

The Voice on the Village Green



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"Hope" is the thing
with feathers -
That perches in the
soul -
And sings the tune
without the words -
And never stops - at
all -

And sweetest - in
the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the
storm -
That could abash the
little Bird
That kept so many
warm -

I've heard it in the
chillest land -
And on the strangest
Sea -
Yet - never - in Ex-
tremity,
It asked a crumb - of
me.

—Emily Dickinson,
1891



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The Biggest Public Health Discovery of Our Time!

Understanding PACES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
9:00 A.M.
Fellowship Hall

Join us Sunday, January 8, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to 10:15 am for an information session with Dr. Sandy Washburn on the Brown County PACes (Positive & Adverse Childhood Experiences) Initiative.

**There will be
treats!**

The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study establishes, beyond doubt, that adversity early in life increases the risk of developing long term negative social, emotional and health outcomes. Using N.E.A.R. Science (Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adversity and Resilient Communities), we now know that early adversity disrupts brain development and gene expression and that these impacts can be mitigated through community efforts. Just as early adversity impacts brain development, so do Positive Childhood Experiences. We have a collective responsibility to create conditions favorable to our young people having these positive childhood experiences.

Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences and N.E.A.R. Science (Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adversity, and Resilient Communities) begins our journey toward establishing Brown County as a Self-Healing Community. There is "help that helps." We can work to prevent ACE's from occurring in the next generation and mitigate the harmful impacts on individuals who have experienced early childhood adversity. We all have a role.

Love God, Love Others, Pass It On!

December Birthdays

12/01	Nancy Tipple
12/02	Louise Miller
	Karen Scott
12/05	Cathy Shrock
	Janis Shaffer
12/07	Rodney Rich
12/16	Barbara Davies
12/20	Jan Greenlee
	Donna Ormiston
12/23	Cindy Moore
12/30	David Phelps
12/31	Rita Simon

January Birthdays

01/02	Pamela Boer
	Becky Courtney-Knight
	Betty Logan
01/07	Lois Gredy
01/12	Diana Wright
01/10	Laura Young
01/09	Christy Tarter
01/11	Wesley Simmonds
01/15	Dennis Rhodes
01/17	Dave Richards
01/28	Abraham Oliver

December Anniversaries

12/01	Pamela & Randy Boer
12/17	Jan & Bill Swigert
12/20	Ann & Jim Callahan
12/21	Janis & David Shaffer
12/27	Donna & Robert Ormiston

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!

Concerns & Joy

- Bob and Chris
- Tom Obert, Rita Simon's brother-in-law
- Erin and Jason Kirchhofer and family grieving the death of Erin's brother Chris Borthorff
- Royce Whitaker, celebrating that she is doing much better
- Bob and Chris Kirlin
- Royce Whitaker in rehab in Columbus
- Tom Obert, brother-in-law to Rita Simon

Liturgists for January:

Jan. 8	Dwight Thompson
Jan. 15	Laura Young
Jan. 22	Heather Mollo
Jan. 29	Jenise Bohbrink

Ushers/Greeters for January

November 6 – Bruce and Donna Marks
 November 13--Deb and Terry Beckinger
 November 20--Bruce and Donna Marks
 November 27--Kathy Roberts and Jan Greenlee

Pork 'n' Beans

We will need 60 cans of pork 'n' beans per month for the backpack program. Thanks to everyone for helping to make this happen!

Listening Prayer

Listening Prayer is a group that meets each week for careful listening to a short passage of scripture, with silent attention to God and time for each person to share their own thoughts and experiences.

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
If you'd like to attend, just click the link below or ask that Pastor Mary send the link to you via email:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/824490447?pwd=OVFMa1dNRIBGaU04WjhaQ0pSWUdEQT09>

Love God, Love Others....Pass It On

Pastor Mary Announces Retirement

On January 1, Pastor Mary announced that she will retire as of June 30, 2023. Bishop Julius Trimble



(bishop of Indiana) accepted her retirement request and the Board of Ordained Ministry confirmed the decision. Her announcement follows the announcement that her husband Michael retired from the University of Indianapolis as of Dec. 22, 2022. Both of them will be recognized as retirees at Annual Conference in June.

After retirement the Cartwrights will make their home in Columbus, Indiana.

In his response to Pastor Mary's announcement, Staff-Parish Relations Chairperson David Shaffer noted that PM has had the longest tenure of any pastor of NUMC. When she retires in June, she will have served here for 10 years, and the church is very appreciative of her service. The Conference Superintendent, Rev. InSuk Peebles, has already been in contact with the Staff-Parish Relations (our personnel committee) and the committee will consult with Rev. Peebles about the mission of the church and the qualities needed for the next pastor.

Says Pastor Mary, "Times of transition are both exciting and challenging. It is bittersweet for us as we prepare to leave the work of ministry in Brown County. The last 10 years have been such a joy. At the same time it is exciting to look forward to the next chapter in our lives — we've served here with many retired people so we get to see what that's like!

"It will be hard to say goodbye, but I'm confident that we will all work to make this transitional time go smoothly and to plan well for NUMC to welcome a new pastor and all that his/her leadership will bring to the church. God's work goes on in times of transition as well as stability, and Michael and I are so thankful for the many ways we've experienced God's love in these last 10 years."



New Church Logo

During the Stewardship campaign in November a new logo has been introduced which expresses the newly-adopted mission statement. We began using the logo regularly on emails, social media and other areas of print and online communications beginning Nov. 27.

Our great thanks goes to Shelly Hayes for designing the logo and making it available to us.

What does the logo mean? The design incorporates the beauty of the central stained glass window of our church and the words of the congregational mission: *Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully*. The figure raises its arms in praise to God while also having a look of openness to others in its posture. Both the words and the images combine to convey the emotion of joy – joy in what God gives to us and joy in what we give to God.

Technology Team Looking to Grow

Our technology team is talented, creative and faithful and they'd like some help! If you would enjoy learning a new computer program (ProPresenter) or the sound board, please join the tech team! Training is available – you won't have to figure it out by yourself! The tech team is not only integral to our worship experience in-person – they make worship available to people watching online.

If you're interested, contact Pastor Mary (mary.cartwright@nashvilleumc.com) or Jim Oliver at (jim.oliver@hotmail.com).



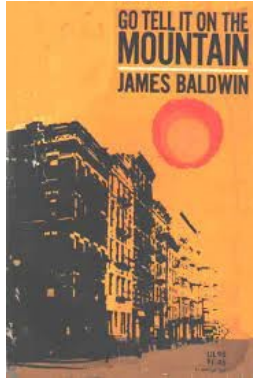
Left: Jim Oliver and Joshua Lane. Rob Taylor also serves on the team.

Closing Benediction Songs give a Special Message

During Advent our closing benediction each week in was the hymn "My Master, See, the Time Has Come," also known as the *Nunc Dimittis* or Song of Simeon. It is #226 in the hymnal:

My Master, see, the time has come
to give your servant leave
to go in peace, long waited for,
your promise now fulfilled.

For I have seen salvation, Lord.
Now may the whole world see
that light which is your Israel's
boast enlightening every land.



The song gives thanks for the moments when Christians truly see the salvation of the Lord through the eyes of faith. When you see the hand of God in your life, it is a testimony to the promise of God given to everyone. Simeon sings this song when he sees Jesus presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph (Luke 2:29-32).

In January our Benediction song will be the chorus of *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*:

Go, tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

The song comes from the canon of African-American spirituals. In it the singer is at the scene of the Christmas story shouting the good news and inviting all to tell the Good News of Jesus' birth. The truth of God's love is not just for the receiver but to be shared with others.

The song also gives title to the novel, *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin. This semi-autobiographical novel tells the story of a teenager in Harlem, and it focuses on the role of the church as both a negative source of repression and moral hypocrisy and a positive source of inspiration and community.

The Modern Library ranked *Go Tell It on the Mountain* 39th on its list of the 100 best English-language novels of the 20th century. *Time* magazine included the novel on its list of the 100 best English-language novels released from 1923 to 2005.

Ditty from the Library

An apology to the librarian: we failed to get this into a December newsletter but it's not too late to enjoy these reading suggestions from our church librarian!

One of my favorites is Ideals' "The Blessings of Christmas". It contains Christmas prayers and stories with beautiful illustrations that will warm your heart.



There's also Charles Swindoll's retelling of Jesus' birth in the voices of Mary, Joseph and the angel Gabriel. Along with a collection of other writings by Charles Dickens, Washington Irving, Jack Hayford's "The Christmas Miracle" and Lee Strobel's "The Case for Christmas". Come by the library and see what we have to celebrate this wonderful season!

As we look forward to a new year though, we don't want to forget those who are struggling to buy food, pay their utilities, etc. Steve and Janie Sjogren's "101 Ways to Help People in Need" and "101 Ways to Reach Your Community" has some wonderful ways for individuals or small groups to help. Tipping fast food workers, cleaning up a neighborhood and donating thick, long socks and warm winter coats to Salvation Army! Other ideas for helping in your community is planning a flower seed packet giveaway, snow removal from walks and drives, doggie washing and offering shopping assistance for shut-ins. Pray for how God can use you this New Year and see what happens!

Diana Wright

Bishop's Offering for Children



Gifts to the Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children support many programs that enhance the lives of children and provide basic needs for vulnerable children.

- Campers learn about Jesus
- Indiana youth feel the love of God
- Children experience the grace of God

It's not too late — if you'd like to give to the Bishop's Christmas Offering, mark your check "Bishop's Offering" in the memo line.

Recap: Visioning 2022

With the help of David Hayes, we entered a Vision Process this past last year. A lot has been accomplished and we will continue and complete the process in 2023. Below is a recap of the steps completed and what is left to do.

You can still help! The step that team members are working on now is a fun one! Given the mission and values, what will our church look like next? What are the programs or projects that arise out of our values? How will we live out those values? **If you have ideas you'd like to share, please send them to one of these team members: Jan Greenlee, Deb Beckinger or Jim Oliver.**

We celebrate the work of the Vision Team & thank them for leading us into what God has planned for NUMC!

Visioning 2022

Steps Completed:



Clarify and restate mission statement: *Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully*



Identify Values that guide our mission:

1. Responsive Worship
2. Loving Relationships
3. Holy Creativity
4. Radical Hospitality
5. Transformational Learning
6. Extravagant Promises
7. Bold Community



Define the values. What do we mean when we name the particular value? These definitions were developed by a small group, sent out to the team and affirmed by the Church Council.

- We believe in Responsive Worship that is faithful to Christian tradition, addresses both mind and heart and invites a prayerful response.
- We believe in Loving Relationships formed by expressions of care and forgiveness, by protecting those who are vulnerable and by providing a place where people can be themselves.
- We believe in Holy Creativity that encourages sacred experiences through worship, music, art and other forms of inspirational expression.
- We believe in Radical Hospitality through the use of our building, in our meeting community needs and in our welcoming of all.
- We believe in Transformational Learning that seeks God, supports belief and sustains lifelong practices of deepening faith.

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- We believe in Extravagant Promises as expressed in our membership vows to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness as an expression of God's abundance.
- We believe in Bold Community that utilizes our time, talents and resources to serve our neighbor and the world.



Preach and teach about the values. Each value should be introduced by a member of the Vision team (July 17 - August 28, 2022). Begin to use the Value Statements: See new logo and use of logo and values in Stewardship campaign.



What would our church look like if the values are lived out and the mission statement fulfilled? A different small group will work on this with input from the whole group. Jan Greenlee, Deb Beckinger and Jim Oliver have agreed to develop a list of actions — some will probably name ongoing ministry; some will probably aspirational.



Develop a list of community and congregational needs, aspirations and ongoing efforts which the church's mission might address. Heather Mollo has agreed to compile this list.



Identify the full list of ministries, activities, emphases of the congregation to be evaluated against the mission and vision as stated in its new form. Pastor Mary has agreed to compile this list.



Adopt goals for 2023, 2024, 2025 based on the goals and aspirations as addressed in Vision for Ministry.

Missional Giving Strong During 2022; So Much to Celebrate!

The faithful disciples of NUMC generously support the ongoing work of the church — salaries, heat and internet and telephone bills, snow removal and youth ministry, outreach to the community and our participation in the state and global ministries of the United Methodist Church — all of these and other items included in our yearly budget.

Yes, and so much more!

In 2022, in addition to the financial support of budgeted areas of ministry, over \$33,000 was given in 2022 to **unbudgeted** mission outreach!

Refugee Resettlement Project	\$ 9,018
FallFare	\$16,336
Special Giving	\$ 7,726

(not included in FallFare):

UMCOR	\$5875
Scouts	\$ 380
School Supply	
Project	\$ 772
World Communion	\$ 70
Mother's Cupboard	\$ 409
Bishop's Offering	\$ 220
For Children	

Thank you for your generosity. This report is a beautiful witness to the love of God at work and to the deep caring that so many have for our brothers and sisters in the community and in the world.



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!	3	4	5 UMW 9:30a	6 Epiphany	7
8 Baptism of the Lord 9:00 Sandy Washburn on PACES Worship 10:30a	9	10	11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day Bell Choir 5p Vocal Choir 6:30p NUMY 6p	12	13	14
15 Sunday Classes 9a Worship 10:30a (Michael Cartwright preaching)	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 Compassionate Friends 6:30p Gathering Rm Staff-Parish Relations 5:30 Fellowship Hall	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25) Bell Choir 5p Vocal Choir 6:30p NUMY 6p	19 Trustees 7p	20	21 Morning: Vision Team?? ChamberFest Winter Benefit Concert 7pm
22 Sunday Classes 9a Worship 10:30a	23	24 Church Council 6p	25 Bell Choir 5p Vocal Choir 6:30p NUMY 6p	26	27	28
29 Sunday Classes 9a Worship 10:30a 5th Sunday Fellowship Dinner 11:30	30 Methodist Mountain Mission Pickup	31				

2023 Leadership for NUMC

Church Council Chairperson	Heather Mollo
Lay Leader	Jack Wescott
Treasurer	Jim Tichenor
Staff-Parish Relations	David Shaffer
Trustees	Bruce Marks
Nurture/Member Care	Susan Barnes
Missions	Mike Goehring
Church & Society	Laura Young & Denny Kubal
Worship and Witness	Lisa Thompson
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Richard Young

Members-at-Large	Heather Mollo (2023) Ruthann Bailey (2024) Norman Knight (2025)
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Other Offices and Committees:

Financial Secretary	Kathy Roberts
Assistant Treasurer	Becky Courtney-Knight
Scouting Laisison	Jim Oliver
FallFare Chairperson	??

Finance Committee — same as Church Council

Staff-Parish Relations: Collie Rees, David Shaffer, Susan Barnes, Nancy Manning, Jan Greenlee, Denny Kubal, Richard

Young (Lay Member to AC); Jack Wescott (Lay Leader)

Board of Trustees: Bruce Marks, Bill Swigert, Jane Huffman, Georgia Harris, Dennis Rhodes, Jeff Barnes, Gary Manning, Rhea Ellen Boley, Terry Beckinger

Nurture/Member Care: Susan Barnes, Deb Beckinger, Donna Marks, Jan Greenlee *

Missions: Mike Goehring, Joan Goodman, Linda Wescott, Denny Kubal, Donna Kubal*

Church and Society: Laura Young, Denny Kubal *

Worship and Witness: Lisa Thompson, Shelly Hayes, Norman Knight, Ruthann Bailey, Donna Marks, Tammera Lane

Church Librarian: Diana Wright

Church historian: Jim Tichenor

Communion Stewards: Ann Walters, Betty Logan, Collie Rees

Kitchen Committee: Ruthann Bailey, Georgia Harris, Rita Simon, Deb Beckinger

A full listing with terms of office will be available shortly along with a church directory.

*indicates additional space available for those who would like to serve



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