
MOUNT COMFORT BLESSING

Mount Comfort United Methodist Church

June/July 2018

Pastor on Leave

Pastor Alex Stone, Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church, currently is on an extended medical leave. If you wish to send a card, mail it to Pastor Alex Stone at the parsonage address: 3163 N 600 W, Greenfield, IN 46140. If you wish to visit, please contact the church, and a time can be arranged. 317-894-8965.

Interim Pastor Announced

The Reverend Dr. John D. Abbott, Jr., will serve as interim pastor of Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church during Pastor Alex Stone's medical leave. Reverend Abbott's first Sunday at the helm will be June 17. District Superintendent James Bushfield introduced Rev. Abbott to the Staff Parish Relations Committee on June 5.

Pastor Abbott received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University and attended seminary at Asbury Theological Seminary, earning a Master of Divinity degree. He then earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary. Reverend Abbott served in the United States Air Force for 9 years, 6 months, and 22 days, stationed in Northern Michigan, Texas, California, Alaska, Vietnam, and Key West, Florida. Prior to entering the ministry, Pastor worked as Director of Operations for Kmart Gasoline Division and Regional Manager for Thornton Oil Corporation.

Reverend Abbott has served the following United Methodist Churches: Palmyra, Hancock Chapel, Old Bethel, and Center. He and LeAnn, his wife of 43 years, have two children. Pastor also has two children from a previous marriage and has a total of six grandchildren.

Pastor Abbott stated, "We are looking forward to serving God with you at Mount Comfort."

Charge Conference Report

District Superintendent, the Reverend James Bushfield, conducted a dual Charge Conference at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church on June 3. The purpose of the meeting was to vote for the persons who will represent Mt. Comfort UMC and Movie Theater Church (MTC) on the Cooperative Ministry Teams.

MCUMC and MTC have, according to the *Book of Discipline*, a Cooperative Ministry as a Multiple Charge Parish. Each church retains its own identity, leadership, and structures. However, a coordinating body is needed to work out details of the partnership in an ongoing basis.

The Cooperative Ministries Nominations Report was presented for a vote to MCUMC and to MTC. Mt. Comfort UMC voted to appoint the following people to the leadership teams. Cooperative Trustees Team (Facilities Focused): Tim Waymire, Jason Pope, Chris Sexton, Kathy Aldrich, Scott Ellenberger, Bodonna Hale. Cooperative Family Ministry Team: Staci Wilson, Jo Sullivan, Herb Hale, George Winterstein. Cooperative Executive Team (led by the pastors of MCUMC and MTC): Jack McKinney, Kenny Thompson, Tim Waymire, Michael Adkins, Rose McKinney, and a representative from the Family Ministry Team to be determined.

Why now? As the conference handout explained: it is important to be prepared as possible with Pastor Alex Stone being on medical leave. Implementing this cooperative ministry structure prior to Pastor Alex's surgery will ensure continuity in leadership, progression in ministry, and partnership between churches.



Worship Committee

By Pat Zarse

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

We welcome back accompanist Saran Westcott. She will be covering for Dwight Huntley until we are able to hire a new accompanist. Thanks, Saran, for your willingness to fill in this summer.

Shawn Gilliland has summer sign-up sheets posted for special music since the choir is on vacation. You may speak to him or use the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the narthex.

We still need a sound person to assist Dale Dickson in the sound booth. Sandi and Roger will be traveling more with her retirement.

Thanks to Donna Zering for accepting the Hospitality Chair position. Please volunteer to assist with this on Sundays.

REMINDER: All announcements will be read by the liturgist. Announcements should be turned into the church office by 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays or left on the answering machine. On Thursday the church secretary will type the list and email it to the pastor. It is the pastor's discretion to decide whether announcements turned into him between Thursday and Sunday will be read by the liturgist.

June 3 was Communion Sunday with the District Superintendent, Reverend Jim Bushfield preaching. June 17 we will be celebrating Father's Day.

The Worship Committee's next meeting is June 11 at 6:00 p.m.

INVITE SOMEONE TO WORSHIP!!!

Car Show in September

The date of the second annual Mt. Comfort Car Show has been changed to September. Please watch church announcements for details, as the date is to be determined.

Wanted: Musical Accompanist

A piano/organ accompanist is needed for Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church, starting September 2018. Please contact the church office if you are interested in filling this position or have someone to recommend: 317-894-8965.

Trustees Corner

By Tim Waymire

The Trustees of Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church have been busy working on the bushes surrounding our church building, planting new flowers around the LED sign, and installing ceramic floor tiling in certain areas of the church.

If you want to assist the Trustees with physical labor or donations, please contact Tim Waymire.

Missions Moment

By Rose McKinney

FLETCHER PLACE—Sandy Abel, Rick and Cathy Aldrich, Roger Hudson, Jo Sullivan, and Rose McKinney represented our church on May 2 to provide hot meals for about 80 people. Future dates to provide meals at Fletcher Place are Wednesday, September 5, and Wednesday, October 31.

DAYTIME MINISTRIES CARDS—Thank you to all who generously gave cards to the children in our Daytime Ministries program. I overheard one mother saying at the end-of-the-year program and reception that her son has kept all the cards he has received and enjoys looking at them. Your efforts are appreciated and enjoyed.

SonShine Kids – Year Six

SonShine Kids concluded year six at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church on May 17. The year ended with the annual talent show followed by pizza.

SonShine Kids is an after-school outreach ministry of MCMC for children in grades 1 – 5. It met most Thursdays from 2:15 – 5:30 p.m. when school was in session and provided faith-based programming.

Thanks to the congregation for its financial support and for the donations of snacks as well as arts & crafts supplies. Also, thank you to the many volunteers who made the program possible and to Herb Hale who directed this year's program.

Shepherding Committee News By Cindy Kendall

Our beloved brother in Christ, Jack Zering, passed away on April 2. Jack dearly loved his church family and will very much be missed. His life was celebrated with a white rose on the sanctuary altar. Our heartfelt condolences are with his wife, Donna, and his family.

A big thank you to those who keep us informed of the needs of our church family. Please contact Cindy Kendall with any information (317) 326-8193.



Music Notes By Shawn Gilliland

The handbell and chancel choirs will be finished for the season as of this publication. I would like to thank members of both for their service and dedication to the music department – without them, the service would certainly not be the same.

Sign-up for special music for the summer has begun, and many dates are available. Right now, all of June and July are available, but I hope those start filling up soon. If you are providing special music for a particular Sunday, we would like to have the title in the bulletin. Please e-mail the church office (office@mcmethodist.com) so that Carrie can include that information.

If you or someone you know would like to help with special music, please text me (Shawn) at 317-440-3524, and let me know the Sunday in which you are interested. I will text you back and let you know for sure if that date is still available. (Or you can let me know at church, if I am there; I will be out of town on some Sundays.) There will also be a sheet in the Narthex listing who is singing on a particular Sunday, and if there are any Sundays available.

At this time, I would like to thank Dwight Huntley for what he has meant to the music program at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church. His skill and dedication have gone a long way in the success of the music program. He will be missed.

Due to many factors, the handbell and chancel choirs have lost members. The summer might be a good time to consider joining us on a Thursday night when choirs resume. The handbells start at 6:00 p.m., and the chancel choir at 7:00 p.m. First rehearsal is scheduled for August 30.

From the Janitor's Closet By Dave Branson

We praise you, Lord Jesus, for a great 2017-2018 year and for success with church services, Sunday School, SonShine Kids, Youth Fellowship, Preschool and Childcare, and Upward Soccer.

The Mt. Comfort UMC youth who meet on Sunday afternoons are memorizing the 66 books of the Bible. They will join with the MTC youth for a mission trip to Tennessee in June. Mt. Comfort youth sold shirts and hoodies to raise money for the mission trip and also joined with MTC youth for a car wash on May 12. Both fund raisers were a great success.

Joyful Days Preschool and SonShine Kids finished this school year on May 16 and 17. Childcare will be in session all summer long. If you know of any parents needing childcare for the summer, call Staci Wilson, Director of Daytime Ministries.

We at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church are so blessed to have so many great preschool and childcare teachers. They go the extra mile with the children every week. They teach children about Jesus, ABC's, numbers, art, music, and social skills. Thank you, Jesus.

Dave Branson
Custodian, Trashman, Environmental
Services, Light Maintenance. 317-626-6226



The navy polo shirt pictured above was one of the styles available in the Mt. Comfort UMC youth missions' fundraiser held this spring.

Joyful Days Ministries

By Staci Wilson

Wow, what a fun, exciting finish to our Joyful Days Preschool school year. The children made wonderful gifts for their mothers to celebrate Mother's Day. They had a ton of fun learning about fire safety from our local firefighters from the Buck Creek Fire Station. The children saw the firefighters in their full gear and learned firefighters are not scary. Children saw all the fire trucks and gear and the ambulance as well.

The children were also very busy this spring learning and practicing their songs for our spring concert and awards night. The children did an amazing job, and fun was had by all who were able to attend. Lastly, we had a fun-filled last day of school for all the students at our first annual field day. Several parents and all of the children enjoyed several sports, the water area, and an awesome obstacle course! We had an amazing school year and are already looking forward to next year.

Now, looking forward to the summer months, there is so much going on in the Joyful Days Preschool and Childcare area. We are moving several of our classrooms around to accommodate the addition of infants and toddlers to our preschool program in August. We will be painting and decorating several rooms. We are very excited to see all the changes come together and to be able to welcome several new families to our program. Please stay tuned to see our progress as we move closer to our opening date in August.

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown our students and programs throughout the school year. The children really enjoy the cards they receive from the congregation, so thank you very much.

Hope each of you have an awesome summer.

Staci Wilson



Joyful Days Preschool children presented the spring program on May 16 (left). The Buck Creek Fire Station fire fighters and EMT's paid a visit, and the first annual field day provided fun for students and parents.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VBS By Pat Ringer

We, Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church (MCUMC), will be having a joint Vacation Bible School with the Movie Theater Church (MTC) on Monday, June

11, and Tuesday, June 12, from 6:15-8:30 p.m. MTC is serving dinner from 5:30-6:10 p.m. for VBS volunteers, attendees, and their families.

The theme this year is "Polar Blast, Where Jesus' Love Is Cool." Volunteers are still needed for the Pre-School VBS and games. If you would like to donate something, there is a board with ideas in the narthex where you can take a slip and donate the listed item. Currently, 48 children are signed up, and it would be great if we had 148 to tell about Jesus and His amazing love for us! So, spread the word, and encourage friends and neighbors to come to the Polar Blast at MCUMC on June 11 and 12.

Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary



June Birthdays

- 1 Dottie Copeland
- 2 Morgan Sellers
- 3 Gary Stewart
- 6 Chris Forcum
- 7 Amy Hoepfner
Lois Neuman
Larry Simmerman
- 8 Carrie Griffin
Velma Thomas
- 9 Jim Cohee
- 10 Scott Ellenberger
- 12 James Foddrill
Haley Kuzmicz
- 13 Elizabeth Bales
Dominc Morris
- 14 Kevin Sheets
Jo Sullivan
- 15 Elizabeth Harris
- 16 Shelbie Heckman
- 17 Victoria Hodson
Janice Pope
Barbara Stewart
- 18 J.D. Cohee
- 21 Neetra Dibartoli
- 23 Lisa Yanan
- 24 Micki Chatman
Jack McKinney
- 25 Nora Allen
John Bowery

June Birthdays

- 25 Shirley Thompson
Gerry Henry
Kira Hendrix
- 26 Jerri Fry
Carole Schutt
- 27 Jordan Gerlach
- 28 Jody Lillyblade
Vason
Ruijiraviriyapingo
Jarred Sheets
- 29 Debra Dickson

July Birthdays

- 1 Amelia Anderson
Eli Bartel
Sue Rodgers
- 2 Roger Pryor
- 4 Bob Perry
- 5 Jerin Meredith
- 10 Kevin Lewellyn
Madison Phillipp
- 12 Ernie Alder
- 13 Tia Banayote
Carol Simmerman
- 14 Matthew Kelly
TJ Lewellyn
Melinda
Waymire
- 15 Pat Nigh
- 17 Jennifer Elliott
- 20 Michael
Brandenburg
Helen Pryor

July Birthdays

- 20 Shirley Ross
Lily Sexton
- 22 Austin Gibson
- 23 Raymond Sexton
- 27 Jessa Dickey
Virginia Waymire
- 29 Erika Bundy
David Galbraith
- 30 Sharon Farmer
- 31 Elaine Holloway
Patty Johnson
Jeffrey
Winterstein



June Anniversaries

- 11 Michael & Tena
Jones
- 13 Ev & Pat Zarse
- 14 Tom & Pat Nigh
- 15 Jay & Janet Kleine
- 17 Gary & Barbara
Stewart
- 21 Kevin & Carrie
Smith
- 23 Brandon & Angie
Ludlow
Mark & Marcia
Piercy
- 25 Don & Melinda
Waymire
- 26 Tony & Debbie

June Anniversaries

- 26 Jason & Jan Pope
- 28 Dave & Myrna
Galbraith
- 29 Mike & Darla
Gibson
Wade & Maribeth
Sellers
- 30 Don & Gail Rush

July Anniversaries

- 1 Chuck & Jo
Sullivan
- 5 David & Susan
Parry
- 7 Bruce & Julie
Heckman
- 8 William & Heather
Meredith
- 9 Gary & Heather
Johnson
- 10 Frank & Debbie
Denton
- 14 John & Christina
Bundy
Ron & Amy
Hoepfner
- 17 Ernie & Betty
Alder
- 19 George & Cindy
Winterstein
- 24 Tom & Carol Seng
- 26 Paul & Carol
Lillyblade

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Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates!

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study

June 3	UPWARD Celebration, MCUMC
June 7-9	Annual Conference Indiana UMC, Indiana Convention Center
June 11 & 12	Vacation Bible School, 5:30 p.m. meal; 6:15 - 8:30 p.m., VBS
June 17	Father’s Day
September 5	Fletcher Place mission ministry, prepare & serve meal
October 31	Fletcher Place mission ministry, prepare & serve meal

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