

BUCK CREEK UMC NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016



CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2016

- Nov. 27: One service: 9am
First Sunday Advent: Lighting the EXPECTATION candle
Hanging of the Greens
Carry-in lunch
- Dec. 3: Lafayette Christmas parade (has been moved to a Saturday, 5:30p)
- Dec. 4: Second Sunday Advent: Lighting the HOPE candle
- Dec. 10: Socks! Delivery to Lebanon Children's Home
- Dec. 10: Senior Citizens Christmas party (now set for NOON)
- Dec. 11: Third Sunday Advent: Lighting the JOY (pink) candle
Poinsettias in place
- Dec. 17: Practice for Christmas program
- Dec. 18: Fourth Sunday Advent: Lighting the PURITY candle
Christmas program
- Dec. 21: Winter officially arrives
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve candlelight service 8pm
(lighting of the CHRIST candle)
- Dec. 25: HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!
One Worship service at 10am
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1: Welcoming 2017

SR. CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party will take place at NOON on Saturday, **December 10** at BCUMC. Come and enjoy good food and fun and Bingo! All senior citizens of the church and community are invited. Start bringing in those white elephant gifts!

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Thanks be to God forever.

BCUMC on the web: <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/bcumcin/>

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Dec. 4 > For Coley Sharp's 70th birthday 12/3 from BCUMC family

Dec. 11 > POINSETTIAS (Fred Merkel's 80th birthday 12/17)

Dec. 18 > POINSETTIAS

Dec. 25 > CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

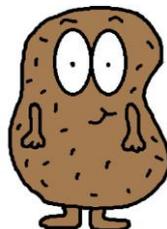
WIDOWS CLUB MEETS & EATS December 14

The Widows Club meets the second Wednesday of each month, **9am** at Cracker Barrel on State Road 26, Lafayette, Indiana.

COLLECTING POTATOES!

We will be collecting **boxed potatoes and canned potatoes** (including sweet potatoes) on the first 3 Sundays of December! There will be a table in the back of the sanctuary for the collection. Instant potatoes that need only water are a good find. Thank you!

-Diane White



GIVE SOME (G)LOVE(S) !



Human Relations Sunday is January 15, 2017. In honor of that we are collecting gloves/mittens and hats on **all the Sundays in January**. The donated items will be hung on the Christmas tree as the other decorations come off. All the items will be donated to a local resource. Keep your eyes open for gloves and hats on sale! Come on, give some **GLOVES WITH LOVE!** (*Sponsored by Buck Creek Ladies Missionary Society.*)

SIGN-UPS FOR 2017

+ **Flowers** sign-up for 2017 is underway. A sign-up sheet is at the church, or you can inform **Carol Shepard** or **Nancy Schnepf** when you would like to bring flowers in 2016, and what they are for. Birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, special occasions... Thanks to everyone who provided flowers in 2016.

+ **Communion stewards** for 2017: please reserve your month, by using the sign-up sheet at the church.

+ **Servants** for 2017: please see **Ken Mueller** to get your name on the list for Servants for 2017. If you've wanted to be an usher, greeter, acolyte, liturgist, give a Children's Message, be a Scripture Reader, let Ken know you are interested! He'll be glad to put you in the pool of names.

+ **Nursery Help:** Please contact Lydia Mueller if you can help.

+ **Cookies for firefighters:** there is a sign-up sheet for providing cookies for the Buck Creek Volunteer firefighters monthly meetings in 2017. (Usually the first Tuesday of the month.) They appreciate the goodies!

+ **Mowing Schedule:** think about putting your name on the list for next year. It will help you get through the winter! The grass will grow again!

THANK YOU

+ Praise God with thanksgiving!!! Our fifth Sunday offering for Haiti's Kids was \$270. Thanks to all!! Your sharing is so appreciated!! God has blessed all of us in so many ways!!! Thanks, **-Jan Prosser**

+ Thanks for all your encouragement and gifts. It has been a blessing in our lives. **-Dwight & Teresa Monical**

+ We want to express our sincere thanks to the BCUMC congregation for the thoughtful Pastor appreciation gift. Blessings, **-Jim & Anita Davidson**

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS 2016

Nov. 27: Pam Smith

Dec. 4: Mariann Arnold family

Dec. 11: Jim Davidson Jr. family **Dec. 18:** Sunday School

Dec. 24: Linda Habbinga & Glenda Davidson (back-up: Clayton Temple)

LAFAYETTE XMAS PARADE MOVES TO SATURDAY

This year the Lafayette Christmas parade moves from Sunday to Saturday. Held on **December 3**, at 5:30pm, it will be a lighted parade. Everyone is surprised about the change of day, but originally the Lafayette Christmas parade was a night parade. The theme of the parade is "A Very Merry Main Street". We hear that Santa will have a new ride this year, after 50 years...



OBITS

As a church family, and members of the Buck Creek community, we strive to stay connected to one another. As the bible says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn." –Romans 12:15

LINDA I. VANDERWALL, 64

Linda I. Vanderwall, 64, of Earl Park, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at Franciscan Health East Hospital with family by her side. She was born on Saturday, July 5, 1952 in Lafayette, Indiana. Preceding her in death are her parents, Vernon and Harriet (McMickillim) Amstutz, and two daughters, Marjorie and Michelle Vanderwall. Linda is survived by her husband, Randy Vanderwall whom she married on Wednesday, December 29, 1971, in Remington, Indiana. They made a promised stop at the Remington pizza place after the ceremony with the wedding party!



She is also survived by her eight children: Angelina (Eric) Brouillette of Oxford, Jason (Annie) Vanderwall of Peoria, Arizona, Stasia (Craig) Matson of Fowler, Jennie (Keith) Jensen of Neosho, Missouri, Keil (Tammy) Vanderwall of Swanington, Derek (Faith) Vanderwall of Fowler, Ashley (Joseph) Hopkins of Oxford, and Keishia (Brent) McKillip of Lagro, Indiana. Also surviving are her siblings: Dwayne (Linda) Amstutz, Dennis Amstutz, Cynthia (Emerson) Nafziger, Theresa (Duane) Hostetler, and Katrina Amstutz.

Linda graduated from East Tipp High School, class of 1970. She served as class Vice President her Senior year. In 1979, Linda received her Associates Degree in Accounting. In 1990, Linda received her License Practical Nursing Degree from Ivy Tech. In 1993, she attended St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, completing her degree as a Registered Nurse. Linda was a member of the Benton County Emergency Management Team for many years. During the brighter, and healthier times in her life, people remember Linda as a kind and generous person. She was a great nurse, and even better mother and wife, who always had a smile. She enjoyed her children and grandchildren. More recently she took up puzzles and drawing. She loved her family, loved to laugh, and loved Dog-N-Suds.

Visitation was at the Fowler Christian Church from 9am-11am on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Funeral Service followed immediately with the burial at Fairlawn Cemetery, Kentland, IN.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations/contributions to Randy Vanderwall's family for the purpose of easing the impact of any funeral expenses during this time of grief. (3189 N. 400 W., Earl Park, IN 47944-8506).

Our deepest sympathies to Linda's family and friends. Her name will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected in 2016 at Buck Creek UMC, and delivered to the children at the Lebanon Children's Home.

ROGER DALE ROUDEBUSH, 67

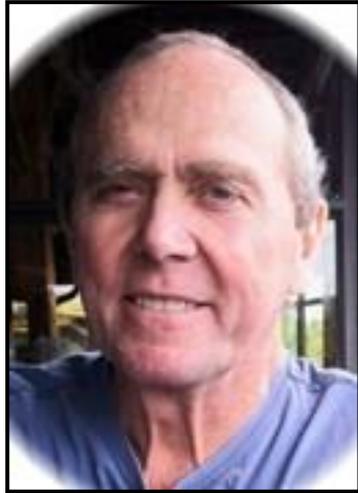
Roger Dale Roudebush, 67, left us for a better place, on Friday, November 11th, 2016. He was the husband of Kathy Roudebush and they shared 48 wonderful years of marriage together. Born in Lafayette, IN, he was the son of the late, Clinton Arthur Roudebush, Jr. and Julia May Reppert Roudebush.

He graduated from East Tipp High School in 1967, where he ran track for four years, and played football three years. Roger retired from Canam Steel Corporation. Roger loved traveling, skiing, mountain climbing and scuba diving. He was always up to a challenge and tackled it with determination and a smile on his face.

To his children and grandchildren, he was a "a builder of dreams". To his wife he was her soulmate and love of her life. His life was lived to the fullest and he held a special place in the hearts of those who knew him. Right now he would be telling you, "I had a good life and love each and every one of you! I am in a better place now watching down over you!" He loved life, and was always smiling, even in his darkest days. He was proud of the fact that he graduated from high school and went on to become a VP and General Manager of Canam Steel. He would say, "a little hard work and determination and you can accomplish anything!"

He was our Hero and now, an angel to watch over us. We have all been blessed, that he was a part of our life.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Roudebush, his daughter and son-in-law, Frank and Jennifer Garcia; his son and wife, Clint and Sarah Roudebush; his five grandchildren, Alexis Garcia, Joshua Garcia, Sophia Garcia, Clinton Roudebush and Colton Roudebush; his brother John Roudebush and sister Sondra Roudebush. He was predeceased by his brother Michael Roudebush.



The Roudebush family would like to thank the staff at Tennessee Cancer Specialists for their care and support. They were truly like friends and family. Also the staff at Parkwest Hospital for their care.

The family received friends on Monday, November 14th from 4:00 - 5:00 PM a service to celebrate Roger's life immediately followed at Click Funeral Home, Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike Farragut, TN.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to <http://lightthenight.org/> Team Gladiators, who just walked in honor of Roger for to help find a cure.

Our deepest sympathies to Roger's family and friends. His name will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected at BCUMC in 2016 and delivered to the residents of the Lebanon Children's Home.

ROSELLA MARIE PRATHER, 86

Rosella Marie Prather, 86, died peacefully on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, at Miller's Oakbrook Manor, Columbia City, Ind. with her son Jim by her side. Born on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1930, in Crawfordsville, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Mildred and Lewis Stewart of Frankfort, Ind. Rosella was married to Robert Prather on Wednesday, March 24, 1954 at Forest Park United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. Rosie enjoyed golf, bowling, traveling with her husband Bob, and spending time with family.



Surviving are her children, James (Kimberly) Prather of Pierceton, Ind., Richard Prather of North Carolina; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Prather Heineman, Kevin James Prather and Stacey Prather Guthrie; and four great-grandchildren, Sam Heineman, Ellen Marie Heineman, Paisley Guthrie, and Sadie Guthrie. She was also preceded in death by her husband Robert, in 2001; and brother, Manford Stewart. Private family services were held Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at Goodwin Funeral Home in Frankfort, Ind. Burial in Green Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Allen County S.P.C.A., 4914 Hanna St., Fort Wayne, IN 46806.

Our sincerest sympathies to Rosella's family and friends, including her Davidson, Eckhart and Schnepf cousins. Her name will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected in 2016 and donated to the Lebanon Children's Home. A donation will be made to the Gideons from BCUMC in Rosella's name.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies to the family of:

Mary Ann Haffner

Her name will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected at BCUMC in 2016 and delivered to the residents of the Lebanon Children's Home...

QUOTES February 21, 2016

- + "God is love---if you have God in your head, then you have God in your heart." --Pam Smith (Children's sermon)
- + "Dear Lord, thank You for being You. You give so much love I had to share it with the world. Amen." --Pam Smith (Children's sermon)
- + "There are times we think we know best---we come here gathered as your family. Once again we ask You to clean out the garbage from our lives." --Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + Each one of us have issues we're dealing with. We're all in different places yet You're with each one of us." --Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + "Even though He has all the power in the Universe, He lets us come to Him as we are..." --Pastor Dwight (message)
- + "Read through the New Testament---Jesus never calls Himself the Messiah or Christ. 81 times He calls himself Son of Man." --Pastor Dwight (message)
- + "When you come to Jesus things may seem tougher than before, but the difference is: Jesus is with you and the Holy Spirit too." --Pastor Dwight (message)
- + "You have a choice to follow your way or to follow God's way." --Pastor Dwight (message)
- + "Are you following Jesus, or are you getting ahead of him?" --Pastor Dwight (message)
- + "Are you willing to listen to what God has to say today, not just listen, but put it into effect?" --Pastor Dwight (message)
- + "It's not about us---it's about You---more of You and less of us." --Pastor Dwight (prayer)

SERVANTS, first service – December 2016

USHERS > Bev Poore / Gini Tull / Retta Whiteaker / Ken Mueller

GREETERS > Jim Davidson Sr. / Faye Merkel

ACOLYTE > Marcus May

LITURGIST > Ruth Davidson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE > Pam Smith (11th, 18th, 25th)

BELL RINGER > Gabe Temple

COMMUNION STEWARD > Mariann Arnold

**SCRIPTURE READERS > Sam Stratton (4th); Ralph Rohrer (11th);
Coley Sharp (18th); Carol Shepard (25th)**

**NURSERY WORKERS > Michele Roach (4th); Ky Miller (11th)
Pam Smith (18th); Sayde Uerkwitz (25th)**

FIVE QUESTIONS!

This month we check in with Susan Bennett, at the Lebanon Children's Home. Let's get to know her a little better, and find out more about the socks that BCUMC donates to the LCH each year (since 2000)...! (photo provided)

1. Tell us about yourself and how you came to work at the Children's Home.

My name is Susan Bennett and I am Director of Public Relations for Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. In 1971, my confirmation class from First UMC, New Castle, visited the Home and I'll never forget seeing the kids that didn't have a family. It really stuck with me and I said, "Someday, I am going to work at the Children's Home." Our minister really believed in the mission of the Home and inspired our congregation to get involved. So, I guess you could



say that I literally grew up knowing about the Home from a very young age.

2. How long have you worked at UM Lebanon Children's Home, and what does your job entail?

I've worked at the Home for 16 years. I am responsible for all internal and external communications and serve as the liaison between the Home and the United Methodist Churches in Indiana. My favorite part of the job is meeting with our 1,100 congregations from throughout the state. I am known as the Home's Circuit Rider!

3. We know that Buck Creek UMC isn't the only group to give to the LCH but are we the only ones to exclusively give socks?

Buck Creek UMC is unique in that they are the only congregation that brings an abundance of socks at Christmas time. We have other churches that help with Christmas gifts but Buck Creek helps supply our socks for the entire year. Typically 500 to 600 pairs of socks are donated annually by Buck Creek.

4. You and your co-workers always make the Ladies feel so comfortable when they deliver the socks. What is a favorite "socks" story?

My favorite sock story is when you came on a snowy day a few years ago and we sat around and drank hot chocolate with your mascot, The Sock Monkey! I will always remember Marie, too! She was a special lady.

5. Tell us how the socks that BCUMC donates are distributed, and what kind of a difference they make in the residents' lives.

Thanks to your generosity, each child gets a bag or two of socks for Christmas. We are able to keep the rest in our inventory supply for the entire year. We have youth that play sports and needs socks periodically. You've also donated some fun novelty socks that the youth enjoy. One year, someone donated socks with the Grinch on them! We let our youth know that the socks are coming from Buck Creek and are given in memory of church friends. They also take great comfort in knowing that people care about their happiness and well being.

QUOTES February 28, 2016

- + “We worship You because You are the One, the true One.” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + “Do you need to walk on egg shells as Christians? You don’t have to---He always knows everything you’ve done and what you’re going to do. He’s there all the time with us.” –Lydia Mueller (Children’s sermon)
- + “Send Your Holy Spirit once again in a fresh way to overflow us into the lives of others.” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + “When the Jewish people left the temple God was still with them. Just like us at Buck Creek UMC---He doesn’t stop at the church door and say: see you next week!” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “Everything’s supposed to be for God’s glory.” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “Like Jesus, we look at the people and see people who are lost. Ask yourself, what can I do for them today to reach out to them?” –Pastor Dwight (message)

QUOTES March 6, 2016

- + “Once again we’re reminded that You are our savior, the One that sets us free from sin and death...” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + “We’ve heard this many times: for God so loved the world... help us understand that more fully.” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + “He (God) takes us as we are, and then He starts to change us.” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “God has given us 10, and we can’t keep them. How in the world can we keep the rules? The Bible makes it clear that we can’t.” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “Invite the people to come into the kingdom of God. Someone said “you don’t clean the fish before you catch them.” Bring the people in and let God clean them up.” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “There’s so much in here (Bible). This is how I approach a passage I don’t understand: God, I don’t understand.” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “As we eat & drink, we’re being more than physically fed. Meet with us spiritually and feed our spirits.” –Pastor Dwight (Communion prayer)

RECIPE CORNER

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." –Luke 2:10

This quick and easy, and wonderful recipe is a great thing to add to your Christmas get together menu! Given to Ella Mae LaMaster in 1977 by her good friend Milta Daugherty (they both worked at State Farm), our family makes these every year. Enjoy!

-Nancy Schnepf

SPICED PECANS

- 1 egg white, beaten slightly
- 10 ounces pecans (2 ½ cups)

Mix the egg whites and the pecans together with your hands.

Combine:

- ½ cup sugar
- 2 Tablespoons cinnamon
- ½ tsp. salt

Pour over pecan mixture. Continue to mix until pecans are coated. Place on cookie sheet. Bake at 275 degrees for 25 minutes.

(You won't be able to wait till the party to taste these!)



SOCKS KICKOFF!



In 15 years of collecting socks at BCUMC for the residents of the Lebanon Children's Home, 7,754 pairs have been collected. Our goal for 2016 is 500 pairs. The socks will be delivered by the BC Ladies Missionary Society on December 10, in memory of:

Laura Wagonner Lanshew, Julia O. Miller, Mary Katherine "Aunt Kate" Geheb, Robert "Bob" Griffin, Carl E. Woolridge, Phyllis Ilene (Turner) Lerch, Dale Burkhalter, Vicki J. Harner, Guadalupe "Lupe" Salazar, Phillip A. Little, Robert F. "Bob" Walton, Paul Martin Geheb, Florence I. Walker, "Aunt Marty" Stacy, Lori Jones, Mike Pattengale, Farrell Mull Bagshaw, M. Anne Bunch, Orville Allen Cook, Jr., Patricia Trapp Cook, Harvey L. Prather, Grace L. Dubes, Nancy Ann McCormick Marosevic, Ronnie Snyder, Judith F. "Judy" Rodenbarger Saubert Grooms, Carl L. "Ike" Misner, Patricia Ann Jacks Lesley, Jesse James Love, Ralph H. Patrick, Charles Neal Dunlap, Rev. Robert Alan McCracken, Michael L. Johnston, Bonnie Inez Busenbark Larew, Barbara Jane Knowles Stokley, Rev. Herbert W. Woody Slade, Jr., Lois Louise Weston Sales, Emma Bagshaw Cooke, Edward Robert "Duke" Rohler, Ned A. Petit, Karen Lee (Pattengale) Johnson, Rick Lee Vaught, James Robert Strain, Carol Sue (Felix) Walters, Linn Scott Guckien, Julia A. Rutledge, Cecil E. Brown, Mary Ellen (Zinsmeister) Scheiber, Fern H. Martin, Evelyn L. Isley Royer, Mary Lois Miller, Mary Ann Haffner, Linda I. Vanderwall, Roger Dale Roudebush, Rosella Marie Stewart Prather, Billy Hawk...



UPSTAIRS XMAS TREE

Oh, there's an upstairs Christmas tree
In all its glory for me to see
When I pass by you each morn
You remind me of our Savior born
Into the darkness your lights shine
Oh how I wish you were mine
How did you get up there so high
What is your story, will you reply?

-Nancy Schnepf

POINSETTIAS 2016



In honor of family, with love from Malcolm & Vivian Miller

In loving memory of Mom & Dad (Verne & Jean Harner)
With love from Retta Whiteaker

In honor of our moms Carol Stacy & Cora Germain
With love from Bruce & Trudy Germain

In loving memory of Otis & Esther Stair, Harry & Beulah Couk, and Al Best
With love from Susan Couk

In honor of Mary Strong, with love from your church family

In honor of longest standing member Maralyn Turner, joined 5/1/1942
With love from your church family

In honor of our parents, With love from Ralph Rohrer & Mindy Jester

In loving memory of my Dad, J.D. Hendryx, Uncle Rex Hendryx, and Kelli
With love from Suzann Brouwer

In loving memory of my Mom & Dad, Loretta & Raymond Pattee
With love from Mary Ann Pattee

In loving memory of Jamie, With love from Sam Stratton

In honor of our grandchildren: Claire, Castor, Lily, Emma & Zander
With love from Jim Jr. & Anita Davidson

In loving memory of Andy, with love from Carolyn Coblentz

In loving memory of my parents Sam & Mabel Martin
With love from Lillie Fisher

In loving memory of Loren, sister-in-law Phyllis, and all loved ones.
With love from Maralyn Turner

In honor of our children & grandchildren, With love from Bill & Kay Miller

In loving memory of Granny, Jackie Haviland, With love from Julie Sims

In loving memory of Clarence, With love from Linda Akers

In honor of our family, With love from Jim & Loretta Pattee

In loving memory of my father Russell Engledow
With love from Lydia Mueller



CHILDREN'S SERMON. OCTOBER 30. 2016

Pam Smith gave this delightful Children's Sermon, and showed the children a new way to look at their Jack-o-lanterns...

A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?" The 10 year old little girl replied, "It's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you for all the world to see."



UPDATE ON MIRACLE

In our August 2016 issue we introduced you to Miracle. In answer to your inquiries, here is an update...



Miracle's health is pretty much the same as it has been, scary trips to the ER, seizures etc., so prayers are very much appreciated. As I told you all someone submitted Miracle's name to the "Make a Wish Foundation". Well just last week Miracle's mama sat down with the make a Wish folks they have assured (mama) Shellie all of Miracle's needs will be met for the trip. These folks do things in a big way. They decided to send Miracle to Disney World and then changed their minds after hearing Miracle seems to enjoy water. They have decided instead of Disney World they are going to send Miracle her two brothers, little sister, Mama and Grandpa on a Disney Cruise. The trip may be as early as spring break, if not it will be as soon as school is out.

—Retta Whiteaker

THE FEAST REPORT

MINDY JESTER's INPUT:

2000 burgers were ordered. Nearly all but 256 were sold at \$6 each/consumed by volunteers (permitted one per 4 hour shift) at the Feast. The 256 uncooked burgers were sold to church members/friends at cost, \$9 a pound. I don't have a number on drinks sold, complicated by the fact that Pepsi products were \$2/cup, while water was \$1. All prices set by TCHA, not us. Ralph did bargain with them for the water price since other booths were selling bottled water for \$1.50.

I went out and sang with the Strolling Singers when they came to serenade us. We were too short-handed Sunday afternoon to leave the burger booth to sing with the group as much as we expected to (and hoped to!--it's a fun group and the music is delightful).



Sunday afternoon would have been even worse if not for 3 little girls of the extended (and extensive!) Douglas-Blackwood-Slaybaugh family [Ask Ralph to verify 3rd surname and names of the girls] who desperately wanted to work as their older siblings, moms, dads, uncles, aunts, and grandparents had/have done. They wrapped,

stacked, and served burgers and helped with drinks. Without them we would have been hard-pressed to keep up at all in the Sun. afternoon rush.

5 and 1/3 cases of uncooked burgers were left over and all sold by Tuesday after Feast. Paperwork was completed Wednesday and turned in on Thursday so we hope the check will arrive soon.

Special thanks from me to Diane White and Billie Burkhalder for helping get all the equipment cleaned and supplies inventoried (plus Billie made sure we didn't starve!) and to Kay Miller for doing all the laundry and even mending a few garments, tablecloths, drapes etc. The Feast isn't over until everything is clean, put away in the correct bins, and properly accounted for. With these three women, the task was easily and quickly accomplished and I am very grateful.

Also, I want to make sure to give credit to the set-up/tear-down crew and the truck owners. I'm especially grateful to Sam Stratton for his steady, calm presence, his experience in Feast booth construction, and his patience with Mindy and Ralph while they 'discuss' how far back the side walls should extend. And Billie B made sure we didn't starve (again!) Set-up was a bit easier since I made a diagram last year for the wall panels and actually could find it this year.

Special thanks also to Freda Rohrer and Dow Agrosociences of Otterbein for the new pallets! It makes a big difference to the workers to have a good uniform floor under the drinks area, especially when there is rain during the Feast. (And isn't there always rain at the Feast?)

Shout-out to the boys who travelled the farthest to work at the Feast: Gabe and Jonah Temple! It was great to see them and we appreciated their help. Of course, their dad Clayton made the round trip to Tennessee twice so they could be here. We hope he finally caught up on sleep. . .

Next year??? We've already been talking about it.

Funds raised go toward the Reach Out ministry of the church. Last year was just over \$3100, this year might be a bit less since we didn't sell all the burgers at the Feast (cooked, for \$6 each).

And most importantly, to me personally, I couldn't have been there at all if Ralph's sister and daughters hadn't flown here from Oregon to stay with their Mom/Granma Alice for a week.

RALPH ROHRER's INPUT:

There is something about each Feast that sets it apart from the others. This year, the distinguishing feature was the difficulty in getting to the Feast. Construction on River Road in West Lafayette blocked the usual path to Fort Ouiatenon and so Feasters had to detour, usually through campus, to find a way to the Fort. The detour slowed some folks down and probably kept some folks away. The weather for the Feast was basically quite good. Saturday, October 1, was a bit cool and marked with some light showers in the mid-afternoon. Sunday, October 2, was a beautiful day, warm and pleasant. The weather was cool enough for warm food (Buffalo Burgers!) and warm enough

for cold drinks. Saturday night, for those who stayed on the grounds, became quite a bit damper – following the evening’s downpour, we measured nearly half an inch of water in the mugs we had left sitting out. Fortunately, the tents remained dry, including the one holding the Feast apparel. The curious thing about Saturday night was that, as Freda checked the weather on her phone, everything around the Lafayette area was clear, except for one bright orange dot centered on a certain area a few miles southwest of West Lafayette near the river!

Another variation this year was that our usual neighbor to the south, the man who sells dyes, was not there and so our customers used that open area for picnicking with buffalo burgers. Clayton and I tried something a little different this year with the shift scheduling. We still asked people to come for 4-hour shifts but we asked some morning volunteers to come a bit later so that we did not make a complete personnel change during the lunchtime rush. It seemed to work well and we will likely continue to do it. As Mindy noted in her summary, sales were down this year. I think that attendance was down overall. On one occasion, on Saturday, when I went to get supplies, the commissary people said that traffic was not as backed up on River Road as it usually is at that time. We had ordered 100 more burgers than in previous years so the sales shortfall was mostly in the added burgers. Curiously, it worked out okay because the bun order was messed up and we ran out of buns shortly before the Feast ended but while we still had burgers.

A videographer from Channel 18 stopped by the booth briefly on Sunday and filmed a bit. I don't know if any of the film made it on TV.

We were blessed with wonderful volunteers. There were many who have worked with us at the Feast before and several who worked with us for the first time. One of the new people on Saturday, a boyfriend of Freda’s friend Ari, turned out to be a chef and expert griller – guess where he worked. Another new volunteer on Saturday and a new volunteer on Sunday both had extensive burger wrapping experience from their real lives. A friend from my hometown church (where Mindy now attends) who is a student at Purdue also volunteered. Some of the more experienced volunteers tried new jobs. Austin Church, who has done nearly every job in back, moved up front and took money. Gabe Temple, who spent last year hauling ice and water and working drinks, worked the grill under Fred Roach's watchful tutelage.

Clayton and I deeply appreciate the time and effort that everyone gave to help make our adventure at the Feast enjoyably memorable. Many thanks to all. The proceeds from the booth are split with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association. BCUMC usually puts our funds into the ReachOut fund to support missions, outreach, and evangelism.

Volunteers: Sam Stratton, Jan Prosser, Taylor Sims, Kay Miller, Billie Burkhalter, Doug Leibart, Jim and Anita Davidson, Claire Handy, Shay Van Hoosier, Maddie Jaynes, Malcolm Miller, Ari Zawadski-Weist, Ari’s friend Jake, Ari’s friend Dan, Jake Uerkwitz, Connie Clymer, Heather Dunk and her

sons Tanner and Aiden, Austin Church and his friend Aleissa Richmond, Brad May, Marcus May, Tina Stratton Bond, Ken Mueller, Maryann Douglas, Fred and Michelle Roach, Jim and Rita Neidlinger, Dwight Monical, Kate Eastman, Gabe Temple, Jonah Temple, Freda Rohrer, John Gladden, Patrick Gladden, Frank Rohrer. And in the Douglas-Blackwood-Slaybach clan: Terry Douglas, MaryAnne Douglas, Toby Blackwood, Nathan Slaybach, Ryan, Liam, Ellie, Annalise, Ian, Daniel, Ava. If you volunteered and we missed your name, thank you!

And it couldn't be done without all of you!! Till next year! 2017 will be the 50th Feast of the Hunter's Moon, September 30 and October 1. See you then!



Ralph directs his crew... Note the wooden shoes!



Part of "The Crew"

MY DEAREST SANTA by **Susan E. (Stair) Couk**

A certain Christmas that I especially remember in particular, leaving a very vivid impression upon my memory, was when I was about 10 years old. Our household didn't have television at the time, in fact, it hadn't been exposed to the market very long. Therefore, I was entertained a lot by listening to the radio. Every afternoon after school, prior to Christmas, Santa Claus had his own program on the radio at 4:00 p.m. I made a very special effort to listen to him read the good little girls and boys' letters and their special requests to Santa. He would tell all the good little girls and boys to make out their Christmas list and send it to him. Then he would see what he could do for each and every one of them. I listened very intently and decided to write Santa a letter and send him my special list to. So, without hesitation, I began to make the list out in detail. Of course, the very first thing on the top of my list was a brand new television set. I decided how wonderful it must be to just tell Santa what I wanted for Christmas and my wishes would be granted. While I was at it I might as well include a few more items of interest! By the time I was finished I must have had at least a dozen or more items listed. I really didn't think that I had asked for too much, after all I had been a good girl as far as I was concerned!

Finally, the night before Christmas came. The prickly, little lop-sided cedar tree that my Father had found growing out in the woods on our farm was all spruced up for the occasion. It was decorated with stringed pop corn, cranberries, paper rings, colored and pasted together in a long garland around the tree, and a few left over decorative Christmas bulbs from previous years. My sisters and I had the honor of decorating the tree and what an accomplishment it was. We put it in the front room of our house which was shut off from the rest of the house in winter time to conserve heat. At that time we had a coal and wood burning stove in the middle of the house with one register in the ceiling to heat the upstairs. Anyway, the front room was cold and the tree would not dry out s fast before Christmas.

Well the stage was all set. The tree was ready, I was ready, all I needed now was for Santa to appear. Although I didn't have the cookies to offer him when he would arrive as he had suggested, I did have a left-over meatloaf sandwich from supper and a glass of cold milk sitting nearby on a table to satisfy his appetite. It was a cold, snowy night and I was all ready for Jolly Old Saint Nick! I had remembered to give him the specific directions in my letter to make sure he would find my house. Third house on the left down the driveway from the grocery store, which was in the center of town. He couldn't miss it!



Off to bed I went. The night was long, I thought it would never end. I hardly slept a wink, thinking about that new television set that would be setting

beneath the Christmas tree in the morning, besides the big pile of toys that I would have to play with soon. Day break finally came and not too soon at that. I crept down the stairs, not a single person as up in the household except for me. I inched my way to the front room door with great anticipation and anxiety. As I began open the door to the front room my heart felt a funny feeling inside and I almost hesitated to look. Then as I drew closer to the tree I could see it very clearly, but that was all I could see! It couldn't be true could it? Santa had forgotten me! There wasn't a single item beneath the tree for me, nothing at all! Could this really be happening to me or was I really dreaming? I looked over towards the table nearby. Oh dear, it had to be true: he didn't even eat my meatloaf sandwich that I had especially fixed for him. My heart sank deep inside of me. At that time, this was the biggest disappointment that I had ever experienced in my life! Santa had let me down, how could he do that to me? I thought I had been a good girl. Well, almost perfect. Sometimes when my Mother would ask me to do the dishes I would wrinkle up my nose and scorn a little, and maybe I thought it should be my sister's turn instead... I'd gripe and complain a little but I would finally give in and do them. Of course it took me twice as long as if I would have obeyed my Mother right away and said "Sure Mom I'll do the dishes for you!" And...maybe sometimes I would get in an argument with my brothers or sisters and we'd fight a little, but my Mom always managed to break it up in time! Gee, I really wasn't too bad I didn't think. I really deserved something from Santa, even if it weren't everything I had ordered on my list.

Well, anyway, at that time I wasn't aware of the message that was in the front room that Christmas Day. When I finally came to my senses and reasoned out why...I realized something that I hadn't really thought about before. I was being very greedy and selfish in my own little way. I had only thought of myself. I didn't realize that Santa had to think about other people as well and maybe this year he couldn't afford to satisfy my many desires. I know now, my Dear Santa wanted me to learn a lesson from this experience that I would remember always. I was so puzzled at the time and wondered afterwards why Santa had let me down. But, as I grew older I realized I should not expect more than what was really possible for my Dear Santa to provide me. We always had a bountiful table full of good wholesome food and at holiday times we always had the extras including candy, fruits, and nuts. It has been a heartwarming experience to grow up within a big family. I guess I really didn't appreciate the value at the time as I do now. But, my Dear Santa had given me the greatest gift of all, five sisters and 2 brothers to share a life of many experiences and fond memories that will be told many times over to my children and their children to come. Yes, Santa you were very good to me on that very, vivid Christmas day many years ago, and I am glad I have had such an experience to relate. Maybe it will bring a certain message to you and your children too!

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT. With fond memories,

-Susan E. Couk

NEW BABY!

Jim and Anita Davidson are proud new grandparents to Zander Blaze Sensney. Zander was born to Brandon and Kiersten Sensney (daughter of Jim and Anita) on November 10th @ 5:06 in Smyrna TN. He weighed in at 8lbs 12 oz and was 22 inches long. Everybody is doing well and thanking the Lord for this precious gift of life. Congrats to all! (Photo provided.)



SEW & SEWS VISIT TIPPECANOE VILLA

The BCUMC Sew & Sews recently visited the folks at the Tippecanoe Villa, bearing gifts of their creation: walker bags. The neatly sewn bags tie onto a walker, giving the user a handy place to keep their stuff. This allows them to have both hands on the “wheel” as they travel through their day! What a blessing for them! *Thanks to Pat Sense for the photos.*

Left to right: Sew & Sews Diane White, Nancy Balsler, Gini Tull, Billie Burkhalter, Linda Habbinga, Glenda Davidson





Top left: a resident shows her new bag. Right: Gini Tull attaches a new bag to a resident's walker. Bottom left: Linda Habbinga assists a resident with a new bag. Bottom right: Diane White helps a resident pick out just the right one.



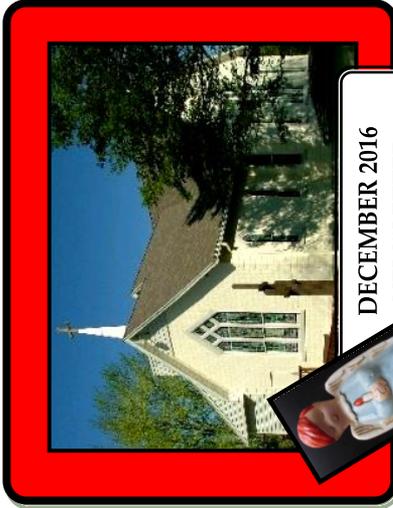
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1st svc. 9am Sun. School 10:15am 2nd svc. 10:15am				1 Marcus May Dick Stone Clayton Kendall	2	3 Happy 70 Coley Sharp! Sarah Suitsors Andrew & Taylor Kennedy (A) Laf. Xmas Parade
4 2nd Sun. Advent Mike Sharp COMMUNION	5 Jeff Payne Clark McCreedy	6 Women's Bible Study 6pm Firefighters meeting	7 Chloe Kent	8 Karen Coblentz	9 Anthony Hornick	10 Socks to Lebanon! Newsletter Deadline: noon Sr. Citizen Xmas party
11 3rd Sun. Advent Jonah Temple Patrick Balsler	12 Ad Council 6:30p	13 Eliza Kent Women's Bible Study 6pm	14 Joanne Benjamin Widows Club at Cracker Barrel 9am	15 Lisle Chandler Mariann Arnold Chlover Chinn	16 Joseph Monical Wende Broussard Joshua Broussard	17 Happy 80 to Fred Merkel! Xmas program Practice? Barbara Tarver
18 4th Sun. Advent Charles Wesley Born 1707 Xmas program Wade Sheets	19 Scooter Fairrote Rosalyn Antcliff Madison Bunch	20 Mugs & Muffins 9:30am-11am Women's Bible Study 6pm	21 WINTER	22 Mary Jane Bass Howard & Judy Skees: happy 60th anniversary! TSC winter break	23	24 XMAS EVE 8pm service Russell & Arlene Lohrman (A)
25 CHRISTMAS DAY: 1 service 10am Amber Ortner	26 	27 Nancy Schnepp Women's Bible Study 6pm	28 Bev & Lorena Poore (A)	29 John & Ann Warren 65 years Andy Durbin Gabriele Darnell	30 Jona. Metro-Lucdes	31 New Year's Eve Neil & Pam Smith (A) Sara Darnell Barb Irr Tammy Lounthen



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