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**Thanksgiving Fellowship Night**

Turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings along with friends, music, and spiritual inspiration, all of this is on the menu for our Thanksgiving Fellowship Night. You will not want to miss this great evening in the life of First Church.

Circle November 10 on your calendar now and plan to join us in celebrating

Thanksgiving with your First Church Family.

**What:** Thanksgiving Fellowship Night

**When:** Saturday, November 10, 2007

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Fellowship Hall at Anderson First United Methodist Church - 1215 Jackson Street

**What to bring:** A dish to share (salad, dessert or vegetable), and a big smile.

**What is provided:** Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, table service, fellowship, and fun.

See you at 5:30 p.m.!

**Habitat House dedicated and two more homes under construction**

Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2007, nearly fifty persons gathered at the latest Habitat home for its dedication and opening to a new Habitat family. It was the second home built in Alexandria by the Madison County Habitat for Humanity. This was built with the financial support and work contributed by members from several area churches, including our own. This new home will enable Katrina and her two children to have decent housing for the first time.

To qualify for this home, Ms. Moore completed the extensive application process and then worked at least two hundred hours toward the completion of this building project. Following

occupancy, she will begin paying a twenty year no interest mortgage to our Habitat Chapter. At the conclusion of that time she will hold a clear title to the home, much as any person receiving a conventional loan. She will be supported in the early years by an advocate from Habitat who will assist with the transition to homeownership.

Participating in the dedication service was Rev. John Young of St. Matthews UMC, our District Superintendent, Craig LaSuer and members of the local Habitat Board. Our Church's role in this mission outreach was supported by funds for the project and donated labor from several members. Our new Habitat

construction projects are now underway at the corners of 4th and John and 5th and John here in Anderson. These two houses will be built with the cooperation of the carpentry classes at the Ebbert Vocational Technical Center. Assistance from volunteers on Wednesdays and Saturdays is eagerly sought. If you have questions, please call Doug Nelson at 649-6250.

**Don't Miss Events!**

- Thanksgiving Fellowship Night (front)
- Workshop on Faith Sharing (p.2)
- Offering Home Communion (p3)
- Now Registering for Upward Sports (p4)
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael Mbitto to discuss HIV/Aids in Africa (back page)

## Pastor's Prayer

*“Lives lived so others can rise to their best...”* by Pastor John K. Wortinger

**Sunday, November 4** is *“All Saints Sunday.”* This Sunday is an occasion for us to celebrate the lives of the Saints and in particular remember those among us who have become a part of the Church Triumphant in the last year. This is more than just recalling. Righteous remembering is essential to righteous living. Psalm 88:12 asks the question, “Can righteousness be done in a land of forgetfulness?”

The answer is no. People need to remember, and in their remembering they need to speak to God of their gratitude for His past goodness, of the sins from which He has delivered them, and of the sacrifices of those who have gone before them in the faith. They become a more righteous people for their remembering.

That's why having an *All Saints Sunday* is important,

because it is time to remember the Saints and the Heroes of the Faith. In the Bible the words “Saint” and “Hero” are used differently than in our common use of the terms today. As Christians we need to understand this greater biblical meaning.

In the Bible, a Saint or Hero is someone who lives in such a way as to break through barriers so others can rise to their best, to their destiny. Heroes and Saints in the Biblical view change the boundaries, reach some greater depth in God, redefine the battles and achieve victories so others can rise to even greater heights.

A good example of this heroic principle comes from the world of sports. For centuries, no one had ever broken the 4-minute mile. Many thought it couldn't be done. Then in 1954 an

Oxford medical student by the name of Roger Banister taught himself to train in new ways, and on May 6, 1954, he ran the mile in less than four minutes. The news electrified people around the world.

Most expected the new record to stand for years to come. Yet, just six weeks after Roger Bannister broke this historic barrier, another man on another continent ran the mile in under four minutes. And within just a few years six men had broken the once unbreakable barrier. Somehow Roger made it possible for human beings he had never met to do what they could never have done without him.

This is the principle of Heroes and Saints as taught in the Bible. They are not just the famous and talented. They are the ones who live so as to make a greater kind of life possible for others. A

hero is the father who decides the family history of alcoholism is going to stop in his generation. A saint is the mother who determines anger is not going to be passed down her family line to her children. There is no social transformation without Saints and Heroes. They show the people what may be accomplished, leaving them to live as they once thought impossible. We all live on the shoulders of those who have gone before. Will we leave saintly shoulders for those who follow us?

*Almighty God, do not let me live as a mere man or woman. Let me break through barriers – of my soul, of my family, of my community – to leave a better life for those who come after me. Let me live the saintly life that Jesus models and calls me to. Amen*

## Register Now for *“Unbinding the Gospel”* *A Workshop on Faith Sharing - November 15, 2007*

We plan to take a bus full of First United Methodist folks to a **Faith Sharing Workshop** to be held at the Greenwood United Methodist Church on **Thursday, November 15.** We will leave the **First Church Parking lot at 7:15 a.m. and the New**

**Horizons parking lot at 7:30 a.m.**

The Workshop will be led by Rev. Martha Reese who is the author of the new book “Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism.”

Reese will share with participants ways to move

toward relational, authentic faith sharing – without formulas, but hand-in-hand with God.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting workshop, call the church office for details and to register.

## Bon Amis to join the Celebration and will travel to Indy for the Indianapolis Symphony “Yuletide Celebration”

It's time again to plan for the Yuletide Celebration at the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly will lead the Orchestra through time-honored classics and family favorites. You will be delighted and inspired by five-time Grammy Award-winning vocalist Sandy Patty, and the renowned African Children's Choir. Heartwarming carols, thrilling orchestral arrangements, a visit from

Santa, and show-stopping song and dance numbers are all part of the show.

Due to the popularity of this trip, we have made reservations for 40. (We will take some cars along with the bus.) The date for this trip has been changed from the original one to Friday, December 7. **We need to know your interest in attending by November 2, so we can get the final count to the Symphony.**

The bus will leave the church at 12:30 pm. Please eat before you come, as we will not be having a meal as part of this trip. The cost of the trip is \$40.

Please call the office to make reservations. We also need you to pay the fee for each trip as soon as possible after making your reservations.

### Yuletide Celebration

*Features: Indianapolis Symphony,  
Sandy Patti and the African  
Children's Choir*

**When:** Friday, December 7

**Deadline to Register:**  
November 2, 2007

**To Register:** Call the church office 765-643-6977

**Depart:** 12:30 p.m. from Anderson First UMC at 1215 Jackson Street

**Cost:** \$40 per person

**Other:** Please note we will not be having a meal as part of this trip. Please eat before you come.

## Bible Challenge

Have you seen the signs to register and vote for mayor or referendums or whatevers?

Even the Bible has something to say about governments. Here are a couple of questions. Why don't you and your children search for the answers? Have fun!

1. As reported in the Gospel of Luke, what did Jesus have to say about Caesar's authority?

2. Why did Paul say we must obey human governments?

- a. Because it's akin to honoring our parents
- b. So the governments will be obligated to shoulder

the blame for human foibles on judgment day

- c. Because God, the ultimate power, has ordained these lesser powers
- d. Paul never taught that we must obey governments

## Home Communion to be Served

**Sunday, November 4 and Monday, November 5.**

This month, in celebration of world-wide communion our new home communion ministry team made it possible for 22 of our sick or shut in members to share with our congregation at the Lord's Table. If you would also like receive home communion, on Sunday, November 4 or the following Monday, please call the church office 643-6977 or contact Rev. Kaye Casterline 643-4957.

# Upward Basketball and Cheerleading!!!

## UPWARD SPORTS Basketball or Cheerleading

### Early Registration Deadline:

November 17 with a cost of \$50 due at registration.

### Final Deadline to Register:

November 30 with a cost of \$60.

### Registration Day:

November 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wesley Free UMC at 3017 West 8th Street

### Mandatory Evaluation/ Orientation:

December 3 or December 4 at Wesley Free.

### Games Begin:

January 26, 2008

Once again this year our church is teaming up with Wesley Free Methodist to offer Upward Basketball and Upward Cheerleading for the children in our area. We will begin with the first evaluation on December 3, 2007 and the first games will begin on January 26, 2008. Upward is an evangelist sports ministry specifically designed for K5 through 6th grade boys and girls that promotes salvation, character, and self-esteem in every child.

Early registration cost per child for either basketball or cheerleading is \$50. Registration Day is November 17, between 9

am and 1 pm at Wesley Free Methodist Church (3017 West 8th Street). After November 17, registration cost is \$60. Deadline for registration is November 30th.

Everyone must attend one basketball evaluation or cheerleading orientation meeting. These meetings will take place at the Wesley Free Methodist Church Gym on Monday, December 3 and Tuesday, December 4.



# Child Protection Policies at Anderson First

The Child Protection Policies Anderson First UMC adopted in 2001 state we are to have **two adults in every children's ministry event** we offer. This means we need some volunteers in the Nursery on Sunday mornings.

Miss Katie serves as the leader in that room (person 1) BUT we need a second person. Please sign up on the sign up sheet outside room G122 (the Fireplace Room) or email Miss Mary Margaret at mmw@andersonfirst.org to

let her know which Sunday morning you are available to assist with our safety requirements as we minister to the youngest among us!

*Miss Mary Margaret*

# Dear Parents, Caregivers or Significant Adults and Third Graders:

Don't forget we are having **Bible Mechanics Bible Study** on Wednesday evenings during the Quest hour.

We are working with our **third grade friends to learn how to use their Bibles by playing games and learning verses.** We are also getting ready to know their way around their Bible by learning the books of the Bible and

where those books are located.

**On November 18, 2007 we as a church will be giving our third graders their very own BIBLES.**

We encourage you to bring your third grader to Quest now to give them a chance to get a head start on

understanding their way around the Bible and to especially tell Miss Mary Margaret the names and addresses of ALL third graders connected to our church.

## Deadlines/Publications

The Voice is a publication of Anderson First United Methodist Church. It is mailed the Tuesday following the second and fourth Monday of every month out of Anderson, Indiana. The deadline is the Tuesday prior to the second and fourth Monday of each month.

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## *“What is God going to do with me today!”*

### *Musings from the office at the end of the hall.*

Today I emptied a notebook. Actually, it was a legal pad but there is something very fulfilling in using up the last page of paper if it's in a notebook or a pad of paper. It's almost as good as the feeling you have when you unwrap the package of legal pads or open the package of paper to put in your notebook. Either way, there is just so much potential.

That's us. God sees us like we're the just unwrapped package of paper and He has so many letters to write or accounts to straighten or music to compose. When we can start our day thinking, "I wonder what God is going to do with me today," it's kind of exciting. Are you going to be a song of praise to God that's going to cause millions to see God in a new way? Am I going to be the word that starts

some person on their journey to completeness in God's love? Will one of my children be the receiver of the Nobel Peace Prize for helping people to work together to save others from dying? You see, there is just no end to what can happen with one single pad of legal paper!!!! At least at the beginning of my pad I think that.

As I make my way toward the middle of the pad, I find my goals are a lot less lofty. Boring and dutiful are more along the words I use to describe it! What do I have to do to get through this day? Why do I have to practice that song again? How old am I going to be before my child understands cleaning his room means more than shoving all his stuff out of sight?

Ahhh, but the end is near. I

can see the cardboard at the end of my legal pad! I only have a page or two and that can be a real motivator! I have so much to say and only a little bit of space in which to say it so I write small and concentrate on what I really want my audience to hear. Does God look at our lives like that because if He does, then we had all better start paying more attention to the "wisdom holders" in our congregation. And if you are one of those folks who are more on the end side of the legal pad than the brand new side, I expect a call from you asking where our church can most use you now.

Every day is not a yellow legal pad kind of day. Some days I think I am staff paper and I hope someone else will sing while I play my recorder

(and yes, after about a year and a half you can actually tell when I am playing a song!). Some days I really do feel like I'm a lesson plan that's been given for the fourth time this week and the students STILL aren't getting it (and I don't know why I keep bringing the lesson out except for the only reason I can't say "no," because God gave it to me). Some days I may be a legal pad but I'm a PURPLE legal pad because I am after all, a child of the King! What about you?

I'm headed out to my favorite office supply store this afternoon. Is there anything I can get for you to remind you of what God can do with you?

Faithfully yours,

Miss Mary Margaret

## **Kid's Night Out is Growing!**

### *Noah's Ark - November 9, 2007*

Do you hear the animals? We've been getting a lot of rain at my house. How is it at yours? I've also seen a lot of trees being cut down and I'm wondering if anybody is working on building any boats! HMMMMMM.

KNO is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2007.

We are in need of some new staffers for this ministry. The number of children we are

reaching continues to grow and in order to accept more – we're going to need new staffers!

Please check your calendars and see if you could be one of Noah's helpers this month! We need adults (age 21 through 90) to act as resource room leaders, front desk attendants and shepherds (those who travel with small groups of children throughout the evening).

### **Don't let your age hold you back. Noah didn't!**

Help your church offer the service of KNO to our young families and the community!

#### **ANSWERS to Bible**

**Challenge:** "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and unto God the things which be God's." (Luke 20:25) C) because God, the ultimate power, has ordained these lesser powers (Romans 13:1-7)

#### **KID'S NIGHT OUT**

**When:** November 9, 2007

**Time:** 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

**KNO Ages:** Newborn to age 10

**KNO X-treme:** 10 - 12 years old

#### **Pre-Registration Deadline:**

November 2, 2007 online at [www.andersonfirst.org](http://www.andersonfirst.org) or call 765-643-6977.

**Cost per child:** \$5.00 with pre-registration or \$6.50 at the door.

Call the church office at 643-6977 for details.

## “*Adopt-A-Family*” for the Holidays In ministry with the *Salvation Army*

The Salvation Army has loads of opportunities for each of us to be in ministry with them during the coming months. As a church we plan on having an Angel tree. As individuals or individual families you may **Adopt-A-Family** from the Salvation Army and encourage them with gifts of love during November and December.

Watch for details in the next

issue regarding the “**Angel Tree**” **program** - an opportunity to provide new clothing or toys for children of needy families.

For more information about the Salvation Army and contact information for local offices are available on the Internet at [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org).

## Walk in the Lights *New displays and Chrismons*

Stop by, December 7, 8, 9; 14, 15; 21 or 22 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. and wander thru the (tape-guided) seasonal light display at Davis Park located at 4507 Nichol Avenue.

New displays and Chrismons have been added this year.

Don't forget to join us by the fireplace, following your walk, for fresh home-baked

cookies, hot chocolate or coffee. Enjoy the company of old friends or make some new friends.

This team, headed up by Connie and Kenny Hall have been hard at work planning this year's event.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

## Baking for the Holidays!

As you begin to bake for the holidays, keep your church in mind and make an extra batch or two.

Don't be surprised when Alice Baker calls and asks for a batch of your favorite cookie recipe - we'll need the

goodies for Winterfest as well as Walk In The Lights out at Davis Park in December!!!

## Celebrate the Season at the annual downtown *Winterfest*.

Our narthex, at First UMC, will be open from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, December 1 for everyone to enjoy this year's Winterfest activities. We'll have goodies, hot chocolate, a decorated sanctuary and crafts to complete along with seasonal music.

The city of Anderson sponsors this community-wide event as a way to encourage our community to

visit downtown businesses during the holidays.

Support Anderson First and other area businesses by participating. During Winterfest, December 1, obtain a special card from any of the participating organizations and you'll be given an opportunity to visit each location, have your card stamped and turned in for a special drawing “gift basket.”

## Advent Workshop *Coordinator Needed*

Remember how much fun it was to gather together as church family and make decorations for Christmas?

Well, if you do, we'd like to continue the tradition of an advent workshop here at First; however, we need someone to coordinate the event.

I'm sure Mike Nicholson, Volunteer Coordinator, knows lots of crafters who'd like to participate, but we need an

overall event chairperson to organize the day.

If you're the person God has chosen for this job, give Peg Peter, 765-643-9769 or Mike Nicholson, 765-617-6877 a call.

**Responsibilities:** Designating time and location, scheduling craft projects and developing plan to promote event (with assistance from volunteer coordinator as needed).

## Notice!! Notice!! Notice!!

I hope you've noted by now that the Nursery is in Room G122 (the Fireplace Room) during the first service and the Sunday School hour each week.

Miss Katie Rogers is our Senior Nursery Caregiver.

She is an Anderson University Senior Nursing Student and we welcome her. Please stop by and thank her for taking on this ministry with our children.

## Interest Survey Women of Faith Conference

All women of First United Methodist and friends are invited to attend the

**Women of Faith Conference, August 1 & 2, 2008 at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.**

This Advance Notice – Interest Survey is to assist us in determining if we qualify for the Early Bird Reservations group discount (25-30 or more participants). We would commute via bus to the Friday night and Saturday events.

Infinite Grace is the theme of the 2008 Conference and inspirational speakers and music will lead the event.

Please indicate your interest on the form below. This does not in any way commit you to the event, only indicates interest. Further information will be coming in January 2008 or you may contact Louise Melander, 643-2753 at any time. Reservations will be taken in January 2008. Payment will not be due until May, 2008.

## With Congratulations to our New Home Communion Ministers

Congratulations to our new Home Communion Ministers. You made it possible for twenty-two of our people to receive Holy Communion this month. Some expressed it had been a long time since they had received communion.

Please fill out the form below and send to the church office at 1215 Jackson Street or to Louise Melander at 4711 Gleneagle Drive, Anderson, 46011

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Yes, I would be interested in the Women of Faith Conference next August, 2008.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please share this information with your friends, co-workers, and community groups and have them notify us of their interest.

A great thank you to our new communion ministers: Joyce McNeil, Steve-Anna Bird and Heather Barrett. We're looking for additional people to join this valuable ministry. If God is leading you, please contact Rev. Kaye Casterline at 643-4957.

## Memorials given in September 2007.

**Martha Williams to Bus Fund**  
Carol and Jerry Hardacre

**Richard Moore**  
Polly and Bob Stuart  
Denzil Regenold  
Mary Smith  
Evelyn and Hersh Miller  
Margaret Jarrett  
Virginia and David Jones  
Jane and Gene Barrett  
Alice Thornburg  
Gene Moore Family  
Josie, Dwight and Beulah Dunlap  
Betty Kimble  
Marion Ogle  
Marie Phillips  
Robert Ritter  
Helen McCord  
Joyce and Mike Jones

**Richard Moore to Bus Fund**  
Virginia Musser  
Ruby Taylor  
Donna Baisinger

**Richard Moore to Davis Park**  
Irene and George Pancol

**Richard Moore to Youth Group**  
Moore Reunion Members  
Beverly and Ralph Wellons

**Mary Devaney to Radio Ministry**  
Ruby Geeting

**Greta Greenland to Margaret Ann Hudson Library**  
Joellen and Wendell Hilligoss

## Worship Schedule

(September through May)

9:15 a.m.

### Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

10:30 - 11:20 a.m.

### Sunday School

*It's for Life!*

Opportunities for all ages.

11:30 a.m.

### Connections - Intimate Prayer and hymns

Room 120

11:30 a.m.

### Modern Worship

Worship Center on lower level

### Pastors:

Rev. John K. Wortinger

[John@andersonfirst.org](mailto:John@andersonfirst.org)

Rev. Donna K. Goings

[Donna@andersonfirst.org](mailto:Donna@andersonfirst.org)

## Quarterly Statements

The 2007 third quarter statements are available for pickup at the welcome center in the narthex. If you are unable to pick yours up and would prefer to have it mailed to you, please contact Karen Ambler in the church office at 765-643-6977.



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## Guest Speaker, AU Professor, Michael Mbito, Ph.D will discuss HIV/Aids in Africa on November 10.

The United Methodist Women and Women Alive in Faith Committee invite all men and women to brunch Saturday,

November 10, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Davis Park (4507 Nichol Avenue). The suggested donation, to cover the cost of the meal,

is \$6 per person which will be collected at the door.

Our special guest is Michael Mbito, Assistant Professor

of Sociology and Family Science Department Director at Anderson University.

Dr. Mbito is fluent in three languages—English, Kiswahili and Kikuyu.

Dr. Mbito will discuss HIV/AIDS and its impact on child development in Sub-Sahara Africa. We'll learn three key factors in HIV Infection and learn about the work being done by churches and international mission groups dealing with HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Dr. Mbito is founder of Child Aid Africa—a ministry for the support of HIV/AIDS orphan education in Africa and is currently leading a mission to Kenya to recruit the first group of orphans to be supported by CAA (Child Aid Africa).

Register online at [www.andersonfirst.org](http://www.andersonfirst.org)

### *Coming Events*

Nov 5	Church Council Meeting	Dec 14	Kid's Night Out
Nov 9	Kid's Night Out	Dec 16	Lessons and Carols
Nov 10	Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner	Dec 20	Longest Night Worship Service
Nov 10	Women Alive in Faith Brunch	Dec 21	JOY Luncheon
Nov 15	Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism Conference	Dec 22	Saturdays at the Park
Nov 15	Cluster Charge Conference at New Horizons	Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship Services
Nov 16	JOY Luncheon	Dec 24, 25, 26	- Office Closed
Nov 28	Bon Amis to Indy Children's Museum	Jan 13	United Methodist Women Sunday
Dec 1	Winterfest	Jan 19	Leadership Retreat
Dec 7	Bon Amis to Yuletide Celebration	Feb 6	Ash Wednesday
Dec 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 21, 22:	Walk in the Lights at Davis Park	Feb 10	Church-Wide Study Begins
		Feb 15-16	United Methodist Spiritual Retreat
		Mar 2008	UMW Jurisdiction Meeting

For updated and current calendar information, visit us on the web at [www.andersonfirst.org](http://www.andersonfirst.org).