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## BRIDGEPORT UMC NEWSLETTER

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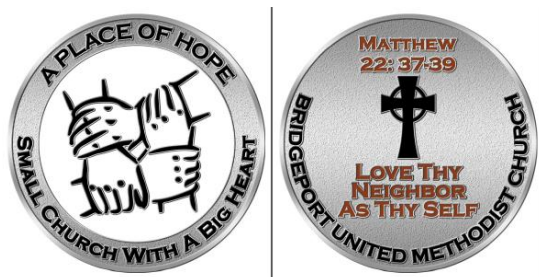
### Worship Schedule

Choir Practice	8:30 am
Fellowship Time	9:15 am
Sunday Service	10:00 am
Bible Study	11:15 am
Latino Worship	11:30 am
Christ International Church	12:30 pm

Also review the "Upcoming Events" section of this Newsletter for special events



### BUMC Hope Coin:



**Church Family, it is really a blessing that we can watch Sunday service (remotely). I can see the number of people who are able to see the service online using YouTube.**

Click here for Bridgeport UMC YouTube – [Bridgeport UMC Indianapolis](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Bridgeport-United-Methodist-Church-156261224432213/>



**Bible Study with Randy Boys:** Begins Thurs., August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm  
**Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast:** Sept. 14, 2024 at 9:00 am  
**Book Club:** Sept. 14, 2024 (after prayer breakfast (10:30-ish))  
**Parking Lot Resealing:** Week of September 16, 2024  
**Finance Committee Meeting:** September 21, 2024 at 10:30 am  
**Admin Council Meeting:** October 12, 2024, 10:30 am

You can access the calendar on your electronic device under the “Activities” tab at <https://www.smallchurchbigheart.com/> There is a “whiteboard” on the table in the Narthex with written dates for upcoming BUMC events as well. This is a monthly calendar and it will be changed to reflect all current events each month. Additionally, you can find a picture frame containing a printed monthly calendar of all events scheduled for that month. We want to ensure everyone is aware of everything going on at BUMC.

As a reminder, you may access the BUMC Church Directory by placing the following link/address in your search browser on your desktop/tablet/laptop:  
<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>



For now, food pantry items will continue to be delivered to Barnes. We appreciate your support by continuing to bring in any nonperishable foods you wish. High priority foods would be hot cereals, soups, cans of chili, etc.



In the book *Becoming*, Michelle Obama tells about growing up with her family on the south side of Chicago. She lived with her parents and brother. Her grandparents were nearby. She remembers the struggles her family overcame, and that taught her to work hard for what she wanted. Michelle talks about being the only black woman in a room. She went through Princeton, then Yale to become a lawyer. She remembers what it was like being married to Barack Obama through the early years of his career, and through the presidency. She learned to be strong, and determined, but was still was compassionate with those around her.

Janice Fontenot



Choir practice resumed Sunday, August 18, 2024! If you wish to join, the church would love to have you. Practice is at 8:30 am before Sunday worship services, and will perform every two weeks beginning the Sunday after Labor Day weekend. This is a wonderful way to praise God and have a little fun at the same time.

## Quote of the Month

This month's quote was provided by Joyce Pierce and reads as follows: **“When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.”** The quote is by Viktor E. Frankl, a Holocaust survivor, and can be found in a book he wrote in 2006 entitled *Man's Search for Meaning*. This quote relates to man's resiliency in challenging situations, and that sometimes, changing ourselves, or our attitude toward a situation, gives us the peace we are seeking. In the days and weeks to come, reflect on this quote, and think about those times when you have experienced, or “lived” this quote and changed your mindset in order to gain the peace you needed to move forward.

## Birthdays

### August:

08/09/2024 Ann Benthin  
 08/10/2024 Dottie Patterson  
 08/10/2024 Gary Thompson  
 08/14/2024 Pam Reinbold  
 08/16/2024 Wanda Sipe  
 08/18/2024 Debbie Stansell  
 08/21/2024 Marilyn Lach  
 08/21/2024 Geoffrey Bradley  
 08/23/2024 Greg Bright  
 08/26/2024 Joyce Pierce  
 08/27/2024 Terri Harmon  
 08/28/2024 Andrea Bradley  
 08/28/2024 Sherrill Kiritsis  
 08/30/2024 Toni Huffer

### September:

09/04/2024 Cheyenne Warwick  
 09/13/2024 Judy Haberman  
 09/19/2024 Lindsey Hayes  
 09/25/2024 Tammy Sherman  
 09/26/2024 Carol Andre  
 09/29/2024 Dave Pearson

## Looking Back with Joy

BUMC held its annual rummage sale in early August, and as always, it was a success. This was our annual rummage sale to benefit the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. Joy Spurgin spearheaded this project again this year, with Sandy Berry working right alongside. Special appreciation goes to Carol Warwick and Patty Reese for providing lunch and snacks during the rummage sale, and to Randy Boys, Jacque Morris, Terri Harmon, Joy Spurgin, Sandy Berry, and Carole Bridges, anyone else who worked the two days of the sale. Lastly, thanks to everyone in the congregation who supported the sale by donating or purchasing items.

Currently, Joy is spearheading a towel drive for IUMCH, and has placed containers on a table in Fellowship Hall. All donations are very much appreciated, and towels and wash cloths have to be new. If you would rather not shop for these items yourself, Joy will be happy to do the shopping and provide you with a receipt. We will continue collecting these items through the end of September. At that time, Joy will invite Susan Bennett down to accept the donations on behalf of BUMC. Thank you in advance as this church has always been so supportive of IUMCH.

## Answered Prayers†

Heavenly Father, I prayed fervently and consistently that the forecast of rain and storms during our two days of rummage sale would hold off. You answered my prayers and we enjoyed two days of beautiful dry weather.

Joy Spurgin

God, thank you for answering my prayers in returning Ron and Jacque Morris back to our church family. We missed them terribly, and are so happy and grateful to you for bringing them back to us.

Joyce Pearce

Dear Lord, I am so appreciative that you answered my prayers in helping my son overcome a personal issue that was having an impact on his life.

Marilyn Manzenberger

Lord, thank you for answering my prayers and for sending me to this church. It is such a joy to find a church family that is so loving and welcoming, and where I feel encourage to become involved. As Corenia says, it is a joy to be here.

Terri Harmon

## Notes From Our Pastor

In the Book of Matthew, chapter 28:18-19, Jesus gives us the commandment known as the Great Commission –

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’

This is our charge being members of The United Methodist Church. Our mission as His church being United Methodists is “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world all for the glory of God.” As summer winds down, we look towards Autumn and a return to school and annual activities after a nice summer break.

We are making great strides at BUMC with our many activities continuing. There are many ways and opportunities to serve our community. This is our charge to make disciples. My request is that we engage and invite others to do something here at church. Also, my request is that you go out into our community and invite others to join us in making disciples.

Everyone is invited to join a small group study. Also, all are welcome to come to our next church wide event. Fellowship and food is always good here. Come and bring others. Before we blink our eyes it will be Halloween, then Thanksgiving, followed by Christmas and New Year. Time continues to roll on. Are we being faithful in our attendance and commission? Are we making disciples? What is it that you can do that can please God and build His Kingdom? There is something for everyone here at BUMC.

I continue to hope and pray that more will come and be part of this “Small Church with a Big Heart” at Bridgeport. If there is something you would like to do, or you just are not sure how to connect, please feel free to see me so we can discuss. Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast at 9:00 am would be a great place to start. If you haven’t been to one of these, you should come and see God at work, through His people - His people of hope. Let’s continue to follow Jesus Christ and watch His love through His church transform the world. WE are His people of hope.

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing and may that hope abound in you by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Best regards,

Pastor Ken



### Prayer Requests:

For a complete list of current prayer requests, please see the weekly church Bulletin.

### Continued prayers:

All our Military men and women

### Homebound:

Pat Atkins, Janet Jones, Leonard Prator

### Our Missions:

- Food Pantry
- Baby Blankets
- Indiana United Methodist  
Children's Home
- Fletcher Place
- Allies/Purchased Human Trafficking
- Active Graces
- Madina Village School and Hospital
- Cardboard Box Ministries

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