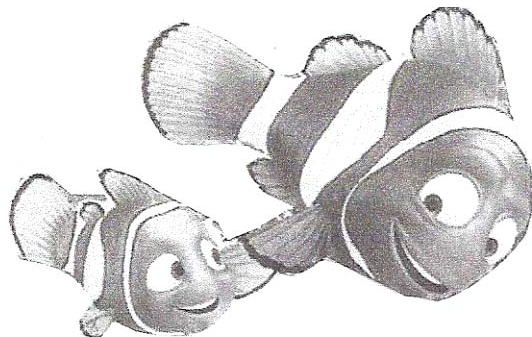


A Newsletter of the Peru Main Street United Methodist Church  
 "The Church With A Warm Heart"

# The Messenger

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**Now Playing at Main Street Church...**  
**"Finding God in Finding Nemo"**  
 A fun look at the faith appropriate for families with  
 young children and adults alike!!!

*July 31<sup>st</sup> - "Facing Up" - Facing Our Fears in God's Perfect Love*

*August 7<sup>th</sup> - "Letting Go(d)" - Surrendering Our Worries to the God of Peace*

*August 14<sup>th</sup> - "Just Keep Swimming" - Persevering in the Midst of Adversity*

*August 21<sup>st</sup> - "Synchronicity" - Living in the Unity of the Spirit*

**Services at 8:00 and 10:30 AM**

United Methodist Men



We are going to a Fort Wayne Tincaps baseball game on Saturday, August 6th.

Game time is 7:05 p.m. We will leave the church at 3:00 p.m.

We will carpool and get our tickets at the ballpark.

The approximate cost is \$10.00 per ticket.

There is a sign-up sheet in back of the sanctuary.

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## A Note from Pastor Dave...

*For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.*

(1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)

Times of transition and change can be difficult, but they also can be great times of growing forward in the faith together. The ministry of encouraging each other during times of transition can be a great blessing to us as we grow forward. I remain convinced, as was the author of the first letter to the Thessalonians, that the Good News of the Gospel is a great source of encouragement to us all. It is encouraging news to know that "...God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation..."

I recently spoke to you about the relationship of encouraging, bridging and growing forward. The truth is that bridging and encouraging must occur before people can grow forward together because these are activities that build trust, the key ingredient to healthy relationships. To that end, I will be spending a significant proportion of my time and energy bridging and encouraging with you all as we continue to get to know and love each other in Christ Jesus.

One of the ways that we will accomplish this is through the "cottage meetings" that are currently being scheduled. At each of these meetings my wife and I will have the opportunity to connect with a small group of you, learn more about your lives and stories, and encourage you in your faith journey. This time of bridging and encouraging will help set a foundation of trust that will help us to grow forward together as "the church with a warm heart, warmed by Christ's love to warm the world".

I pray you will all choose to attend or host one of these meetings so we may get to know you better and better understand how God is moving in this great congregation!

Blessings & Joy,

*Pastor Dave*

*Dear Main Street Family and Friends,*

*Dawn and I would like to thank you for the spectacular welcome to Main Street Church! From those who worked so hard preparing the parsonage, to those who greeted us with gifts on moving day, to those who provided meals as we transitioned, to those who helped with the welcome celebration dinner and our first service, we are eternally grateful! We thank God for all of you each day in our prayers!*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Pastor Dave & Dawn Scifres*

# Thank You!

Dear Peru Main Street Congregation,

Kathy & I thank you all for a wonderful farewell retirement reception. The event was far beyond my expectations. We thank you for the many cards, anonymous gifts of cash, the kind notes, and words of appreciation and best wishes.

Also, thanks for the beautiful "Music of the Spheres" wind chimes. They have a rich tone, and the phrase "Music of the Spheres" is from another of my favorite hymns, "This Is My Father's World".

I am honored to have been your pastor. May God continue to bless you all as a congregation.

Sincerely,  
Jim MacDonald

## MONDAY MORNING LADIES' DISCUSSION

– come for the Fellowship, stay for the Study.

**September 12**, 11:00 am – luncheon at the home of  
Cindy Woloshuk  
2403 S 100 E (Bobtail Pike Rd)  
Home phone – 473-3801

The group will help choose this year's Bible Study.

**September 19** will be our first gathering.  
9:30 am - coffee and fellowship in Fellowship Hall  
10:15 – 11:00 am Bible Study in Library

## FALL RUMMAGE SALE!

Your good used items can be donated for our sale. Furniture, toys, books, clothing & other household items can be used.

There is always a great need for children's clothing. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact the church office at 472-3323 or by email at: [mail@perumainstreet.com](mailto:mail@perumainstreet.com)

preschool registration



## "MAIN STREET PRESCHOOL"

Now enrolling!

Preschool begins Tuesday, September 6th.

For more information, call Leslie Scott  
at 473-9483 or the church office  
at 472-3323.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Sonja Myers	Christine Ebert	Glenn Hill	Ruth Hubbard
Vicki Utterback	Ginny Kelley	Mardell Wayne	Margaret Burkhardt
Christy Conner	Aundrya Black	David Curl	Judy Rice
Dale Cook	Frances Lease	Edward Lautenschlager	Rex Lease
Joe Williams	Troy Norris	Betty Bankston	Kathryn Sholty
Pauline Thomas	Allie Clymer	Bob Thompson	Helen Tucker
Marilyn Sutton	Jennie Stuber	Karen Pressel	Jack Jumper
Maybell Wintrude	K.C. Cutler	Paul & Diane Schipper	Connie Mills
Carly Christensen	Ronnie Pownall	David Kreag	Rosanna Purvis
The Sebastian Family	Chuck Cox	Pastor Steve Ailes	Family of Doug Howlette

## JOYS

Twins - Colton & Claire Smith are home and doing well.

Answered prayers.



## *MISSIONS NOTES*

### **August Ministry-of-the-Month – Operation Christmas Child**

Donations for the OCC Shoeboxes can be dropped in the OCC basket in the back of the sanctuary during the month of August, and through November 12<sup>th</sup> in the OCC basket in the Missions Center.

Suggested items for the boxes include:

- Pencils and pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers,
- Washcloths, bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small toys (no war-related toys), candy that won't melt, combs, hair bows & ribbons, socks, small tablets of paper or construction paper,
- Solar powered calculators

**Missions Center** – year-round donation center now located under the stairway outside the sanctuary.

Check out the many ways in which our church is ministering to the needs of our community throughout the year.

### **Mark Your Calendars!!**

**October** – “Trunk or Treat” in our parking lot during Peru Trick or Treat hours

This event was a huge success last year and many of the families who attended asked that we offer it again this year. We are hoping to fill our parking lot with open car trunks (or pick-up beds) filled with Halloween treats (and maybe a few fun tricks) in order to provide our community of little ghosts and goblins a safe and fun-filled evening. As we had last year, there will be hotdogs, chips, and soda for purchase. Proceeds to support the Main Street Preschool and Preschool Scholarship Fund.

**November** – **OCC Packing & Pizza Party** Saturday, November 5 at 4:00 PM

We will be packing the Operation Christmas Shoeboxes. This is a wonderful time to experience the gift of sharing just weeks before Advent begins. Once the boxes are packed and sealed all are invited to stay for pizza and some great fellowship.

**December** – **Christmas on Main Street**, Sunday, December 4

This will be our third annual free community concert and Secret Santa Shop for children 12 and under.

We will need:

- volunteers to help in the kitchen
- donations of food items for the meal
- items for the Secret Santa Shop
- donations of wrapping paper, tape, tissue paper, and small gift bags
- volunteer “elves” to help the little ones wrap their gifts

More information coming in future newsletters or you can contact Missions Ministry members to donate and/or volunteer.



## COTTAGE MEETINGS

Come join us . . .

You will be receiving a call within the next 10 days inviting you to one of our Cottage Meetings.

Please take advantage of this time to get acquainted with Pastor Dave & Dawn.

If your name is not in our latest Church Directory, please call Karen in the church office at 472-3323, so we do not miss calling you with an invitation.

## Attention Cookie Bakers!!



If you like to bake cookies and also wish to help with the coffee hour ministry, we could use your talents.

The women's S.S. class is doing the month of August, and there will be a class contributing each month thereafter. However - they would love to sacrifice a Sunday and give you a chance to participate.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board just outside the office - fill your name in and bring cookies. It's as easy as that.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone in the Sunday School classes (and some in the congregation) who have helped with this ministry. It is so rewarding to be able to count on your Church Family when you ask.

*Kay Weideman*

**LOOKING  
AHEAD**

**Charge Conference dates**

**Mark your calendars!**

**October 16th , 3:00 p.m. at Wabash First UMC**

We are planning on a great time of worship and, of course, our business meeting, and fellowship. Plan to come and see the new and exciting things we are planning for 2012!



from June 10th through August 26th  
Monday thru Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## YOUTH EVENTS



Sunday, July 31st	Water Park
Sunday, August 14th	Bike Ride on Nickel Plate Trail
Saturday, August 27th	Beautification Day at Bunker Hill 8am—1pm
Sunday August 28th	Frisbee Golf with Pastor Dave
Sunday, September 25th	Walk to East End
Friday, September 30th	Nick Stanton Concert

*Our Scrip gift card sale is an ongoing fundraiser with deadlines the 15th and 30th of every month. We are selling gift cards every Sunday after church and they are also available in the church office.*

**The Connection** - Our newly formed youth group for ages 3-yr thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

This is open to all children, and membership at Main Street is not required.

Starting in September we will again meet monthly on the Second Sunday as well as weekly during TNT. Time of our September Sunday gathering will be announced later in August.

The new time for TNT is now 5:30 to 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for supper and then move to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>-grade classroom about 6:00 PM.

### **August Calendar for Thursday Night Thrive**

August 4: Program - Susan Neher  
Meal - UMW

August 11: Program - DNR  
Meal - Church Growth Task Force

August 18: Community Night - we will gather at East End Ice Cream at 6:00 PM to share the Main Street Happiness. Be sure to wear your T-shirt!  
No meal at the Church  
No Connection meeting at the Church

August 25: Program - Jason Gornto on Cole Porter  
Meal - UMW

Thursday  
Night  
Thrive

Ideas are needed for growing TNT - speakers, program topics, activities. If you have any suggestions or know of other churches with similar programs, please contact the Church Growth Task Force or Pastor Dave.