



March—April 2010

Community United Methodist Church, Inc. Aurora, IN.
St. Paul United Methodist Church-Sunman, Inc. Sunman, IN.

“Open Minds, Open Hearts and Open Doors”



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Good Friday Service
To Be Held At The Community
United Methodist Church.
April 2, 2010 — 7:00 p.m.
Bring A Friend To Worship
The Lord . Remember The Lord
Gave His Life For You!

EGG HUNT



For Kids

Community United Methodist Church
April 3, 2010 / 1:30 p.m.
Prizes And Refreshments For Everyone

St. Paul United Methodist Church
March 27, 2010 / 11:00 a.m.
Parsonage Park
Refreshments After Egg Hunt



Sunrise Service
Easter Sunday - 6:30 am

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Services Will
Be Held At St. Paul United Methodist
Church. Service Starts At 6:30 a.m.**

**Breakfast Will Be Served
Immediately After The Sunrise**



Easter Sunday Worship Services
Community United Methodist
Church Services Start At 9:00 a.m.
Special Music By
“The Praise Team”
Inspirational Easter Message



From the
MINISTER

“How Do you Pray?”

I have been asked many times, “How should I Pray”. I thought maybe I could give you some ideas and suggestions on prayer.

Be simple and direct in your secret prayer. The grace of simplicity is not to be despised in public prayer, but when we call on God in secret, any formality or elaborateness in our petitions is an offense.

Pray audibly. You need not lift your voice to be heard in the street, but it is vastly better to pray not merely in your thoughts but also with words. The utterance of our wants helps to define them.

Be honest in your secret prayer. Do not express any want that you do not feel. Do not confess any fault that you do not mean to forsake. Do not keep anything back. Remember that it is He that searcheth the heart to who you are speaking.

Pray earnestly. The words need not be loud, but the desire should be intense. “The fervent, energetic prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” “The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.” No listless, drowsy, petitioning will serve.

Do not mock God in your prayers. Do not beg him to come to you. You know that He is never far from any soul that seeks him. That prayer is answered before you utter it. Do not ask God to do for you that which He has expressly forbidden you to do.

Pray always with special reference to the needs of the day and the hour—the warfare to be waged, the temptations to be resisted, the work to be done., the sorrow to be borne; put your life into your prayer, and let it be the most real and the most immediate business of your life.

I thought this little story might make a good lesson. Three ministers were talking about prayer in general and the appropriate and effective positions for prayer. As they were talking, a telephone repairman was working on the phone. One minister shared that he felt the key was in the hands. He always held his hands together and pointed them upward as a form of symbolic worship. The second suggested that real prayer was conducted on your knees. The third suggested that they both had it wrong—the only position worth its salt was to pray while stretched out flat on your face.

By this time the phone man couldn’t stay out of the conversation any longer. He interjected: “I found that the most powerful prayer I ever made was while I was dangling upside down by my heels from a power pole, suspended forty feet above ground.”

Shalom,

Pastor Duane

Board of Directors Meetings

Community Church, Inc.

March 3, 2010—6:30 p.m.

April 7, 2010— No Meeting

St. Paul Church-Sunman, Inc.

March 2, 2010—6:30 p.m.

April 6, 2010 — No Meeting

Other Meetings of Interest

Community United Methodist, Inc.

Growth & Development

March 10, 2010—7:00 p.m.

April 14, 2010—7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Women

NO MEETING IN MARCH 2010

Church Council Meetings

Community Church, Inc.

March 3, 2010—7:30 p.m.

April 7, 2010— No Meeting

St. Paul Church-Sunman, Inc.

March 2, 2010—7:00 p.m.

April 6, 2010— No Meeting

Other Meetings At St. Paul

United Methodist Women

March 2, 2010—6:00 p.m.

April 6, 2010 — No Meeting

**If you cannot attend a meeting,
please contact the chairperson
and advise them.**

**This helps them to prepare
for the meeting.**

Fellowship Breakfast At Community

March 21, 2010

“The Hurley Family”

April 18, 2010

“Community Youth Group”

Breakfast Starts At 8:15 a.m.

**If You Would Like To Volunteer To Pre-
pare Breakfast, Please Call The Church
Office At 812-623-2382**



Church Meetings

Community United Methodist Youth

**United Methodist Youth will meet the first
and third Sundays of each month
at the church.**

Meeting Dates And Times:

March 7, 2010—10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

March 21, 2010—10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

April 4, 2010—No Meeting Easter Sunday

April 18, 2010—10:00 to 11:00 a.m.



**IT'S A BOY!
Taylor!**

Madelyn Marie Kyle Proudly Announces The Birth
Of Her New Brother

Taylor David Martin Kyle

Born February 4, 2010
8 lb 1/2 oz / 21 Inches

Parents:

Tim and Rachel Kyle

Grandparents:

Dan and Mary Kyle / Sandy Richey and Randy Richey

Community United Methodist Women's Class

By: Beverly James

Our women's class is made up of: Mildred, Adelaide, Mary, Charlotte, Esther and Beverly. Each Sunday as we meet you can be sure there will be a lively discussion. We each share in the reading of the lesson, and often stop to ask questions or comment on a particular passage.

Mildred Martin is our teacher and the questions we ask her she will always try to find an answer for us. Our time together is filled with thoughts and opinions we each have. In addition to the lesson, we have shared moments in our own lives.

We have all had sorrow and joy in our lives, so we bring this blending to our Sundays, as we read and share the lesson, we share a closeness that only time spent together can bring.

For myself, I feel blessed with the friendships formed, and the understanding and compassion that is in the class. I think it helps us to better understand the lessons we study together.

We are each different and unique. As we read Paul's comment on Sunday from Romans 8: 28-30 we know that all things work for good for those who love God.

We would like to invite you to our class next Sunday!

St. Paul Sunday Bible Class
by: Pam Kaiser

The Bible Class at St. Paul will use the DVD “Victory at Jerusalem” for our Lenten study during the four Sundays in March. The DVD will depict scenes from the Holy Land at the time of the death and resurrection of Christ.

In April and May we will study Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount and take an in depth look at the Beatitudes. Our resource will be the book “Beatitudes from the Back Side by Asbury Theological Seminary President J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Our class time helps us to grow in understanding of God’s Word and strengths of our faith in Christian living. We welcome all to join us at 9:30AM each Sunday.

“Mission Statement From St. Paul United
Methodist Church”

We, the people of St. Paul United Methodist Church, being called to be Servants of God, has as our model Jesus Christ. In Fellowship and love, we strive to be obedient to the Word of God by joyfully witnessing in word and deed to God’s promise of salvation to all.

The Executive Planning Committee That Wrote This
Mission Statement Was:

Ray Butt, Pam Kaiser, Doug Butt, Esther Edmondson,
David Schwing, Donna Disney, Marilyn Davidson,
Kerri Hildebrand, Karen Scrange.

“What Is The Paschal Candle?”

This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some Churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.

**St Paul United Methodist Church - Sunman, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting January 5, 2010**

Earl Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM, at the St. Paul United Methodist Church Sunman, Inc.

Pastor Duane Loos began with prayer.

Note books were distributed with last minutes in them, Earl gave a few minutes for everyone to read them. There were no additions nor corrections, they stood approved as written by consensus.

Old Business:

- 1. Water fountain – has been installed and will be dedicated at the Memorial Day Service. Earl has spoken to Willa Mae, and she asked if we needed any more money, Earl told her that there was a “gap” in the cost. (the gap is \$446.75)**
- 2. Basement windows – Earl has researched glass block windows for the replacement. They come in a kit, he had a brochure of one type. He reported that it would be approximately \$140.00 per window. He will continue to research this.**
- 3. Update 2004 Inventory – the last inventory we have is dated 2004. We feel we need to do another one and it needs to be kept at the parsonage in the safe. This will be done prior to the next meeting.**
- 4. Reed Property – nothing new on the Reed property, Earl stated that he has seen some activity there. Duane advised he has seen several pick-up truck loads of items being removed, apparently they are cleaning out the garage.**

New Business:

- 1. Earl had a request for the use of the basement for a bridal shower from Tina Butt. Ethelene Grooms made a motion, Marlin Dittmer seconded it for approval of the request. Motion passed.**

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- 2. Mower maintenance – Earl will take the mower to Nugent’s for the annual winter maintenance. Marlin stated he wasn’t sure they were still in business. Earl will call before he takes the mower.**
- 3. Purchase of floor mats for entry – it has been brought to our attention that we need to purchase more entry mats. (one at the basement entrance and one in vestibule by lift entrance) Ethelene advised that we also need one by the table where the hand sanitizer is located, as the sanitizer bleaches out the tile. Janice Hosmer made a motion to purchase the needed mats, Ethelene seconded it, motion passed.**
- 4. Plexiglas for alter and beneath candelabras – the Plexiglas needs replaced, as it is cracking. Marlin voiced a concern with the cost of Plexiglas, it was discussed, and decided to purchase it. Ethelene made a motion to purchase it, Marlin seconded it, motion passes. Marlin will take care of this.**
- 5. Ethelene brought up a concern of the driveway at the parsonage, with mud coming up again by the road. Earl advised he has already spoken to Jason Palmer, and he will work on it again. Jason also will remove snow for the coming year.**
- 6. Duane advised that the thermostat in the back living room (for the electric heaters) isn’t working. He was advised to call Hirt and Elco to have them come to look at it, also to remind them they haven’t done the fall furnace check yet.**

Being no more business, Marlin made a motion to adjourn, Ethelene seconded it, meeting adjourned. / Those in attendance were: Ethelene Grooms, Marlin Dittmer, Earl Kaiser, Janice Hosmer, Duane Loos.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Hosmer, secy.

“The Promise of Christ”

The 14th chapter of John’s gospel contains this promise our Lord gave his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (sometimes translated Comforter), to be with you forever” (John 14:15-16). Jesus added: “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live” (John 14:18-19). What a wonderful promise! Jesus knew he would be dying. He knew the disciples would see his resurrected body. But even after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples wouldn’t be alone. The Holy Spirit would come to comfort and embolden them. “[My] peace I leave with you,” Jesus Concluded. “Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid” (John 14:27).

March—April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Community Birthdays:

March:

- 1—Kay Hurley
- 9—Diana Simonson
- 12—Dale Gellert
- 17—Tim Brooks
- 22—Ashlee Owens
- 25—Irene Chalk
- 26—Rylee Brogan
- 26—Stacy Halbig
- 29—Dustin Sams

April:

- 1—Esther Levi, Kim Chalk
- 1—Bruce Lane, Jr.
- 4—Florence Hussung
- 5—Gabe Lane
- 6—Mary Kyle
- 17—Tim Kyle
- 19—Beth Sauser
- 24—David Marksberry
- 26—Missy Griffis

St. Paul Birthdays:

March:

- 2—Bob Lauber
- 4—Peggy Lauber
- 15—Clarence Magers, Jr.
- 18—Wayne Dunbar
- 22—Jacob Butt
- 25—Parker Lewis
- 28—Don Lauber
- 30—Dianne Dittmer
- 31—Valona Kammeyer

April:

- 2—Janice Hosmer
- 4—Hilda Brashear
- 8—Amy Grooms
- 10—Wayne Rohrig
- 15—Keith Bauman
- 21—Vera Colegate
- 22—Posy Lauber
- 28—Joy Singleton
- 29—Aaron Butt

Community Anniversaries:

March:

- 20—Lowell and Katie Cartwright
- 26—Steve and Jennifer Renninger

April:

- 19—Steve and Judy March



St. Paul Anniversaries

March:

- 21—Earl and Pam Kaiser

April:

- 17—Ed and Dana Davidson

Community Adult Sunday School Class
By: Dan Kyle

An informal atmosphere and a cup of coffee is the setting for the adult class that meets in the fellowship hall after church.

Our recent focus has been on the New Testament and Jesus' ministry leading up to the Crucifixion. We've studied his sermons, and the latter part of his ministry educating the disciples with the highlight of his transfiguration.

We've searched out some of the finer points and learned something new each time we review familiar passages. Applying each lesson to our everyday living is always the lesson's goal. Any Sunday is a good time to join us.

Community United Methodist Church / Our Mission Statement:

We the people of Community United Methodist Church, being the Spirit led Body of Christ, are dedicated to living a Christlike life by: nurturing one another, teaching the gospel, and showing love and compassion to every person.



Welcome
Our New
Member

**Community United Methodist Church
Would Like To Welcome Their Newest Member:**

James (Jim) Walther

**Received Into Membership On:
February 14, 2010**

Little Scholars Preschool

Parent – Teacher conferences were held the second week of January. We met with the majority of the parents. The parents were pleased with the progress their children were making.

During the month of January the children in the four and five year old class began working on numbers, size differences, and continued to work on their alphabet. This class also continues to work on their listening skills, socialization skills and motor (gross and fine) skills.

During the month of January the children in the three and four year old class began working on numbers and size differences. This class also continues to work on their socialization skills, scissors skills, and motor (gross and fine) skills.

Unfortunately during the month of February we missed several days due to the snow. We have had to reschedule our Valentine parties, holding the parties on our first day back after all of the snow days. The children still enjoyed their parties.

We have adopted the policy that if South Dearborn School Corporation delays or cancels we will be closed. Our closings are listed on Channel 5 and WSCH 99.3FM. We are listed as Little Scholars Preschool.

During the month of March we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss week with a number of fun activities. Some plans for this week include dressing wacky for Wacky Wednesday and cooking green eggs and ham. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green to school and doing a craft. The children will also continue working on their alphabet, numbers, size differences, socialization skills, scissors skills, and motor (gross and fine) motor skills. We will begin to plan and learn songs for our Graduation – Promotion Ceremony that will be held in May.

During the month of April we will be celebrating Easter with many activities, lessons, and parties. We will continue to work on the alphabet and numbers.

We are making plans for the 2010-2011 school year. At this time we are accepting new registrations. If you know of someone looking for a preschool, please have them contact us at:

Little Scholars Preschool (812) 926-0174
Susan Klimczewski (Mrs. K.) (812) 432-3179
Jill Hautman (Mrs. H.) (812) 537-9559

We want to say thank you to the person or persons who cleaned the parking lot and sidewalks during the snowy weather. We appreciate all that you have done for us.

We are very grateful to the church and its members for taking us in and allowing us to hold our program in your building. God Bless all of you for your support of our program.

Susan Klimczewski, (Mrs. K.)
Jill Hautman, (Mrs. H.)



*“Acting As Nine”
Ministry Church Cluster Meeting*



The next meeting of the church cluster will be held,
Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**The meeting will be held at the Batesville United Methodist Church
Batesville, Indiana.**

The following churches are in our cluster:

Milan UMC, Osgood UMC, Tyson UMC, Delaware UMC,
Napoleon UMC, St. Paul UMC, Batesville UMC,
Pierceville UMC, Community UMC.

St. Paul UMC Represented by: Dianne Dittmer

Community UMC Represented by: Steve Neal



**Community United Methodist Church
“Food Pantry”**

Hours: Thursday 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Providing Food, Clothing, Small Household Items.

**We Are Trying To Help The Residents Of Our Area
In This Time Of Economic Distress.**

**If You Would Like To Donate Any Items, Please Call
812-623-2382 (Church Office)**



**If You Have A Relative Or Friend
That Has Moved Or Going To Move
And Receiving This Newsletter,
Please Advise The Office Of Their
New Address.**

Office Phone 812-623-2382

**The Reason For This Request, The
Post Office Makes A Charge For Us
To Receive A Change Of Address.**

Community United Methodist Church, Inc.

Worship 9:00 a.m. / Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Church-Sunman, Inc.

Adult Bible Study 9:45 a.m. / Worship 10:30 a.m.

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