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*Thanks to God, who makes all of this possible.*

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### WAY TO GO BCUMC!

BCUMC set a record this year by filling 112 YES Kits for the Tubman-Gray School in Gbarnga, Liberia! Fifty-seven kits were completed for Kindergarten



thru 5th grade, and 55 kits were donated for grades 6 through 12. Thank you BCUMCers for your continuing support of this mission outreach through Operation Classroom.

Those who attended the pizza supper with Rev. Anthony & Jennifer Diah, along with Operation Classroom Coordinators Joe & Carolyn Wagner, were rewarded through very informative

sharing of the Diohs' work in Liberia. What a faith walk they are living! *Please continue to lift up in prayer the Operation Classroom Program along with all who make it successful.*

### NOVEMBER 2007 FLOWERS

Nov. 4: Lorene Miller's 95th birthday (11/23) from your church family

Nov. 11: Verne & Jean Harner's 60th anniversary (in memory of)

Nov. 18: Amanda's birthday (11/22) from Bob & Carol Shepard

Nov. 25: Sarah Suitor's 75th birthday (12/3) from BCUMC family

It's time to start thinking about signing up for flowers for 2008!

Please watch for the sign-up sheet at church.

### BUCK CREEK VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TO BE HONORED

Sunday, November 11, the Buck Creek Volunteer Firefighters and their families will be our guests at morning worship and for the Harvest Dinner following the service. Congregation members are asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert large enough to feed 12 people. Roast turkey, table service and drinks will be furnished. This is a special time to honor our firefighters and their families for all of their service and commitment to helping our community. Please plan to attend. If you have questions, please contact the dinner organizers Ralph & Mindy, 589-3284.

### BC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT FUNDRAISER

The Buck Creek Volunteer Fire Department is starting a fundraiser for equipment they need. If you live in Washington Township in the area covered by the BC Volunteer Fire Department, they will soon be knocking on your door. (They will be showing identification.) They are asking for a donation of \$20. In exchange you will receive a coupon for a free 8x10 color portrait.



## WISHES OVERHEARD

- + We wish to thank BUCK CREEK PIZZA and the BUCK CREEK ELEVATOR for being distribution points for the newsletter!
- + We wish to thank everyone and anyone who helped in any way at this year's Buck Creek Fish Fry!

## THANK YOU

+ I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards for my birthday, and the church family for my flowers and the birthday cake I received at the Ladies Missionary meeting.

-Marie Pless

+ I would like to thank the BCUMC for the beautiful basket of flowers that was delivered to me after my surgery. Thanks also for all your love, cards and prayers, and thanks to the two special Ruths that brought food to me. God Bless All of You,

-Linda Austin

+ Thank you all so very much for your prayers, blessings, and words of encouragement!! They meant the world to me! God Bless You All,

-Jim Taylor

## MESSAGE FROM THE HUMBANES

After emailing Maria & Bill, we received the following reply to share with BCUMC:

Dear Ruth and Jim:

It was such a wonderful feeling to receive your e-mail. Bill and I will never forget the most wonderful time we had with you and your beloved family during our itineration at Buck-Creek.

We wish to thank you and the Buck Creek United Methodist Church for the funds sent to us in the amount of \$1,579.71 through the GBGM for Ishe Anesu and \$550.00 for the support of our covenant agreement. We indeed appreciate your generous support to our ministry as we are still crossing a very hard time which is not adjustable when it comes to inflation with endless "TopUps." Today's funds will support about 5 students to a good part of next year 2008. We really appreciate your generous gift to Ishe Anesu and to our ministry.

We still remember our visit to Buck-Creek United Methodist Church with fond memories and we want to thank you so much for providing us with such warmth and wonderful hospitality.

*Our sincere gratitude to you & to the members of the Buck Creek UMC.*

Yours in His service,

**Maria and Bill Humbane**

*Ishe Anesu Project*

## FUNKS' FAREWELL RECEPTION

On Sunday, September 30, 2007, a going away luncheon was held for Jil & Max Funk who are moving to Tennessee. Jil joined our church at the end of 1998. Ever since she has been quietly doing God's work. In times of illness or sorrow, Jil has been on people's doorsteps with her foil covered care packages of casseroles, desserts, the whole meal deal. God gave her the gift of cooking and caring, and a heart of pure gold. She belonged to the F Troop, and took meals in to folks recovering from surgery or other illnesses. She delivered flowers from the church as well as donating vases and baskets for them. She made homemade fudge for BCUMC kids when they graduated from high school... so many things. Her hubby Max has also done a lot of work for the church, including the new front sidewalk. They both cared about us all very much. Now Jil & hubby Max have built a house in Greenville, Tennessee, and moved there the first week of October. They will be missed here at BCUMC so much, and the friends that gathered at the luncheon told them so!

During church before the luncheon, Jil said, "I want to thank everybody for being a wonderful church family to me. It's the first church I started back at after a number of years, and it has been a wonderful experience. Thanks to everybody for everything---you'll be missed. Our cell phone and new address are in the bulletin. I expect Christmas cards! :) When I come back for holidays, I'll try to get back on Sundays to see you guys!"

Did you know Jil has been in charge of the Easter Lillies, Pentecost geraniums and Christmas poinsettias for years? Did you ever wonder how they got to the sanctuary? It was Jil. She has volunteered and done so many things for all of us that you don't even know. Maralyn Turner summed it up when she said, "you've touched many lives and families in this church". Those folks in Tennessee are going to be blessed when Max & Jil come into their lives! We love you, Jil & Max, and we'll miss you! God bless you both...

### NEW ADDRESS:

Max & Jil Funk  
PO Box 2901  
Greenville, TN 37744-2901  
Phone: 765-490-3527

*Many thanks to Suzann Brouwer for arranging and setting up the luncheon, and to Faye Merkel for her wonderful cakes!*





Jil Funk with Suzann Brouwer



Jil & Max



## MEN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

*"It's a great way for the men of the church to reach out and help people in the church and community..."* -Pastor Dwight (on Men's Group work)

On Saturday, September 29th, the newly formed BCUMC Men's Group met for breakfast at the church (pancakes flipped by Pastor Dwight! and shared with the Women's Breakfast Bible Study) before heading to Margaret



Shadowens's house to scrape, prime and paint (latex) her house.

(Some got more paint on them than others!) They also worked on and replaced some windows. Pastor Dwight was joined by Howard Skees, John Metro, Jim Davidson Jr., Jim Davidson Sr., Bill Pless, Dick Temple, and Mark Sweval. All their hard work paid off as Margaret fed them a delicious meal! She was very appreciative and says she received several



compliments on her house, so they must do good work!

Pastor Dwight hopes to have the Men's Group meet twice a month when possible, once for a work day, and once for a Bible study day. Stay tuned for your turn to join the group!



## MILITARY UPDATES

Julie Stock, daughter of Mike & Barb Stock of Traverse City, Michigan (formerly of Buck Creek), is starting her third tour of duty in Iraq. Why not send her a card or letter and let her know that BCUMC supports her?

CPT Julie Stock  
 HHC, 17th CSSB  
 FOB Q-WEST  
 APO AE 09351

*If you have any military members in your family you would like included in our updates, please let us know! -Ed.*

## ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Again this Christmas, the Missions Team is sponsoring the Angel Tree Christmas Project. Pat Miller is chairing this worthwhile project, and Suzanne Brouwer is her co-chair. We are awaiting the names of 20 children, and hopefully, will be received by mid-month. Stay tuned for more information.

## FLOOD BUCKETS NEEDED FOR TORNADO/HURRICANE SURVIVORS

St. Joseph UMC in Fort Wayne continues to be a collection site for flood buckets in the Conference until the end of October. They are working to replenish the shortage of flood buckets at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois and the Sager Brown UMCOR depot in Louisiana. They ask that donors please provide \$2 per bucket for shipping. Contact Gary Peterson, Conference Disaster Response Coordinator for more information at gphone.1@verizon.net or 260-338-0587. St. Joseph's is located at 6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne or telephone 260-485-9681. A listing of flood bucket contents follows:

These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane. For flood buckets only, if the requested sized item is not available, go down to the next available size. If nothing is available in the requested or smaller size, put masking tape on the outside of the bucket saying, "This bucket contains no \_\_\_\_\_."

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Bleach (2 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle. Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx)
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 Sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- 1 Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See special requirements below.\*)\_
- 1 Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See special requirements below.\*)\_



**\*Special requirements:** Put all items in the plastic bucket and seal lid. Please ensure that all cleansing agents are liquids (not powder) and in plastic bottles



## YOUTH AT CONCERT

The BCUMC Youth Group recently attended a concert that was offered by the Battle Ground youth. Performing was Eleventyseven, from Greenville, South Carolina. A fun time was had by all. Here are a few pictures:



## BUCK CREEK MEMORIES

by Dick Temple

PART ONE



I have been asked to tell of experiences in my early years in Buck Creek, Indiana. I lived in Buck Creek from birth until the middle of the eighth grade when we moved north of Delphi for two plus years. My father and my uncle purchased a farm together. The farm held memories for my dad since he worked there for the owner as a boy. When both were financially able dad sold out to his brother and bought a farm back here, 2 miles south of Buck Creek. I have lived in the area until present.

Born to Robert H. and Hazel (Dick) Temple August 6, 1937, I always tell folks that I was named after my mom. Dad left school in the eighth grade and mom had a two year teaching degree from Central Normal College Danville, Ind. Both were born and raised in this area but wound up in Gary, Ind. for work; mom to teach and dad to buck rivets at the American Bridge Co. So they met and eventually moved back to this area!

I was born in Buck Creek on the last north south street on the west end of town. There should be a marker there but there is none. :) We lived in three other houses besides the living quarters in back of the store.

To start, about some of the people I knew:

+ DONALD ECKHART: father of Peggy and her three brothers, Uncle of Nancy Schnepf; Alcoa lifer, Jack of all trades and master of some. He was my father's plumber, electrician, and TV repairman.

The thing that I remember most about Don is that when he did a job for dad, my father would ask him how much he owed him. He would say that he would figure it up later; later he would be asked again---still hadn't figured it yet. You almost had to corner him and get mad to pay him. He also served as trustee for a time.

One night, my cousin, our friend and I went over to play cards with Uncle Lester across the street from Don. When we came out there was one of the policeman figures used for stop signs on Uncle's front porch. We picked it up and took it over and set it on the side walk in front of Don's and banged on the door a couple of time and took off. It was Halloween time; we figured that as trustee Don would get it back where it belonged. When we were running away another neighbor shot at us, or up in the air! I experienced a small blood blister on my thumb. I don't know whether a piece of birdshot hit me or whether a rock was kicked up and cut me!

+ This next person shall remain unnamed; not that because what he did was so bad but just because. My mom and dad owned and operated the store at this time. In those days some radiator antifreeze was not of a permanent nature. Radiators often leaked or boiled over. Dad kept a thirty gallon drum of this liquid outside the store along with a quart milk bottle. This young kid at the time brought this milk bottle into the store to claim the nickel deposit. My father went along with this although he knew where the bottle came from. Stained red from the alcohol; this could not be missed. The bottle was used for measuring the alcohol.

+ My father was a nice man; not just because I say so. He was store keeper and later a farmer. I remember this saying he used to say--- "when you buy meat you buy bone, when you buy land you buy stone." I often wonder if this came from him originally.

I never received many spankings from my father but when I did they lasted. One day some of my friends and I were playing hide & seek around the store. Old Byron Church came up to me and said, "Hi Dick," he gave my hiding place away. I said Barney, you old --- - - ----. I received one of those well remembered spankings then. Byron was father of Kenneth Church. Kenny was our Shell gas delivery man. Shell at the store and Standard at the garage next door. Hard to believe Buck Creek was a two station town. I suppose that is because people did not go to Lafayette as often as they do now. I learned a lot from the older kids---some of it not so good...

[more next month!]

<b><u>SERVANTS OF THE LORD NOVEMBER 2007</u></b>	
<b>USHERS &gt; Jim Davidson Sr. / John Irr / Pat Sense / Diane White</b> <b>GREETERS &gt; Fred Merkel / Marie Pless</b> <b>ACOLYTE &gt; Noah Irr</b> <b>LITURGIST &gt; Pam Church</b> <b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE &gt; Megan Mitchell</b> <b>BELL RINGER &gt; Teia Louthen</b>	
<b><u>NURSERY HELP</u></b> <b>NOV 04 &gt; Amanda Shepard / Kiersten Davidson</b> <b>NOV 11 &gt; Ali Davidson / Paige Davidson</b> <b>NOV 18 &gt; Lydia Mueller Barb Irr</b> <b>NOV 25 &gt; Amanda Shepard / Kiersten Davidson</b>	<b><u>SCRIPTURE READER</u></b> <b>Michele Mitchell</b> <b>Ralph Rohrer</b> <b>Carol Shepard</b> <b>Sam Stratton</b>
<p>&gt;&gt;No children's message November 4<sup>th</sup> (Holy Communion)            &gt;&gt;Communion Steward: <b>Lydia Mueller</b>  <i>If you will not be available to serve as assigned, please contact Ken Mueller.</i></p>	

## OBITS

### LOLA JEAN MERKEL, 52

Lola Jean Merkel, of West Lafayette, Indiana, died at 12:23 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. God took her while she was napping. When Lola was born, the doctors said she wouldn't live to be 12 years old---she was 52.



Born on a Sunday, June 26, 1955, in Lafayette, she was the daughter of the late William E. and Bernaldine LaGuire Merkel. She was a life resident of Tippecanoe County, and attended the Wabash Center. Ms. Merkel had worked for Greenbush Industries. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, attending weddings, babies, and she really enjoyed Purdue University sports, especially basketball. Her ride to heaven was gold and her flowers were gold and black with Purdue ribbon strung throughout.

Surviving are three sisters, Phyllis Kesler of Lafayette, Helen Ogden (husband: Clyde) of Elwood, Mary Melvin (husband: Dennis) of Jacksonville, Fla.; and six brothers, BCUMC member Fred Merkel (wife: Faye), Elmer Merkel (wife: Patti) and Jack Merkel (wife: Sharon), all of Lafayette, Robert Merkel (wife: Linda) and Darrell Merkel (wife: Cindy), both of West Lafayette, and William Merkel Jr. (wife: Linda) of Greencastle. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 3 nieces and 1 nephew.

Visitation was 5-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30, at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel. Service was 10 a.m. Monday, October 1st, at St. James Lutheran Church, Pastor David French officiating. Interment at Rest Haven Memorial Park. At the end of the grave service the 9 brothers and sisters all put their hands on a Purdue balloon and let it go together towards heaven, while everyone sang "Hail Purdue"---sure to make Lola beam from ear to ear...

*Our sincere sympathies to Lola's family and friends. She touched many lives during her time on Earth. This special lady will be greatly missed. Memorials to Wabash Center, St. James Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association. A donation to the Gideons was made by Buck Creek UMC in Lola's name.*

### MINA MAE COPE, 96

FEB. 23, 1911 - SEPT. 8, 2006

Mina Mae Cope, 96, of West Lafayette, Indiana, and formerly of Waynetown, Indiana, passed away at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8th, at George Davis Manor, in West Lafayette. She had resided in



West Lafayette for eight years. Mina was BCUMC member Angie Austin's grandmother.

Mrs. Cope was born on Thursday, February 23, 1911 in Elmdale, Indiana, to the late William and Grace (Bunell) Moore. She was a twin.

She married Claude Elmer Cope on Saturday, May 7, 1932. He preceded her in death on January 18, 1974.

Mina graduated from Waynetown High School, and was a member of the Elmdale Community Church. She formerly worked as a private housekeeper for the families of John Miller and Dr. Bill Mounts.

Survivors include a son, William "Bud" (wife: Ethel Belle) Cope of Battle Ground; a daughter, Doris (husband Ernest "Ernie") Waltz of West Lafayette; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, September 11th, at 10 a.m. at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery with the Rev. George Smith officiating. There was no visitation, and Shoemaker Funeral Home in Waynetown was in charge of arrangements.

*Our sympathies to the family who will miss her. And as the family said, she's having a heavenly reunion right now with her twin sister!*

*A donation to the Gideons was made by Buck Creek UMC in Mina's name.*

#### **GERALDINE M. DELP, 78**

Geraldine "Geri" M. Weston Delp, 78, of Lafayette, Indiana, passed away peacefully, at 5:50 p.m., Monday, October 8, 2007, at Home Hospital. Her three sons and daughter-in-laws, and two of her grandchildren were with her.

Born in Brookston, Indiana, on Friday, February 22, 1929, to the late Marcus Ernest (1899-1986) and Cynthia Wooldridge Weston (1903-1979), she resided most of her life in Tippecanoe County except for three years in Chicago, Illinois.

She married Donald Jack Delp on Tuesday, April 26, 1949, in Gary, Indiana. They enjoyed 56 years of marriage together. He preceded her in death on July 6, 2005. She was a homemaker and was a baby-sitter in her home for a total of 34 children over the years, and made a difference in their lives with her love and caring. She was a member of the Buck Creek United Methodist Church and the Buck Creek Ladies Missionary Society. After moving into Lafayette from near Buck Creek (N 500 E), she had been attending Brady Lane Church of Christ and making new friends there. She made friends wherever she went. Geri enjoyed attending worship, and did volunteer work at church. She was



a past den mother for Cub Scouts Pack 48 in Buck Creek. She enjoyed genealogy, jigsaw puzzles, reading, and visiting with her grandchildren. She was blessed with a very close family.

She and Don had three sons, and they survive: Donald E. Delp (wife: Susan) of Cincinnati, Ohio; Larry E. Delp (wife: Angie) of Lafayette and James R. Delp (wife: Julie) of Brownsburg, Indiana. Also surviving are three sisters: Louise Sales (husband: Bob) of Delphi, Indiana; Mary Chilcott of Monticello, Indiana, and Loretta DeBoy (husband: Ron) of Mulberry, Indiana; and three brothers, John Weston (wife: Anita) of Lafayette, Gary Weston (wife: Marcia) of Monticello and Larry Weston (wife: Sue) of Wolcott, Indiana. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Josh (wife: Emily) and Matt Delp of Lafayette, and Amanda Delp and Jason Delp of Charlottesville, Virginia. Also her very dear close-as-a-sister friend, Margaret Shadowens.

The funeral ceremony was Friday morning (Oct. 12) at 10:00 am at the Hippensteel funeral home, with Pastor William Overbay, senior pastor at Brady Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Geri's children and their spouses, and her grandchildren all wore a white or red rose boutonniere in her honor. The notes of "It is Well With My Soul" softly filled the air before and after the service. Pastor Overbay read one of Geri's favorite bible verses, the comforting Psalm 23, and read a poem that was read at Geri's grandmother's and her mother's funerals, "How Beautiful to Be With God". Pastor Overbay commented that Geri's generation "didn't have to say what they believed, they lived it." He asked those in attendance to "strengthen our precious memories" of Geri. Her daughter-in-law Susan lovingly read a poem she had given to 'Mom Delp', "To My Other Mother".

Interment at Tippecanoe Memorial Gardens in West Lafayette. There was a reception for family and friends, after the interment, at the Buck Creek United Methodist Church, in Buck Creek, Indiana.

Geri was preceded in death by a sister, Alta "Vernie" Laverne Blount (Feb. 21, 2002), and a brother, Marcus Weston.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society; Brady Lane Church of Christ, 2701 Brady Lane, Lafayette, IN 47909; or Buck Creek United Methodist Church, Box 157, Buck Creek, IN 47924.

Our sincerest heartfelt sympathies to Geri's family & friends. We will miss her shy smile and her kind ways. She was a very special and giving lady. As Pastor Overbay said, her love, her leadership and her blessing taught us well. We know that Geri & Don are together again, young and happy, and dancing in heaven on streets of gold...

*A donation will be made to the Gideons in Geri's name from BCUMC.*



**HOW BEAUTIFUL TO BE WITH GOD**

(read by Pastor Overbay)

How Beautiful to be with God  
When Earth is Fading like a Dream  
And from this Mist Encircled Shore  
We Launch upon the Unknown Stream  
No Doubt -- No Fear -- No Anxious Care  
But Comforted by Staff and Rod in Faith  
Brightened Hour of Death  
Beyond the Partings and the Pain  
Beyond the Sighing and the Tears  
How Beautiful to be with God  
Through all the Endless Blessed Years  
To see His face, to hear His voice  
To know Him better Day by Day  
And love Him as the Flower Loves Light  
And serve Him as Mortals May  
How Beautiful to be with God

**TO MY OTHER MOTHER**

(read by Susan Delp)

You are the other Mother I received  
The day I wed your son  
And I just want to thank you, Mom  
For the loving things you've done.  
  
You've given me a gracious man  
With whom I share my life.  
You are his lovely Mother  
And I his lucky wife,  
  
You used to pat his little head  
And now I hold his hand.  
You raised in love a little boy  
And then gave me the man.



**WE'RE NOT MONKEYING AROUND!  
WE'RE COLLECTING SOCKS FOR  
LEBANON CHILDREN'S HOME KIDS!  
DELIVERY DATE: 12/08/2007  
Sponsored by: Buck Creek Ladies  
Missionary Society**

**PAINTING PRESENTED TO CHURCH**

Thanks to the family of the late Don & Geri Delp, a beautiful oil painting of the church building will soon grace the walls of BCUMC. On Sunday, October 21st, the portrait was presented to the church by the Delp family. Jim & Larry, two of Geri's sons were present for the ceremony, along with Larry's wife Angie. The painting was accepted on behalf of the BCUMC church family by member Margaret Shad-owens, also a friend of Geri and the Delp family for half a century.



This authentic portrait was painted by Geri's brother-in-law Robert Sands of Delphi. He made many trips to the church during the painting process. The painting previously hung on a wall in the Delp home. A brass plaque on the painting now declares: "In Memory of Don and Geri Delp". Many thanks to the Delp family for this wonderful treasure.



*Socks given in memory of: John & Maxine Tschopp, Verne Harner, Christa Faurote, Terri Balsler, Bill Meyers, Jim Humphrey, Opal Shoop, Dorothy Grygier, Ryan Stevenson, Dwight Hurst, Frank Faurote, Fern Martin, Paul Kantz, Mina Mae Cope, Lola Jean Merkel & M. Geraldine Delp...*

## QUOTES

- + “Everybody loves to be told they're loved. Wouldn't God like to hear we love Him too?” -Michele Mitchell (Children's sermon)
- + “God's big enough to handle it if I yell at Him!” -Pastor Dwight
- + “When does God not speak to me? It's when I don't listen.” -Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “That's the key word today--patience.” -Diane White (on being Liturgist)
- + “God is the ruler. We're a part of what He rules over.” -Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “May we be truly Your chosen this morning...” -Pastor Dwight (Sunday morning prayer)
- + “God is always present with us. If He's not part of us, it's only because we think He's not...” -Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “Next week bring someone, and maybe we can recognize them!” - Liturgist Ralph Rohrer on visitors
- + “Go and meet with your neighbor and tell them how good it is to see them!” -Michele Mitchell on "greet your neighbor" time during praise singing
- + “We can sing to you each day, something new that has happened in our lives...” -Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + “We're praying when we hear it...” -Pastor Dwight (on prayer requests)
- + “Read the Bible. Read one chapter a day, say Psalm 119, in an easy to understand Bible. It will help you know the path God wants you to take.” - Michele Mitchell (Children's sermon)
- + “God just wants what's in your heart. Let it flow, and God is glorified in that...” -Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “We need to complain to God, and that's okay!” -Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “I don't have anything else to say!” -Jim Jr. after wife Anita gave all their announcements... :)
- + “...a very relaxing and drawing near to God weekend.” -Anita on The Great Banquet
- + “If you're able to, it's a worthy cause! It's an awesome feeling to know you've donated blood.” -Diane White on the Oct. 20th Blood Drive at BCUMC
- + “We ask that You do draw us close. We pray that the world fades away and we're able to focus on YOU.” -Jim Davidson Jr. (prayer after praise singing)
- + “I need to see some smiles! The joy of the Lord should be on our faces!” -Pastor Dwight
- + “Father, we do thank You for this day---there's been many days we've awakened and not ever thought about it, but it is a day You have created for us...” -Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + “The Holy Spirit should be an active part of our lives.” -Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “Part of the church we need is each other...” -Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “We receive power from God to reach out and impact the world.” -Pastor Dwight (message)
- + “Don't worry, I'm not gonna sing!” -Bob Shepard (introducing special music)

- + “The October newsletter is out. Wait and read it after church---not when Pastor Dwight is speaking, like I do sometimes!” :) -Diane White (Liturgist)
- + “Don't forget to sing out with all your might from our hearts!” -Bob Shepard (on praise singing)
- + “We worship You in this time of quiet solitude gathered with other Christians of like mind. We pray this morning in our midst You will be glorified!” -Pastor Dwight (Sunday morning prayer)
- + “...love them [your parents] as much as possible, and do what you're told. It's what God wants you to do.” -Michele Mitchell (children's sermon)
- + “We have a heavenly parent. Sometimes we don't want to do what God wants us to do. God has more wisdom and experience!” -Pastor Dwight (reflection on the children's sermon)
- + “We are so often weighed down by cares and concerns and we want to be released from that. We know it's a part of life but You tell us to come to You and cast our burdens on You, and You will help us hold them up...” - Pastor Dwight (prayer)
- + “Who are we? His. We're God's...” -Pastor Dwight

## BIBS OR APRONS?

Another e-pistle from Bishop Mike

I was given an apron this morning at church. I preached and consecrated the new church facility for the St. Andrew United Methodist Church in West Lafayette, Indiana. That congregation has made a bold move to a new location, built a beautiful new facility, and celebrated a time of renewed vitality. As a part of that vitality, they have focused upon giving persons an apron (appropriately labeled with their congregation's name and motto) as a symbol of our call to service as Christian disciples. In particular, their senior pastor Tim Burchill indicated their desire to combat the usual consumer attitude of choosing a church “to feed me.”

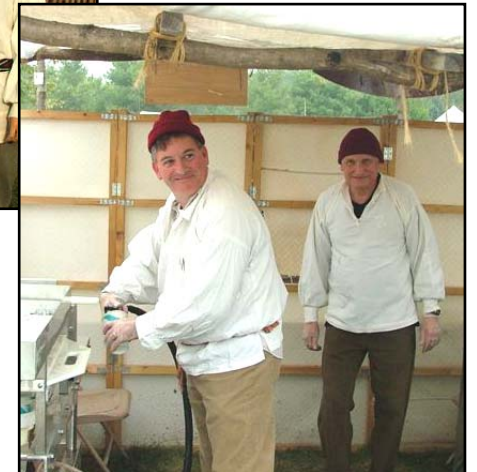
I like my new apron, and I especially like the reminder that we don't go to church just to be fed (that would mean we all wear bibs to church), but we go to church to learn how to feed and serve others (hence the apron). Certainly all of us have times when need to be fed, nourished, supported by prayer, and cared for. Church must be a place where all of us receive God's grace when we need it. But if we stop there – only asking, “What's in it for me?” – then we buy into the consumer mentality of our culture, and we make church into just another place where we shop for our favorite treatment and service. All of us know persons who seem to “church shop” and jump from church to church, often making the same complaint, “I wasn't fed there.” Perhaps such persons need to learn to lengthen their bibs into aprons, and to learn how to live the life of service and discipleship to which Jesus calls us.

So, how about your church? Are you giving people bibs or aprons? And how about you? Are you looking for a spoon-fed faith and consumer religion which caters to your needs? Or are you seeking a life of love and service and sacrifice which might lead all the way to the Cross? Which will it be – bibs or aprons? by *Bishop Michael J. Coyner, Indiana Area of The United Methodist Church - "Making a Difference ... in Indiana and the world"*



## **FEAST YOUR EYES ON THIS...**

The 2007 Feast of the Hunter's Moon at Fort Quiatenon was again a success for the Buck Creek buffalo burger booth. The pics:





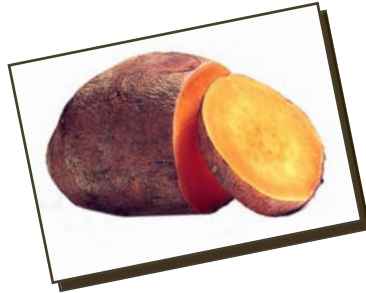
## RECIPE CORNER

"...Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared..." -Nehemiah 8:10

This recipe came from Lena's sister in Gardendale, Alabama. Great for all you "yam-sweet potato" lovers for Thanksgiving!

### SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

- 4 c. whipped sweet potatoes
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 stick (1/2 c) oleo
- 1/2 c. milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla



Mix together and place in casserole dish.

Topping:

- 1 stick oleo
- 1/2 c. flour
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts

Mix together and place topping on potatoes.

Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees or 375 degrees.

Have a nice fall season!

-Lena Jones, San Diego, CA

## CHARGE CONFERENCE – DON'T FORGET

Remember! Buck Creek's annual Charge Conference will be on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 5:00 P.M.

## FROM TRASH TO TREASURE

There are collection boxes at church for all these things:

Campbell's Soup Labels (Bashor Home)

Used eyeglasses (Lion's Club)

Cancelled stamps (Marion Missions)

Used greeting cards (Prophetstown)

And don't forget to save those ink cartridges!

Thank you for turning your trash into treasure!

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