



# Bartlett Chapel Chat

## AUGUST 2009 Newsletter

### NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

This month I am going to use an Epistle written by our Bishop Mike Coyner.

“Being a United Methodist is as  
Easy as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5”

Sometimes we make it hard for our own United Methodist people to describe how we United Methodist are followers of Jesus. So here it is, in simple 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ways to describe how we United Methodists live our Christian faith:

- 1) We have one mission statement: “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”
- 2) We believe in two forms of holiness: personal holiness and social holiness: That is why we United Methodists work to bring individuals to a Christian way of life, but we also work to change our society.
- 3) We try to live by the Three Simple Rules: do no harm, do good, stay in love with God.
- 4) We believe that truth is found by the Four sides of the Wesley Quadrilateral: Scripture is primary and it is interpreted by Tradition, Reason, and Experience.
- 5) We know our congregations flourish when we engage in the Five Practices of: ‘Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, International Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

There it is. Five steps to being faithful United Methodist followers of Christ. Those Five describe what is unique about being followers of Jesus in the Wesleyan Way. Once a person has committed to follow Jesus, these five steps are the hallmarks of The United Methodist Church.

**Pastor Don**

### A NOTE FROM PASTOR DENNIS

Thank you for the warm welcome that Dorothy, Derek and I received when we returned to Bartlett Chapel after 41 years of serving the Lord in Ministry in the Brownsburg area.

We look forward to serving the Lord with you here at Bartlett Chapel. It is not our desire to duplicate any existing ministries that is currently manifesting itself thru you, but to develop our ministries to magnify what the Lord is doing in and through you.

So may I conclude: “It’s good to be home!”

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### Question of the Month: **WHY DOES GOD ALLOW SUFFERING?**

Why would a God who is in charge of the world allow suffering to happen? United Methodists believe that God created humankind with a capacity for free will. That free will has no meaning if our decisions do not have consequences. Our free choice of sin not only breaks our relationship with God, but tears into the fabric of human relationships. So United Methodists understand that some human suffering is because of what our sin leads us to do to one another.

Even after we make allowances for the sufferings that we humans cause, there remain events and circumstances that seem meaningless and without any reasonable explanation. God can redeem suffering. The power of the resurrection overcoming Jesus’ death on the cross reveals how God can enter into our suffering and bring from it victory.

God does not cause suffering, but allows it as the companion to human freedom. The good news in this is that God does not leave us alone in our suffering but enters fully with us into our times of suffering. And from time to time we get glimpses of that reign of God where the perfect image of God is restored and all creation puts away its groaning and has the full fruit of the Spirit. (Romans 8:18-23).

No wonder it is called hope!

## Ice Cream Social - Celebration for Kevin, Erin, and Avery

As most of you are aware, Kevin Bratcher is leaving his position of Youth Director to explore other ministry opportunities. Please join us for a church-wide celebration of Kevin and Erin's service to Bartlett Chapel during an ice cream social in their honor at 5:00 pm, August 9 in the shelter house. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you can provide a freezer of homemade ice cream for this event. Kevin's favorite ice cream is homemade vanilla. We will move inside to the multi-purpose room if the weather is not permitting. Also, we are still collecting photos for a video presentation. If you have a special photo of a youth activity or of Kevin, Erin, or Avery, please place it into the basket in the Narthex.

### WOMEN'S CHORUS

A Women's Chorus will gather for practice on Sunday evening, **AUGUST 2, AT 6:00 P.M.** in the Music Room. ALL women who likes to harmonize, or can carry a tune, please plan on singing with us. Any questions, please call Kay McClain, 745-2375. Thanks.

### BARTLETT 'BELLES'

Bartlett 'Belles' ringers! We will again have practice on **AUGUST 9, at 4:00 p.m.** (you will be out in time to attend Bratcher's party). Please R.S.V.P. to Kay regarding the 9th. Thanks, Kay

### **KNOWN MEETINGS THIS MONTH**



#### Care Bears

Care Bears will meet on Tuesday, **August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.** New members are always welcome to join the Care Bears. Any questions please contact Kay McClain at 745-2375.

#### Trustees

The Church Trustees will meet on **Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00 pm.** All members of this team are urged to attend. Any questions please contact Jim Sell, Chairman at 745-5947.

#### Bartlett Women's Society

BWS will meet at **10:00 am on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** to carpool to the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis.

#### Church Council

Church Council meeting will be **Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

### **CARD WORKSHOP**

The Card Making Workshop will meet on **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.** At the church. If you

are interested in making greeting cards you are invited and welcome to attend. Any questions please call Janie Schaeffer at 271-8183.

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON**

All seniors are invited to the monthly Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, **August 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am** at Dave's Pizza on the west edge of Danville. Any 'Senior' available during the day at lunchtime is cordially invited to join us for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Bobby Crawford 272-0169 if you have any questions.

### **COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

On **August 29** we will be having our **5th Annual Bartlett Chapel Community Festival from 12:00 – 6:00 PM.** This is an outreach program for our community. This is our chance to show our community how great Bartlett Chapel is. We will have free food, games, inflatable's and music. There will also be a tent for community services information.

I'm sure at this point you are asking yourself, "How can I help?" Here are some ways: We will need a bunch of volunteers to help make this a success. There are a variety of areas you could help...food, games, inflatable's, parking, hospitality tent, etc. Be watching for sign-up sheets outside the office on the table. Another way of helping is to donate items we will need to give away as prizes at the games: cans of pop, candy (please no chocolate due to hot weather) any little item that could be given away as prizes (bubbles, pens, pencils, play dough, etc.) We will also accept monetary donations as well. Any help is greatly appreciated.

*New to the festival this year is the **Bartlett Chapel Talent Showcase.** We would like to "show off" our very talented church members. This showcase is for any talent you may have.... playing an instrument, singing, dancing, acting, juggling, etc. and there is no age limit. Please look for a sign-up sheet on the table outside the office. Help us show our community what a talented group of people we have at Bartlett Chapel. **To date no one has signed up – this is a talent show not a contest, please all you talented people get signed up to show your God given talents!!***

To make this festival a success and to show our community what Bartlett Chapel is all about we need a lot of support and help from our congregation. Please pray about how God wants you to help with this outreach program. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Selch at 403-6184.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Erin Bratcher has been alternating with Jean Cline to do SPY Kids during 2nd Service. She has done a wonderful job and will be missed by the kids as she and Kevin move on to new ministry callings. We do need someone who would be willing to take her place every other month during either service. Lessons are easy to prepare and supplies and equipment are ready for you on Sunday morning. Please prayerfully consider serving in this position and let Joanna Sell - 745-5957- know that you are going to help in this ministry.

## VBS WRAP UP

Camp E.D.G.E. – Experience and Discover God Everywhere was an exciting week at Bartlett. We had about 68 children each night who had fun experiencing God's word and love in many new ways. They learned to stay close to God, follow God, learn from God, love God and others, and go where God sends them. Their mission project was to "fill a tent" with food and necessities for the less fortunate of Hendricks County. They collected a tent full which totaled 527 items. Way to serve others kids. This great time could not have happened without the dedicated volunteers who gathered, planned, decorated, instructed, guided, and served these children. I could not possibly name everyone or everything that was done by volunteers this week or tally the many hours of preparation and time with the children.

The children who have attended VBS this week and the committee would like to say a great big THANK YOU to all of you who stepped up and helped make this week so meaningful for so many children in such a fun way. Thank you for the yummy snack items, the fun craft materials, the decorations, music, the time with the children to help them learn about Jesus in a fun way, the prayers and all the preparation before hand. We know by what you did for the children **and** the other staff that you love Jesus and want to serve him by loving and serving others. Thank you for all the prayers that you sent up this week. We had several problems but God provided an answer almost as quick as the problem occurred. As the children learned, He is an awesome God. God bless you all.

### SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWS DEADLINE

**August 16<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for the **September Newsletter** items. Please email to: bev\_griffith@yahoo.com or turn them in at the office.

## BRIDAL SHOWER

All ladies are invited to come and help **Kirsten Johnson** share in the special joy of a Bridal Shower on **Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 2:00 P.M. at Bartlett Chapel. Kirsten and Chris Mains will be married at Bartlett on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Kirsten is registered at Target & Macy's. Let's make this a special celebration for Kirsten.



## WEDDING INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the celebration as  
**Kirsten Cameron Johnson**  
&  
**Christopher Michael Mains**  
join together in Holy Matrimony on

**September 12, 2009**  
**1:30 in the afternoon**

**Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church**

**Dessert reception immediately following at**  
**Blanton Woods E state**  
**700 North Washington Street**  
**Danville, IN 46122**

**RSVP is required by August 22, 2009 at**  
**[www.mywedding.com /chrisandkirsten](http://www.mywedding.com/chrisandkirsten)**  
**or (317) 209-8281**

## JOY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This program is designed to help the people attending Bartlett Chapel to get to know one another. The idea is simple, we put groups of 5 or 6 adults together for three months, and ask them to do something together once a month. At the end of the three months we regroup and do it again! You may join at any time or if you feel you want a break you can have your name taken out for awhile, both ways by contacting Jim Murray (745-6603).

**2009 NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE  
For Men of All Ages (13 & older)**

The East 91<sup>st</sup> St. Christian Church is hosting this 2009 Indiana Men's Conference on **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** in Indianapolis.

Early registration group rate with 10 or more men registering is \$39.99 ea. Early registration individual rate is \$48.00. There will be worship – seminars – exhibitors and resources for all to enjoy!

Early bird registration must be made to Dave Griffith by **September 14<sup>th</sup>**. Make checks payable to Men's Ministry Network. Doors will open at 7:30 A.M. for registration and Exhibit areas and the Conference will begin at 8:30 A.M. and will conclude at 4:55 P.M.

Lunch break will be at 12 Noon. For more information please contact Dave Griffith at 745-4972.

**BARTLETT CAREBEARS**

On Saturday morning, July 18, the Bartlett Care Bears sponsored a brunch at the Plainfield Cracker Barrel for church members who are Caregivers. Other events sponsored by the Care Bears are: on Valentine's Day, a single's breakfast for those who have lost their spouse, a Single's Holiday Luncheon in December, Teddy Bear Sunday, visiting the sick and homebound patients, food for the sick and bereaved among other needs of caring. If you would like to take part in the Care Bears, please attend our next meeting, Tuesday, August 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the church. For more information, please contact Rex or Kay McClain (745-2375).

**BARTLETT HISTORY  
DID YOU KNOW THAT?**

While Bill Burdsall was a student at Cascade High School, his co-ed basketball team was Indiana State Champions in the adult age group of the Special Olympics!

In 1966, Loretta Shain accepted a part-time position as the first person hired to assist the librarian, Jesse Thomas, at the Avon-Washington Township Library?

Millie Wyant and her late husband, Ralph, enjoyed hiking, backpacking and camping. They hiked the Grand Canyon (3 times), Yosemite, Smokies and a 60 mile backpacking hike in the Sierra Nevada Mountains?

Becky Doty grew up as a Nazarene minister's daughter?

Rex McClain and Nancy Munn are brother and sister?

**ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**Please Note:** You will be returning to campus very soon and may have a new mailing address this year. In order for the church to have a current address that will help us to be in contact with you please notify the church office with this year's address. You may email to: **bev\_griffith@yahoo.com** or send by your parents, U.S. mail or however is best for you but please let us know a new or any changes in your address. Thanks in advance for this info. God be with you and may all of you have a great year!

**BARTLETT HISTORY- REMEMBER WHEN?**

**45 Years Ago**

**Aug., 1964** - The Adult Fellowship is mowing the Abner Creek Cemetery.

**15 Years Ago**

**Aug. 27, 1994** - The Kersey's and the Murray's were host to a croquet party at the Bartlett Croquet Field! Twenty-three Christian Builder's Class members "enjoyed" playing under "Jim Murray's International Rules of Croquet"!

**10 Years Ago**

**Aug., 1999** - The nominating committee of the UMW were Chairman, Julie Hershberger, Wilma Crawford, Dorothy Brooks, Barbara Wilson and Claudia Trauschke.

**Aug. 28, 1999** - The first ever Bartlett Golf Outing was held. The inaugural first team winners were Leon Davis, Norm Shelley and Pat Shelley.

**1 Year Ago**

**Aug. 23, 2008** - The Council on Ministries Retreat was held to plan the ministries of the church for the next several months with our new Pastor, Don Cline.

*Rex McClain, Bartlett Historian*

**SKITTLES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS  
ON GOING PROJECT OF  
DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS**

The S.K.I.T.T.L.E.S. high school Sunday School class is continuing to help Project Homeless. You may put your food and clothing donations in the collection box located next to the elevator. For any monetary donations, make checks payable to Project Homeless. Any support is appreciated. Thanks!

**NEW MEMBERS**

New members to Bartlett Chapel received on July 12, 2009 are: **Ed & Bonnie Coopriders, Dennis & Dorothy Dodson and son, Derek, Ed & Jane Krakowski, David & Dorothy Roberson and Sara Thompson.** We welcome our new members with loving hearts and pray God's blessings on them as they worship with us in the family of God at Bartlett Chapel.

**ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS**

In a very short time all the schools in Hendricks County will resume for the 2009-2010 school year. Please keep our church family students, as well as all other students, teachers and administrators in prayer that they will have a great school year. May you all 'learn a lot' and have a fun year too. God be with you!

**THANK YOU'S**

Dear Bartlett Friends,  
 Thank you so much for your concern, prayers, and cards both before and after my recent surgery. It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a caring church family!

*In God's Love,  
 Jo Ann Murray*

Dear Bartlett Chapel Friends,  
 I just want to say "Thank you" for all prayer, concerns and visits during my stay in the hospital and Rehab. Also for helping me out at home, especially Pastor Don, Dave & Beverly at the E.R. the day I went, and for Pastor Dennis for his home visit. They all mean more than words can say.

*Thanks again,  
 Carol Hoover*

To My Bartlett Chapel Friends,  
 I wish to 'thank you' for the love shown to me by the many cards I received at the recent passing of my dear sister. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated more than words can ever say.

*Sincerely,  
 Eileen Welcher*

Dear Bartlett Chapel Family,  
 Thanks so much for all the blessings of prayers, calls, visits, lovely cards, and great food while I "endured" my hip replacement! We really were overwhelmed by your many kindnesses. What a Great Church Family We Have!!

*Louise & Bud  
 Thompson*

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY ADDITIONS**

**Rob Barnes** - 1378 Macintosh Dr., Avon, IN 46123  
 Conner, Tucker & Lila

**Dennis & Dorothy Dodson** - 11 Roselawn Ave,  
 Brownsburg, IN 46112 (Phone: 852-7015)  
 Derek

**Doug & Leilani Hittle** - 3034 Garden View Terrance,  
 Danville, IN 46122 (Phone: 317-386-3037)

**Ed & Jane Krakowski**- 8119 Crystal Ct., Avon, IN  
 46123 (Phone: 272-4727)

**Rita Reed** - 13 Danbury Ct., Danville, IN 46123  
 (Phone: 809-7013)

<b><u>KNOWN AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	
Aug.3	Debi Chriscinske, Cody Spicer ( <b>First</b> )
5	John Withner, Wes Morgan
6	Ann Baldwin, Nikolas Johnson
7	Tim Mongan, Jordan Hershberger, Adriana Hershberger, Cathy Foreman
8	Jeff Baldwin, Vicki Mahon
11	Paul Trauschke, Laura Myers
16	Keith Knight, Debbie Heylman
18	Bob Brown, Christian Smith, David T. Griffith, Mary Kay Schroeder
25	Edna Sieck
26	Naomi Thurmond, Lynn Roberts, Addison Altman
27	Kevin Knight
28	Millie Wyant
29	Brenda Short, Virginia Morgan
30	Jeanie Weakly
31	David Howard, Trissa Whitesell, Shirley Welch
<b><u>KNOWN AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>	
3	Don & Jean Cline ( <b>35<sup>th</sup></b> ), Josh & Lynne Hill
6	Steve & Denise Loehden Beauchamp
10	Warren & Leanna Sherman
11	Wilfred & Ruth Ann Franklin, Billie & Sarah Gotlieb, Jeff & Carrie Houser
17	Jim & Jo Ann Murray ( <b>40<sup>th</sup></b> )
20	Brian & Brenda Short, Mike & Linda Carr
21	Kevin & Julie Cumbie
23	Jeff & Patty Baldwin
29	Ken & Mary Luhman
30	Jim & Marge Vogel

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Pastor: Don Cline  
Pastor of Visitation: Dennis Dodson  
Director of Youth Ministry: Kevin Bratcher  
Ministers: All Members of our Church!

Traditional Worship.....8:45 AM  
Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM  
Contemporary Worship... 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:45 PM

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