



Words of Faith

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ 10th – Men's Group
- ❖ 20th – Ad Council
- ❖ 30th – Newsletter Deadline

Sundays:

- 9:45 am – Sunday School
- 10:45 am – Worship
- 5:30 pm – Bible Study
- 5:30 pm – Youth Group

Tuesdays:

- 6 am – Prayer Time

Wednesdays:

- 12:30 pm – Women's Study Group
- 6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 pm - Choir practice

Thursdays:

- 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group

Friday:

- 6 pm – AA Group

Saturday:

- 1 pm – Covenant Discipleship Group

2nd Tuesday of the Month

- 6:30 pm – H.E.A.R.T.S. Support Group

RESURRECTION AND NEW BIRTH

By Pastor Lisa H. May

Resurrection and new birth come through the gift of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior. That is our confession, but how often do we take the time to really let that sink in. For people who have come to that knowledge recently that statement brings tears of joy to their eyes. But for those of us who have been walking in this faith for years, sometimes for our entire lives, we come to take those words for granted. We get so caught up in "doing" for the Lord that we don't take the time to really meditate and reflect on the awesome gift we have received and in which we live.



This is true for pastors as well. That is why I feel the need for some time away. Renewal leave is not vacation, but a time to "be" with God and rest, reflect, pray and refresh. My commitment is to spend an hour daily in God's word, to pray, but mostly to listen. Our District Superintendent has added the requirement of 1 day per week spent in silence. I plan to spend time creatively playing the guitar, singing, drawing, journaling to get in touch with the gifts God has given me that too often go neglected. I will be reading and journaling daily for my own spiritual nourishment while also seeking God's vision for our life together here at Faith Community UMC. But mostly I will be resting.

Know that while I am away, I will be praying for you and will continue to hold you in my heart. That being said, I have been diligently delegating my responsibilities to others in the congregation. The only reason I can do this, is because I know that I am leaving you in good hands. **Elaine Hartman** will preach in my absence and will lead Wednesday night prayer service. **Marsha Stewart** will be leading the Sunday night Bible Study, **Kristin Harper** will coordinate the Wednesday Women's group and **Kim Hubbard** the Thursday night Women's group. **Debbie Maskey** will be checking church email and messages and making sure they get to the right people. She will continue to coordinate the prayer chains as she has been doing for some time now.

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Resurrection and New Birth *cont'd from Page 1*

Tom & Colleen Messamer, John and Jo Ann Smith and Russell & Marcie Webster will be serving as shepherds alongside Ellaine. These folks stand ready to talk with you and minister to you during my absence. If you are facing medical procedures or surgeries please let them know. If you are struggling with faith issues please seek them out to talk it through and pray with you.

I will miss all of you while I am gone, but I will come back to you in better health physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally for having taken this time away. God has big plans for us and I am looking forward to amazing ministry with you in the months and hopefully years to come!

"God be with you till we meet again!"
Pastor Lisa

An Old Wives Tale and Some Good Advice

By Wayne Hoffman

Life is full of opportunity, some expected and some not.

How often do we have opportunities fall right into our laps and don't even notice them, because we are not looking for them? Sometimes opportunities come to us disguised and we just don't recognize them for what they are.

I once had an opportunity come along disguised as an Old Wives Tale.

I was raised by my grandparents on a farm in central Indiana. We lived in an old farm house that was over 100 years old, so it had a few cracks here and there.

I guess I was about 13 when one night I turned down the blankets on my bed and there on my pillow laid a bat. Startled, I yelled out which of course brought my grandparents running. My grandfather, always easy going, very casually laid my ball cap over the Bat, opened the window and tossed it out into the night. No big deal. That should have been the end of it. However, it seems there is an old wives tale that says "If you find a bat in the house someone in the family is about to die." Since it was found in my room, guess who was nominated. My grandmother got on the phone and called every friend and family member she could think of to announce my impending doom. Not a great comfort for a 13 year old.



The next day life went on as usual and the Bat was all but forgotten about by the end of the day. Like I did every evening I jumped on our tractor to go round up the cows for milking. After about an hour or so the cows had come home..... but I didn't.

Concerned, my grandfather set-out looking for me, assuming I had been distracted by something more fun than milking cows. He first saw the tractor setting at the bottom of a hill and I wasn't on it. As he got closer he could hear me yelling out for help. It soon became obvious that I was penned underneath the rear wheel of the tractor.

I was rushed to the hospital and they determined that I had a dislocated shoulder, 6 cracked ribs and a badly damaged knee on which the tractor had set for well over an hour. I was bruised from head to toe by the tire lugs and was very sore, but I wasn't going to die just yet.

I loved to play baseball and even showed some promise at 2nd base, but those days were over. My knee was in no condition to play competitively any longer.

Turns out that wasn't such a bad thing! I could no longer play, but my coaches knew that I still had talent they could use. They taught me to be a statistician and made me Team Statistician for all sports, a job I kept all the way through High School.

An opportunity disguised as an Old Wives Tale had fallen right into my lap. I learned how to have fun with numbers. Not just math, but fun stuff like batting averages and free throw percentages. I was having as much fun making calculations and tracking school records as I did making plays at second base.

About the same time in life my grandfather gave me some great advice. He said "Learn everything you can - about everything you can - and be the best you can be - at being the best you can be."

Taking my grandfathers advice to heart, I am always looking for new learning opportunities. Moving from Indianapolis to Independence just two years ago has been a great opportunity for me.

Through the years I have enjoyed many employment opportunities, but none better than the one I have now. I'm a Six Sigma Black Belt. Every day I make calculations, track records and have fun, just like I did in high school.

I hope you are just as lucky in finding your perfect opportunity and when you do find it, I hope there aren't any bats or tractors involved.

Apr. 4 – Lexi Duck, Troy Harmon
 Apr. 11 – Kirsten Duck, Kathy Bushong
 Apr. 18 – Andy Duck, George Ward
 Apr. 25 – Marie Binkley, Dave Britt



From the Nurture Chair – Kim Duck

Movie Night – Friday, May 14th

We have a movie night planned for Friday, May 14th. The planned movie is "The Blind Side". We will have pizza and snacks. We are asking for a \$2.00 donation to offset the cost of the food. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Show time is 7 pm!

Upcoming Events:

June 14-18 – VBS
 July 11th – Cookout
 July 31st – Annual Yard Sale

VBS

Get ready for a High Seas Expedition in June as we explore the mighty love of God. Chadder and his friends will once again be joining us. Ship sets sail June 14-18. Ages: potty trained thru rising 6th grade. (If children are not potty trained, then we ask that a parent stays with them).



Remember that we are collecting plastic lids from water and soda bottles for a craft. I will need over 1200 of these, as each craft will require 25. Ask your neighbors, friends and relatives to help us save them. There is a box in

the narthex to deposit them. I will also need some Styrofoam peanuts, (about 50), for another craft. If you have any of these they can be placed in the same box.

From the Nursery

Thank you everyone who volunteers their time in the nursery. Your time is greatly appreciated! With warm weather arriving and summer quickly approaching, please keep the availability roster up to date.

One Nation Under God!

Please keep in your prayers the following persons serving in the military:



Lisa Maskey (Iraq)
Eric Roberts
Jeff Smith
Jake Webb (Iraq)

Corporate Fundraisers



Kroger's Community Rewards & Thornton's Fundworks –

These programs are run through the use of rechargeable gift cards. Just put the money you intend to spend on the card and our church will receive a % back in the form of a donation. Thornton's Fundworks cards are available here in the narthex. If you want to receive a Kroger card, please see Kenny Sowards.



Waffle House **Waffle House**

Put your receipts from Waffle House in the box in the narthex.

GFS – Remkes – Meijer

These programs are run through the use of membership cards. Just present your cards to the cashier, at the time of purchase, and a % of that purchase will come back in the form of a donation. Forms for these cards are available in the narthex or at the store's service desk.



7th Annual Aldersgate Camp Golf Scramble

Friday, May 21 at 1:00 PM
 Gibson Bay Golf Course
 Richmond, KY

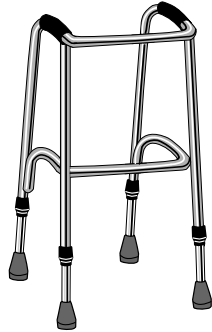
The cost per player is \$65.00, includes cart, green fees, drinks, tee prizes and a cookout following the event. Individuals, businesses or churches can become a Hole Sponsor by contributing \$200.00.

To sign up or for more information, contact Brad Smart at 606-316-0402 or golf4camp@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit the ministries of Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center

Do You Need a Walker?

The church now has a few walkers on hand for members to borrow.

Contact Pastor Lisa to see what is available to be loaned to you for personal and family use.



If you have some equipment that you would like to loan out, (walkers, wheelchair, crutches, etc.) let us know as well!

MARCH 20TH SPAGHETTI DINNER Fundraiser for the Fellowship Hall a Huge Success!

By Shirley Pinkerton, Witness Chair

O just want to say thanks for selling your tickets and coming to the dinner. I think everyone had a good time and a lot of fun. It just goes to show if we all work together as a church family, God will let wonderful things come our way. When we found out how much we raised, I felt so blessed to be a part of this church.



Just remember when we see the new flooring down, it's there because we all came together as a church family and worked for the good of the church.

That being said the next big event will be the Thanksgiving dinner. Last year we fed about 125 people. Let's do better this year. If we work together as a united church family, great things will happen at our church. By opening our doors to the community we are letting the community know that we our God's children and everyone is invited to come into our church to worship our Lord and Savior. Once again, thanks to each and every one of you for helping our dinner to be a success!

TRUSTEE POINT PERSON FOR APRIL

COLLEEN MESSAMER

If you notice a maintenance issue, let Colleen know!

Ladies of FCUMC Tea Party

By Shirley Pinkerton, Witness Chair

As you know, May 9th is Mother's Day! I know we all have special women in our lives. It might be our mother or a special friend. I would like to have a tea on May 8th from Noon to 2 pm to celebrate the special women in our lives.

What will happen is a couple ladies get together and invite 8 people to sit at their table. Each group will set their own table with cup, plates, etc. You will provide the drinks and lunch for the women you invite. We will ask a couple of people to speak and we are asking Marsha's sister to sing for us. It will be a wonderful time and fellowship with each other. Kim Hubbard and I will be able to answer any questions you might have. I will put a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.



Let's make this a wonderful Mother's Day for the special women in our lives. God bless you all – hope to see your name on the sign-up sheet. I would like to have at least 6 tables that would take 12 people so let's get together with a partner and have a wonderful day!

Green, Yellow, Pray

By Kim Duck

A few week ago, I left home for work a couple of minutes later than normal. As I neared an intersection, the light changed from green to yellow. I work close to home and was in no danger of being late, yet I was still annoyed with the delay.

While sitting at the light, it dawned on me that instead of frustration what I needed to do was use this time for prayer! There are times that I can only chuckle as light after light changes to yellow as I approach. Other times I have been deep in prayer and disappointed when the light changes to green, only to laugh as the next light changes so I can finish praying. God puts obstacles in our way to get us to slow down and turn to him. It is up to us to use them to our advantage!

Spaghetti Dinner Pictures



Easter Through the Ages – A Quiz

(found on www.christianitytoday.com)

1. From its earliest observance, the Christian celebration of Easter was closely linked with which Jewish holiday?
 - Hanukkah
 - Passover
 - Yom Kippur
 - Rosh Hashanah
2. Around the year 326, Emperor Constantine ordered the traditional site of Christ's crucifixion and burial to be excavated and a church to be built there. According to some accounts, what did the diggers discover that convinced them they had found right place?
 - Pilate's sign saying "The King of the Jews"
 - An empty bone box with the name "Jesus of Nazareth" carved in it
 - A shroud with the faint outline of a face
3. Foot washing is traditionally associated with which day of Holy Week?
 - Palm Sunday
 - Maundy Thursday
 - Good Friday
 - Holy Saturday
4. If you followed the *Via Dolorosa* in Jerusalem, where would you end up?
 - The Church of the Holy Sepulchre
 - The Mount of Olives
 - The Garden Tomb
 - The Garden of Gethsemane
5. Why didn't the Puritans celebrate Easter?
 - They were killjoys who hated to see people celebrating anything.
 - They believed that the Christian holiday had been hopelessly compromised by the chocolate industry
 - They believed that every Sunday was a celebration of Christ's resurrection
 - None of the above
6. Who wrote the lyrics to "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," one of the most beloved Easter hymns?
 - Fanny Crosby
 - John Wesley
 - Isaac Watts
 - Charles Wesley
7. At the Synod of Whitby in 664, the king of Northumbria chose to follow the Roman date for Easter instead of the Celtic date for Easter. Why?
 - Roman monks shaved their heads in a more attractive style than Celtic monks
 - The Roman Christians appealed to the authority of St. Peter, who they believed held the keys to the kingdom of heaven
 - The Roman missionaries had impressed the Celtic Christians with their courtesy and cross-cultural sensitivity
 - None of the above

8. According to one Eastern Orthodox legend, Mary Magdalene or Mary the mother of Jesus set a basket of eggs under Jesus' cross. What happened to the eggs?
 - They broke open and were empty inside
 - They hatched and a dozen birds flew away
 - They turned blood red
 - None of the above
9. In the fourth century, a pilgrim named Egeria described the elaborate celebration of Holy Week in Jerusalem. She remarked that deacons carefully guarded the remains of Christ's wooden cross as worshipers knelt to kiss it – why?
 - Anyone who go too close would be able to tell that it wasn't really the right cross
 - The wood was in fragile condition and could disintegrate easily
 - Muslim invaders were trying to steal it
 - An overzealous worshiper had once bitten off a piece of the cross
10. According to the third-century theologian Tertullian, early Christians believed that Easter was the most appropriate time to do what?
 - Get baptized
 - Get married
 - Decorate eggs
 - Start wearing white shoes again

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Church Family News

A thank you note for the church was received from the Frank Family.

From Dave Britt:

And you will know them by their fruits. Matthew 7-16 tells us that you will know the true disciple by the fruits. I have personally witnessed the love, prayers, gifts and caring that in my mind makes this church truly special.

I would like to thank everyone in this church for all the support you have given me and my family during this very difficult time in our lives. Your prayers, words of encouragement, gifts of food and flowers, calls and cards provided great comfort and I am very grateful for this church. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Dave Britt, Jason and Amanda, Jeremy and Kirsten Duck

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group 7 pm – Holy Thursday Service	2 <i>Good Friday</i> 6pm – AA Group	3 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group
 4 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship Noon – Easter Egg Hunt	5	6 6 am – Prayer Time	7 12:30 pm Women's Study Group 6:30 pm –Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm – Choir Practice	8 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group	9 6pm – AA Group	10 9 am – Men's Group 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group
11 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship 2-4 – Covington District Conference 5:30 pm – Bible Study 5:30 pm– Youth Group	12	13 6 am – Prayer Time 6:30 pm – H.E.A.R.T.S. Support Group	14 12:30 pm Women's Study Group 6:30 pm –Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm – Choir Practice	15 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group 7 pm – Trustee' Meeting	16 6pm – AA Group	17 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group
18 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship 5:30 pm – Bible Study 5:30 pm– Youth Group	19	20 6 am – Prayer Time 7 pm – Ad Council	21 12:30 pm Women's Study Group 6:30 pm –Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm – Choir Practice	22 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group	23 6pm – AA Group	24 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group
25 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship 5:30 pm – Bible Study 5:30 pm– Youth Group	26	27 6 am – Prayer Time 7pm – Crafters	28 12:30 pm Women's Study Group 6:30 pm –Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm – Choir Practice	29 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group	30 6pm – AA Group <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	

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 Finance Chair Todd Bennett
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 Lay Leader Tom Messamer
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 Outreach Chair Kathy Bushong
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 Recording Secretary Debbie Maskey
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 Witness Chair Shirley Pinkerton
 Youth Leader Kenny Sowards

Next Newsletter Deadline: April 30th

Submit information

- to the church office
- fax to 859-342-7507, or
- email to dmaskey@administrativeedge.net

(Clip and save this while Pastor Lisa is on renewal leave)

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Answers to Easter Quiz on page 6:

1. Passover
2. A tomb and pieces of Jesus' cross
3. Maundy Thursday
4. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre
5. They believed that every Sunday was a celebration of Christ's resurrection
6. Charles Wesley
7. The Roman Christians appealed to the authority of St. Peter, who they believed held the keys to the kingdom of heaven
8. They turned blood red
9. An overzealous worshiper had once bitten off a piece of the cross
10. Get baptized

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