# Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them all that he said to her. —John 18:18



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# The Voice on the Village Green

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APRIL 2022

## Palm/Passion Sunday

Observe Holy Week with the telling of the Gospel Story — Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and his journey to the cross.

Sunday, April 10



## **Holy Thursday**

Gather for Holy Communion and Begin Three Days (Triduum) of Reflection on the Cross 6:30 p.m., April 14

## **Easter Sunday**

Celebrate the Resurrection
10:30 Worship
Refreshments and Fellowship afterward
Egg Hunt





## **Newcomer Gatherings**

If you're new (or even new-ish) we're thankful to have you! Please join us for one of the upcoming Newcomer Gatherings this spring! It will be a time for fellowship, learn a little more about the church and its ministry and hear what's planned for the future. You'll even get a tour of the building!

Sunday, April 3 9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 1 11:30 a.m.

## Love God, Love Others, Pass Jt On!

## **April Birthdays**

04/03	Ann Callahan				
04/07	Mary Cartwright				
04/08	Bill Walters				
	David Simon				
04/11	Martha Hughes				
	Gloria Berryman				
04/13	Betsy Kelp Galloway				
04/16	Dottie Weir				
	Rhea Ellen Boley				
	Maddy Oliver				
04/17	Linda Wescott				
04/18	Brenda Anderson				
	Matthew Click				
	Chad Dixon				
	Clayton Fleener				
04/19	Jim Callahan				
04/22	Donna Kubal				
04/21	Jay Lee				
	Karen Johnson				
04/25	Lisa Browning				
04/30	Ashley Simmonds				

#### **April Anniversaries**

04/02 Linda & Bill Todd

### **Belated March Birthdays**

03/01	Layla Bryant				
	Tammera Lane				
03/16	Kathy Roberts				
03/18	Jeff Barnes				
03/20	<b>Brittany Davis-Swinford</b>				
03/21	Mark Dixon				
	David Hoefling				
03/23	Terry Beckinger				

#### **Belated March Anniversaries**

03/13	Diana & Kevin Wright
03/09	Mary & Michael Cartwright
03/10	Ruthann & Martin Bailey

## Some Ways to Offer Encouragement and Care!

Bob Walton, father of Connie Rhodes and Korean War Veteran, will participate in the Honor Flight for Veterans on April 16. You can send letters of appreciation to him and other veterans by getting those lettersto Connie by April 15. A rally honoring the returning veterans will be at Decatur Central High School on April 16 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to come and honor these vets!

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Dottie Weir's 104th birthday is April 16. If you'd like to send birthday wishes or stop by to offer them in person, her address is:

Dottie Weir

Brown County Health and Living

55 WillowStreet

Nashville, IN 47448

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Rod Rich, long time member of NUMC, has moved to Oklahoma to be closer to family members. His new mailing address is

Rod Rich 1601 Academy Road Villa L-5 Ponca City, OK 74604

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#### **Sunday Flowers**

For anyone interested in arranging flowers for a Sunday service, we encourage you to do so! Whether in honor of someone's memory or simply to the Glory of God, you can contact a local florist or bring them from your garden! Just be sure to choose a date and add the appropriate information to the Flower Chart across from the church office.

#### **Online Giving**

Go to www.nashvilleumc.com and click the online giving button

OR Text the amount of your contribution to 844-582-0720

It's quick and easy!

## PRAY'N'PLAY PARK PHASE TWO SOON UNDERWAY!

With the completion of the playground in 2019 the first phase of the church's Pray'n'Play Park began providing a great place for children of the church and community to play.

Phase Two of the church's "Back Porch" is a shelter that will be built between the playground and the church building. Check out the drawing of the Pray'n'Play Park on page 10. The goals for the shelter are:

- A place for parents to gather while they watch their kids play
- A place for NUMY/Scouts/Children's groups to gather for games, programs, fellowship
- A place for outdoor events/classes/gatherings for all ages
- A "back porch" of the church that helps to connect NUMC with the community

Many thanks to the Trustees who are seeing this project through and especially to Gary Manning who is serving as Project Coordinator and General Contractor. Plans are falling into place and the hope is that construction will begin soon after Easter.

Donations to the Pray and Play Park are still welcome! With increased building costs, previously committed funds may come up a little short. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON SUNDAYS BEFORE WORSHIP AT 10:30?

Would you like to connect with others before worship on Sundays? Wondering how to do that? Each month we'll feature one group and give you the schedule and contact info for others. This month our featured group is:

**Sweeter than Honey Class** — this group reads the Bible and other books which help them to learn about the biblical text. Shortly they will begin Walter Brueggeman's The *Prophetic Imagination*. There's no greater biblical scholar who has served the church

and communicated his love for scripture so effectively as has Walter Brueggemann. Sundays at 9:15. If you have questions email Michael Cartwright at mcartwright@uindy.edu.

#### Other groups:

- ⇒ **Green Room.** Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Bill or Linda Todd at ljtodd@gmail.com. In person or by Zoom.
- ⇒ **Basement Bunch.** Email David Shaffer at dshaffer1024@yahoo.com.
- ⇒ **Upper Room Class.** Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Email Bruce Marks at bmarks9708@aol.com.
- ⇒ **Just want to get coffee and chat?** Email Jack Wescott at jwescott@bsu.edu.
- ⇒ **Children's Church.** During worship at 10:30. Sunday School at 9:30.

#### **NURTURE-MEMBER CARE AT NUMC**

In keeping with the mission of Nashville United Methodist Church, "LOVE GOD...LOVE OTHERS...PASS IT ON," the Nurture Member Care committee seeks to provide opportunities for the NUMC church family to connect with and care for each other.

Connecting with and caring for has many faces:

- \* A personal hand made card (by Jan Greenlee) sent from the church with words of comfort, well wishes or congratulations.
- A phone call on your birthday
- Being greeted at worship services on Sundays
- \* Getting or preparing meals when needed
- Co-sponsoring "The Church Has Left the Building" and "The Church Is In the Building" workdays.
- Family care and ushering at funerals,
- Providing welcome information to new members

and appointing "shepherds" to assist new members for their first few months of membership.



- Meals for NUMY on Wed. evenings
- Helping with Young Disciples events
- Providing welcome bags for visitors
- Providing devotional journals for work campers with devotions written by other members SEE NEXT

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- \* How about a phone call from one of the Lifters and Leaners just checking in with you?
- IOrganizing programs such as seasonal book studies or presenting the a video series "The Chosen."
   The possibilities are endless.

Because we Love God and God's people (Others), we are always looking for ways to share His love, to connect people with the church, with each other and with Jesus.

Would you be interested in joining this committee and working with us on this important work? The current members are Deb Beckinger, chair, Susan Barnes, Jan Greenlee, Tammy Galm, and Bruce and Donna Marks. We meet irregularly, many times by email and sometimes at Casa Del Sol for a dinner meeting! Please contact Deb (821-988-2443) or email me at debeckinger@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions. We would love to have you join us!

Deb Beckinger



## NUMC TO HOST 2022 STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE IN APRIL

The United Methodist Foundation of Indiana is holding its 2022 Stewardship Conference here in historic downtown Nashville on April 25-27. Two of the meals will be provided at our church. Topics will include Annual Campaigns, Planned Giving Ministry, Theology of Giving, Capital Campaigns and many more!

This is a unique opportunity for our participation in the Conference as well an opportunity to provide a warm welcome to Methodists from around the state. If you'd like to attend, please email our Finance Chairperson Jay Hancock at whancock@harrisonmoberly.com. If you'd like to be a welcoming host at one of the lunches (April 26 or April 27), email Jan Greenlee at greenlee.jan@att.net.



## Quarterly Financial Information

January-March, 2022

Memorial Donations have been received in memory of:

Marla Bailey John Davis Nel Hamilton Brian Marks

A bequest was received from the Estate of Ray Dillinger

#### **Special Mission Support:**

- \$2980 in support of UMCOR for Ukraine Relief
- \$380 to Cub Pack 190 for help with scouting fees for members
- \$436.70 to Clarity for baby bottle drive

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Operating Fund that supports the Mission and Ministries of the Church.

Detailed Financial Reports are available at Church Council Meetings or the Church Office. Questions about income or expenses can be forwarded to Finance Chair or Finance Team: at: finance. Team@nashvilleumc.com.

## Love God, Love Others....Pass It On Here are a few ways to serve and grow in faith!

We are pilgrims on a journey, We are brothers on the road; We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ light for you In the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

The lyrics above offer a powerful message. One of the tasks below may speak to your heart, to your longing to hold the Christ light for someone else or share with others on the journey. If so, send out an email to check with the coordinator. Or you can call Pastor Mary at 317-340-1717 for assistance or Josh at the church office at 988-4666.

Maybe none of these ideas fit your idea of service or your passion for ministry. We'd love to encourage you to explore other areas!

- Mother's Cupboard Serving Team for the 4th Saturday of each month is looking for new members. Email Joan Goodman at jgoodman19380@aol.com.
- Office Volunteers Each Tuesday, 9am-noon volunteers staff the church office. Email Josh for the Signup Link at Joshua.lane@nashvilleumc.com
- ♦ Shepherding the Youth NUMY has grown to more than 25 youth; get to know some amazing young people and give David assistance, too. Email David Phelps at davey411@gmail.com. (A simple Volunteer Background Check is required by our Safe Sanctuary Policy.)
- ♦ Feed the Youth Provide a meal on April 20, May 11 or May 18. Email Deb Beckinger at debeckinger@gmail.com
- ♦ UMCOR Giving Sunday March 28, 2022. Give to support the ongoing work of UMCOR so that donations to projects can go 100% to the place and people needing an emergency response. That's United Methodist Committee on Relief.
- NUMC Prayer Team. Prayers for Healing, Help, Joy, Sorrow and all other requests are offered daily by our faithful prayer Warriors. For guidelines, training and signup email Ruthann Bailey at ruthannbailey@sbcglobal.net
- Greeters/Ushers on Sunday mornings. Contact
   Deb Beckinger at debeckinger or Susan Barnes at
   sgbarnes62@gmail.com

- New Member Shepherds It takes awhile for new members to feel at home. Spend time with a new member — share a meal, answer questions, introduce them around, make sure they know about that pole hazard behind the building! To sign up as a Shepherd, Deb Beckinger at debeckinger or Susan Barnes at sgbarnes62@gmail.com
- Liturgists read scripture and lead in worship. If you'd like to participate, contact Pastor Mary at mary. cartwright@nashvilleumc.com or call her at 317-340-1717.
- ♦ Interested in BC Weekend Backpacks? This group sends home over 100 bags of groceries every week. Help stock their shelves with pork'n'beans. NUMC's share is 25 cans/week. Beans can be placed in the shopping cart at the church. To volunteer contact Jan Swigert at swigertbj@gmail.com
- Enhance our worship space with flowers. Sign up to give flowers in memory or honor of a loved one on the Flower Chart outside the church office.
- Serve as Building Host for Scouts on Monday nights and connect with some amazing youth and adults in our Scouting program.
- ♦ Serve on the Nurture-Member Care Committee (see p. 3).



## A Blessing from David

THANK YOU.

What an honor it has been to serve alongside you for the past few months. I have enjoyed seeking out and delivering messages which seemed right. Shelly and I have loved the opportunity to get to know many of you better, and we look forward to building deeper relationships as we continue under Pastor Mary's leadership.

You are an amazing group of people and leaders. I congratulate you on the efficiency with which you have helped carry the work during Pastor Mary's absence. I truly believe our congregation has much to offer in the outworking of God's kingdom here in Nashville, and in the greater world beyond.

The title "pastor," literally means "shepherd." For three months I have filled a few of those duties here: preaching, teaching, doing a couple of funerals, spending some time in the office studying, and meeting with staff. I've been happy carrying that title. But I am more than excited that our pastor, Pastor Mary has returned. I look forward to joining you as we lean into the future under her leadership.

And, I'm happy to simply be, "David" again.

Grace and peace to you. David Hayes and Shelly

## **Greetings from Mary**

I am so glad to see you all again!

Being away was great. We had a wonderful trip to Spaini and time with family and friends.. I got to spend time on my lathe and work on the art of tool sharpening. I learned a lot about what I don't know! I met some wonderful people and learned more about the struggles of African-Americans from the very beginnings of this country to more recent days.

I really appreciate the Welcome Back party — and the Welcome Back song (thanks, Norman!)

One of the things that I was reminded of while I was away is that it is no small thing to be the church — to make a commitment that we are One in Christ. We worship together, pray for each other, share at the Table. We get older together and lift each other up when we have similar struggles. We encourage each other when we are in different seasons of life. We work together trying to bring a good result even when we see things differently.

It's no small thing to know that God uses each one of us to be the light so that others can see what God is doing. I'm grateful to have time away to get a renewed perspective and I'm so grateful to be back and to work with you all. It's no small thing to have that privilege!

Blessings always, Pastor Mary and Michael





As of March 2, the women's organization of the United Methodist Church has become **United Women in Faith.** The change is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children and youth.

The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join.

New and innovative programs will be rolled out throughout 2022. *For additional information check out the new website at uwfaith.org.* 

Our local unit of United Women in Faith meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the NUMC Fellowship Hall.

## **Future of the UMC**

Wondering about the future of the United Methodist Church? Two opportunities are coming up to share your questions and concerns and to hear from our Conference and District Leadership.



Additional Listening Sessions will be available around the District with our Conference Superintendent, Rev. InSuk Peebles:

- Thursday April 7, 6:30 pm, North Madison UMC, Madison
- Thursday April 21,6:30 pm, North Vernon First UMC
- Sunday April 24, 4:00 pm

  St Mark's UMC, Bloomington
- Thursday April 28, 6:30 pm— ZOOM Listening session;
   Zoom log-on information to follow

Says Rev. Peebles: These sessions are two-way: I will share

what I know, and I will hear the concerns you bring. We will have a time of prayer, listen to a video address from Bishop Trimble, and have discerning, healthy discussions about moving forward for the sake of Christ



and the UMC. The good news to remember is that even during this time, the United Methodist Church, through UMCOR, continues to bring aid and relief to Ukraine and the world in need: thank you all for your support of that mission!

# NEW TABLESL AND CHAIRS — A GENEROUS GIFT FROM BROWN COUNTY LIBRARY

Have you noticed the new tables and chairs? In its remodeling, the Brown County Library donated 8 tables and numerous upholstered chairs (along with storage carts) to the church. Thank you to the Library Board members for facilitating that gift.

As a thank you, a few individuals have already made donations to the Library to thank them for the chairs. If any other church members are interested in expressing their appreciation, donations can be made to Friends of the Library to support the Solar Panel project.



## AND IN NEWS FROM THE NUMC CHURCH LIBRARY ....

Communicating with God as we give of ourselves during Lent can be a wondrous experience. But how do we achieve openness and intimacy with God?

"Windows of the Soul" by Ken Gire shows how our Savior can speak to us through human and earthly means, tapping at the window of our heart! Another book "Soul Stories" by Gary Zukav, describes the personal struggles with jealousy, anger and fear in his life. The understanding of these emotions changed as he grew closer to a loving and compassionate God.

Feel free to check out any book in our church library. Take the card from the back pocket, write your name and the date on it, then place it in the basket on the table.

- Diana Wright, Church Librarian

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH GIVES EMERGENCY GRANT TO WOMEN'S CENTER IN UKRAINE

NEW YORK, NY, March 16, 2022 – United Women in Faith, formerly United Methodist Women, today announced its first emergency grant to support women activists in Ukraine. The grant will go to the organization's longtime partner in Kyiv, Ukraine. It is not releasing the name of the center for security reasons.

This grant will help women in Ukraine establish a network of coordinators (among activists) in the areas where active hostilities are taking place. The coordinators will assess needs and provide food, water, medicine and other basic necessities to women and children living in bomb shelters.

We want to support women, children, and youth in Kyiv over the long term. For direct donations to this effort, make check to NUMC UMW marked Ukraine and give to Kathy Roberts, treasurer for our local unit.

# PROMISE OF 100% TO SPECIFIC UMCOR PROJECTS

Through the ministry of The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)—the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church—we are able to work alongside those in need to make a difference in communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change.

UMCOR would be unable to do this work without the generous support of United Methodists here

and around the world! . From training Conference Disaster Coordinators and Early Response Teams to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Special Offering equips the organization to respond quickly.

This Special Offering helps underwrite UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project and not administrative cost.

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways. Even the smallest gift makes an impact. Special Offering Envelopes are available.

## VISION RETREAT WILL HELP CHURCH RETHINK MISSION AND GOALS FOR NUMC

One benefit of the Sabbatical time for Pastor Mary is that the church has had an opportunity to step back and reflect, too. The Church Council began a process of visioning led by David Hayes that will continue for the next few months. What is our mission? What are our values that are the underpinning that mission? What goals do we have that flow from a clear mission and vision? How do we listen and pray and trust God to lead us to that vision?

The NUMC Vision Group will have a retreat this spring, April 29-30, to continue this work. Please pray for them and encourage them as they think and reflect deeply and carefully about how God is leading us into the future. You'll be hearing more about their work in the coming months.

Thanks very much to David Hayes for consulting with us on this visioning process and for the ongoing benefit of the Clergy Renewal grant from the Lilly Endowment that makes it possible.



# EASTER FLOWER COMMEMORATION WILL HONOR AND REMEMBER LOVED ONES

Each year contributions for the Easter Flowers give us the opportunity to honor loved ones and to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to participate in this commemoration, please pick up an order form from the church office or at church on Sunday. All forms and contributions are due in the church office by Wednesday, April 6 to allow time for the flowers to be purchased and the commemorative program to be published.

## LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2022

In early March copies were made available of the Leadership Directory for 2022. If you did not receive one, you can still pick one up or call the church office and Joshua will send you one. This includes committee members and meeting times as scheduled.

If you are not serving on a program committee for NUMC and would like to do so, please notify Pastor Mary. Those teams are:

Nurture and Member Care Missions-Outreach Worship and Witness Church and Society

There is also an opening on the Board of Trustees.

## Lay Leaders of the Church are:

Heather Mollo, Chairperson, Church Council <a href="mailto:hmollo@sbcglobal.net">hmollo@sbcglobal.net</a>
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whancock@harrisonmoberly.com

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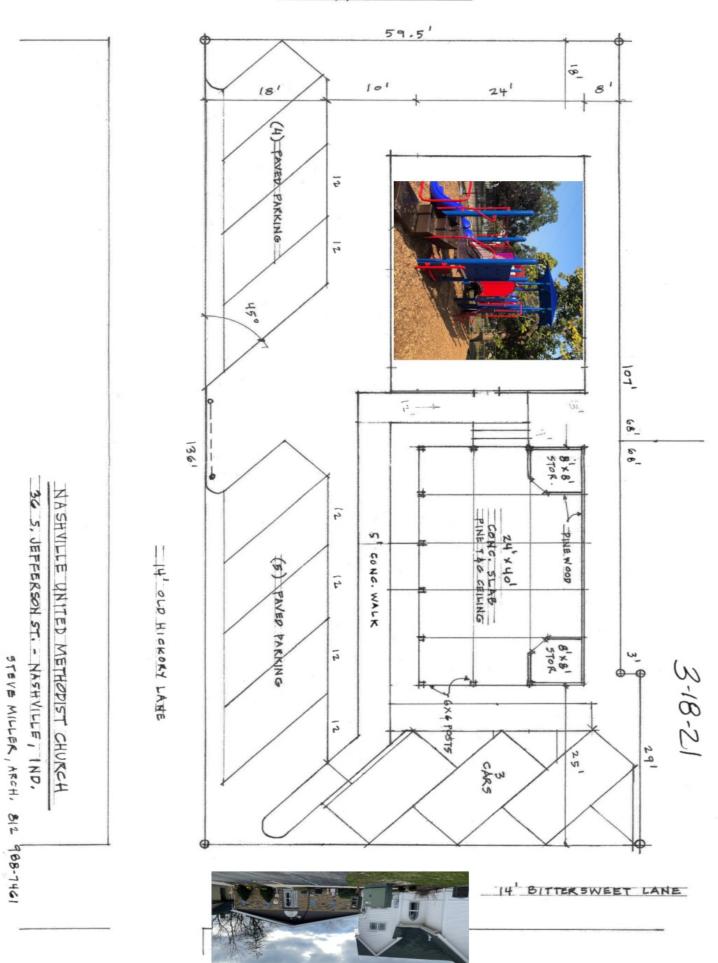
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
					1 A.A. 10a	ChamberFest Benefit 7p			
Newcomer Gathering 9a	4 Boy Scouts 6p	5 Easter Flower Information due in church office	6 Listening Prayer 10a Back Pack 12p NUMY 6p	7 United Women in Faith  9:30a (UMW) 6:30 The Cho- sen Film Series	8 A.A. 10a	9 Shredding Day at the Recycle Center			
10 Palm/Passion Sunday	Boy Scouts 6p	12	13 Listening Prayer 10a Back Pack 12p NUMY 6p Holy Week	6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship	15 A.A. 10a	16			
17 EASTER SUNDAY Egg hunt	18 Boy Scouts 6p	19 Compassionate Friends 6p	Listening Prayer 10a Back Pack 12p NUMY 6p	21 Trustees 7p	22 A.A. 10a	23			
24 Guest preacher Michael Cartwright	25 Boy Scouts 6p  Stewar	26 dship Conference	Listening Prayer 10a Back Pack 12p NUMY 6p	28	29 A.A. 10a	Vision Retreat/Church Council Time: — Evening on Friday through Saturday, times to be announced			



## **ChamberFest Benefit**

ChamberFest will hold its benefit concert at Nashville United Methodist Church on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. The event is non-ticketed with optional (but hoped for!) donations. All contributions benefit the annual ChamberFest music festival to be held here in August.

IU Faculty Pianist Futaba Niekawa will be performing along with Cellist Brandon Vamos (member of the Grammy Award-winning Pacifica Quartet) and Clarinetist James Campbell. (more than 40 recordings, a Juno Award, Canada's Artist of the Year and other major awards).

Enjoy an amazing evening of music and welcome guests to our sanctuary!

Saturday, April 2 7:00 p.m.

Visit http://www.chamberfestbrowncounty.com for more information about ChambertFest Brown County.



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