

Northwest News



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For those who find the holidays a challenge, for those who are filled with heartache due to loss or for those who find the Christmas season a time of loneliness, there will be a service of remembrance at First United Methodist Church in South Bend on December 20, at 7 Pm. Please join our Cluster Churches as we come together to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Service of Remembrance Tuesday December 20th



December 20
7 pm
First United
Methodist
Church



Sunday

Worship 9am
Kidz Praise 9am
After Children's Message
Sunday School 10:15

Monday

Youth Group
7:00 to 8:30 pm

Wednesday

Friends of Christ 5:30
Disciple 7:00 pm



Candlelight Service
7pm
December 24th



Come Just as You Are!
Start your Christmas Celebration with
your Church Family at
Sunday Worship 9am
PJs welcome.



Ministers:

Members of
Northwest United
Methodist Church

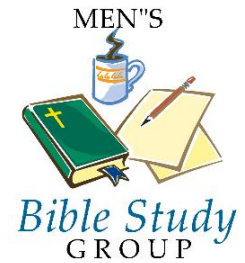
Pastor:

Rev. Vickie VanNevel
57132 Pinewood Dr.
South Bend, In 46619
574-287-7272
vvannevel@comcast.net

Men's Bible Study: Courageous

It's not too late to join the church as they study the Bible through "Courageous, It's Time to Answer The Call" Meeting 1st and 3rd Saturday every month.

For questions see Bob Gring, Arnie O'Blenis or Art Ruehle.



Trivia Night 2012



6th Annual Trivia Night
Hold the Date

Saturday, January 21, 2012 6 pm

A Northwest Children's Learning Center Fund Raiser.

*The Learning Center is looking for door prizes;
contact Anita Echevarria if you are able to help.*



Cheese Balls Still Available!!!

Miss Cheese Ball order cut off?

Didn't realize how great our Cheese Balls are?

Don't have a Cheese Ball for Christmas?

Need a gift for a teacher, bus driver or friend?

Well good news there are still Cheese Balls available for purchase.

See Brenda Frick or Colleen Schrader, office secretary Tuesday thru Friday 9-12. \$6.50 Old English and Holiday.

Don't
Miss
out!



APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

What comes to mind when someone mentions “work?” Is your initial tendency to moan and groan, wishing you could avoid work?

It might surprise you to learn that God described His creative acts as “work” and that He brought “work” into being shortly after He created man. Adam worked in the Garden before and after his fall due to his sin. Cain worked by raising vegetables. Abel worked by tending sheep. Throughout Scripture, people worked. Even the Lord Jesus worked while He was on earth, and He described God the Father as having worked. Work has always been part of God’s nature and eternal plan for mankind.

Wait a minute—If God

created and owns everything, why should we His children have to work? Couldn’t He just provide for us in some supernatural way that would enable us not to have to work? Surely, God could do that, but He doesn’t do so. According to the admonition in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, one of the primary benefits from working and providing for our needs is to be able to lead lives marked by integrity and a healthy self respect. And God’s plan is that we are best able to accomplish these worthy goals by working.

God also knows that by utilizing our talents and abilities through work, He will be able to minister to others through us in an effective way. Work, then, is one of the primary

avenues by which we do our tasks to God’s glory. Work is also the primary way through which we obtain money to give to God.

What should be the Christian’s response to work? First, thank God for work and for the ability to work. As Solomon observed, this is a “gift of God.” Second, view your work as a means of bringing glory to God. Third, whatever you do—no matter what your vocation or occupation—do it “with all your might,” as unto the Lord. And finally, remember that by providing work for us to do, God enables us to give to Him and to His ministry at Northwest United Methodist Church.



Women’s Christmas Luncheon

Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 10th, 2011 at 1:00pm

All Women of the Church invited

Invite your friends

Cost \$7.50

RSPV to Carolyn Jena
273-9180



Mission Giving Opportunities

Don't forget to bring in your Ark Banks and place on the prayer rail. Once the giving is counted, purchases will be made through the Heifer Project to help those in third world countries with food and grain.



This year we are collecting men's socks for WARM, *Weather Amnesty Response Ministry*. Clean dry socks will be made available for each man who comes in out of the cold for the night. Please help as we begin this

much needed Ministry for the South Bend homeless community.

As in the years past, we will be supporting the Jubilee Christmas Store at Broadway UMC. Broadway will be providing gifts for 350 children and their parents. As last year the need is great. Deadline for your donations is December 12th.

Gifts can be placed in the large basket in the narthex. Toys for kids, infant through age 18 are needed. Teen

gift ideas are CDs, DVDs, MP3 players, gift cards, toiletries for boys and girls, sports equipment or anything that youth would like. Teen gifts especially for boys are needed.

We also need volunteers to help on December 17th starting at 8:30 till the store closes. If you can help, please see Georgia Boyer.

If you know of a family in need please call Broadway Church at 574-289-0333 before December 12th.

WARM: Weather Amnesty Response Ministry

This last winter the South Bend homeless and warming shelters were approximately 35 beds short of need. With the closing of a local 15 bed shelter, South Bend will be short by over 50 beds for the upcoming cold season and is at risk of losing another one of God's children in the same manner as we lost Brent King. There is real potential for over 50 individuals, or more, to be turned away during the brutally cold Evenings in northern Indiana. Virginia Black, a member of Grace United Methodist and one of the writers for the South Bend Tribune, has made our community aware of our tragic failure to provide shelter for the homeless. Steve Huffman, a member of Clay United Methodist's



Mission Committee, who works or Memorial Hospital, has raised the concern about the many homeless who have had amputations due to frozen fingers, toes and limbs. The Methodists in Ministry to South Bend cluster, which includes the Grace, Clay, First and Northwest congregations, has decided that this situation is not OK with God, and certainly not OK with the Church.

The program will offer weather amnesty service to the homeless population of downtown South Bend and will start with 20 beds. The doors will open around 8pm with the help of two paid workers and volunteers from the local congregations.

And now WE have the opportunity to respond as vol-

unteers for this very important ministry. We will need 2 volunteers in the morning and 2 in the evening): 1. Greeters – Be available from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. to greet guests as they enter the room; serve coffee; help guests settle in for the night; help as needed. 2. Closing– Be available from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. to help guest check out; collect laundry; help as needed. Visit facebook at www.facebook.com/ProjectWarmSouthBend to sign up to volunteer or call Pastor Vickie to get signed up.

Weekly Bible Readings

Sunday, December 4, 2011

[Isaiah 40:1-11](#)
[Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13](#)
[2 Peter 3:8-15a](#)
[Mark 1:1-8](#)

Sunday, December 11, 2011

[Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11](#)
[Psalm 126](#)
[1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#)
[John 1:6-8, 19-28](#)

Sunday, December 18, 2011

[2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16](#)
[Luke 1:46b-55](#)
[Romans 16:25-27](#)
[Luke 1:26-38](#)

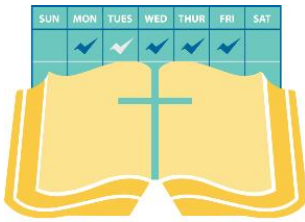
Saturday, December 24, 2011

[Christmas Eve](#)
[Isaiah 9:2-7](#)
[Psalm 96](#)
[Titus 2:11-14](#)
[Luke 2:1-20](#)

Sunday, December 25, 2011

[Christmas Day](#)

[Isaiah 52:7-10](#)
[Psalm 98](#)
[Hebrews 1:1-4 \(5-12\)](#)
[John 1:1-14](#)



Sunday Bible Scriptures



Sunday Sanctuary Prayer Schedule

Each Sunday the Sanctuary is prayed over, the chairs, the pulpit and the Alter. If you are interested in joining this Prayer Ministry. See Rosie

December

- 4 Marcia Dills
- 11 Missy Hatfield
- 18 Jordan Harper
- 25 Rosemerry Yaw

PRAYER NETWORK

Throughout the month of December the following families or persons will be uplifted in prayer by our Prayer Ministry Team. Please add these families to your own prayer list.

Prayer Chain: Jo Wise and Rosie Yaw co-coordinators. Rosemerry Yaw
 269-683-6388
 e-mail - rosiebr2@juno.com

Attention Prayer Teams at Home!

Hope you all are continuing to pray at home as a part of our group. This is so important to our church as we know the power of prayer! Please let me know how you are doing & if you have any suggestions. The prayer team that has been meeting at the church is now joining the prayer teams at home.



Power of Prayer

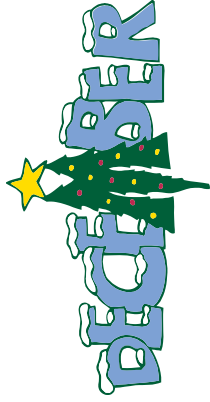
Thanks & God Bless,
 Rosie



November ATTENDANCE

November 6th	116
November 13th	121
November 20th	126
November 27th	113

December 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 pm Girl Scout Service Unit B. Kaye Smith	2	3 8 am Men's Group 10 am Girl Scout Troop #155 10 am Girl Scout Troop #153 1 pm Baby Shower B. Harry Howe
4 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	5 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Youth Group B. Walt Taberski	6 6 pm NCLC Board 7 pm Missions B. Pat Wolf	7 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Disciple week 10	8 B. Kim Spencer	9 B. Steve Yaw	10 1 pm UMW Christmas Lunch A. Dwight & Sally Miller
11 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3 pm Club 456 A. Kirt & Judy Scherer	12 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Youth Group B. Lili Whetham	13 6 pm Camp Millhouse Board 6 pm Finance Committee 7 pm Administrative Council	14 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Disciple week 11 B. Stacey Proctor	15 January Newsletter Deadline B. Helen Yaw	16	17 8 am Men's Group 10 am Girl Scout Troop #155 10 am Girl Scout Troop #153
18 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3:30 pm Daisy Troop 55	19 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Youth Group B. Patty Suddarth	20 7 pm UMW 7 pm Cub Scout Committee B. Harold Benninghoff	21 B. Carolyn Coddens B. Alex Coffman	22 9 am Newsletter Team 7 pm Boy Scout Committee B. Mike Mangus B. Ginger Moritz	23	24 Christmas Eve 7 pm Christmas Eve Service B. Connie Harper
25 9 am Worship	26	27 7 pm Trustees A. Walt & Jan Taberski	28 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Disciple week 12 B. Trina Duncan-Covey B. Connie Van Nevel	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 4:30-6 pm Watch Night Communion Service

January 2012



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Check out our WEBSITE

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Sunday Worship 9:00

Kidz Praise 9:00 (after the
children's message)

Sunday School (all ages) 10:15

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In the Coming Months

- ◆ **Youth Group** Jr. & Senior High School ages, Mondays at 7pm
- ◆ **The Brunch Bunch** Tuesday 9am at Portage Café
- ◆ **Friends of Christ** each Wednesday starting at 5:30 to 7:00.
- ◆ **Disciple IV** meets each Wednesday 7-9:30.
- ◆ **United Methodist Women** December 20th Secret Sister gift exchange and Cookie exchange.
- ◆ **Women's Christmas Luncheon** December 10th, 1pm All women invited.
- ◆ **Men's Bible Study** 1st and 3rd Saturdays
- ◆ Please sign up to supply **Refreshments** and or serve refreshments for Sunday fellowship time
- ◆ Please sign up to **Greet and Usher** on Sunday mornings
- ◆ **6th Annual Trivia Night** January 21st 6pm.

If you have an announcement please submit it in writing or E-mail to Patty Suddarth
p.suddarth@comcast.net or Colleen Schrader, cocoreads@sbcglobal.net