

# BUCK CREEK

## UMC NEWSLETTER

### MARCH 2018



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN

*If you have St. Patrick's Day traditions, you are not alone!*

+ I have potatoes and cabbage boiled with ham. Wear green. Dance into the Cracker Barrel singing *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*. I was like a little leprechaun bringing blessings of joy (now I'm an overweight leprechaun lol). I put green coloring in my water. Enjoy the holiday and make someone smile!

**-Linda LaMaster**

+Joel's birthday is March 18th so we kind of extended St Patrick's day by having Corned Beef & cabbage- it was his requested birthday dinner.

**-Rita Darnell**

+My mother always told us: "on St. Patrick's Day, 'we're all a little bit Irish'". It was our tradition to always wear green, especially to school, in fear of being pinched if we didn't!

**-Nancy (LaMaster) Schnepf**

+I don't know if it is a tradition but, when the kids were home I might try to have a 'green' supper.....green beans, pea soup, salad, spinach, zucchini bread, pasta with pesto (Bill vetoed that one!)....a green theme! NOW it is just trying to remind each other what day it is and to wear green!

Same on Valentine's Day: spaghetti, garlic bread with paprika, strawberries, red Jell-o, cherry or strawberry pie with Cool Whip!

**-Kay Miller**

+Each year my girls make a trap to try to catch a pesky leprechaun. Man are they tricky! The girls set out coins, and decorate their trap (*see photo above*) with rainbows, glitter, and gold to entice the little guy. After years of trying, we have NOT caught one yet! The leprechaun has, however, taken our coins, and turned our milk green! Last year he left a message in green paint on our mirror saying, "you can't catch me!"



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### **THE STAFF.**

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Thanks be to God forever.

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

**Front icon:** March brings basketball tournaments, whether middle school, high school or college. Get your brackets ready!

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR MARCH**

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11 > for Mary Ellen Davidson's 90th birthday 3/12 from BCUMC

18 > for Jane Arnold's 70th birthday 3/19 from BCUMC

25 > Palm Sunday (palm leaves)

## **THANK YOU**

+ To all at BCUMC: I could not begin to tell you how touched I was at your sympathy card after the death of my wife last October. Her odds of surviving her illness after five years were one in five. Your prayers kept her with me for seven and a half years. I could not thank you enough. **-Dave Samuelson** (Dave was back at the BC post office from Jan. 20-Feb. 24 as interim.)

+ I would like to thank those who donated to the Sew & Sews in memory of Nancy Balsler. Nancy loved our little group and she would be proud that she was honored with your gifts. We just finished hats for cancer patients and are ready to make walker bags for St. Mary's Nursing Home. Nancy gave a lot of her time and effort to this group and she will always be a part of us. **-Pat Sense**

## **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER WORKERS NEEDED IN MARCH**

BCUMC is scheduled to work the Tippecanoe County United Food Pantry on Tuesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 7. 3 to 4 workers are needed each day. Volunteers need to be at the Food Pantry by 11:45 am and plan to work until 3:00 pm. The Food Pantry is located at 1320 Tippecanoe Street (at the northwest corner of 14th and Tippecanoe Sts) across from the St Elizabeth Chapel and 1 block south of Budgie's. There is no phone there. Volunteers are asked to park on the street, not in the parking spaces at the Food Pantry.

Please contact Ruth Davidson, 765-532-5449, to volunteer. As most of you know, Diane White has retired from this position (because she's getting married and moving)...congratulations, Diane!!! Thanks to all who have worked in the past...your help is so appreciated! **-Ruth Davidson**

## **SIGN-UPS FOR 2018**

+ **Flowers** sign-up for 2018 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 2018, and what they are for. Birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, special occasions... Thanks to everyone who provided flowers in 2017.

+ **Communion stewards** for 2018: please reserve your month, by using the sign-up sheet at the church or contacting **Glenda Davidson**.

+ **Servants** for 2018: please see **Ken Mueller** to get your name on the list for Servants for 2018. Many jobs are open to be usher, greeter, acolyte, liturgist, give a Children's Message, be a Scripture Reader... let Ken know you are interested!

+ **Nursery Help:** Please contact **Michele Roach** 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 2018. (Usually the first Tuesday evening of the month.) They appreciate the goodies!

+ **Mowing Schedule:** think about putting your name on the list for 2018. It will help you get through the winter! The grass will grow again!

## **STOP THE STONE QUARRY UPDATE**

There is a bill in the IN state legislature that would allow mining companies and timber companies to skip local permits to harvest natural resources. It is sponsored by representatives from Monroe county where Rogers Group operates mines. We need to contact as many state senators as possible; it has somehow passed the house with very little opposition and headed to the senate via the senate Natural Resources Committee.

Keep an eye on HB 1289. This bill would allow Rogers Group to begin mining without local approval. The bill does not allow local control by APC nor BZA. It says mining or cutting of timber can be done in a flood plain without local approval.

–**Kay Miller**



## **WIDOWS CLUB MEETS & EATS MARCH 14**

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

## **MUGS & MUFFINS MEET March 20**

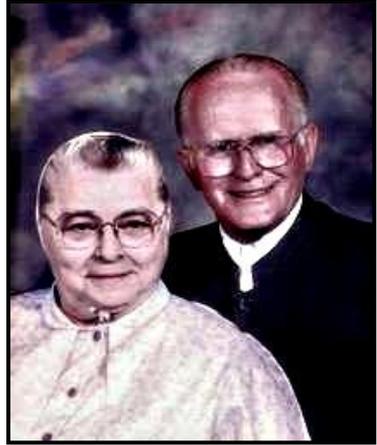
Mugs & Muffins will meet on Tuesday, March 20, at 9:30am in the church fellowship hall (basement). All ladies welcome!

## 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*

### **ROBERT & HELEN SHIVELY**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee & Helen Catherine Shively, life-long Carroll County residents, passed into Heaven within days of each other. Robert passed away Sunday, January 28, 2018, at Milner Community Health Care. Helen passed away on Monday, January 29, 2018, at IU Health Arnett Hospital. Both born in Carroll County, Robert was born on Monday, January 30, 1928, to Eldo and Leta Royer Shively, while Helen was born on Thursday, February 13, 1930, to Carl and Ruth Margaret (Harter) Wise. They married on Saturday, March 11, 1950, sharing 67 years together.



Robert attended Rossville High School; Helen graduated from Delphi High School in 1948. Robert farmed south of Delphi for most of his life with Helen helping on the farm and being a homemaker. Robert and Helen were members of Cutler Ridge Old German Baptist New Conference Church.

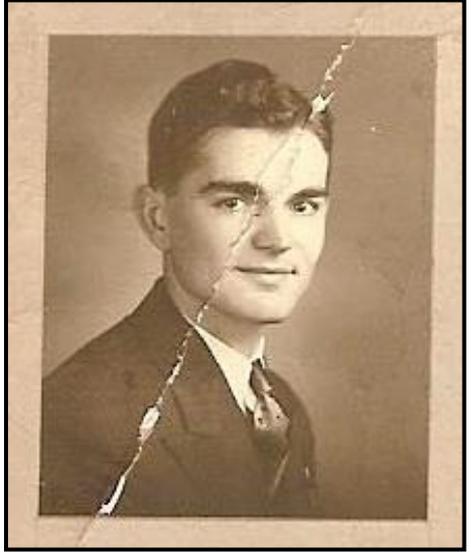
Robert and Helen are survived by their daughter, Linda Sue (Leon) Welk, of rural Delphi; daughter-in-law, Joyce Ann Shively, of rural Delphi; Robert's sister, Anna Bell Eller, of Rossville; Helen's sister-in-law, Carmen Wise, of Rossville; four grandchildren, Troy (Lori) Welk, of Delphi, Randy (Gretchen) Welk, of Rossville, Eric Shively, of Flora, and Lisa Hymel, of Buford, Georgia; and seven great-grandchildren. They are preceded in death by their parents; son, Larry Alan Shively; Robert's sister, Mary Catherine Ivie, and her husband, Joe; Helen's brothers, Robert Wise, and his wife, Mary, and Ralph Wise; and Robert's brother-in-law, Clarence Eller.

Visitation was on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at Cutler Ridge New Conference Old German Baptist Church from 2:00–5:00 p.m. and 6:00–8:00 p.m. Funeral service was at 10:00 a.m. at Cutler Ridge Old German Baptist New Conference Church with the Home Brethren officiating. Burial followed in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Flora. Memorials may be made to Buck Creek Volunteer Fire Department or Cutler Ridge New Conference Old German Baptist Church.

*Our sincerest sympathies to Robert & Helen's family and friends. Their names will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected at BCUMC in 2018 for the residents of the Lebanon Children's home.*

## **DONALD CHARLES BRUBAKER, 95**

Donald Charles Brubaker, 95, of Pymont, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by family in the early evening on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at his daughter's home. He was born on Monday, January 22, 1923, near Buck Creek, Indiana, to Amos T. and Mary F. (Miller) Brubaker. Donald graduated from Buck Creek High School in 1941. On Friday, April 14, 1944, he married Alma Elizabeth Boone with whom he shared life's joys and sorrows for more than 71 years until her passing. A devoted husband, he, with his wife's help, raised their family on their farm east of Buck Creek. He was a member of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church.



Donald is survived by his three sons, Marcus (Sherrill) Brubaker, of Lewisburg, OH, and Steven (Linda) Brubaker and Jay (Julie) Brubaker, both of Rossville, Indiana; one daughter, Suzanne (Jesse) Longenecker, of Rossville; 20 grandchildren, 89 great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Donald is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Louis Brubaker, and two great grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at the North Fork Old German Baptist Brethren Church, 1/2 mile south of Pymont, Indiana, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at the church with the Home Brethren officiating. Burial followed at the adjoining church cemetery.

*Our sincerest sympathies to Donald's family and friends. His name will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected at BCUMC in 2018 for the residents of the Lebanon Children's Home.*

**AMOS B. COBLENTZ, 56**

Amos B. Coblentz, 56, of rural Berne, Indiana, passed away at 3:55 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at his residence. He was born in Adams County on Monday, October 30, 1961, to the late Ben A. and Elizabeth (Graber) Coblentz. He was a member of the Old Order Amish. Amos was a farmer and worked in construction.

Among survivors are his wife, Nancy (Hilty) Coblentz; sons, Ben (Lovina) Coblentz of Monroe and Sam Coblentz of Berne; daughters, Susan (Joe) Graber of LaGrange, Elizabeth (Paul) Graber of Berne, Mary Jane (Amos) Graber of Berne, Arlene (Robert) Schwartz of Kentucky, Marlene (Chris) Troyer of Bluffton, Lovina (Benjamin) Schwartz of Monroe, Lisa (Matthew) Schwartz of Berne and Laura Coblentz of Berne; brother, Albert (Sarah Irene) Coblentz of LaGrange; sisters, Leah (Paul) Shetler of Monroe, Verena Coblentz of Burr Oak, Michigan, Elizabeth (Levi) Wengerd of Geneva, Lovina (Joe) Eicher of Burr Oak, Emma (Jacob) Schwartz of Burr Oak and Susan Coblentz of Burr Oak; aunt Carolyn Coblentz, (Lafayette, IN) and 15 grandchildren.

Visitation from 1-8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, at the Coblentz residence. Funeral services were at 9 a.m. Saturday, February 3, also at the Coblentz residence, 1455W C.R. 350S, Berne, with Marvin Hilty officiating. Burial took place in Schwartz Cemetery.

*Our sincerest sympathies to Amos's family, his aunt Carolyn Coblentz, and his friends. His name will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected at BCUMC in 2018 for the residents of the Lebanon Children's Home. A donation to the Gideons will be made in Amos's name by BCUMC.*

**OUR SYMPATHIES**

- Our deepest sympathies to the families of:
- Phillip E. Cook, 81** (Sarah Suito's brother)
- Jerry W. Jarrard, 71** (1965 East Tipp grad)
- Teresa "Tess" Carlisle Sinkler, 66**
- Hunter Ryan Uerkwitz** (son of Jake & Sayde,  
brother of Conner)

These names will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected at BCUMC in 2018 for the residents of the Lebanon Children's Home.

## RUBY LILLIAN SHULTZ DAVIS, 89

Ruby Lillian Davis, 89, of Brookston, Indiana, passed away at 2:40 a.m. Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the Indiana Veterans Home, West Lafayette, Indiana. Ruby was born on Tuesday, January 17, 1928 in Brookston to the late Paul and Lillian (Thone) Shultz and was a 1946 graduate of Buck Creek High School.

Her marriage was to Paul L. Davis on Saturday, June 26, 1948 in Delphi, Indiana; he preceded her in death on August 8, 1986. Mrs. Davis was a homemaker. Later in life she did work for Walmart for 11 years both in Florida and Lafayette, Indiana.

Ruby loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed moving with her husband while he worked as a truck driver.



Surviving are two sons, Larry D. Davis (wife: Stella) of Richmond, Indiana and Robert A. Davis (wife: Bertha) of Lafayette, Indiana; her grandchildren, Jason, Lori, Benjamin and Susan; several great grandchildren and two nephews, Ron Shultz (wife: Mary Ann) and Jerry Shultz (wife: Marge), and many cousins.

Preceding her in death with her parents and husband are brother, John Shultz, and two sisters Ethel Kindel and Dorothy Armistead.

A memorial service with interment in Spring Creek Cemetery, Brookston to be held at a later date.

*Our sincerest sympathies to Ruby's family and friends. Her name will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected at BCUMC in 2018 for the residents of the Lebanon Children's Home.*

**SHIRLEY J. PATTENGALE CLAWSON, 74**

Shirley J. Clawson, 74, of Delphi, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at IU Health Arnett in Lafayette. Shirley was born on Friday, September 24, 1943 in Lafayette, Indiana, to the late Orth and Dorothy (Kauffman) Pattengale. She attended East Tipp School and later earned her GED. (She had attended Colburn school.)

She married Gene E. Clawson on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, 1960 in Delphi and he survives.

Shirley retired from Thoughtful Impressions in Delphi as a screen printer and had also worked at Essex Wire in Flora, Indiana. She was a member of the Delphi VFW Auxiliary. Shirley enjoyed fishing, and hunting for ginseng and mushrooms, birdwatching and loved the outdoors.

Along with her husband, Gene, she is survived by sons: Gregory Clawson (Janet Jones) of Lafayette, Indiana, Bryon Clawson of Delphi, Douglas Clawson (Dawn) of Camden, Indiana; sisters: Roxie Veach (Roy) of Burrows, Indiana and Wilma Davis (Dick) of Colburn, Indiana; 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.



She was also preceded by a sister, Leorabelle Miller.

Visitation was from 1:00 p.m. until the 4:00 p.m. funeral service on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at Davidson Funeral Home, Delphi. Pastor Kim Holley officiated. Memorial contributions in Shirley's memory may be made to the Delphi VFW.

*Our sincerest sympathies to Shirley's family and friends. Her name will be added to the in-memory-of list with the socks collected at BCUMC in 2018 for the residents of the Lebanon Children's Home. Shirley never lost her girlish smile...*

## QUOTES November 12, 2017

- + “Laughter is good for you, no matter how old you are!” –Kay Miller (Children’s sermon)
- + “One of my philosophies in life is: see if you can make somebody smile!” – Kay Miller (Children’s Sermon)
- + “Remember, when you become a Christian, you can still have fun, as long as it is not illegal and doesn’t hurt anyone.” –Kay Miller (Children’s Sermon)
- + “God is always present and always ready to give encouragement, if we would just listen.” –Pastor Dwight
- + “Things happen to each of our lives that we might not be able to share, but you know what they are, the things we struggle with. We ask that we overcome it with Your power.” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + “In God’s timing, there’s always the right time. He’s never late---He’s always on time.” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “If I say to God, I need Your answer NOW, God... God says: in the fullness of time all will be accomplished.” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “This grieves me, and it should grieve you---that there are Christians that don’t think they need the church.” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “(as Christians) we’re not called to be independent, we’re called to be interdependent.” –Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “I was going to say I’m nothing, you’re nothing. Jesus is everything---but that’s not quite true either. I’m (and you) are nothing apart from Jesus.” – Pastor Dwight (message)

## LOVE DELIVERY!

Again this year, BCUMC has collected gloves in honor of Human Relations Day in January. 15 hats, 4 headbands, 22 pairs of gloves were collected. In addition to those, the Highland Homemakers Home Ec. Club added to the donation, and LMS gives them a big thank you! And thank you to everyone who donated this year. Keep your eyes open for sales! We can store them on our LMS shelf at church. Ladies Missionary member Kay Miller and her grandson Nathaniel Eisan delivered the gloves, hats and headbands to BGE (Battle Ground Elementary) on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Jennifer Hufendick accepted the items. Some of the items also went to Battle Ground Intermediate (grades 4-5).



Left clockwise: Kay, Jennifer, and Nathaniel

## **PERSONNEL LIST FOR 2018**

**Pastor:** *Dwight Monical*

**Church Council Chair:** *Jane Arnold*

**Church Secretary:** *Carol Shepard*

**Church Council Recording Secretary:** *Pat Sense*

**Lay Leader:** *Clayton Temple*

**Annual Conference Member:** *Ralph Rohrer*

**Res. Member Conference:** *Jim Davidson Jr.*

**Staff Parish Relations Chair:** *Retta Whiteaker*

**Christian Education Super:** *Michele Roach*

**Church Treasurer:** *Fred Roach*

**Financial Secretary:** *Gini Tull (new)*

**1st Assistant Financial Secretary:** *Julie Sims (new)*

**Finance Comm. Chair:** *TBA*

**Membership Chair:** *Mary Ann Pattee*

**Worship Chair:** *Ken Mueller*

**Ladies Missionary Society Pres:** *Nancy Schnepf*

**Hospitality:** *Jane Arnold, Billie Burkhalter, Sherry May*

**Communion Steward Chair:** *Glenda Davidson*

**Funeral Dinners:** *Jane Arnold*

**Memorials:** *Maralyn Turner*

**Flowers:** *Nancy Schnepf*

**Newsletter Staff:** *Nancy Schnepf, editor, Tim Schnepf (consultant)*

**Church Reservations/Outside Board:** *Anita Davidson*

**Tables, Chairs, etc. (borrowing):** *see Anita Davidson*

**Custodian:** *Mariann Arnold*

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**2018:** *Julie Simms, Fred Roach, Brad May*

**2019:** *Bill Miller, Jake Uerkwitz (Chair), John Metro*

**2020:** *Bill Sharp, Sam Stratton, Jim Pattee*

### **STAFF PARISH RELATIONS**

**2018:** *Linda Habbinga, Retta Whiteaker (Chair), Makayla Metro*

**2019:** *Jan Prosser, Peg Eckhart, Sandy Reaves*

**2020:** *Bill Miller, Glenda Davidson, Billie Burkhalter*

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**2018:** *Trudy Germain, Ruth Davidson, Coley Sharp*

**2019:** *Ralph Rohrer, Diane White, Bob Shepard*

**2020:** *Audrey Chappell, Nancy Schnepf*

**MISSIONS:** *Jan Prosser*

**COMMUNITY AWARENESS:** *Mariann Arnold*

**EVANGELISM:** *Anita Davidson*

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** *John & Willy Metro*

**AUDITORS:** *Trudy Germain, Mariann Arnold and Pat Miller*

SERVANTS. first service – March 2018

USHERS > Billie Burkhalter / Sam Stratton / Gini Tull / Ken Mueller

GREETERS > Carolyn Coblentz / Bev Poore

ACOLYTE > Markus May

LITURGIST > Ruth Davidson

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

BELL RINGER > Olen Shepard

COMMUNION STEWARDS > Ruth Davidson

FIREFIGHTER COOKIE TAKER > Ruth Davidson

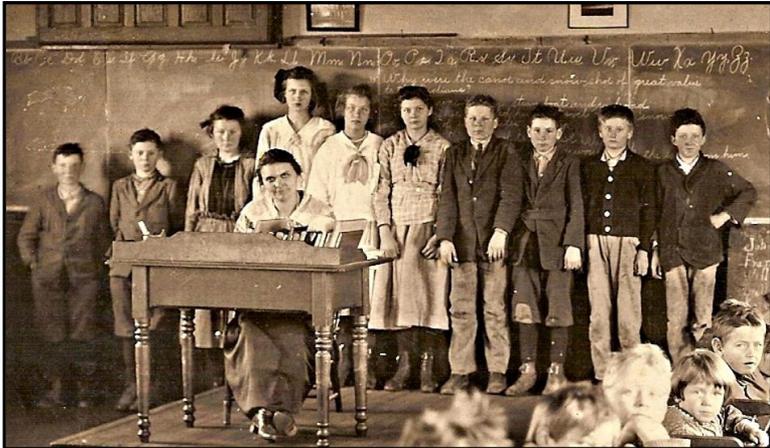
SCRIPTURE READER > Coley Sharp (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>)

NURSERY WORKERS > See Michele Roach to volunteer

## **WE GET MAIL... Whistler School article feedback**

+You don't know me, but I have been receiving the UM newsletter through the Stop the Quarry website. I love it. You do a terrific job. I'm especially interested in the last one (February) with the article about the Whistler School article. Several years ago I was taking Esther (Boyd) Koble with me to quilt club meetings and we would pass the school on our way. She would always comment on the fact that she went to school there – and then to the Monitor school. She is almost 101 years old now and her mind is sharp and she loves to tell stories. I printed off your article and sent it to her and it pleased her so much. Her question is: is she the last living student from that school and how can she find that information? Is there a historian or historical record of the school and students other than the excellent record you printed? Any information you can give us will be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much, and again, for the fine job you do with the newsletter. Sincerely,

**-Phyllis Hoovler**



## WHISTLER SCHOOL REVISITED WITH ESTHER KOBLE

*Inspired by Phyllis Hoovler's e-mail, we asked her to interview Esther. We are so delighted with Esther's answers, preserving a little bit of history of the Whistler School. A little background on Esther: she was born on February 7, 1917 in Virginia, Nebraska. She moved to Indiana with her German Baptist family (2 brothers & 2 sisters) when she was 3 years old, coming to Indiana by train, and settled in Tippecanoe County.*

**1. What grades did you attend Whistler?** 1st and 2nd grades. 1923 and 1924. I didn't like the first grade. Mother made several trips to the school that first year (laughs). But I started liking school in the 3rd grade.

**2. What games did you play at recess?**

When it snowed, we played Fox and Geese. We played Andy Over (sp?) where we would throw a ball over the building and someone caught it on the other side and brought it back. We played baseball in the spring when it got warm.

**3. Did you ever meet Mr. Whistler? Did he ever come to the schoolhouse?** No.

**4. Were there ever snow days when classes were canceled?**

No. When it snowed, we went in a bobsled, sometimes across fields.

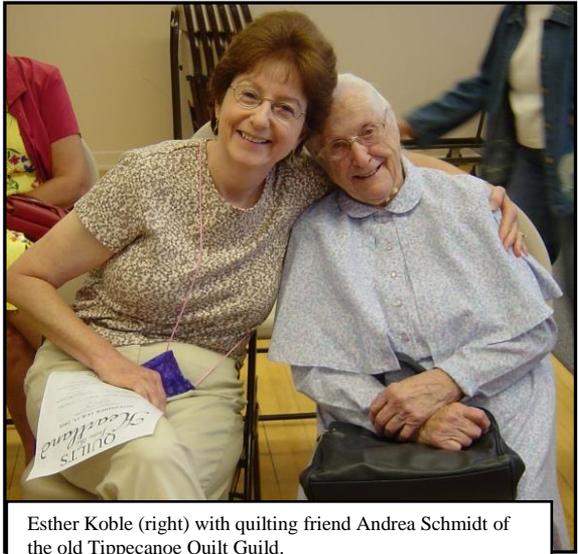
**5. Did you participate in Christmas programs at the school?** I can't remember Christmas programs. In the spring when school was out, we had a big picnic.

**6. How did the teacher present lessons with children of all ages together?**

She started with the 1st grade and worked up. I remember learning the sounds of letters the first year. It seems simple compared to today.

**7. What was your transportation to school?** We usually went by a hack. It had an engine and was rectangular like a van with a door in back. The hack picked up the children from four families: the Felix, Boyd, Misner and Lewis children.

**8. What was your favorite subject?** In the first grade? Nothing. I just wasn't interested.



Esther Koble (right) with quilting friend Andrea Schmidt of the old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild.

**9. How was the schoolhouse heated?** With a woodstove The boys had to carry wood, and pump water and carry it in. The windows were leaky and if you were near the stove, you were hot. If you were far from the stove, you were cold.

**10. What did you bring for lunch? Were drinks provided? What did you bring your lunch in?** My mother packed a lunch. We always brought our lunch. We ate sandwiches: peanut butter and jelly or meat, sometimes an orange and milk to drink. She wrapped lunch with newspaper which she folded into a sack, or put lunch in a pail.

**11. What did you do your lessons on? (paper/pencil?) (slate/chalk?)** Each desk had an inkwell. We used pen/pencil and paper. We had writing class and learned to do cursive. The slate and chalk were up front. One time a boy dipped the end of my pigtail in the inkwell. I made a face at him and the teacher caught me and made me stand on the platform in front of the room. I made another face at him on my way back to my seat (laughs).

**12. Were report cards sent home?** Yes. My father signed the report cards.

**13. Did you have any of these books: Beacon Readers; The Story Hour; Heart of America; The Field Readers; The Winston Readers? (from an old list)** I remember the Beacon Readers, Winston Readers, The Story Hour. I don't remember any history books.

**14. Do you know your teacher at Whistler's name?** Ruby Remaly. She was married to Dale Remaly.

**15. Were you allowed to go very far from the schoolhouse at recess?** Just on the grounds outside.

**16. What is your best memory of your time at Whistler?** When I look back, I must have enjoyed it. We had a marvelous teacher, never grouchy. We liked her.

**17. Do you have a fun/interesting story you'd like to share about Whistler?** I have lots of memories of school. I was very interested in hearing (lessons of) the grades ahead of me. I think it made school easier. There was a hall in front of the school where we hung our coats. There was a bucket of water with a dipper we all used. The water bucket intrigued me the most. To think we all drank from the dipper.

The pupils were more quiet, more respectful of the teacher. I don't remember that we had a telephone at the school. There were two outhouses outside back of the school. The girls' outhouse was in the right back of the school grounds and the boys' outhouse was in the left back.

The girls wore black cotton hose and button shoes. They wore bloomers that went down to the knee - and below if the elastic was stretched (laughs). We wore long underwear in the wintertime.

When I was in third grade a bigger hack took us to the Monitor school. The 3rd and 4th grades were together and I really started to like school. At Monitor's last reunion, I was the only one there from the Whistler School. Many were lost in the war. I have always wanted to stop and see the Whistler School now and see what it looks like as a residence.

Interviewer's Note: In the picture of the inside of the Whistler School (pg. 19 last month's newsletter), Esther pointed to a desk in the row to the right where she sat as a pupil. Esther Koble is now 101 years old. Her birthday celebration included soup, sandwiches and pie and was attended by 18 of her many children and grandchildren. She has a quilt in the frame and is also working on a small quilt for a friend. More importantly, her mind is very clear and she still enjoys telling stories. Anyone who has ever visited with Esther has been enriched by her presence. Thank you for this opportunity to interview Esther and tell a part of her story.

**-Phyllis Hoovler**

## **QUOTES** November 5, 2017

+ “What’s something I’m not doing right now that You’ve created for me to be a follower of Jesus?” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ “We could not be anything without friends.” –Billie Burkhalter (Joys & Prayers)

+ “So often we are pulled one way or another for all different reasons, but I am reminded You are the One we serve.” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ “In unity, we don’t want uniformity. We’re each unique in the sight of God. Praise God for that!” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “If people see us, they should see Jesus within us. That’s different than seeing Jesus.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “I thank God I’m a citizen of the USA, but I thank God more that I’m a citizen of a Heavenly Kingdom!” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “We’re part of His household---that means we’re part of His family!” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “A cornerstone is really important. The concept, it kept the building true and solid. Jesus is a cornerstone. We’re not just a citizen and a family member, he’s talking about a building.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “Ever done a 3D puzzle? (shows one for Empire State Building) If I take a piece of the puzzle out (holds up puzzle piece) you wouldn’t say that’s the Empire State Building. That’s what each one of us is---we’re a piece, an important part. Without us the building would not be complete.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “What is it I have to offer to God? Everything.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “Each one of us has a ministry to be used by God. Use what you have for the glory of God.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “Together what are we? The temple of God that the Holy Spirit lives in. If I’m MIA, the building is incomplete.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “God says I want you on my team, because you are special. I love you. I created you. You are special to Me.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “We thank You for putting us together, here in the heart of the Buck Creek community.” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)

## RECIPE CORNER

*Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. -1 Peter 4:9*

A good soup for a windy March day, and it's got green in it for St. Pat.

### **BROCCOLI & POTATO SOUP**

- 1 bag frozen broccoli
- 3 medium sized potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 4 Tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 4-6 Tablespoons flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 to 1 cup of cream
- Salt
- Pepper
- 2 tsp. dried basil

Cook potatoes in boiling water till tender. Cook broccoli in boiling water till tender. Melt butter in skillet, add onions and cook till clear. Add the basil, then add 4 T. flour and stir till thick. Add salt & pepper. Meanwhile, put milk and chicken broth in large kettle, and warm on stove.

Add the cooked onion/flour/basil mixture to milk/broth mixture and stir. Add 1/2 cup cream and stir. Add the drained potatoes and broccoli. Stir gently, turn to low heat so as not to scorch. Let heat on stove, stirring occasionally, about 1/2 hour or so. If not thick enough, mix some more cream with some flour and add to soup and stir until desired consistency. Serve!



## **FIVE QUESTIONS!**

*This month we get to know our Washington Township trustee Barb Knochel a little better... (photo provided)*

### **BARB KNOCHER**

**1. How long have you been the trustee for Washington township?**

I became trustee in August of 2011 when Kelly McKinley moved out of the township.

**2. What made you want to be a township trustee?**

I had served on the board and saw opportunities to do things that would hopefully have a positive impact on our area.

**3. What are some of the improvements/projects you have overseen during your time as trustee?**

We stabilized the creek embankment in the Buck Creek (Hollywood) Cemetery, added playground equipment

and new appliances at the Community Center, and have restored three cemeteries (Buck Creek, Americus, and North Union). With the restoration of the Americus Cemetery we were able to open up a small section and sell plots. In addition land was purchased for a new fire station which included wooded ground being developed with trails.

**4. We know that land has been purchased for a new Buck Creek Volunteer Firefighter firehouse. When do you propose it will be built?**

The fire department is part of the NE Tippecanoe County Fire Protection Territory with Tippecanoe, Perry and Sheffield Townships. That being said the revenues for fire equipment and buildings are pooled together and needs are prioritized. Tippecanoe Township just built a second fire station so it will probably be a couple years before funds will be available for a new station in Buck Creek. At such time we might look at combining the Community Center and fire station but that would require a lot of planning and public input.

**5. Besides the firehouse, what other projects would you like to see happen in the township?**

Work will continue on restoring the two remaining cemeteries and expanding the trails behind the Community Center. We will also update the park and playground in Colburn.



## **TIME CAPSULE: BIRMINGHAM BLUFFS**

Most of you reading this have never heard of Birmingham Bluffs. It wasn't very far from Buck Creek, just behind Woodcliff Acres (on Old 25 N), on the East bank of the Wabash River. Two miles from the Jewettsport Bridge (we know it as the bridge to Battle Ground on 225). The bluffs are a product of nature. The Commissioners Survey of 1834 describes the area known as Birmingham Bluffs as being located "about 5 ½ miles below Americus, the Birmingham Bluff commences and extends 87 chains".

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, at Birmingham Bluffs a community of "clubhouses", what we would call cottages, were built. Some of the names: Evans Clubhouse; Schlesselman; Patrick Sheehan Clubhouse; Lahr Clubhouse; Buchholz summerhouse; D.G. Rutherford's cottage; Baker Clubhouse; Joe Reifer's cottage; Henry Baker Clubhouse "The Sycamore"; George Washington Kern's clubhouse; Birmingham Sports Club clubhouse.

Birmingham Bluffs was near the Wabash and Erie Canal. Traces of the canal could still be seen behind Woodcliff in the 1960's. The canal was in use from 1832 to 1876. The wooded bluffs were an obstacle in the construction of the canal with its tow path, but that's another story!

Birmingham Bluffs was a very popular place for camping, picnics, canoeing, wiener roasts, fish fries and outings. Examples, from society pages (Along with Colburn and Buck Creek, Birmingham Bluffs had its own column in the newspaper):

**July 21, 1903:** A number of young society people from the city will picnic this evening at Birmingham Bluffs. They will drive to that place and take their supper.

**July 5, 1904** reads: A jolly crowd of gentlemen left for Birmingham Bluffs, here they will take possession of the Evans Club house for two weeks.

**June 21, 1920:** The second of a series of summer picnics was given Sunday by the Y.M.P.C. Picnic Club at the Lahr Clubhouse at Birmingham Bluffs. There were 19 couples present, and the trip was made in motor trucks.

**September 6, 1921:** Triple Link Card Club held an outing over the weekend at the Lahr Clubhouse at Birmingham Bluffs. Boating, fishing, and dancing were enjoyed.

**June 19, 1922:** The annual weekend outing of the building trades council of Lafayette will be held Saturday and Sunday June 24-25 at the Lahr Clubhouse at Birmingham Bluffs on the Wabash River. There will be a fish fry Saturday evening and a picnic dinner on Sunday. The program includes athletic contests, boating and swimming.

**October 6, 1938:** The Davidson family and guests had a basket dinner Sunday honoring M.S. Davidson and Mrs. Mary Davidson, the occasion being their birthdays. Dinner was served in the woods on Birmingham Bluffs to 28 persons.

Birmingham Bluffs was the place to go if you liked to fish, and there was deep water. Perch, Jack salmon, bass, channel catfish were common. A news

clipping from **May 23, 1930**: Two unusually fine specimens of sturgeon were caught by Lee Munger in the Wabash River near Birmingham Bluffs, have been donated to Columbian Park for the park lakes. One fish was 40 inches in length, the other 35. Mr. Munger also gave the Park a large turtle and 11 channel catfish. (*Wondering if any of their offspring are still at the Park?*)

And then there were the unusual catches:

**June 4, 1913**: Peter Smith and Olen Deardorf, while fishing yesterday at Birmingham Bluffs, caught an alligator. The reptile was about a foot long. (*Flash forward to May, 2011 when a five foot, 2 inch gator was found on the old tow path! How fast do gators grow?*)

**July 22, 1916**: A "blue sky" pearl, weighing 35 grains and valued at \$500 was found in a mussel taken from the Wabash River near the Birmingham Bluffs yesterday by Lee Simons. (*Who knew there were ever pearls in the Wabash!*)

**August 27, 1924**: Henry P. Baker, who with his family is spending the week at the Baker clubhouse, on the Wabash River at Birmingham Bluffs, successfully landed a Mississippi catfish weighting 18 1/2 pounds Tuesday afternoon.

**April 26, 1935**: A rare spoon-bill catfish "shovel-bill", was caught by a fishing party below Jewettsport Bridge near Birmingham Bluffs. It measured 27 inches long and its bony spoon 8 inches long.

No exact date has been established as to when the Birmingham Bluffs cottages were built, but there is a record of a birth there on July 29, 1844, of Catherine Ferguson Seeger. In 1889, an oil painting of a view of Birmingham

About 1950, Wabash & Erie Canal at the Bluffs with clubhouse in the middle of photo.



Bluffs on the Wabash River was sent by the painter, W.S. Reynolds, to the Chicago Exposition art department, to be displayed at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. We can imagine Mr. Reynolds setting up his easel on the beach and painting a very picturesque scene of the Bluffs.

In 1905, notice was served on owners of the cottages "which have been erected at great expense", by the owner of land in that vicinity, that the "houses must be torn down". Evidently this didn't happen as time went on the clubhouses were still in use.

If you wanted to walk to Birmingham Bluffs, you could have in March 1921, as the Boy Scouts did that month: "good footpaths all the way (from the Lafayette courthouse) and cool springs for drinking water". (Today we would not drink that water!)

We found a For Sale ad for one of the cottages, from September 1935:

**FOR SALE—COTTAGE AND CAMP,  
on Wabash at Birmingham Bluffs—  
15 minutes from city. Electric lights,  
garage. Fine fishing. \$500. Reply  
Box J-75**

We wonder if anybody bought it. Possibly some avid fisherman! And if you wanted to rent a cottage there in 1937 and find yourself setting on the beach watching a steam boat roll by or taking a dip in the Wabash, you could have.

**FOR RENT—CLUB HOUSE ON BIR-  
mingham Bluffs, 15 minutes drive  
from town. Running water, electric  
lights, bathing beach. Good fishing.  
Ph. 4094.**

There is still a record of cottages on Birmingham Bluffs in 1973: "along the extension of Barton Beach Road" (also known as East Road in the past). One cottage is somewhat visible from I-65.

If you have any memories of Birmingham Bluffs, we'd love to hear from you. *Nancy Schnepf would like to thank Peg Eckhart for bringing Birmingham Bluffs into the spotlight. Nancy can remember as a youth, walking the tow path beside her Aunt Cecil Davidson's house on Old 25 N and seeing one of the cabins in the woods.*

## **QUOTES** November 26, 2017

+ “No matter what we’re feeling, He will be there with us.” –Pat Miller (Children’s Sermon)

+ “No matter what we’re seeing, feeling or doing, He’s there, taking better care of us, better than anyone else in this world.” –Pat Miller (Children’s Sermon)

+ “God has given us so much, our lives overflow with goodness.” –Pat Miller (Children’s Sermon)

+ “Dear Lord, I thank You for each one of these people with me this morning. Thank You for all that You provide. Thank You so much for keeping us in Your hands and in Your control. Thank You for being there when I have need of You. In Jesus’s precious name we pray, Amen.” –Pat Miller (Children’s Sermon)

+ “Thank You for the sun and for Your Son...” –Mariann Arnold (prayer)

+ “(looking at Christmas lights) A reminder that Jesus is the light of the world...” –Pastor Dwight

+ “We can’t explain God. Part of our journey is to discover more about God each day. Set aside some time and slow...down...” –Pastor Dwight

+ “May we go refreshed from this place, knowing that our souls are at peace.” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ “Things we can do can be so simple, but can make a major impact on lives.” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ “As we hear this prayer of Paul, may we be reminded of how powerful You are...” –Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ “When you hear the word “power” be aware of it’s used as a synonym for the Holy Spirit.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “I’m getting the idea that Paul may be understanding something about the Holy Spirit that we don’t always grasp. –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “Where is Christ right now? In your heart, and He’s dwelling there.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “We need strength to realize that Jesus lives in our heart and that’s powerful.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “Do you realize when we gather here, there’s power?” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “How big is God’s love? It’s eternity, not just one dimension, it’s everywhere.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “There’s one way to make sure we’re filled with the Holy Spirit--that it’s overflowing onto others.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “Paul doesn’t try to contain God in a box.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

+ “I would like to encourage you, to ask you to do something this week. Go and pray the prayer that Paul prayed for the Ephesians, for yourself and for others. (end of Ephesians 3) I would really like to know if it makes a difference, if it expands your idea of how great God is.” –Pastor Dwight (message)

## SOUPerbowl DAY OF CARING

Soup's on! On Sunday morning, February 4, there was soup for sale at BCUMC! The Christian Ed committee was responsible. Pat Sense, Pam Smith, Michele Roach, Dwight Monical, & Kay Miller packaged soups donated by Michele, Pam, Dwight, & Anita (Davidson). Zohie represented the SS by assisting with the spoons & bags (distributing supplies at Sunday's sale)

Thank you to ALL who contributed, including chick-fil-a, who supplied the bags. \$265 dollars will go to the food pantry that we sponsor.



Soupmakers: Michele Roach, Pat Sense, Kay Miller



Kay, Zohie and Michele dish out the soup



It's soup for lunch for John Metro! Kay, Zohie & Michele pack. Pat Sense buys!

## LADIES' EVENING BIBLE STUDY

BCUMC's ladies evening Bible study started a new study on February 20. "Live Out His Love" by Melanie Newton is a study of New Testament Women, with 12 lessons covering 'Outcast Women; Suffering Women; Devoted Women; and Ministry Women'. Books are \$8 each and can be ordered online through Amazon.

Jesus Christ treated women He met with warmth, personal attention, tenderness, sound teaching, and compassion. Women respond with love for Him and a desire to serve Him through challenges as well as times of joy. This 12-lesson grace-based study invites you to journey alongside some special New Testament Women as they experienced His love and care for them...the same love and care He offers to every woman today. Learn from Jesus how to share your faith with women around you and disciple them into a joyful life with Jesus.

Is the Lord speaking to your heart about growing in faith? You are welcome to join us as we continue to grow in our faith and understanding of how to 'put into practice' God's Word! Blessings,  
**-Ruth Davidson**

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: WHITE & STEININGER

Ms. Diane (Frazier) White & Mr. Ken Steinger have announced their engagement to be married. Diane & Ken's marriage will take place on Saturday, the Third of March, 2018, when the clock strikes two o'clock in the afternoon. Congrats to this cute couple!

Diane & Ken will be living in Rochester, Indiana. Diane is a long time, very active member of Buck Creek United Methodist Church, and we will miss her!

Much happiness to you both!

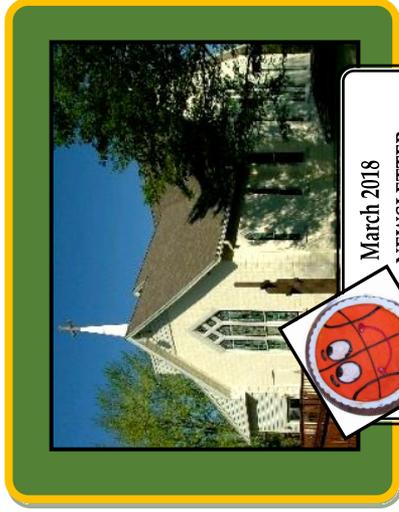




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1st svc. 9am Sun. School 10:15a 2nd svc. 11:11am				1	2 Ron & Jane Ehresman (A)  World Day of Prayer	3
4 Communion Girl Scout Sunday	5 Jane Faurote	6 Women's Bible Study 6p Firefighter cookies	7 Earl Faurote Judy Skees	8 Jeff Payne, Jr.	9 Chloe Lafia	10 Anita Davidson
11 UMCOR Sun.  Time change Adam Kennedy Jake Uerkwitz	12 Happy 90th Mary Ellen Davidson!  Peg Eckhart	13 Linda Akers Dick & Marilyn Eckhart (A) Women's Bible Study 6p	14 Widows Club Cracker Barrel 9am Dave & Pat Sense (A)	15 Jensen Bond  	16 Todd Parker	17 Lauren Kennedy  Newsletter deadline: noon  St. Paddy's Day
18 Joel Darnell Joshua Shaff Mike & Retta Whiteaker (A)	19 Happy 70th to Jane Arnold!  Matt Oates	20 SPRING!! Mugs & Muffins  Women's Bible Study 6p	21 Jared Kennedy	22 Morgan Lucies	23	24
25 PALM SUNDAY Colleen Jaskel	26 Tina Bond  TSC Spring Break week	27 Burch Knowles Women's Bible Study 6p	28 Jill Schultz	29 Maundy Thurs.	30 Good Friday Ron Kennedy Eric Switzer	31
				Chris Skees		

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