

**Our Vision Statement:**

**Following Christ through intentional prayer, unconditional love, compassionate service and sacrificial giving.**



# The Shepherd's Staff

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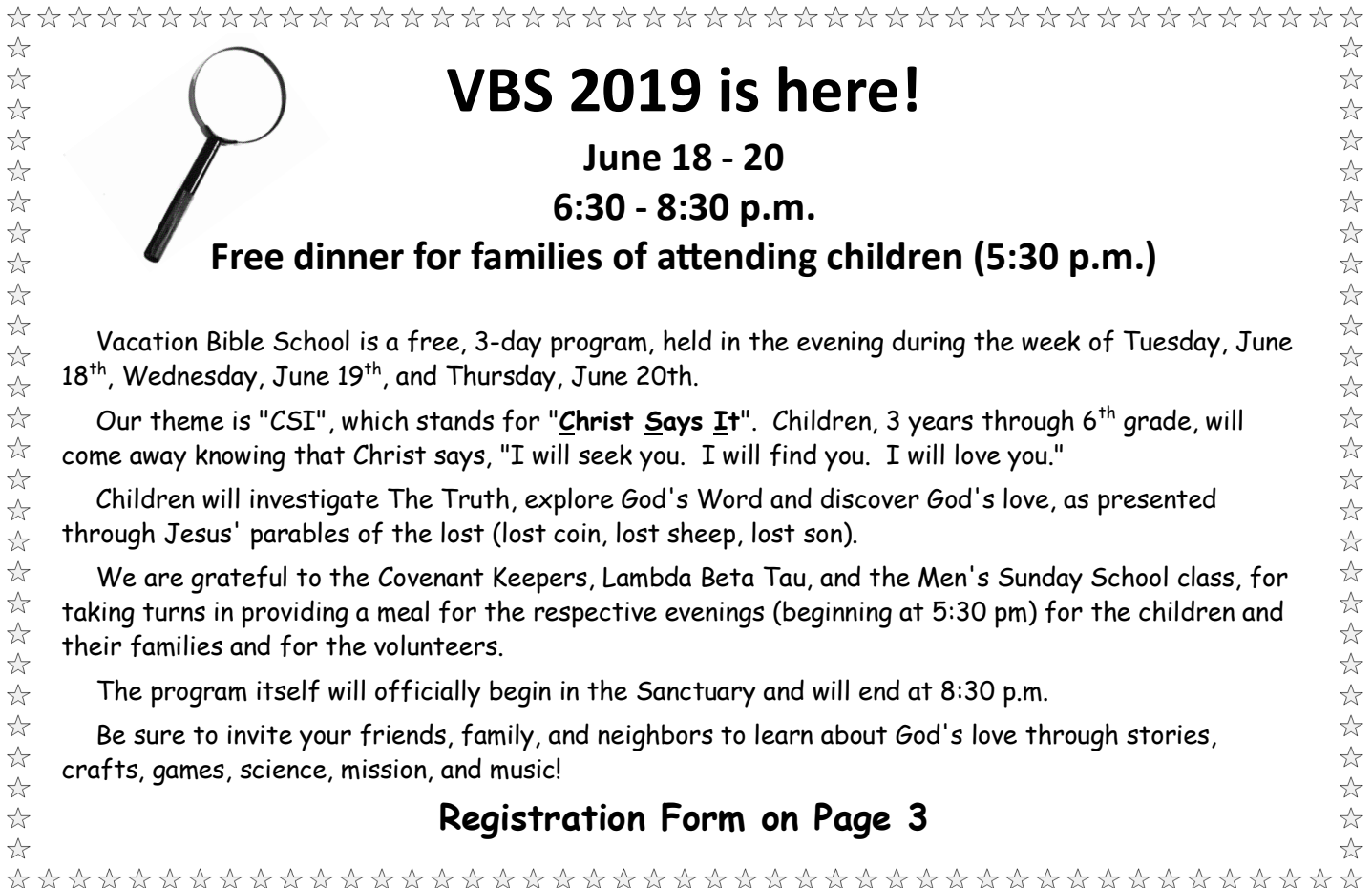
June 2019

## A Farewell from Pastor Randy

To say that the last five years has been a breeze would be a big fat lie. There have been many trials and tribulations in and around Jacky's and my life. Health issues and life changing events that were hard to go through, let alone even make it through. But, and I love this part, with the prayers and love from our adopted family at Good Shepherd, we have finally arrived on the other side of most of it.

It is now time to really be thinking about what is next. Next has really never been anything but exciting for us. Next means making plans and not knowing if those plans will ever come to fruition. Didn't I read somewhere that maybe someone said something like, "I know the plans I have made for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Well yes, I did read that in Jeremiah 29. So I am certain that we will all be OK.

God has made those in Christ sticky people, and it is not from all the pitch-ins, it's from the love and hope we share, together as a chosen people. Now that is super cool. We are truly a motley crew, but we are God's motley crew. In leaving we take the best of you with us, and it is my prayer that we leave the best of us with you. I have loved serving this church and there will always be a warm place in our hearts for ya'll. Enjoy God, seek, play, live large, hope, dream, pray, BREATHE.



## VBS 2019 is here!

**June 18 - 20**

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Free dinner for families of attending children (5:30 p.m.)**

Vacation Bible School is a free, 3-day program, held in the evening during the week of Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our theme is "CSI", which stands for "**Christ Says It**". Children, 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will come away knowing that Christ says, "I will seek you. I will find you. I will love you."

Children will investigate The Truth, explore God's Word and discover God's love, as presented through Jesus' parables of the lost (lost coin, lost sheep, lost son).

We are grateful to the Covenant Keepers, Lambda Beta Tau, and the Men's Sunday School class, for taking turns in providing a meal for the respective evenings (beginning at 5:30 pm) for the children and their families and for the volunteers.

The program itself will officially begin in the Sanctuary and will end at 8:30 p.m.

Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to learn about God's love through stories, crafts, games, science, mission, and music!

**Registration Form on Page 3**

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 19, 2019

The meeting of the Administrative Council was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Kent Conger. Dick Nye led us in Prayer and devotions.

The Agenda was amended to change the date of the June meeting to June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Agenda as amended.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the April 28, 2019, Minutes as provided.

**Financial Report:** Marilu Propps reported that our current General Fund Checking balance as of May 24<sup>th</sup> was \$49,015.62. She said that our April income had exceeded our expenses by \$2,550.95. She reported that all payroll taxes and reports are current. There being no questions, the April 2019 Financial Statements will be filed for audit.

**Director Family Ministries:** Susan Nyquist reported that the preparations for VBS are in the home stretch. She said that there will be 5 groups for the 5 stations (crafts, games, stories, science investigation and mission). She announced that the Youth would be passing out invitations to the church at a nearby mobile home park. She said that in June and July there would be a "The Word on Wednesday" get-together for the Youth.

**Committee Reports:** No reports

**Old Business:** Marilu reported that the Wesleyan Covenant membership will be due in June. She also passed out tithing recaps for 2018 and 2019. After discussion it was decided that nothing would be paid toward the 2018 balance and that we would again discuss the 2019 balance in July.

**New Business:** Marilu reported a police report had been filed and the insurance company notified about the vandalism to our air conditioners on top of the garage. She said that we have an estimate for the repairs in the amount of \$4,130. Kent reported that Judy Jones would have two CPR classes in June - Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Kent announced that the next Ad Council meeting would be on Sunday, June 23, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, it was duly moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. followed by Susan giving the closing prayer..

Respectfully submitted, Marilu Propps

Attendees: Kent Conger, Ginny Ransom, Dick Nye, Susan Nyquist, Ron Specht, Doug Bullard, Julie Bullard, Tom Vowel and Marilu Propps

### Featured Mission of the Month: Lucille Raines Residence

Each month, we would like to highlight a story from a mission or missionary that is being used by God to change the lives of His people. This story comes from Tracy, a client from Lucille Raines Residence.

Since I've been at Lucille Raines, I have gotten a job and been able to be a productive member of society. When I first came, I had only 90 days clean and sober. I now have 5 years clean and sober. Lucille Raines gave me a chance to work on myself and I was able to change my thinking. If it wasn't for Lucille Raines, I would still be out in the madness. I go to a meeting every day, except Tuesday. It really helps keep me connected to my recovery and to others in recovery. It's been a great experience for me. I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to be here. Thank you for everything.

### Pastor Randy's & Jacky's Retirement Party Sunday, June 2

Join us from 3-6 p.m. to wish Pastor Randy and Jacky all the best and to thank them for the many things they have done to make our services more meaningful.

Through the past 5 years they have introduced us to flowering the cross on Easter Sunday, decorating gingerbread houses, children playing rhythm sticks during our worship service and so much more.

### Final 2019 Child Protection Training, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

If you have not yet attended a Child Protection Training for 2019, please put Monday, June 17, at 6 p.m. on your calendar. The training will take place in the sanctuary. Every adult in our church that has contact with children at church needs to participate. This brief training will cover how to keep our children safe, how to deal with emergency situations (such as inclement weather) and food and environmental allergies and responses to safeguard children at risk. Our children are a precious gift from God and one to be safeguarded by the church. Thank you for attending!

**Register for our free Vacation Bible School program!!**

**CSI (Christ Says It)**



*INVESTIGATE  
JESUS!!*

**Where?** Good Shepherd UMC

2015 S. Arlington  
Indianapolis, IN 46203

**When?**

Tues, June 18- Thurs, June 20,  
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. each evening.  
Free dinner served daily from 5:30-  
6:15 p.m. for families of attending  
children

**Who?**

Children ages 3 to those completing 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade.

**Program?** Snacks, crafts, Bible stories, music  
and fun!

**Closing Program?** Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. Service

**Questions:** Call the church office at

317-356-3787

**VBS REGISTRATION FORM**

June 18-20, 2019

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age of child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church attending, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Child is entering in fall: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Information (cell phone): \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies or medical information that we may need to know: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mission Moments



2019 Theme: "If Not Us, Then Who?"

**Gennesaret Free Clinic:** Workday at Gennesaret is Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Meet at Good Shepherd at 8:30 a.m. We will be packing the personal hygiene bags and doing some yard work. Thank you in advance for the volunteers who step out in service to this vital ministry for the homeless in Indianapolis.

**Mac N Cheese Church:** Remember to bring Mac N Cheese for Fletcher Place Community Center. We have a monthly pledge of 150 boxes a month. Extra boxes will be donated to God's Bounty food pantry. Keep placing those boxes of cheesy goodness in the marked container in the Lobby! Any questions, ask Dick Nye.

**Fletcher Place Community Center:** Hope. Compassion. Renewal, 1637 Prospect St., Indianapolis, IN 46203, 317-636-3466. Volunteers are always welcome. [www.fletcherplacecc.org](http://www.fletcherplacecc.org)

**Old Bethel Food Pantry:** Opportunities to volunteer. If interested, contact Dick Nye.

**Servant's Heart:** Good Shepherd is scheduled to help on the 4th Thursday of each month. Now that clients can visit twice a month (instead of once), the need for volunteers is even greater. [www.servantsofheartofindy.org](http://www.servantsofheartofindy.org)

**Mission Committee Members:** Jessica Albright (chairperson), Dick & Sue Nye, Bob Gregory, Tina Mercer, Rebecca Conger, Larry & Marge Sweany, and Jim & Judy (treasurer) Jones. All members are active and contribute so much.

**Matthew 25:40:** The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

## MONTHLY MESSAGE FROM SUSAN

Some years back, I was doing laps with my bike on the outdoor track at the local YMCA because I was participating in their awesome Indy 500 Challenge. As I circled the loop, I went around three barefoot and shirtless small boys standing on the bridge, yelling at the ducks. After a few laps, I noticed that their language was rather colorful, and it made me sad that such little guys not only felt the need, but were also so comfortable, using such words. On my third lap around, the biggest of the little guys hollered, "Who are you?!" I said, "I'm Susan, who are you?" He yelled back, "I'm a nobody!" He was quite cheerful as he said it, yet it hurt my heart to hear that.

I wanted to stop and scoop him up, (except that would've probably seemed creepy as there were no other adults around). However, I wanted to look into his little eyes and tell him passionately, "No, you are wrong. You are a somebody. God made you and God treasures you!" I so yearn for every little person and every "big" person, to know and believe that God has chosen you and God loves you and that no one is a "nobody". All I ended up doing was smiling at the group and continuing on with my laps. By the time I came around to the bridge again, the boys had all left.

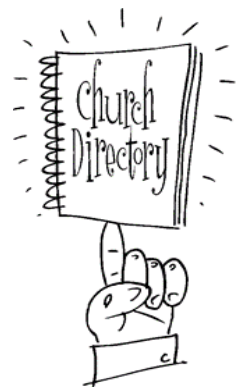
For the next few days, I couldn't get that boy out of my head. I was regretting what I felt to be a missed opportunity. Over the course of the following week, I thought about this every time I went to do a few more laps on the outdoor track. I wanted to win the Y's Challenge, but was mindful that I had likely failed at a different kind of challenge.

Then, one evening, my little friend, the "nobody", was there again, along with his 3 brothers and his dad. Since he was not alone and his dad was present, I stopped my bike and asked if he remembered me from the other day. He did, and I told him that I was so happy to see him! (God is so good!) I shared how I'd been thinking about him and that I really hoped to see him again to make sure he knows that he's a "somebody". I was so very grateful to have that opportunity again. I talked briefly to the dad as well, explaining how his son had told me about being "a nobody", and that while it was likely that he'd been joking around, it had been weighing on my heart. It was truly important to me for each of them to know that they are a "Somebody" and that God loves them. It ended up being a really neat conversation and again, I praised God for putting them in my path once again.

Friends, we have an awesome opportunity this month to share the love of Christ with children and their families, as we host our Vacation Bible School program. May each person who participates, big or small, come away with the knowledge that he or she is precious in God's sight.

*Susan Nyquist*

# Our New Church Directory



It's not too late to schedule your photography session so that your picture will be in our new directory. Sessions are being scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 1-8 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 1-8 p.m., Friday, June 14, 1-8 p.m. and Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. There are several ways you can sign up: 1) Good Shepherd's website - <http://www.gsumcindy.org> and click on "Church Family Events", then click on "Schedule your photography session" and fill in all the requested information; 2) Sign up on Sundays at the sign-up table after Worship service; 3) Call the Church office at 317-356-3787 or Tina Mercer at 317-374-8588.

- There will be a professional photography session, with no session fees.
- You can view your images immediately after your session and make your selections.
- Several poses will be taken (individual, couple, and family)
- You will receive a FREE 8x10 (standard print) and a church directory

If you have any questions, please call the Church office at 317-356-3787.

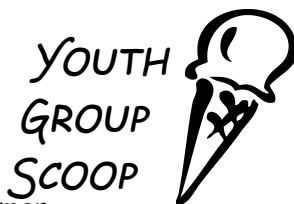
## Recognizing our Youth on June 9th!

Join us in recognizing the accomplishments of our youth on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>! Our 2019 graduates from high school and post high school institutions will be recognized during our 9 a.m. worship service. Please submit the names of any graduates to the church office along with their family ties to Good Shepherd UMC and their future plans.

All of the youth who attend our Sunday School program will be recognized for their faithful attendance and also those promoting to a new grade or class. "Movin' On Up" will take place at the end of our 9 a.m. worship on June 9th with students being dismissed to their new classes. This program will take only 15 minutes, so be sure and plan to stay and give these children the recognition they deserve for their faithfulness to our church and God.

The Jr/Sr High Sunday School class will continue to meet on Sunday mornings, immediately following Worship, throughout the summer months. Youth entering 6th grade are welcome to begin attending this class.

During June and July, we will also be having "W.O.W." for youth! This is the "Word On Wednesday", held at the church on Wednesday evening, from 6:30 pm - 8:30pm. All youth are invited to join us for games, music, movies, Bible Study, and more! Any questions may be directed to Susan Nyquist at the church office or via email, "[susanbjoyful247@gmail.com](mailto:susanbjoyful247@gmail.com)"



## Vacation Bible School Mission Station

This year for the "Mission" station of Vacation Bible School, we would like to take the Mission's theme of "If Not Us, Then Who?" to the kids, teaching them about the missionaries we support and teaching them that they can be a missionary right here in Indianapolis. As their project this year, we want to make blessing bags for the homeless. After we pack the bags, each child will be able to take one home to put in their car and give to someone who is in need. We also plan to give one to each family in the congregation on the Sunday following VBS, so you can also participate in this mission project to the homeless in our community. Included in the bag will be a card with a reminder of God's love for them - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

To assemble the bags, we need the congregation's help! Below is the list of the items needed for the blessings bags. Please support this important mission project and deposit any donations in the collection box marked in the Narthex.

- Bottle of water
- Band aids
- Tissues (mini pack)
- Adult socks (black or white)
- Trail mix or granola bars
- Sunscreen (travel size)
- Baby wipes (small pack)
- Comb or brush
- Gum or mints

Last chance to donate will be Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>!

## Golden Shepherds



The Golden Shepherds will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 3rd in Fellowship Hall. Following the business meeting Kathy Hahn Keiner from Gleaner's Food Bank will be speaking to us. **Everyone 55 and over is welcome to join these recycled teenagers.**

# One Minute Prayer Warrior

Become a "One Minute" Prayer Warrior by taking one minute of your time to pray at 8:00 p.m. everyday for the prayer topic of the week.



The Prayer Topics for June are:

- June 2** May we lift up Pastor Randy as well as his wife, Jacky, on their last Sunday in worship and ask that God will bless them as they prepare for retirement.
- June 9** Lord, be with those who are graduating from high school or college, and help them to move successfully into the next stage of life.
- June 16** As we prepare to host our Vacation Bible School program, may God use us to help children and their families perhaps meet Christ for the very first time, as well as to deepen the relationship for those who already know Him and love Him.
- June 23** Lord, as we feel the heat of the summer, may we be touched by the warmth of Your love and spread that "Son-shine" to all whom we meet.
- June 30** May God be with Pastor Mark as well as his wife, Sandy, as they transition into leadership at Good Shepherd, and may they feel abundantly welcomed into the Body of Christ here.



## HEALTH NOTES



BY JUDY JONES

*3John2: Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you,*

**CPR week is June 1-7.** Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a lifesaving technique useful in many emergencies, including heart attack or near drowning, in which someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. About 92% of sudden cardiac arrest/death victims die before reaching the hospital, but statistics prove that if more people knew CPR, more lives could be saved. Immediate CPR can double, or even triple, a victim's chance of survival. It's far better to do something than nothing. Even if you're fearful that your knowledge or abilities aren't 100% complete, remember - the difference between you doing something and doing nothing could save someone's life. Here's advice from the AHA:

**Untrained or trained but rusty:** If you are not trained or not confident in CPR, then provide Hands Only CPR. That means uninterrupted chest compressions without mouth to mouth breathes. Two easy steps #1: Call 9-1-1 (or send someone to do that) #2: Push hard and fast in the center of the chest (until paramedics arrive). A brief video clip on Hands Only CPR will be presented on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of the Sunday Worship service with an opportunity to practice in the lobby afterwards if interested. Others are also available online at [heart.org/handsonlycpr](http://heart.org/handsonlycpr).

**Trained and ready to go:** Begin with chest compressions. Start with 30 compressions before checking the airway and giving rescue breathes. The above advice applies to adults, children and infants needing CPR. CPR can keep oxygenated blood flowing to the brain and other vital organs until definitive medical treatment can restore a normal heart rhythm. When the heart stops, the lack of oxygenated blood can cause brain damage in only a few minutes. A person may die within 8-10 minutes.

CPR courses are available on line or in the community. These classes can be found at local hospitals, schools, YMCA's, churches, etc.

There will be classes available at Good Shepherd on June 28, and June 29, 2019. The Family & Friends course is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. The program includes Adult Hands-Only CPR, Adult AED use, Child & Infant CPR, and adult, child and infant relief of choking. The course will take about 2 hours. The cost is \$5.00, which covers the cost of the book and equipment rental. The Heartsaver CPR AED is for anyone with limited or no medical training who needs a course completion card for job requirements. This includes Adult/Child CPR/AED use, Infant CPR, and adult, child and infant choking. This course will take about 4 hours. The cost will be \$20, which covers the cost of the card and equipment rental. If you would like a book, it will cost another \$3. Both classes teach skills with AHA's research proven Practice-While-Watching (PWW) technique. Each class can accommodate 6 students. The specific times will be decided after the number of people interested is determined. If you have an interest, contact Judy Jones at 317-358-5121 or 317-862-3315.

# June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <b>JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> Please have your information into the church office by Friday, June 14th.                 </div>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:00A Worship Service 10:15A Sunday School 3:00-6:00P Pastor Randy Retirement Party	<b>3</b> 6:00A Men's Bible Study 9:30A Golden Shepherds 7:00P Trustees	<b>4</b> 9:00A Sewing Ladies 7:00P Cub Scouts	<b>5</b> 1:00P Euchre & Dominos	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6/7 - 6/9 Families of Faith Camping	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Graduation &amp; Promotion Sunday</b> 9:00A Worship Service 10:15A Sunday School	<b>10</b> 6:00A Men's Bible Study 6:00P Gideon's Cabinet Mtg.	<b>11</b> 9:00A Sewing Ladies 7:00P Cub Scouts	<b>12</b>  Taking Pictures for Directory	<b>13</b> 6/13 - 6/15 Annual Conference  Taking Pictures for Directory	<b>14</b>  Taking Pictures for Directory	<b>15</b>  Taking Pictures for Directory
<b>16 Father's Day</b> 9:00A Worship Service VBS Volunteers Dedication 10:15A Sunday School	<b>17</b> 6:00A Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. - Child Protection Training 6:30 p.m. - VBS Training	<b>18</b> 9:00A Sewing Ladies 5:30 p.m. - VBS Dinner 6:30 p.m. - VBS 7:00P Cub Scouts	<b>19</b> 5:30 p.m. - VBS Dinner 6:30 p.m. - VBS	<b>20</b> 5:30 p.m. - VBS Dinner 6:30 p.m. - VBS	<b>21</b> 5:00P Scholarship Comm.	<b>22</b>
<b>23 VBS Celebration</b> 9:00A Worship Service 10:15A Sunday School 6:00P Ad Council	<b>24</b> 6:00A Men's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 9:00A Sewing Ladies 7:00P Cub Scouts	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30P Servant's Heart	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00A Worship Service 10:15A Sunday School	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><i>Don't forget your <b>MAC 'n CHEESE</b> for Fletcher Place</i></p>  </div>					



## June Celebrations

Birthday blessings to:



Phyllis Orman ..... 6/1  
 Larry Sweany ..... 6/2  
 Sharman Hill ..... 6/7  
 Penny Bond ..... 6/10  
 Judy Jones ..... 6/10  
 Linda McPhail ..... 6/10  
 Mary Jo Paugh ..... 6/10  
 Heather Chrisman ..... 6/11

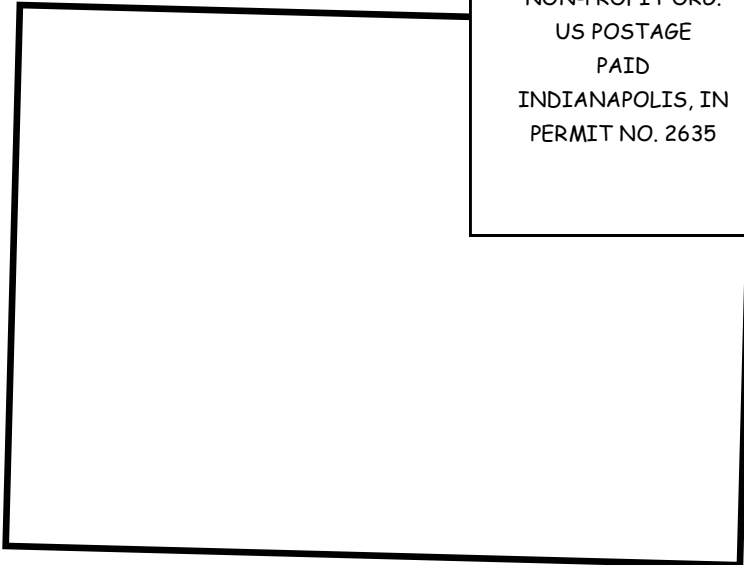
Jenny Melling ..... 6/12  
 Judy Young ..... 6/12  
 Susan Bauer ..... 6/15  
 Dave Brier, Sr. .... 6/15  
 Fred Young ..... 6/21  
 Jim Jones ..... 6/25  
 Harold Amonett ..... 6/28

Ron & Debbie Specht ..... 6/4  
 Dan & Sue Norris ..... 6/7  
 Darrell & Rene Reid ..... 6/7  
 Richard & Sue Nye ..... 6/8  
 Larry & Marge Sweany ..... 6/13  
 Bob & Rose Gregory ..... 6/16  
 Omer & Nita Beals ..... 6/18  
 Paul & Joy Walters ..... 6/20  
 Jim & Grace Cooning ..... 6/23



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**Worship Schedule**

Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:15 AM

**Bible Studies**

Men's Bible Study - Monday 6:00 AM

**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

We're on the web—[www.gsumcindy.org](http://www.gsumcindy.org)  
Facebook: <https://fb.me/GoodShepherdUMCindy>

**Phone: (317) 356-3787 Fax: (317) 356-7071**

## June Worship Services

- June 2** "Freedom Has a Price" Scripture: **Acts 16:16-34**  
When Paul freed the woman, in the text, it caused them to be thrown into prison. Our freedom giving message will not always result in peacefulness from the people who hear it. Freedom has a price and it is your life. Is this too expensive?
- June 9** "Language Barrier" Scripture: **Acts 2:1-21**  
We hear an awful lot of talk about language barriers, age barriers, culture barriers, and you name it and claim it barriers. All these barriers impede us from sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Even though we can argue and argue about the causes and claim the excuses, we cannot deny we have been given a language which is universal, a language of LOVE.
- June 16** "Finger Play" Scripture: **Psalms 8**  
Look at your fingers. Aren't they marvelous? Our fingers are unique and make us all different and yet the same. Pause and ponder all of the wonderful things we can experience just with our fingers. Now imagine God's fingers as God formed all of creation and even as God formed you. Fingers at play...God's fingers...our fingers.
- June 23** "Just Enough" Scripture: **1 Kings 19:1-15**  
God is trustworthy in all circumstances. It is hard for us to believe that God can and does care for us. As in the desperate days of the widow, God cared for them and they had just enough for themselves and Elijah. The widow took a huge leap of faith by believing the prophet and saved herself and her son. God at times gives us just enough but it is always enough.
- June 30** "Trash to Treasure" Scripture: **Galatians 2:15-21**  
The law lets us know without a shadow of doubt that we are trash; sounds harsh but it is so true. We, by our own efforts, will always fall short of God's standard for salvation. Try as we might we cannot transform ourselves into the treasure which God has created us to be. We are transformed into God's treasure by the justifying grace of Christ.