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# MOUNT COMFORT BLESSING

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Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church of the Risen Christ

June/July 2016

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## Pastor's Corner By Pastor Dave Galbraith

Dear Friends,

Most everyone knows the lyrics to the song Amazing Grace. We sing it every once in a while, and most of the time we don't pay attention to what we are singing. So I thought as we look toward the middle of 2016, I might share some thoughts about Grace.

Here are the words:

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now, I see.*

Grace is defined as: (in Christian belief) the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.

Have you ever felt the *favor* of God? Did you believe you deserved it or that He just loved you so much that He just gave it to you?

God's love is so different from the love we claim to have for others or the love we expect from others. Most every time, there is an expectation of receiving something in return. If I love you, I must give or do something so that you know it. If you love me, there is a belief that there will be something done or given to me so that I love you back.

That's NOT God's love. God's love is unconditional! God's love is free, nothing expected in return. God's love is pure.

What would happen if everyone in the church/world could accept others just the way they are? What if we all agreed that God created every one of us uniquely different and that He knew exactly what He was doing?

You do know that God gave us a visual, real, example of what His love looks like. His name is Jesus, and He is the Messiah. He was present when you and I were created. He had a hand in who you are and the quirky things you do that make other folks scratch their heads. Yes, you are God's creation and you are moving toward perfection.

His Grace is unmerited because of His love for you.

God bless each one of you,

*Pastor Dave*

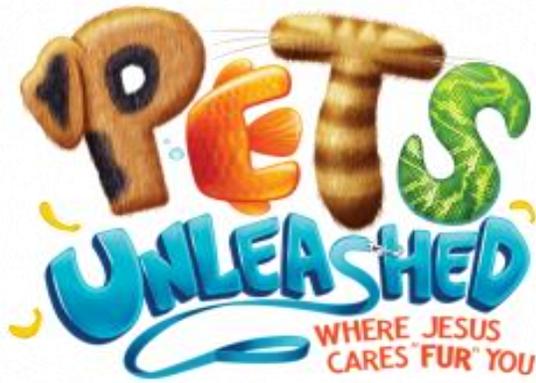


FCJ Step 2 will start with a meeting that involves our FCJ Team Leader, Tiffany Kelly, and Pastor Dave. We will gather on June 22 with all the other churches that are starting Step 2.

Please reserve September 23-25, 2016, for a three-day event Friday morning through Sunday worship where a visitation team will come in and interview staff and different groups in the church so that they can evaluate where our church needs to improve, remove, or create new ministries.

We are also looking for another group of folks to go through Step 1. It is a seven-month long process starting in the fall of 2016. You will have monthly meetings with other churches and then monthly meetings with our own FCJ team. You will get to read six books, and my hope is that we can share the existing books with the new FCJ Step 1 team.





July 22 - 24, 2016  
Mt. Comfort United Methodist  
Church of the Risen Christ

Who: Children 4 years - 5th grade

When: Friday, July 22, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 23, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 24, 9:15 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

•Please pre-register by July 8, so that we can know how many will be attending.

•Open registration will be on Friday, July 22 from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.

**VBS 2016**

**Don't miss it!**



The UPWARD Soccer sports ministry of Mt. Comfort Church will conclude its season with its final game Saturday, June 4. This season 58 children participated in the contests, which included devotions. Thanks to Dale Dickson, director, and Teresa Sexton, contact and communications chair. Sunday, June 5 will feature UPWARD teams during Sunday worship, followed by the end-of-season celebration dinner. Church members are welcome to join the players and coaches for the meal after Sunday worship. Please call or text Teresa Sexton to let her know you are coming to the June 5 dinner, so she can plan accordingly: 317-716-1282.



## Monty's View By Monty the Church Mouse

Monty, the church mouse is back.

If you were a church mouse, what would you like to know about the church? Who makes the best chocolate chip cookies in the church? When Miss Bea came into the church, I would follow her and her basket wherever she went, and if she set it down anywhere, 'Look Out!' Who had the most kids in the church? Then, who had the meanest kids in the church? It had to be the Nossets. Wherever they sat down and dropped their coats, shoes, hats, there was sure to be a piece of already-chewed-gum, or better known as ABC gum, or a left over piece of a sucker or maybe a Tootsie Roll. One thing was for sure! Wherever they landed, there was always a scuffle or a wrestling match, and who knows what could be found after the Nossett kids made their mark.

Another thing to know about was the latest church gossip. Now, I couldn't do much about it, but it was fun to know, such as who gave the most money, or what about the health problems of the church, whose kids are dating whom and, of course, there are the rumors about a certain member of the choir and one of the Trustees.

Oh, there are lots of other subjects we might wonder about, but the most important for me is the church leading its members to a life where Jesus is Lord.

Maybe I'm such a little too fundamental; after all, what do I know; I am only a little old church mouse.

I am Monty, I AM HE!

## SonShine Kids

SonShine Kids, year four, has concluded for the current school year. This after-school ministry served approximately 35 children on Thursdays when school was in session. Thanks to Herb Hale for directing this year's program and to the many volunteers who made the program possible. Check out the thank you note from one of the children in the program posted on the hallway bulletin board; it will warm your heart!

## MISSIONS

### By Rose McKinney

Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church will be represented at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY, to assist with home repairs needed in that area. Our representatives are Doug and Margo Detzler, Herb Hale, Dan and Patty Johnson and two grandsons, Rose McKinney and two grandsons, Dennis Stang, and Tim Waymire. The mission team will be there from Sunday, June 5 through Saturday, June 11. Please pray for their safe travel and work area and for opportunities to share Christ's love with those people in the area and with the other volunteers there.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for a way to volunteer your services to local charities, here are some suggestions. You can offer your service as an individual or ask a friend or a small group to join you. You do not have to volunteer only through the Missions Committee.

- Kenneth Butler Soup Kitchen—202 East Main Street, Greenfield; [www.kbmsk.org](http://www.kbmsk.org); [kbmskinc@myninestar.net](mailto:kbmskinc@myninestar.net); 317-462-9900; Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You can help prepare meals, deliver meals or help in the office.
- Meals on Wheels—1133 West Main Street, Suite C, Greenfield; [info@mealsonwheelsonline.org](mailto:info@mealsonwheelsonline.org); 317-477-4345; Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Help by delivering the meals.
- Edelweiss Equine Assisted Therapy Center—531 West 100 South, Greenfield. They need help with care of the horses and facilities and work with the youth receiving therapy through participating in riding activities.
- Hancock County Senior Services—1870 Fields Blvd, Greenfield; [www.hcssi.org](http://www.hcssi.org); 317-462-2843. Provide light housekeeping assistance with laundry, cleaning, cooking and grocery shopping; respite for caregiver; handyman assistance, legal assistance and other care for frail seniors or people with disabilities. To provide transportation for these people call 317-462-1103.
- Hancock Hope House—35 East Pierson Street, Greenfield; 317-467-4991; [www.hancockhopehouse.org](http://www.hancockhopehouse.org). and WEARhouse Thrift Store same address, 317-477-0213; Open 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

Volunteers are welcome to work in the store. Our church collects cleaning and hygiene items to assist their clients, and they accept “gently used” clothing items to be sold in the store and shoes to sell or collect for donations to needy.

•Springhurst Health Campus—628 North Meridian Road, Greenfield; 317-462-7067; [www.springhurstc.com](http://www.springhurstc.com); E-mail [RondyFeller@springhurstc.com](mailto:RondyFeller@springhurstc.com). Opportunities to visit with patients to talk, to read, to assist with concerns, or contribute your talents such as musical ability as an individual or a group. Other Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation Centers in the area welcome volunteers as well.

•Purdue Extension Hancock County, 802 Apple Street, Greenfield; 317-462-1113; [hancockces@purdue.edu](mailto:hancockces@purdue.edu); [www.extension.purdue.edu/hancock](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/hancock). Volunteering may include helping with the agriculture and natural resources; the 4-H Youth Development, or the Health and Human Sciences divisions of the organization.

•Pack Away Hunger—5230 Park Emerson Drive, Suite A, Indianapolis; 317-429-9876; [Charles.Miller@PackAwayHunger.org](mailto:Charles.Miller@PackAwayHunger.org). Groups from 12 to 75 people can pack bags of Nutri-Plenty meals to be distributed in Indiana, Ohio, Guatemala, Haiti and other countries.

•Alternatives, Inc.—116 South State Street, Greenfield; 317-462-8777; [kbuzan@alternativesdv.org](mailto:kbuzan@alternativesdv.org); They offer assistance to victims of domestic violence, such as emergency shelter, transitional housing, 24-hour crisis call and responses, support, referral and advocacy for victims of family violence and sexual abuse, and specialized children's services. Urgent needs include bath towels and washcloths, toilet tissue and paper towels, toddler clothing; after-school snacks, deodorant, conditioner and maxi-pads, diapers, sheets and blankets (twin), cereal and breakfast pastries, new socks and underwear (women's and children's sizes), laundry soap and dishwashing detergent; canned fruit and vegetables, DVDs (kids and family).

Don't miss volunteer opportunities with Girl Scouts, Cub and Boy Scouts, The American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity, Hancock County Library, Hancock Memorial Hospital, and at local schools with programs such as ReadUp or with teacher assistance. And don't forget we still collect food items for local food pantries and health and hygiene and cleaning items for Hope House at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church in the carts in the foyer.

## DAYTIME MINISTRIES

By Pat Zarse

*These things I command you, that ye love one another. John 15:17*

Through our mission work throughout the year, we attempt to teach the children that no matter how young you are or what your age is, everyone can do some things to help those in need. We just completed our Down Syndrome Walk and raised \$2,000.00 for our local group that meets at the church the third Thursday of each month. This month they spent a fun evening at Chuck E. Cheese. This group was started only a year ago and has grown to include people attending from the west side of Indianapolis, Shelbyville, Carmel, near Muncie, and more. Stacey Yocum felt called to organize a group for Hancock County, but found the need was far greater than our own county. The monies we raised have been used for speakers and special programs for the children and parents. Everyone probably knows someone with Down Syndrome Disorder. Help us spread the word that there is a support group here at Mt. Comfort and everyone is welcome.

*Serving Him,  
Pat*

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Another year has ended, on May 27, to be exact. What a ministry supporting our community! A special thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry over the years with their help, finances, donations, and prayers.

Thank you to all our families who attended Preschool Sing. The children did a great job singing for the church congregation.

Our last month of preschool the children finished the letters of the alphabet and the subjects of Mother's Day, God Critters, Vacation, and I Am Special. The children love Vacation week with the special days of "T-Shirt Day & Beach Day."

Our final week ended with our Spring Program. The children sang beautifully, received certificates, and concluded with lemonade and cookies in the gym.

Please share with family, friends, and your neighbors our 2016-17 preschool and childcare information, and we will be glad to meet with them

over the summer to enroll. We'll see all enrolled students for next school year on August 15, the first day of preschool.

We wish everyone a safe and fun summer!

## CHILDCARE

Childcare enrollment always drops over the summer months, due to teachers being home and 4-5 year olds moving to kindergarten. We have several new families starting in June and August. Welcome aboard!

Childcare continues with curriculum over the summer with fun topics such as Camping, VBS, Father's Day, Ice Cream week, and July 4th. The children keep the same schedule as during the school year except on Fridays, when it is Water Day. Water Day means bathing suits and outside water play in the morning – sprinklers, water table, and wading pools. Lunch is served under the shelter house, and then dry clothes and a movie. What FUN!!

Again, tell others about our programs, and we will be glad to meet with them over the summer for more information and a tour. Thank you.



*It was standing room only at the MCUMC Pre-School Spring Program on May 26. Children delighted parents and family members with their singing. Each child received a certificate, and fundraiser winners were announced.*



## **Music Ministry Notes**

### **By David Morton**

Thanks to the following for your willingness to share your talents and the spiritual gift of music during June and July. We have heard such great music throughout this season, and it continues to abound at Mount Comfort United Methodist Church of the Risen Christ! Here is what we have to look forward to in the next few weeks.

### **Special Music**

Sunday, June 5 - Rylee Henson  
Sunday, June 12 - Gail Rush  
Sunday, June 19 – (Father’s Day) –Redeem the Time  
Sunday, June 26 -- Wayne Hutchens  
Sunday, July 3 -- David Gioe and James Mason  
Sunday, July 10 -- Rylee Henson  
Sunday, July 17 -- Gail Rush  
Sunday, July 24 -- Sherry Hutchens  
Sunday, July 31 -- John Chrisman

Thanks again to all who have given tirelessly to create a meaningful music ministry, and remember there is always plenty of room for many more!

[Editor's Note: Thanks also to David Morton for sharing his talents with MCUMC. He has accepted a position with Carmel United Methodist Church, and his last Sunday as Director of Music Ministries at Mt. Comfort was May 22. He will be missed.]

## **Shepherding Committee**

### **By Cindy Kendall**

On Sunday, April 3, the passing of our beloved sister in Christ, Linda Wynn, was recognized with a white carnation on the altar. Linda’s cheerful disposition, helpfulness, and beautiful singing voice will be terribly missed by her church family. The passing of Parrish Gross was also acknowledged on April 3. Parrish was the nephew of Connie Branson.

During May, flowers on the altar honored the lives of Elsie Bare, mother of Cindy Winterstein, and Betty Galbraith, mother of Pastor Dave Galbraith. Our prayers and sympathy go out to all the families having lost loved ones.

The Shepherding Committee continues to seek information from our congregation regarding concerns of those who may need support. Please contact Pastor Dave or Cindy Kendall 317-326-8193 with your information.

## *Card of Thanks*

Dear Mt. Comfort family ~

We are so grateful for the outpouring of love during the illness and passing of Dave's mom, Betty. The beautiful cards and notes have warmed our hearts and brought comfort. Betty's almost 98 years were filled with love of family and lots of laughter. Thank you for continued prayers.

Love,

Pastor Dave, Myrna and family

## **Ministerial Scholarship Awarded**

When Mt. Comfort Church was running a food tent every year for the Hancock County Fair, the Food Tent Committee elected to put aside money from the profits for a scholarship for anyone in our church who was pursuing a degree to become a minister. The fund of \$1,000 sat there for several years, but recently it has been possible to give out that scholarship to a young man who is a member of our church. The Finance Committee and Church Council approved the candidate in recent meetings. The following is a thank-you note from Joe Sanford for that scholarship.

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Sisters and Brothers of Mt. Comfort UMC,

I wish to share my tremendous gratitude for your generous and unexpected gift towards my seminary education.

When I began this journey with Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, I admit I was nervous about the financial commitment. I have many moments of laughter and joy these days, as God’s blessings have been overwhelming. I’m not sure I will ever worry about these little things ever again, as miracles are not in short supply.

I am on track to receive my Master of Divinity in the winter of 2018. I began my seminary career with a 3.8 GPA. I have no idea how that happened, because I was full-time ten days after the birth of my twin daughters.

My seminary experience has been a wonderful, enriching, challenging, and eye-opening experience. Thank you for helping me continue this journey of a life in response to God’s call. I am His, and He is mine. I will keep you updated with my progress. Many blessings of God’s grace and peace to you all.

Sincerely,

Joe Sanford

## Kingdom Kids Program Begins

What's up with that castle? The castle on the front lawn of Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church was created for Kingdom Kids, a Sunday afternoon program for children ages 2 through 12.

The construction crew of Scott Ellenberger, Herb Hale, Mike Jones, and Tim Waymire began constructing the castle in April. Other volunteers helped with painting and assembly. (Pictured left: Herb Hale, Jason Pope, Scott Ellenberger, and Pastor Dave.) Special thanks to artist Peggy Brewer for adding her professional touch to the castle.

Meanwhile, volunteers met at the church to plan programming, including curriculum, snacks, crafts, music, and recreation.

Kingdom Kids had its Kick-Off Celebration May 15 after worship service with a hot dog roast and pitch-in dinner. The first program launched May 22. Kingdom Kids will continue on Sundays, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. The program includes games, snacks, crafts, and Christian programming.

Parenting programs, as announced, also will be offered concurrently, led by Reverend Bob Miller and Norietta Miller.

More volunteers are always welcome and will be needed as the program grows. To learn more, call 317-336-9423, or email [Pettykm1@gmail.com](mailto:Pettykm1@gmail.com). (Photos courtesy Tim Waymire)



## Trustees Update by Tim Waymire

A church work day for everyone to participate in is being planned. Here is an update of work projects completed and current active projects. You will find the work list sitting on the window sill at the Trustee's office door, Room 101.

### Work projects the Trustees have completed:

- Two new complete furnace/air conditioning assemblies have been installed.
- 1,500 pounds of temporary blacktop repairs have been completed.
- Design, construction, and painting of the castle in the front yard completed.
- All furnace filters replaced.
- Ballasts replaced in Treasurer's office.
- New emergency lighting installed in the Sanctuary Narthex.

### These projects are still active:

- Emergency lighting repair throughout the buildings.
- Four new paper towel dispensers ordered to replace broken ones.
- Numbering the rooms of the building. This is needed so circuit breakers description will show the location. The future goal is to be able to find a circuit breaker by the number on the receptacle cover.
- Completion of the electric panel identification.
- Construction of a new janitorial closet (under the stairway by the kitchen).
- Driveway repairs.
- Repair the Family Life Center Greenheck air handler.

*Thanks, Tim*

## Save the Date: August 21, Birthday & Anniversary Celebration Pitch-in, after Worship

<i>Happy Birthday</i>	June Birthdays	July Birthdays	June Anniversaries
<b>June Birthdays</b>	25 Nora Allen John Bowery Kira Hendrix Gerry Henry Shirley Thompson	17 Jennifer (Henry) Elliott	25 Tim & Bonnie Boyd Jason & Janice Pope
1 Dottie Copeland	26 Jerri Fry	20 Helen Pryor Shirley Ross Lily Sexton	28 Dave & Myrna Galbraith
2 Draeven Grubb Morgan Sellers	27 Carole Schutt	22 Austin Gibson	29 Mike & Darla Gibson Wade & Maribeth Sellers
3 Gary Stewart	27 Jordan Gerlach	23 Raymond Sexton	30 Don & Gail Rush
6 Chris Forcum	28 Jody Lillyblade Vason	27 Virginia Waymire	<b>July Anniversaries</b>
7 Amy Hoepner Lois Neuerman Larry Simmerman	29 Debra Dickson	29 Erika Bundy David Galbraith	1 Chuck & Jo Sullivan
8 Carrie Lillyblade Griffin Velma Thomas	<b>July Birthdays</b>	30 Sharon Farmer	7 Bruce & Julie Heckman
9 Jim Cohee	1 Sue Rodgers	31 Elaine Holloway Patty Johnson Jeffrey Winterstein	8 William & Heather Meredith
10 Scott Ellenberger	2 Roger Pryor	<i>Happy Anniversary</i>	9 Gary & Heather Johnson
13 Elizabeth Bales Dominc Morris	4 Bob Perry	<b>June Anniversaries</b>	10 Frank & Debbie Denton
14 Kevin Sheets Jo Sullivan	5 Jerin Meredith	11 Michael & Tena Jones	14 John & Christina Bundy
15 Elizabeth Harris	10 Kevin Lewellyn Madison Phillipp	13 Ev & Pat Zarse	17 Ron & Amy Hoepner
16 Shelbie Heckman	12 Ernie Alder	14 Tom & Pat Nigh	17 Ernie & Betty Alder
17 Victoria Hodson Janice Pope Barbara Stewart	13 Tia Nicole Banayote Michelle Sheets Carol Simmerman	15 Jay & Janet Kleine	19 George & Cindy Winterstein
18 J.D. Cohee	14 Matthew Kelly TJ Lewellyn Melinda Waymire	17 Gary & Barbara Stewart	24 Tom & Carol Seng
21 Neetra Dibartoli	15 Pat Nigh	21 Kevin & Carrie Smith	26 Paul & Carol Lillyblade
23 Lisa Yanan		23 Brandon & Angie Ludlow	
24 Micki Chatman Jack McKinney		Mark & Marcia Piercy	

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**Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates!**

**Men's Bible Study      Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.**

**Women's Bible Study      Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.**

**Kingdom Kids              Sundays 4 - 5:30 p.m.**

June 5	Graduation Sunday during worship
June 9 - 11	UPWARD Soccer Celebration at worship & dinner following
June 11	Annual Conference Indiana UMC, Indpls. Convention Center
June 16	Benefit dinner Clegg Family, McCordsville UMC, 4:30 - 7 p.m.
June 18	Down Syndrome East, 6:30 p.m.
June 21	Community Garage Sale at MCUMC
July 21	Down Syndrome East, 6:30 p.m.
July 22	Vacation Bible School, 6:30 – 9 p.m.
July 23	Vacation Bible School, 9:30 a.m. - noon
July 24	Vacation Bible School, 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.
August 21	Birthday/Anniversary Celebration w/ pitch-in after worship
September 23-25	FCJ2 Visitation Team at MCUMC
December 3	Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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