



# The Messenger

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## Consecration Sunday is October 23rd!

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

*Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events by making a reservation for our catered meal that is free to all who are part of Main Street Church.*

## Trunk or Treat



**Monday, October 31st 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Join us for a haunting great time with your car trunk or truck bed filled with goodies to hand out to the little (and maybe not-so-little) guests that dare enter our parking lot. We will also serve hotdogs, chips, and beverage. Oh yes, do plan to have your trunk decorated for the "Creepy Trunk" Contest.

### Needed for this event:

Hot dogs and buns, Chips (single bags), Condiments - mustard, relish, catsup, Bottled water & Juice boxes

Volunteers to work at the food stand - Please sign up in church or call the office if you can help.

**TRUNK OR TREAT GIFT BASKETS** - we will be offering gift baskets as the "give-away" for our T or T event. Donations of non-perishable food or gift cards for groceries or gas can be handed in to the office no later than October 28. Monetary donations may be handed in to the office.

### Staff

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## A Note from Pastor Dave...

*Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.*

(Matthew 17:1-3)

Two things strike me about the story of Jesus' transfiguration. First, it was a vision of the incomprehensible. It was a short, but impactful glimpse at Jesus' divinity and glory as the second person of the Holy Trinity. Secondly, Jesus took just a few of his disciples aside to experience this vision.

As we look at the stories contained in the Gospels, it is clear that Jesus chose to work in this manner. He repeatedly took his disciples aside to teach them, and to share the vision of God for his ministry among them. It was through these experiences that the faith of the disciples became strong and their purpose became clear.

The desire of my heart is that your faith would continue to strengthen and your purpose and role in the church would continue to become clear. To that end, the Church Vitality Task Force has decided to slightly modify the format of our mid-week program, Thursday Night Thrive. The following adjustments will become effective October 6<sup>th</sup>:

New meeting times for each of the committees have been set. *(see attached)*

The meal has been moved up a half an hour to 5:00 – 6:30 PM.

An on-going schedule for those who will provide the meal has been set. *(see attached)*

I will be providing the program each week from 5:30 – 6:15 PM.

These adjustments will carve out a space between the end of the meal and the start of Praise Team and choir for us to follow Jesus' example in developing disciples. The program will be different each week depending on the needs of the congregation, but the purpose of the time will remain consistent: It will be a time targeted at strengthening your faith, and helping you see how you fit into the vision we are casting for the church.

We hope you will consider attending this event each week. You will have the opportunity through the activities we have planned to understand our goals as a church and have input and impact on how we will achieve them. I hope to see you there!

Peace...

*Pastor Dave*

**Attention All Men!**

If you're an early riser and available on a Saturday morning, Pastor Dave requests that available men meet with him in the pastor's study to pray for the ministries and concerns of Main Street Church on Saturday Mornings at 7 a.m. This is a come as you can type of meeting.

**Attention Ladies & Gentlemen . . .**

Would you like to join us in making noodles for the Bazaar? No experience is necessary and we have a good time!!

The dates are October 24 - 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement.

If you have any questions please call Carol Koenes at 472-7743 or the church office at 472-3323.

A sign-up sheet for each day is available in the back of the sanctuary.

**Charge Conference**

**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 the Endowment Committee**

Requests for funds are due by November 15th. Forms are available in the church office.

**It's time for Ladies Night Out!**

(for ALL the ladies . . . sorry, no children)

**October 21st at 6:30 p.m. - ??**

At the Scifres home/parsonage (park in Ivy Tech overflow & look both ways before crossing the street to 363 W. Third.)

Bring your favorite chocolate & invite a friend!

Be ready for Fun, Food & Fellowship

**Book Study starting October 4th . . .**

Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary so we can order books and arrange for child care if needed.

Books will be approximately \$6.00.

*Everyone is invited to attend!!!*



**Rummage Sale**

We want to thank everyone who donated, worked, and bought things at our fall sale. It was another huge success. We raised \$1,176.00 !! Leftover items were given to Birthright, Christmas on Main Street, and the Red Bird Mountain Missions. Please start saving your things again for our spring sale. Everything given is always appreciated.

*Rosemary Rice*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sonja Myers          | Christine Ebert      | Glenn Hill            | Ruth Hubbard       |
| Vicki Utterback      | Ginny Kelley         | Mardell Wayne         | Margaret Burkhardt |
| Christy Conner       | Aundrya Black        | Edward Lautenschlager | Judy Rice          |
| Dale Cook            | Frances Lease        | Betty Bankston        | Rex Lease          |
| Joe Williams         | Troy Norris          | Bob Thompson          | Kathryn Sholty     |
| Pauline Thomas       | Allie Clymer         | David Kreag           | Helen Tucker       |
| Marilyn Sutton       | Jennie Stuber        | Pastor Steve Ailes    | Jack Jumper        |
| Maybell Wintrude     | K.C. Cutler          | Wayne Kidd            | Connie Mills       |
| Amanda               | Ronnie Pownall       | Diana Krug            | Rosanna Purvis     |
| Justin Prior         | The Sebastian Family | J.D. Clark            | Delene Ewing       |
| Pat Young            | Brent Alwine         | Lance Yoder           | Ruth Yoder         |
| Harry Hinze & Family | Floyd Fishburn       | George Bergman        | Kenny Hetzler      |

**JOYS**

Answered prayers.

# MISSIONS NOTES

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone at Main Street for your on-going support of our ministry to God's World. As we bring you the ever-growing needs of the community around us, your support continues to grow. What a witness of our love for Jesus Christ through loving and sharing with those around us!

## **Mission-of-the-Month – Operation Christmas Child and Cards for Troops**

Anything a child may need or treasure, but war-related toys and candies that may melt, can be donated for OCC. Monetary donations are needed as well to defray the cost of shipping.

A table with cards and envelopes is in the back of the sanctuary for our "Cards for the Troops" campaign. Please take a few moments to send greetings to our troops both stateside and deployed overseas.

Monetary donations for Troop Support packages and postage may be sent to Missions or handed in to the Church office.

## **Soup's On! Thursday Night Thrive Supper for October 6th** will be hosted by Missions Committee.

We will be having a soup contest. Bring in a pot of your favorite soup to enter – and bring the recipe if you care to share it!



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)**

The support for this mission project has been awesome! Thank you all for your generous donations! We'll continue to accept items or completed boxes through November 19.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

<b>OCC Packing and Pizza Party</b>	Saturday, November 5	4:00 PM in the Epworth Hall (the gym)
<b>Shoebox Collection Week</b>	Monday, November 14 - Sunday, November 20	
<b>Dedication of OCC Shoeboxes</b>	Sunday, November 19	during the 10:30 service

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET - Sunday, December 4th**

Lunch following 2<sup>nd</sup> service, hosted by the Scouts

1:00 p.m. Secret Santa Shop for children under 13

3:00 p.m. Concert

Visit from Santa

Light supper to follow the Concert

### NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT:

Performers for the concert (singers, musicians, storytellers)

Volunteers - sign up in the sanctuary or call the church office

Ushers & Greeters

Helpers for the Santa Shop & Craft Area

Set-up on Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

Clean-up after the supper

### Donations Needed:

Cookies/bars, platters of sandwiches,

Small gift items for the Santa Shop,

Gift bags, tissue, wrapping paper, tape, bows & gift tags.

Monetary donations may be handed in to the church office.

## YOUTH EVENTS



Sunday, October 2nd Youth Council 11:45 a.m.  
Sunday, October 9th UMYF 5:00—6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, October 23rd UMYF 5:00—6:30 p.m.

**See order form in this newsletter for our frozen fruit & veggie sales fundraiser!**

*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** - helping our children "CONNECT 2 GOD 'S LOVE with GOD'S WORD 4 GOD'S GLORY".

Connecting every Thursday evening during TNT from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

We are looking for teens and adults to help with our newly formed "younger" youth group.

No planning or organizing needed - just show up and work with the kids. Please call the church office if interested.

### **"RECYCLE FOR US"** -- A mission of The CONNECTION

You may have noticed the red trash containers around church. During our discussion of what it means to be a steward of God's world, recycling was suggested by one of the younger members for their first mission project. The Bake Sale during the Rummage Sale paid for the containers and the signs are all the artwork of our younger youth. Please support their efforts in becoming better stewards of God's World by reducing, reusing, and recycling.

## Hello From Your Preschool



It's hard to believe that September is over, and that with the exception of some illness (teachers included), the Preschool is up and running. Did you catch the word "running"? I think that should be this year's motto. All kidding aside, we have 40 little ones enrolled, and it's great!

The month has been busy with such activities as getting acquainted which included knowing which bathroom you were to use. For some, the using of scissors has been a real new and challenging experience, and yet others use them like a pro. I am happy to report that at this time no clothing has been cut or hair shortened.

On September 22nd and 23rd the Preschoolers had the opportunity to visit Jerry McClure's apple orchard. Since we had just finished a unit on apples, which included making apple sauce, the Children had a great time. They got to pick and sample different apples and taste some honey produced from bees who had their hives at the orchard. God held off the rain for each tour which definitely added to everyone's enjoyment.

For the past couple of weeks the Preschoolers have been selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough. We are about ready to end our fundraiser, however, if you would like to make a purchase there is an order form outside the Preschool room, or I'm sure any Preschooler (Me, too) would be glad to help you.

Before closing, the Children and I would like to wish you a Happy Fall. Take time to enjoy the beautiful colors and all the wonderful things that this great season has to offer. I know we will.

*Love, Leslie*

# Monthly Meeting Schedule

## Main St. Church

WEEK	WED. 5:00	WED. 6:00	THUR. 4:00	THUR. 5:30	THUR. 6:15	THUR. 7:00
1	Worship	SPRC	Hospitality	Church Develop.	Praise Team	Choir
2	Education	Preschool	UMW Board	Church Develop.	Praise Team	Choir
3	Missions	ADCO/Open	CVTF	Church Develop.	Praise Team	Choir
4	Finance	Trustees	Memorials/ Open	Church Develop.	Praise Team	Choir
5	Open	Open	Open	Church Develop.	Praise Team	Choir

## Thursday Night Thrive Dinner Schedule

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>
Missions	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
UM Men	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
UM Women	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
Preschool Board	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
Youth Group	1 <sup>st</sup>	Feb, May, Aug, Nov
Parlor Sunday School Class	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Feb, May, Aug, Nov
Breakfast Club	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Feb, May, Aug, Nov
Ladies Sunday School Class	4 <sup>th</sup>	Feb, May, Aug, Nov
Trustees	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec
Church Vitality	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec
UMW Executive Comm.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec
Women's Monday Bible Study	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec
Music Ministries	5 <sup>th</sup>	Dec, Mar, May, Aug, Nov