

So...

what is good,

and what does the  
LORD require of you

but to do justice

and to love kindness

and to walk humbly  
with your God?

-Micah 6:8



Peace with Justice  
Sunday, June 4

# The Voice on the Village Green

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## An Endowment Fund: Another Opportunity for Stewardship.

NUMC is a giving congregation: we give of our time and talent as well as our financial resources. Tithes and offerings support the annual budget of the church and maintain our facilities, special project giving supports many mission programs and new initiatives. We have been good stewards of our resources and we are debt free.

But as the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana shares "...stewardship doesn't relate only to today or even this year; stewardship is a lifelong process." Embracing this concept, the Church Council approved the exploration of a planned giving initiative with the creation of an Endowment Fund as its centerpiece.

The Endowment Fund would provide for the long term investment of designated funds with the annual interest or dividends being used for NUMC selected projects in the areas of worship, missions, and facilities. These funds are not used for annual operating expenses, but for special projects or needs.

Endowments are built on gifts and a key part of an endowment is acquainting the congregation with opportunities for giving as part of their regular philanthropy or through estate planning. The UM Foundation will be available to provide information about the range of benefits to church members for including NUMC in their long range or estate planning. We know that leaving a legacy to NUMC is important to many. Over the past several years more than \$100,000 has been received by NUMC in undesignated bequests and memorial gifts. Others have informed the church that they have or will be remembering NUMC with legacy gifts.

A Charge Conference is scheduled with the Church Council meeting on May 30th for discussion and to make the decision about establishing an Endowment Fund. Members who have worked on the draft documents or have indicated their willingness to serve on a Planned Giving and Endowment Committee include: Jeff Barnes, Jenise Bohbrink, Jan Greenlee, Jack Wescott and Kathy Roberts. Let them know if you have questions or feedback. The Charge Conference/Church Council meeting is always open to all.

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## ***Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully***

### **May Birthdays**

05/04	Sally Greeno
	Meghan Haines
05/05	Jenny Endicott
	Jim Goodman
05/07	Brianna Simmonds
05/08	David Hayes
05/09	Amber Phelps
05/11	Donna Marks
05/13	June Logan
05/15	Kay Hancock
	John Oliver
	Linda Todd
06/16	Rich Greeno
05/18	Deb Beckinger
05/19	Mike Goering
05/24	Scott Parker
05/26	Bill Pruitt
05/31	Dennis Smith

### **May Anniversaries**

05/14	Megan & James Catron
05/20	Connie & Dennis Rhodes
05/28	Jenise & Brent Bohbrink

### **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=OVFMa1dNRlBGaU04WjhaQ0pSWUdEQT09>

### **June Birthdays**

06/07	Patrick Galm
06/17	Mary Tuxhorn
06/20	Gary Manning
06/22	Shelly Hayes
06/24	Andrew Eden
	Mary Reeder-Hancock
06/27	Jim Johnson
06/28	Ruthann Bailey

### **June Anniversaries**

06/03	Mary & Bruce Tuxhorn
06/05	Donna & Denny Kubal
06/06	Donna & Bruce Marks
06/10	Deb & Terry Beckinger
	Brenda & Charles Roush
06/13	Carol & Richard Routh
06/15	Jackie & Jay Lee
06/19	Amy & Jim Oliver
06/20	Jenny & Tom Endicott
06/26	Mary Reeder & Jay Hancock
06/28	Nancy & Gary Manning

## **Concerns & Joys**

- Those grieving the death of loved ones.
- Those who have been impacted by tornadoes in Indiana and across the South
- For the Ice family as they make preparations to move and serve at NUMC in ministry
- Those preparing for or recovering from surgery and other medical procedures

For the Church Council as it guides and directs the accomplishment of our mission together: *Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully...for the transformation of the world.*

### **Online Giving**

Go to [www.nashvilleumc.com](http://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!

## Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully



### Get to Know Pastor Roy E. Ice

Pastor Roy has been appointed with great enthusiasm to Nashville United Methodist Church starting July 1, 2023. He grew up in Southern Indiana, attended Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY and United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. Roy was ordained a full elder in 2003 and has served many different size churches with many different styles. Prior to ministry Pastor Roy worked construction, was a lifeguard, participated in Boy Scouts and 4-H, and taught High School Industrial Technology.

In his spare time Roy enjoys: swimming, camping, hiking, gardening, working with his hands in wood and/or fabric, or even settling down with a good book. He is committed to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and in Action and has great hopes and prayers for the Nashville Community. Pastor Roy has been married to his wife Lauren for 25 years and together they have an 11 year old son named Kaleb. They recently adopted a terrier mix puppy named Nelly. Pastor Roy's life motto is based on the Starfish Principle: "I made a difference to that one", and his personal mission is: "To Make disciples of Jesus Christ to change the world". Nashville UMC is pleased and excited to have the Ice family be a part of their worshipping community and would invite everyone to come get acquainted any Sunday morning.



### Methodist Mountain Mission Truck

The MMM Truck is to be here on Tuesday, May 30th. Please have your donations in a box by the back door by Sunday,

May 28th. Contact Linda Wescott with any questions.



### Strawberry Festival



St. David's Episcopal Church, June 14th from 12p-3p.



### Looking to Serve the Church? Two ideas Starting Fall 2023

#### NUMY Meal Coordinator, 2023-2024 (upcoming school year)

NUMY meals are provided each week by groups and members of the congregation. Some sign up for the same week each month. A coordinator is needed to create the sign-up sheet, provide publicity about the need and coordinate with the youth leaders and follow-up with donors to doublecheck that meals are provided.

Time Commitment: average of 1/2 hour/week.

Tasks: Work with church office to create sign-up sheet; communicate with pastor about publicity; monitor sign-ups and actively recruit meal preparers for any open weeks; communicate with youth leaders about needs, dates that the youth group doesn't meet, and other details that might impact meal preparers.

#### 5TH SUNDAY DINNER COORDINATOR

Love those 5th Sunday Fellowship dinners? It is so great to spend time together around the table! A coordinator is needed! What's that? Someone to recruit a setup/cleanup team, make sure the chicken is ordered and tend to publicity.

Plans are already in place for July 30 so the coordinator would work on the remaining 2023 dinners and the 5th Sundays of 2024. There's typically four 5th Sundays each year – sometimes they're combined with other things and altered depending on circumstances but the coordinator helps make sure those decisions are made in a timely manner.

# Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully

## Celebrating Friendship with Congolese Family:

**Faida, Ferdinand, Gloria, Emmanuel,  
Prodiges and Main du Dieu!**

What a wonderful friendship has begun with the Refugee family who arrived last fall on a cold October night! They had traveled many miles from Madagascar to the United State having fled their home country of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Since that time, they have moved into safe housing and settled into life in Bloomington. They have learned to use the bus system, Main du Dieu is doing well in school and his Parks'n'Rec basketball team won the championship! Gloria, Emmanuel and Prodige

have all gotten jobs and are working hard and learning more English. Ferdinand and Faida are learning English. All have made friends. We are so delighted with their success and their joy in being in a new home.

NUMC's official relationship through the Exodus Refugee Agency in sponsoring this family is now complete. We have met the requirements and the family is well on their way to independence. However, our friendship continues. The Refugee Resettlement Team will continue to provide support and encouragement as the family engages the challenges of a new country. Exodus will also continue to provide services to the family as needed over the next 5 years when they will be eligible for citizenship.

Thank you to Denny Kubal and all of the members of the Refugee Resettlement team for the work you have done. We will continue to look for the ways God has for us to welcome newcomers to our community and country.



## Thank You Chancel Choir & Crystal Ringers

Each year our choirs take a summer break and that break will be here soon. But take a moment to speak to a choir member and thank them for their commitment and to the beautiful music that they share in worship over the course of the year. "When we sing we pray twice" the saying goes and the music of both voice and instrument add beauty and meaning as we offer ourselves in worship to God. Thank you, choirs!

Over the course of individual choir members, members of the community and other special musicians will share music in worship. Thank you to Tamera for arranging for special music and rehearsing with musicians throughout the summer. Her work continues all year round!



## New Name Tags Available!

Be sure to wear your new nametag each Sunday as well as for meetings and events. This will help the Pastor Roy get to know your names quickly, of course. But also, don't you have those moments when you say to yourself "now what's her name again?" This will help all of us to call each other by name.

## New Pew Cards Highlight Mission Statement & Logo

Be sure to check out the new pew card ensemble – welcome to visitors, giving envelope and prayer card. These items highlight our mission statement, “Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully” and feature the logo based on the church’s central window. Thank you to the Worship Committee for completing this project and to Shelly Hayes for the wonderful design.



## Thanks to Habitat Volunteers

Thank you to all who signed up for the recent workday at the Habitat Build. The house is really coming along! Also, thank you to those who have provided meals for the volunteers. It is expected that the home will be complete and a dedication ceremony planned by the end of June.



## Wednesday Yoga Overview

The Wednesday Yoga class is going well. Members are increasing in skill and strength. Would there be any interest in a Chair Yoga class? If interested, please contact Sonia Aponte, instructor, at yaha-rayoga@gmail.com. Namaste!

### What is Chair Yoga?

A gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair, or standing using a chair for support. Chair Yoga typically targets those with physical disabilities or students who find a typical yoga session too challenging. It is also a great form of yoga for beginners or anyone who wants to focus on a gentle practice. The benefits of Chair Yoga include: Improved strength, flexibility, and proprioception, as well as lessening the impact of chronic illnesses and pain.

## Fallfare 2023 Is On

Fallfare 2023 is happening  
Saturday, October 7th!!



Put it on your calendar.  
The fun is on!

Join the team for this amazing event!



Be thinking how you can be a part of this wonderful event to benefit mission projects.

Do you have an idea for a new booth?  
Do you want to work in a booth?  
Do you want to knit, paint, craft, quilt or carve?  
Can you bake or pick apples?  
Be watching for more on Fallfare 2023



Contact any member of the Leadership Team to volunteer:

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Pam Boer – 812-988 4790 or randallboer@yahoo.com

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Linda Todd – 812-287-2489 or ljtodd@gmail.com



## Summary Thoughts on Pray 'n' Play Media Cart Grant

Thanks to a grant from the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana (UMFI) grant, NUMC has now obtained the necessary technology to enhance the audio visual capacities of the shelter house. The completion of the shelter house finished the Pray and Play Park project that started with an accessible playground. Now the playground and adjoining shelter provide space for NUMC programming, scouting and youth activities, a place for kids to play and neighbors to gather. It has become what it was envisioned to be: *The Back Porch for Nashville United Methodist Church*.

The original grant plan was for speakers, screen and internet capability to be permanently installed in the shelter house. However, we were not immune to a rash of vandalism and theft that plagued the downtown area around the Church. Security cameras had been a part of the original plan and, in coordination with efforts by the Town of Nashville, cameras were installed. Although the efforts at security seem to have reduced the problems around the downtown area, including the shelter house, it was determined that a mobile technology set-up was more appropriate.

A portable sound system, indoor/outdoor screen, and the necessary cables and accessories, are on site. A custom, commercial grade rolling cart to house the equipment was also acquired. An unanticipated benefit of the pivot to mobile technology was the enhanced capacity it offers. It will be used in other parts of the church building to facilitate meetings, set up off-site for events like NUMC's annual outdoor worship at Camp Moneto, and the annual Fallfare missions fundraising event held on Nashville's Village Green.

The Pray and Play Park has been a multiple year exercise in faith and a persistent belief that NUMC was being called to extend their presence in the downtown area of Nashville. Slowed by weather, the impact of the pandemic, lack of materials due to supply chain issues and escalating costs, it sometimes seemed that

it would never be complete. But as Spring comes to Brown County, we can begin to imagine all the ways in which the Pray and Play Park will serve as an important part of our commitment to "Love God, Love All, Joyfully Serve".

Perhaps the best summary of the Pray and Play Park was offered by one of NUMC's choir members, Norman Knight, who composed a song called "The Church's Back Porch." Words are below for your singing pleasure - the tune is CCR's "Out My Back Door." If you have not seen the commemorative book created by Susan Barnes to capture highlights of the creation of the Pray and Play Park, be sure to see it at the Welcome Desk.

NUMC is grateful to the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana for their grants for both phases of the Pray and Play Park. The grants will make a difference for NUMC and our community.

### The Church's Back porch

*Carry out the baked beans; Grab the pan of chicken  
Don't forget the ice tea and the corn on the cob.  
Invite the neighbors from town; Find a place and sit down  
As we gather all together at the Church's Back Porch*

*Children on playground, laughing as they run 'round  
Safely in the arms of our Loving God.  
Makin' Sunday school projects, gluin' paper objects  
Gathering at the table at the Church's Back Porch*

*Fellowship communion  
Relationships will grow  
Someone offers God a prayer of thanks—  
Thanks, Amen!*

*Welcome all who stop by; offer them some fresh pie  
Plenty of space for all so park your car  
Growing in our unity; welcome our community  
Gather to Pray and Play—the Church's Back Porch.*

*Fellowship communion  
Relationships will grow  
Someone offers God a prayer of thanks—  
Thanks, Amen!*

*Enjoy fresh air and sunshine; contemplate the Divine  
Revel in the majesty of God's good Earth  
Growing in our unity; welcome our community*

*The Church's Back porch  
Gather to Pray and Play the Church's Back Porch.*



## Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month with Some Special Attention to the Ways We Engage in Social Connection

What follows is an article submitted by our Church and Society Committee. It comes from Sandy Washburn who spoke at NUMC recently, and the article is adapted from an article that appeared in the World Economic Forum, July 29, 2022 by Dave Smallen, Metropolitan State University.

Feeling well connected to other people promotes positive mental and physical health and promotes hope. Emotional conversations, support, positive vibes and affirmations can all help to enhance our mental health. Attending to the small moments of connection typical in daily life yields benefits for ourselves and for others. Here are four ways to connect.

### 1. Heart-to-hearts

These connections of emotional intimacy might be the first that come to mind. One person shares something personal, often emotional and vulnerable, and in return another person communicates understanding, acceptance and care – what researchers call responsiveness.

For example, I could open up to you about my current experience of fostering a child. If I perceive in that moment that you really “get” what I divulge, that you accept my feelings as valid (regardless of whether you can relate) and that I matter to you, then I’ll probably feel a sense of closeness and trust.

**In emotionally intimate moments, personal sharing is often reciprocal, though a sense of connection can arise whether you are the one opening up or offering responsiveness.**

### 2. Giving and receiving help

Giving and receiving support are keys way to bond. There are two kinds of social support involved in creating connection:

- 1) **Instrumental support** is providing concrete help in times of need. If you bring me groceries when I’m sick, that’s instrumental support.
- 2) **Emotional support** is caring for another’s feelings. If you reached out to listen or give me a hug when I’m down, that would be emotional support.

Either way, your actions are responsive: You understand my situation and show that you care by taking action.

### 3. Positive vibes

Vulnerability and support are no joke, but meaningful interactions need not be somber. Experiencing positive emotions together create powerful connection.

Think of enjoyable activities like singing and dancing together – these are forms of connection that actually release endorphins that help you feel bonded. Same goes for laughing together, which comes with the bonus that a shared sense of humor suggests a similar sense of reality, which enhances connection.

When someone tells you about a positive event in their life, sincerely and enthusiastically responding with comments that congratulate and celebrate—“I’m delighted for you!”-- reliably enhance connections.

### 4. Affirming expressions

Those moments when you let people know how much you appreciate, like or love them can be brief but powerful. Expressing and receiving affection and gratitude are especially well-researched means of bonding.

## Greetings from the Church Library!

We all experience anxiety in our lives; you or someone you know may be facing a job loss, fighting illness, going through a divorce or facing financial hardship. We worry and we may feel anxious about feeling anxious!

Max Lucado's "Anxious for Nothing" is based on Philippians 4: 4-8 and a road map to turn our anxieties into peace and calm by celebrating goodness, asking God for help, and meditate on the good things in our life!



# MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Boy Scouts 6p	2	3 Listening Prayer 10a Linda Martin 11a Backpack P. 12p  Crystal Ringers 5p NUMY 6p Chancel Choir 6:30p	4 UWF/UMW 9:30a  Girl Scouts 6p	5	6
7 Sunday Worship 10:30a	8 Boy Scouts 6p	9	10 Listening Prayer 10a Linda Martin 11a Backpack P. 12p  Crystal Ringers 5p NUMY 6p Chancel Choir 6:30p	11 Girl Scouts 6p	12	13
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21 Heritage Sunday Sunday Worship 10:30a	22 Boy Scouts 6p	23	24 Listening Prayer 10a Linda Martin 11a Backpack P. 12p  NUMY 6p	25 Girl Scouts 6p	26	27 Team 2/Mother's Cupboard 1p
28 Pentecost Sunday Sunday Worship 10:30a	29 Memorial Day Boy Scouts 6p	30	31 Listening Prayer 10a Linda Martin 11a Backpack P. 12p  NUMY 6p			

# JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 National Day of Prayer  UWF/UMW 9:30a  Girl Scouts 6p	2	3
4 Trinity Sunday  Peace w/ Justice Sunday  Sunday Worship 10:30a	5 Children's Music Enrichment (Chamberfest)  Strawberry Fest. 12p-3p (St. David's Episc.)  Boy Scouts 190 6p	6  Linda Martin 11a	7 Listening Prayer 10a Linda Martin 11a Backpack P. 12p	8  Staff Parish 6p  Girl Scouts 6p	9	10  Ayer's Family Reunion
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25 Pentecost Sunday  Sunday Worship 10:30a	26 Memorial Day  Boy Scouts 6p	27  Linda Martin 11a  Team 1/Mother's Cupboard 1p	28 John Wesley's Birthday Listening Prayer 10a Linda Martin 11a Backpack P. 12p	29	30	

## Save the Date!

Tuesday, May 30 — Church Council Meeting and special Called Charge Conference to set up Endowment Plan.

Saturday, June 24 — Pastor Mary & Michael's Retirement/Farewell Party  
2:00—5:00 p.m. with "Special Moments" at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 25—Pastor Mary's final Sunday with "passing the stole" to Pastor Roy

Sunday, July 9 — Pastor Roy's first Sunday with "receiving the stole" from Pastor Mary



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