begins at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 30, led by Neil Richmond in the Parlor.

Family Ministries

- Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 10, 9 to 11:00 a.m.

Mission Outreaches

- Adopt a local family (purchase food and presents)
- Ring bells for Salvation Army
- Buy Christmas cookies (December 18)

Christmas Drama & Musical

- Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Drama, Praise Band,
Children's Choir on Sunday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas

- December 22 at 6:30 p.m. – a Memorial Candlelight
Service – *hope and healing during the holidays*

Christmas Eve Candlelight - Dec. 24

- 5:00 p.m. – Contemporary Worship
- 7:00 p.m. – Contemporary Worship
- 11:00 p.m. – Traditional Worship



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