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**FROM THE HEIGHTS**  
*The Weekly Newsletter of University Heights UMC*

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## The Goodies are Back

Refreshments will be available after church outside. Individually wrapped homemade and/or store-bought goodies and coffee will be available.



## Important Statement from our Church Advisory Council

On Monday evening the Indianapolis City-County Council voted to end Marion County's mask mandate for those who are fully vaccinated for Covid-19. This is exciting and highly anticipated news!

In an earlier May meeting of our Church Advisory Council, we approved that once the mask mandate was lifted by local leadership, likewise UHUMC would lift its mask mandate for indoor church ministry activities. **Therefore, we are pleased to announce that starting this Sunday June 13 UMUMC will no longer require the wearing of masks for Sunday morning worship and Sunday school classes for those individuals who are fully vaccinated!**

We do ask and encourage people who are not fully vaccinated to still wear their masks inside the church for worship and other ministries. This is consistent with CDC guidelines and statements made by local health department leaders. Other populations within the church will also continue wearing their masks such as those working with small children who are not yet eligible for vaccinations and those working with vulnerable populations such as volunteers for our Siloam ministry.

We support any individual's preference to continue wearing a

mask as we strive to ensure that each member and guest engaging in life at UHUMC feels safe. We endeavor to welcome all regardless of their decision to wear a mask or not. Please remember that a video stream and radio broadcast of the 9am service is available as an option for any who feel unwell and choose to worship at home.

In the next phase of decision making, the Advisor Council will be updating us with information about church meals and other food related ministries. We hope to be able to eat together in a safe fashion soon!

Thank you to the Advisory Council members who have given their time, listened well, prayed for guidance and set policy for the life of our church to safely move through this challenging time. Your leadership is appreciated and celebrated!

Advisory Team Members: Pastor David, Susan Hancock, Cristy Roleson, Darrin Isaac, Curt Barclay, Bev Riffle, Vicky Swank, Marylynne Winslow, Mike Hilgert, Janet Clegg, Chris Wilson



## ***Which Trail Do You Choose?***

In a recent getaway, the Neuen family explored the beautiful beaches, bike trails, and waterways of South Haven, Michigan. One of the highlights was riding the Van Buren State Park trail from our campsite into town. As a thoroughfare of bikers, we greeted and passed other riders along the way. Lush trees, purple wildflowers, and sand dunes decorated the route. For a stretch we chased semi-trailers and RVS that sped along the highway beside us. After six miles, the trail opened up to the town marina and the sun bathed waves rolling in from gorgeous Lake Michigan.

Midway through the ride, the trail presents a “fork in the road,” a decision of what direction to continue. The paved trail turns to the right towards a state park and campground. The packed gravel path goes miles further to Benton Harbor, MI with supposed lovely natural sights along the way. We took our bikes to the right knowing our tent was staked down that trail at the park. The road less traveled will have to wait for another visit for extra exploring.

When you meet the intersections of life, how do you choose which direction to turn? Do you select the trail that you know best because you have walked it numerous times before? What needs to happen for you to select the unforeseen? Do you seek the path that looks the easiest to traverse, the one with the shortest distance to the finish? Is your selection based on what appears most appealing to your eyesight, the one that is easiest to understand and complete? Do you seek the cheapest answer, the one with least amount of financial risk or commitment? Or do you beam at a challenge, an opportunity to learn, an occasion to lean into faith? Do you rely heavily on the recommendations of others? Is your decision making becoming less and less your own as you prioritize appeasing others? Or perhaps your decisions are based on supporting and enriching the lives of other people?

In a verse from Proverbs worthy of memorization we read, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6).* How do you apply this passage to the resolution of confusing decisions? There is affirmation and peace when we anticipate God working to inform and encourage our thinking. But, it takes intentionality to draw holy wisdom into our choices. With what regularity do you seek

insight from God through scripture, prayer, conversation with other friends in the faith? And perhaps most importantly, what is the primary factor you consider when the fork comes in the road? In the end, what do you hope this decision will achieve?

I pray that your choice will glorify God, prioritize love, assist God's vision, and move you more in line with the person of Christ. And I am confident that God's Holy Spirit will assist you in taking the turn and moving in the right way.



Where have you been hiking? We would love to show photos from a time you "hit the trails" as part of our new worship series "This Boots were made for Hiking." Also great hiking stories are wonderful gift. If willing, share photos and by sending to

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### ***Justice Statement Authoring***

*"The world has been in a state of emergency over the last year. Existing injustices have been exacerbated and many of the milestones achieved for building a more peaceful world have been reversed. The World Bank estimates more than 100 million people around the world were pushed into extreme poverty in 2020. To date, more than 3 million people globally have died due to COVID-19. Racial and political violence have increased everywhere, from the streets of Minneapolis to the Gaza Strip."*

I am not alarmed or surprised by this recent statement of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society. However, I do grieve and feel God's Spirit compelling us to engage wherever social and economic injustice flourish.

As United Methodists, we pursue 'social holiness' that is rooted in our understanding of the Bible and modeled off the work of Methodists for over 250 years. Through personal and communal learning and engagement we seek to activate God's beloved community in our midst. We strive to reflect the reconciling love of Christ in all that we say and do.

In a continuation of last year's conversation on racism, we will continue in our learning together this summer with the aim of creating an anti-racism statement as an ideal and a guide to our life and ministry together. The process of crafting the statement was affirmed and launched by the Administrative Council at its last meeting.

Are you interested in joining us for dialogue and the authoring our justice statement that will guide us in our life of racial reconciliation? Be part of the next steps:

1. Respond to [david.neuen@inumc.org](mailto:david.neuen@inumc.org) saying "Yes" I want to be involved in the anti-racism statement writing process.
2. Secure and begin reading the book "Be the Bridge" by Latasha Morrison. Pastor David will be hosting several book discussion groups this summer utilizing this text. Times will be announced soon. The book will serve as one of the guides used in drafting our justice statement.

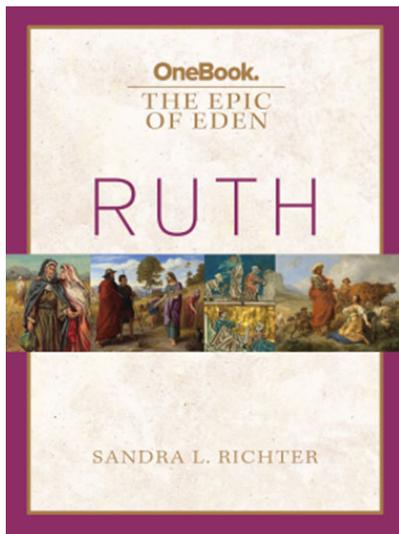
Silence can not be our standard. You are invited to commit with us to this work of expressing and building unity that is at the center of God's heart.

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Thursdays you can join the Men's Bible Study at 11 am on zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84928436481>. Beginning June 10, the group will be studying a new series of lessons entitled "Alike and Different: Christian Denominations and their place in the Family of Faith."

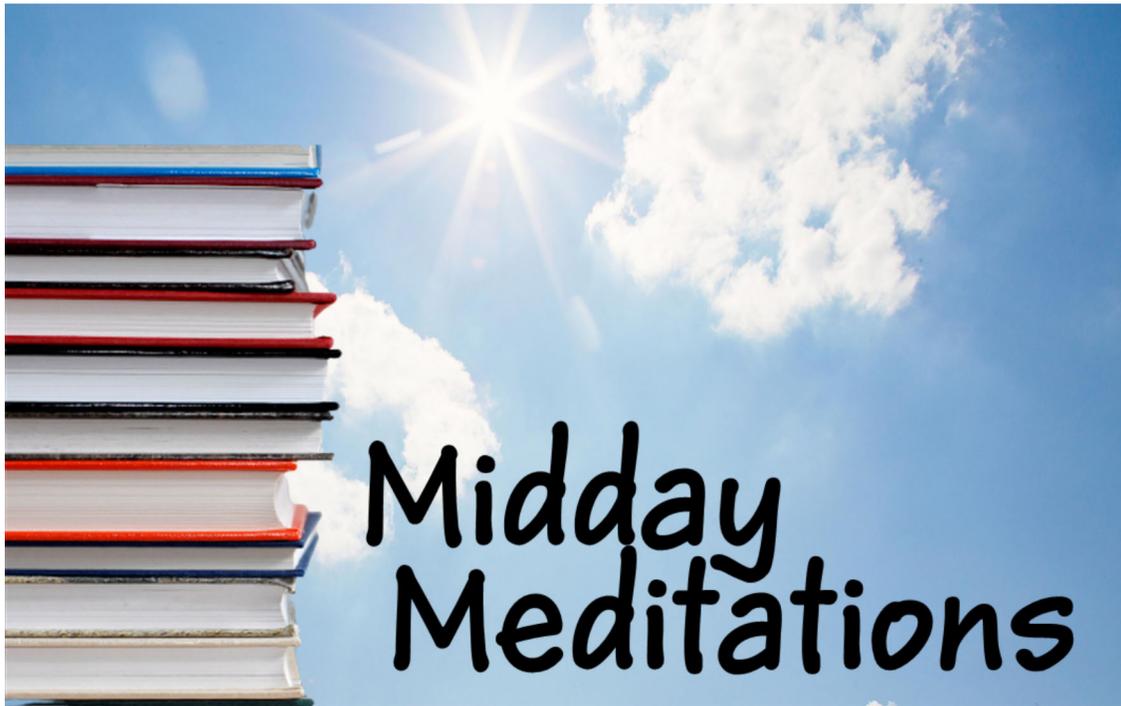
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Join Us for a  
New Video study on Ruth  
Sunday Mornings at 10:15 AM  
Hosted by the Ad-a-Links class  
All our welcome as we hear again a love  
story of acceptance and commitment  
that changes the scope of Christian  
history!

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Take a brief moment's pause in your day to reflect on the Lenten season and receive a word of encouragement. Using the inspiration of some of Christianity's best devotional authors, Pastor David offers a quick but meaningful word to help carry you through your day. You can find Midday Meditations on the UHUMC Facebook page

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### ***UHUMC Flagship Church for June/July***

During June and July we are the flagship church for Fletcher Place. That means they are depending on us to help keep the pantry stocked. Grocery sacks will be available starting May 26, to pick up and take home to fill. Following is what they need: canned meats (stew; ham; tuna; chicken; chicken and dumplings; Spam), canned vegetables (peas; corn; mixed vegetables; green beans; carrots; potatoes), canned fruit (peaches; pears; pineapple; fruit cocktail; applesauce; other fruits), cream soups (mushroom, chicken, and celery soup for casseroles), canned pastas (Spaghetti-o's; ravioli), canned soups (all varieties), boxes/bags (potatoes any style; egg noodles; spaghetti; elbow macaroni; Tuna Helper; macaroni and cheese; cereal; pancake mix; powdered milk; rice; pasta mixes; dry beans), and jars and bottles (pancake syrup; gravy; jelly and spaghetti sauce).

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**Taizé Service  
Thursday Evenings  
at 8:45 pm on Zoom**

On Thursday evenings, Pastor David and Darrin will be hosting an “end-of-day” time of prayer and reflection. Each participant is invited to bring a candle and join for a short time of gratitude, shared concerns, and a word of peace. To connect weekly join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5833323302> or on our UHUMC Facebook page.

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**June Birthdays**

- 4 Cindy Neuen
- 10 Heidi Jensen
- 11 Chris Wilson
- 12 Isaac Hilgert
- 13 Wendy Mattson
- 16 Shirley Bornman  
Nancy Kingsley
- 17 Leonard Lucas
- 19 Brian Green
- 20 Mary McMillan
- 22 Linda Fowler
- 23 Lillian Bravard  
Emily Hart

- 24 Broden Kelly
- 28 Doug Curts  
Lynn Moran
- 29 Penny Sue Burris  
Cindy Bymaster
- 30 Leann Wesner

### **June Anniversaries**

- 6/4/1965 Delbert & Becky Carney
  - 6/4/1999 Jay & Janette Norris
  - 6/7/1958 Don & Joanne Hannon
  - 6/14/1975 Larry & Susan McKnight
  - 6/15/1963 Kendall & Georgia Hottell
  - 6/15/1974 Ken & Marylynne Winslow
  - 6/17/1995 Curt & Rhonda Barclay
  - 6/19/1969 Dewayne & Sue Hudson
  - 6/21/1989 Charles & Amie Walls
  - 6/21/2014 Isaac & Dana Hilgert
  - 6/26/1987 David & Patty Morgan
  - 6/29/1962 Phillip & Linda  
Rodebaugh
  - 6/30/1990 Jeff & Melinda Alford
  - 6/30/2018 Luke & Heather McNamee
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Did you know?

You can worship with us, share devotions, study the Bible, go to Sunday School and have candlelight prayer with us every week via the internet.

Worship is available on [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#) and our website [uhumc.com](http://uhumc.com). Just click on the vintage TV. Or you can listen on 88.7 FM or on our website by clicking on the vintage radio.

Sunday mornings you can join Chris Wilson and Pastor David for Sunday School on [Facebook](#) or individual Sunday School classes. Just follow the link or go to the church Facebook page.

Thursdays you can join the Men's Bible Study at 11 am on zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/691362732>.

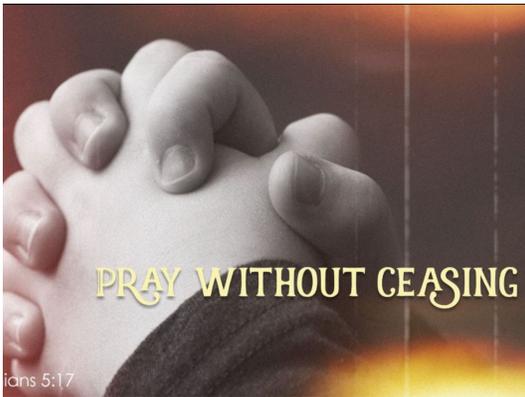
Thursday evenings are a time for us to wind down the week and pray with each other. Pastor David and Darrin lead this time of prayer at 6:30 pm on zoom and on [Facebook](#). Join with zoom to be able to interact directly with Pastor David and Darrin at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83512262916>

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June Loose Coin  
will support the  
Special Missions

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[Submit Prayer Concern](#)

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**Click the button you are interested in.**  
**Sign-up for the dates available.**

[Liturgist](#)

[Did you miss the alter and chancel flower](#)

calendar sign-up? You can sign-up by clicking the button below. Then send your check in via mail, offering plate or dropping off in the office for \$15 for the altar or \$30 for the chancel (two sides) bouquets. Any questions, call the church office.

[Flower Calendar](#)

Want to get up-to-date notifications? Join our group by texting @uhumc to 81010. You can also join by clicking the "Join" button below. This will sign you up with an email and then you can add your cell number too. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

[Join Now](#)

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