

The Voice on the Village Green



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Ever-loving God, who
having loved us loves us
still: help us to hear again
your word that says,
“By this shall they know
you are my disciples; that
you love one another.”
Turn our hostility into
hospitality and our
callousness into care.
through Christ, we pray.
Amen.

~~Reuben P. Job
and Norman
Shawchuck



New Pastor Appointed to Serve Nashville United Methodist Church

Rev. Roy Ice will become the
pastor of NUMY beginning on
July 1, 2023. With delight we
welcome Pastor Roy, his wife
Lauren and their son Kaleb who
will be entering 6th grade in
the fall at BC Schools.



Roy and Lauren are familiar to the Brown County area having served the
Morgantown UMC from 2012-2016. Roy currently serves as pastor of Beth-
el UMC in Washington, IN. It will be great to get to know the Ice family and
serve in ministry with them.

The Ices will be moving into the parsonage in late June or early July. Pastor
Roy's first Sunday will be July 9. If you'd like to send an email to welcome
them, you can send it to roy.ice@inumc.org.

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Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully

A devotional thought for the Lenten season:

Love Me, Love My Friends!

Some tell us that following Jesus is a simple matter of inviting him into our hearts. But when we do that, Jesus always asks, “May I bring my friends?” And when we look at them, we see that they are not the kind of company we like to keep. The friends of Jesus are the outcasts, the marginalized, the poor, the homeless, the rejected — the lepers of life.

We hesitate and ask, “Jesus, must we really have them too?”

Jesus replies, “Love me, love my friends!”

~from Listening at Golgotha: Jesus’ Words from the Cross, by Peter Storey. Reprinted in Alive Now, November/December 2009.



Peter Storey is a clergyperson in the Methodist Church of South Africa; he worked closely with Bishop Desmond Tutu and other church leaders in South Africa in the fight against apartheid.

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 & Joys

- Bob and Chris Kirlin
- Tom Obert, Rita Simon’s brother-in-law
- Oliver family grieving the death of their friend Dirk Ewers.
- Ann and Jim Callahan doing better and getting out and about
- Nathan Lane’s young friend and co-worker whose wife and father both died recently
- Lee Gray who continues to live at home
- For the Ice family as they say goodbye to their current home and prepare for their move to Brown County and for the Cartwrights as they make the transition into retirement
- The situation in Ukraine
- Our Congolese family in Bloomington as they continue to adjust, make friends and live and work in the U.S. We are so thankful for them!

For Your Calendar: Honoring Dorothy “Dottie” Weir

The Memorial Service for Dottie Weir has been scheduled for Monday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m.



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>

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The Soup Bowl Benefit for Mother's Cupboard Returns to Brown County: Cookies Needed!

What?! Can you believe it?! It's been three long years without wonderful cookies and marvelous soups!! We survived and have come out on the other side! Now it is time to come together and celebrate!

This year's event will be held on Sunday March 19, 2023 at the Seasons Conference Center, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. As in the past, we are serving cookies for dessert! **We need about 200 dozen cookies.** Tickets for the event can be purchased at the IGA and through most of the board members.

Please respond with your cookie commitment by email, text or call at rx4fun@sbcglobal.net or at 812-343-1845. Thank you for your enthusiasm and generosity! From your Cookie Crew: Rhea Ellen Boley and Heather Mollo.

Learn more about hunger in Indiana at Film Screening

Just in time for the Soup Bowl Benefit which raises money to relieve hunger in Brown County is an opportunity for us all to learn more about hunger in Indiana.

On Sunday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. all are invited to a film screening of the movie *The Working Hungry*. It tells the story of hunger in Indiana through the lives of three families and their efforts to feed their families and thrive while having limited access to food resources.

**Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
The Working Hungry
Film, discussion and refreshments!**



UMCOR Sunday March 19 and 26

Each year in March UMCOR Sunday features a special offering to provide administrative support to UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief). Then when disaster strikes 100% of the offerings given for relief are directed to the urgent needs.

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters — famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events — to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable.

Special Envelopes will be provided.



News from the Church Library

Greetings from the church library ! February was Black History Month and the library has a few titles to share.

First is Colson Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. This is the story of Cora's escape from the bonds of slavery in Georgia and her harrowing flight from state to state toward freedom!

Second is Robin Diangelo's *White Fragility*. Michael Eric Dyson, who wrote the foreword, stresses the importance of whites to "see their whiteness for what it is and to seize the opportunity to make things better now."

We also have a copy of Martin Luther King's *Why We Can't Wait* and *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander.

Reading these books may help to change the narrative on racism and to educate ourselves.

Diana Wright, Church Librarian

Nurture-Member Care Committee Offers Ways to Serve

There are multiple ways for you to be involved in our church life!

Would you enjoy greeting friends and visitors as they enter the sanctuary?

Would you like to usher during church service by passing the offering plates?

Perhaps you're more comfortable making calls from home. We would like 12 volunteers, one per month,



to phone others with a Happy birthday wish from all of us at NUMC

Do you have something to celebrate.

~ birthday, anniversary, someone to honor, or just because we like treats~ Sign up to bring a 4th Sunday Snack after the service, May 20, Aug. 21, Sept. 24, Nov. 26, or any Sunday that suits you!

Let Susan Barnes, or any other Nurture Care Committee member know how you'd like to share your caring and kindness with our church family. Email address for Susan is sgbarnes62@gmail.com. Other members of the committee are Deb Beckinger, Bruce Marks, Donna Marks, Tammy Galm, Jan Greenlee and Linda Todd.

Heifer Project Matching Program Benefits from FallFare Funds

Heifer Project helps farming communities around the world by providing good farming animals. As new animals are born, families pass on an offspring to neighbors. Good stock of heifers, pigs, chickens, goats, bees and other animals help neighbors to help each other.

All gifts to Heifer will be matched until June 30. Our FallFare gift to Heifer of \$500 was made into \$1000 by this matching gift program. The Upper Room/Basement Bunch is raising money to be matched and will send end their funds at the end of May. If you'd like to help, mark your checks to NUMC with "Heifer" in the memo line. If you have questions, contact Bruce Marks at bmark9708@aol.com.



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From Pastor Mary's Desk: Let's talk about FALLFARE!

In October 2022 we celebrated the 50th FallFare at NUMC, and it's time to regroup and plan for 2023 whether that includes FallFare or some other plan for supporting missions in Brown County or around the world. Save the date and be part of the conversation!

Sunday, March 26
11:45 am
(following Worship and Fellowship Time)

What a great FallFare we had this past year. We've gotten some wonderful thank you notes from the many groups who received funds supporting their work (see page 7).

As we make plans for 2023 I'd like to share a few thoughts and some comments that have been shared with me:

From people participating in FallFare for the first time:

- This is so much fun! I can't wait until next year!
- What a wonderful event — I'd like to be more involved next year.

Other comments:

- I love Fall Fare but I'm not physically able to do it anymore.
- I'll be glad to help but can't chair in 2023.
- I've led a booth for several years and it's time for new ideas and new leadership

Joys:

- FallFare raised over \$16,000 for missions in 2023. Many local regional and international organizations benefitted.
- FallFare is well-organized and many people know what

to do and can share their expertise. It's easy to orient new leaders to leadership positions.

Concerns:

- Health and well-being of volunteers
- Keeping Fallfare fresh with new ideas & activities

Questions:

- Are there ways FallFare might become a more community-focused event? What would it be like to partner with another church that also reaches out into the community?
- What different booths might individuals be interested in creating? How can we encourage new ideas?
- What options are there for reducing the physical labor of set up and take down?
- How might we create an online presence, broadening the participation of individuals beyond our community?

If you're new to NUMC or would like a review, on page 6 is a summary of what it takes to put on FallFare in its present form.

March 26 is an opportunity for us to look at our 50-year history of supporting missions. It is a time for us to plan for continued support into the future. For those who have not taken a leadership role recently, I encourage you to consider what your role might be. If you are ready to step back from leadership I encourage you to be honest about that and be open to new ideas and perspectives that others may bring.

I look forward to hearing the response to some of these questions and the decisions that will be made.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mary



Current Organization of FallFare

FallFare Chairperson or Co-Chairs:

Ensures that each booth has a chairperson and often a co-chair. Coordinates publicity including putting up signs around town and contacts the newspaper and updates social media to get the word out. Calls meetings as needed of booth chairs to make sure everyone has what they need; troubleshoots any problems that might arise; recruits FallFare treasurer, Tent Set-up Leader and Emcee for the day. Serves as liaison with Scouts who typically provide the Village Cafe (breakfast and lunch).

Booth Chair/Co-Chairs:

Agrees to chair an established booth or plans for a new one. Recruits volunteers to serve in his/her booth on the day of the event. Gathers supplies and recruits people to provide items for sale. Sets up booth the day of the Fare and manages volunteers and sales. Established booths include:

Unexpected Treasures (giant yard sale)
Fine Art and Silent Auction
Boutique
We Made it
My-oh-My We Love Pie

Book Nook
Plants Galore
Nature's Bounty
Live Music
Puzzles



Finance Team:

- Treasurer: provides booth chairs with change boxes; provides instruction for credit card transactions; makes sure that the credit card procedure is in good working order; receives money from each booth throughout the day for counting and deposit; handles individual credit card transactions.
- Assistant Treasurer: gathers income from booth chairs throughout the day and delivers to Treasurer; assists treasurer as needed.

Set-up Team: Includes Tent set-up crew, individual booth chairs, volunteers to carry tables and sale items, decorative items, etc. Set-up takes place on Friday before FallFare and early Saturday morning before sales begin and assorted times when Scouts and other volunteers are available.

Take-down Team: Returns all tables, chairs, unsold items to the church building; disassembles tents, clears up Village Green area and returns the Village Green to its "before FallFare" condition.

Food Team: Typically the Food Team has been Scout Troop/Pack 190/1190. They have worked together to provide the Village Café..

Congregational Donor/Work Force: Volunteer crafters, donors of various kinds of goods and services, pie bakers, plant tenders, apple pickers, sorters of goods, pricers of goods, Silent Auction basket makers, etc.

If you have questions about any of this information there are many experienced booth chairs and former Overall Chairpersons around who could answer those questions: Jane Huffman, Georgia Harris, Rhea Ellen Boley, Heather Mollo, Mary Reeder, Linda Wescott, Rita Simon, Kathy Roberts, Donna Marks, Bruce Marks, Jan Greenlee, Pam Boer, Deb Beckinger, Linda Todd and more.

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FallFare is over and checks were sent to mission projects and agencies at the end of 2022. Here are excerpts from some of the thank you's we've received!

...thank you for thinking of our God's Grace, Inc's mission and supporting our On the Road Again events. In addition to our OTRA back-to-school bash, we went on the road 8 more times since July of 2022. The most recent was as 12/29/22 at the YMCA. From 7/29 to 12/29 of 2022 over 600 coats were given to children. Thank you!

Love, Mary Kilgore of God's Grace, Inc.

Thank you for your recent donation to Access Brown County. Your continued support allows us to serve the transportation needs of our community.

Kim Robinson, Access BC

We thank you for your continuing support of TRIAD in Brown County. You have been a loyal and dedicated partner over the years. Through your generosity we have been able to continue doing some great things for our elderly and medically challenged...

Keith Baker, Chairman, Friends of TRIAD

Thank you so much for your donation — a true blessing to "Do Something" and those needing restoration. Do Something partners with individuals, families, and the community to link people in need to resources that encourage, equip, and empower them to live a life of wholeness and freedom filled with joy and hope.

Bill Bose, Treasurer
Do Something, IN

Thank you for believing in a safer violence-free community for all. Your generous gift of \$500 goes directly to changing lives such as that of a survivor who shared: *Turning Point validated my experiences. They made me feel supported, brave, and strong. For me and my child this was life-changing. Peace feels so good...I have grown and changed so much in every area of my life. Many people comment that I'm not even the same person. 'Happily ever afters' do happen!* From all of us at Turning Point — thank you for your incredible support.

Warmest Regards,
Whittney M. Loyd, President

Thank you for your gift to Heifer Project International! Because of a gift from another generous donor, your gift was matched. Your \$500 was turned into \$1000. That's the equivalent of one heifer, 2 alpacas and a Community Animal Health Worker Kit! This matching gift program continues through June 30, 2023. Your support helps us address poverty and hunger across the world!

Your gift of \$5000 will help us respond to both urgent and long-term needs in the refugee community. The last few years have been unpredictable as Exodus helped clients navigate challenges created by COVID-19, welcomed Afghan evacuees to our community and saw an increased demand for services like English classes and mental wellness assistance. Because of you, refugees in our community will have the help they need to navigate uncertain times...

With gratitude,
Cole Varga, CEO



Church and Society Committee Shares Report

The overarching theme of the United Methodist Church's Committee on Church and Society is stated above: *Living Faith, Seeking Justice, Pursuing Peace.*

Our Committee on Church and Society shared the following summary of the tasks involved in leading our congregation in this work:

Church and Society continues to be active in several community areas, including the Recovery and Wellness Coalition (formerly the Drug-Free Coalition), and the Refugee Resettlement Committee.

The Refugee Resettlement Committee has concluded the initial commitment of a 3-month partnership with our refugee family. The group has decided to continue in a scaled and focused manner on some continued goals for the family, especially around employment and self-sufficiency. Denny Kubal will be stepping down as communication liaison with the Exodus Refugee Agency and Randy Boer will continue.

Dr. Sandy Washburn presented her information on PACES (Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences) to a Gathering on Sunday morning, January 8. This was well-received and we expect to follow up, depending on interest and questions. Dr. Washburn would be glad to come back.

Laura Young and Denny Kubal



New Youth Pastors Hired at NUMC

Beginning in January Allyssa and Matt Stanley now serve as youth pastors for our youth group NUMY (Nashville United Methodist Youth). They are assisted by local volunteers Linda Martin and Steve Leskovic, Pastor Mary and the amazing folks who provide meals each week!

Allyssa is a teacher at Brown County Junior High and Matt is now in private practice as a counselor who specializes in therapy with young people. Both have served in various capacities in youth ministry over the years. They are the parents of two amazing children, Elayna and Eyan.

Save the Dates for April Events:

Holy Week :

April 2 Palm/Passion Sunday, 10:30 am

April 6 Holy Thursday Service, 5:30 pm

April 7 Community Good Friday Service, 6:30 pm

April 9 Easter Sunday. If you'd like to donate for Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, pick up a form at the church or call the church office.

April 22 Trustee Work Day (all invited)

March 2023

at Nashville United Methodist Church

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	 Will March Come "In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb"?		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 9:30 a.m. United Women in Faith/UMW	<u>3</u> World Day of Prayer	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> 9:00/9:30 a.m. Morning Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 2 nd Sunday in Lent	<u>6</u> 6:00 p Scouts	<u>7</u> 6:30 Sunshine Friends	<u>8</u> 11a Listening Prayer 12p Backpacks 5p Bell choir 6p NUMY 6:30 p Chancel Choir	<u>9</u> 4p Word of Humble God (Zoom)	<u>10</u> 1:30 Endowment Study Committee	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 9/9:30 Morning Classes 10:30 Worship 3 rd Sunday in Lent 6p SE District Conf (Zoom)	<u>13</u> 6p Scouts	<u>14</u> 4p Lord's Prayer Lenten Study 5:30 SPRC	Brown County Schools Spring Break 			<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> UMCOR Sunday 9/9:30 a.m. "The Working Hungry" 10:30 a.m. Worship 4 th Sunday in Lent 5p Soup Bowl	<u>20</u> 6p Scouts	<u>21</u> 2:30p Worship Committee 4p Lord's Prayer Lenten Study 6:30p Compassionate Friends	<u>22</u> 11a Listening Prayer 12p Backpacks 6:00 p NUMY 5:30p Bell choir 6:30p Chancel Choir	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> St. Patrick's Day 	<u>25</u> 9a-1pm -District Committee on Ministry 1-6pm – Team 2, Mother's Cup-board
<u>26</u> UMCOR Sunday 9/9:30 a.m. Morning Classes 10:30a Worship 5 th Sunday in Lent 11:45 FallFare Meeting Scouts Selling Popcorn	<u>27</u> 6p SCOUTS	<u>28</u> 1-6p Tm. 1 Mother's Cup-board 4p Lord's Prayer Lenten Study 6:00p Church Council	<u>29</u> 11a Listening Prayer 12p Backpacks 6:00 p NUMY 5:30p Bell choir 6:30p Chancel Choir	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	
				Sunday: Holy Week Begins April 2— Palm/Passion Sunday April 6 — Holy Thursday, 5:30 pm April 7 — Community Good Friday Service at NUMC, 6:30 p.m. April 9 — Easter Sunday—the Feast of the Resurrection		

Essential Opportunities to Launch Sunshine Friends beginning March 7

Essential Opportunities (a new local non-profit created by Randy and Pam Boer) is thrilled to introduce Sunshine Friends, a social group for our special needs individuals here in Brown County and surrounding areas!

Tuesday, March 7
6:30-8:00 p.m.



The first meeting is *Bring Your Favorite Board Game (if you have one)*, and will also include a craft, a simple Bible drama, and a snack. We'll have plenty of games on hand!

If you have a friend or loved one who has a disability and is looking to make some new friends, we have just the place for him/her/them. Questions? Contact Jenny Endicott at 317-797-6307.



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