



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

The Messenger

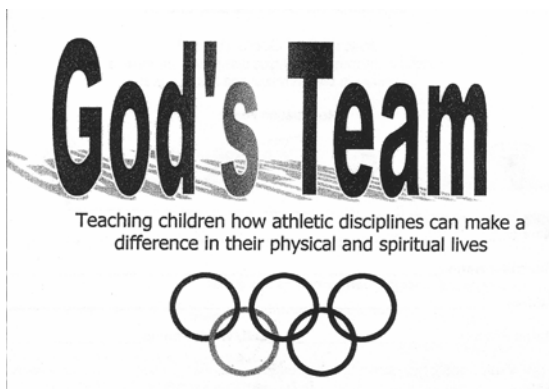
June Issue
 2011

MAIN STREET U.M.W. ANNUAL
ICE CREAM & SANDWICH LUNCHEON
with Noodle Sale...featuring our famous noodles.
Sunday, June 12th at 11:45 a.m.



Lunch: Chicken Salad Sandwich or Sloppy Joe Sandwich,
 Potato Chips, Drinks,
 Delicious Ice Cream and Brownies!

— Free Will Offering —



CASS STREET VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
will be held at Main Street UMC this year
from June 27 — July 1

It will be held in the evening from 6:00—8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.,
 and on Friday we will have a family night celebration/pitch-in dinner
 at Miamisfort Park from 5:00—8:30 p.m.

VBS is open to four years old through 8th grade.

The theme this year will be sports. If there is anyone that would be willing to share
 their knowledge of a particular sport (local coaches, high school athletes or college
 athletes) one night during the week of VBS,
 please give Melanie Giek a call at (765) 244-9595.

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Inside Story

Over the past several months there has been a unified effort to make the transition of pastors at Main Street as smooth and productive as possible. Pastor Dave Scifres has been very proactive in taking steps to make this a successful move. He has come up to Peru several times, toured the town, met with leaders in the community, members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and toured the parsonage. He has invited, and was successful in having some of our youth leaders attend a Youth leader training event with him in Indianapolis last month.

I have had the pleasure of meeting both Pastor Dave and his wife Dawn, hosting them for a tour of the parsonage, and answering any questions they may have about how things function there. I also hosted Pastor Dave as my guest at a Rotary club meeting.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee had been in regular contact with Pastor Dave, encouraging him and sharing in their grief when Dawn lost her mother recently.

The Trustees are making plans to do some painting, and repairs at the parsonage in preparation for your new pastoral family. When possible I have introduced Dave to staff members, invited him to a staff birthday party, and requested that his name, phone number and new email address be included in our annual church directory. In addition we have prayed for Pastor Dave and Dawn in our prayers at Sunday Worship.

All this is to help prepare for a truly productive and smooth transition. I trust that you all will welcome Pastor Dave and Dawn. The church will be blessed and healthy to the extent you support your pastoral leaders. So undergird Pastor Dave and Dawn in your prayers. Get to know them, love them, and support them. Dave is a gifted pastor and has proven himself an effective leader. You would do well to follow his lead.

Pastor Dave wants to begin transitioning into the role of being your pastor even before he is officially "on the clock". I am supporting this by including a recent article he emailed me. Please read his article and respond as the Spirit leads. He certainly shows signs of living in the Wesleyan tradition by being very methodical about his prayer life, as you will note from his article. This is good; we would all do well to deepen our discipline of prayer.

I want to conclude by expressing appreciation to all of you who have been in ministry with me these past two years. I too would ask for your prayers for Kathy and me as I transition into retirement.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jim

Greetings! Grace and peace to you in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Pastor Dave here, wanting you to know that Dawn & I so look forward to beginning ministry among you next month. Please be assured that we are praying each day for Main Street Church, for Pastor Jim, and for all of you as a congregation.

To that end, and empowered by the continuing gracious hospitality of Pastor Jim, we feel led by God to pray for each of you by name during the month of June. We have a copy of the latest church directory, and will pray alphabetically by your last name according to the following schedule:

6/5 – A 6/6 – B 6/7 – C 6/8 – D 6/9 – E 6/10 – F
6/11 – G 6/12 – H 6/13 – I 6/14 – J 6/15 – K 6/16 – L
6/17 – M 6/18 – N 6/19 – O 6/20 – P 6/21 – Q 6/22 – R
6/23 – S 6/24 – T 6/25 – U 6/26 – V 6/27 – W 6/28 – X
6/29 – Y 6/30 – Z

If there are specific concerns or prayers you would like us to lift up for you, or if your name is not in our directory please to drop us a note at:

daves@nfumc.net
www.facebook.com/dave.scifres
3743 E. 77th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46240

I invite you all to join me in this process if you would like. If there are no names found on any of the days listed, we might use those days to pray for those unknown to us who God may choose to bring among us in the future.

*Yours in prayerful anticipation,
Pastor Dave*



*Sunday, June 26, will be Pastor Jim and Kathy's last Sunday at Main Street.
Pastor Jim is retiring after 25 years of pastoral ministry.*

*There will be only one service that Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Please join us
after the worship service for a farewell reception and
card shower (which may include a love offering and/or personal note).
Cake and beverages will be served.*

Their children Matt, Kate and Sarah and Joshua Sinclair will be attending.

Come help us show them a warm-hearted goodbye and best wishes.

Dear Church Congregation,

Thank you from Cub Scout Pack 3501!
Your donations are greatly appreciated and helps
our pack be successful. We can't do it without
your support.

*Jon & Tami Holz
Cubmaster & Assistant Cubmaster*

In Memory of . . .

A digital camera has been purchased
in memory of **Ralph Clymer**.

This camera can be used for all church activities.
It can be checked out from the church office.

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	Darnley Edghill	Rex Lease
Joe Williams	Troy Norris	Dr. Robert Flint	Kathryn Sholty
Pauline Thomas	Allie Clymer	Shirley Ward	Helen Tucker
Marilyn Sutton	Jennie Stuber	Edward Lautenschlager	Jack Jumper
Maybell Wintrude	K.C. Cutler	Betty Bankston	Karen Pressel
Bill Clark	Linda Cawood		

JOYS

Answered prayers.

YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, June 5th Youth Council meeting after 10:30 worship service.

Sunday, June 26th UMYF Lazer Tag in Fort Wayne.

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.

HI from your PRESCHOOL



Can you believe that our school year is OVER!!! Wow, where did the time go. My Mom used to tell me that the older you get the faster the time seems to go, and I now understand what she meant.

The last few weeks have been filled with a lot of excitement, expectation, new adventures, and on my part a few tears.

Over the years, from some of the Preschool families, I have been blessed to have all of their Children. I now will have the opportunity to watch them from a distance as they start a new chapter in their little lives. I will miss their hugs, kisses, and the excitement that they show when they have learned something new. Over the past 18 years I have been blessed to become Nana or Grandma Leslie to a number of "my little ones" who aren't so little any more. However, looking ahead, I know that this fall I will again see and work with some of my little familiar people as well as some new ones.

Because the Preschool's enrollment was lower than usual, it has been a year of a lot of faith, prayer and hard work. God has answered some my prayers for your involvement when the Missions Committee stepped in to help the Preschool not only with some financial help, but also some wonderful ideas how the Preschool can be promoted as a ministry of the Church. And guess what? From the Missions Committee the Preschool now has a Preschool Grandpa and Grandma. Ray and Mary Courtney have been adopted, and we are so excited.

This summer the Church and Preschool will have a booth at the Circus City Festival, and together we will also be participating in the Circus Parade. Isn't that fantastic, we're working as a team. At this point our enrollment for the Fall is higher than it has been in the last couple of years and plans are being made for many exciting Preschool involvement projects. I'm asking that you please keep the Preschool in your prayers. I know that with God's help all things are possible.

Have a wonderful Summer, and we will see you in the Fall. Oh, one last thing, if you need any information on enrollment, please contact the Church or me at my home at 473-9483.

Leslie & the Preschoolers



Sunday, May 29th One service only at 10:30 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter

Text: John 14:15-21

Message: "God - In Us, and Through Us!"

We are all just ordinary folks with ordinary weaknesses and limitations. Yet the risen Christ promises to empower us and to infuse us with the same life-giving, powerful Holy Spirit that empowered Him. We are therefore not faithful to God on our own power, but through the power of his Holy Spirit.

Sunday, June 5th

7th Sunday of Easter

Text: John 17:1-11

Message "The Heart of Jesus"

Jesus' desire is always to glorify God by obediently completing God's purpose for him. As we seek to follow Jesus we too need to tune our hearts to obey God, and it starts with prayer. Jesus' heart is revealed in his prayers. How about us? What do our prayers reveal about our hearts?

Sunday, June 12th

Day of Pentecost

Text: Acts 2:1-21

Message "Divine Disruption"

The church was born, and continues to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Whenever the church gets stuck in its ways, the Holy Spirit brings about disruption that reawakens the church and leads people to greater levels of faithfulness.

Sunday, June 19th

Trinity Sunday

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Clark

Sunday, June 26th One service only at 10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday in Kingdomtide

Text: Matthew 10:40-42

"The Golden Rule of Hospitality"

Jesus calls on his disciples to practice the ministry of hospitality, welcoming people in his name even as they have been welcomed by God into God's reign.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Trustees are looking for volunteers to help with the painting and cleaning of the parsonage on Monday, June 27th and Tuesday, June 28th. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary with the different time options listed.

CHURCH T-SHIRTS

We are taking reorders for the church t-shirts and want to make sure that everyone who wants one gets one. Please contact the church office to let us know sizes.

preschool registration



"MAIN STREET PRESCHOOL"
Now enrolling!

A school for all of God's Children.
For more information, call Leslie Scott
at 473-9483 or the church office
at 472-3323.

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

Sunday, July 10th will be our new Pastor Dave Scifres' first worship service with us.

MISSIONS NOTES

Ministry of the Month for June is the Garden Table located in the back of the sanctuary. This is a summer-long mini farmers market for our church family. If you have been blessed with abundance in your garden, please bring to the table and share with others who may not have their own gardens. Remaining produce will be sent to Helping Hands on Monday mornings to be shared with others in our community.

The new **Mission Center** will be completed by the June 2nd TNT. Please take the time to check out this new area outside the sanctuary. All donations other than the Ministry of the Month will be collected at this new Center. Also, information about the missions we support will be available there as well.

Mark your calendars – **Henderson Settlement Mission Trip** -- September 12-17, 2011

***God's Blessings for your continued support
of the Main Street Missions!***

Thursday Night Thrive

**Each Thursday, Main St. will come alive
with worshipers of all ages for TNT.
A mid-week faith boost with something for everyone.**

Child Care Available All Evening!!!

- 5:00-8:00 Flexible Committee Meetings
- 5:30-7:00 Light Meal (**F. Hall or carry to your meeting place!**)
- 6:00-7:00 The Connection (Children ages 3 yrs.- 6th grade)
- 6:00-6:30 God's Given Talent (Adult Activity)
- 6:30-7:00 Faith Building

June Calendar for Thursday Night Thrive

June 2nd Meal prepared by the Breakfast Club **June 23rd** Meal by "The Ladies Sunday School Class"
God's Given Talent – Park Cutler God's Given Talent/Faith Building – Connie Cutler
The Connection Theme – Summer Fun Ideas The Connection Theme – Summer Safety

June 9th Meal prepared by TBA **June 30th** Meal prepared by Good News Outreach
God's Given Talent Theme - "Cole Porter" God's Given Talent/Faith Building – TBA
The Connection Theme – Father's Day The Connection Theme – VBS

June 16th Meal by "The Parlor Sunday School Class"
God's Given Talent/Faith Building – "Old Glory"
The Connection Theme – "Old Glory"