

THE BRIDGE

BRIDGEPORT UMC NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

Bridgeport UMC
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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	12:30pm



You may also wish to join with us online:

Connect with us:  

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](#)

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

Email: prayerlist@smallchurchbigheart.com

Send letters or donations to: P.O. Box 420, Plainfield, IN 46168

Upcoming Events:

➤ Book Club:

Book club meets monthly at 10:30am right after the Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast.

➤ Bible Study:

Bible study group meets weekly at 11:15 am immediately following church service.

➤ Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast:

The congregation is invited to join in corporate prayer on the second Saturday of each month at 9 am. For May, that service was held on May 13. Breakfast was served around 9:30 am. This is always a very rewarding hour of prayer and fellowship.

➤ Weekend of Hope:

Save the date! Bridgeport UMC is planning Weekend of Hope – a celebration of praise, music, evangelism, and fellowship the weekend of June 2-4. Currently, the event should kick off around 4p on Friday, June 2, with a cookout and Bobby Hadley will play and speak around 8p. Everyone is encouraged to camp out Friday and Saturday nights if you wish. Games are scheduled for Saturday during the day, and Ron Morris will be providing a pork shoulder for Saturday night's dinner, with families offering side dishes and desserts to round out that meal. Sunday morning will be our regular church service. More to come as plans for this weekend are being finalized.

Looking Back with Joy:

The congregation shares in the joy of two church members who are newly published authors! Wanda Sipe has now published her **second** children's book, *Oscar and Johnny*. Janice Fontenot recently announced that her book, *The Farmers and the Werewolves*, has now been published. Janice will host a book signing for her book at the Author's Patch in Danville on May 20th from 10a to noon. Please come out and support her.

Easter Sunday service was so special in that all three congregations, Bridgeport UMC, the Latino group and Christ International Church, celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ in one combined service filled with music and praise for God. Easter morning began with breakfast and fellowship, and the pastors' messages were filled with joy and hope. The children had fun with an Easter egg hunt outside on church grounds right after the combined service, with a carry-in lunch for all immediately following the egg hunt. The congregation wishes to thank Ron Morris for donating the ham, and to everyone who brought in drinks, side dishes or desserts. Easter Sunday 2023 will always hold a special memory for eight worshipers as they were welcomed as new members into the Bridgeport UMC family that day: Kayte Winstead, Ken and Kim Loudonback, Roland Bottorff, Inessa Hansen and Tim Hansen, and Leesa Weatherford and Louis Weatherford.

On April 29th, the church social committee hosted a Ladies Tea in Fellowship Hall. More than 30 women and a handful of men enjoyed an English tea with savory sandwiches, scones, and an array of sweets treats. Photos were taken at a photo booth created by Joy Spurgin and Jacquie Morris. The quaint scene was complete with a bistro table in front of a lace backdrop, and, of course, a tea set. The tablescapes were adorable, the food was fabulous, and everyone had fun playing tea party bingo. It was just a very enjoyable afternoon filled with conversation, laughter and hugs with old and new friends.

BIRTHDAYS



May birthdays:

May 3rd – Isaac Bright
May 4th – Betty Bradley
May 6th – George Pichon
May 8th – Mike Looney
May 9th – Jessica Clark
May 10th – Phyllis Pichon
May 11th – Ed Wheeler
May 15th – Adam Effinger
May 19th – Amanda Gist
May 24th – Brook Pounds
May 25th – Chuck Franklin
May 26th – Billie Dill
May 26th – Patty Reese
May 27th – Gary Smith

Note from the Children's Ministry:

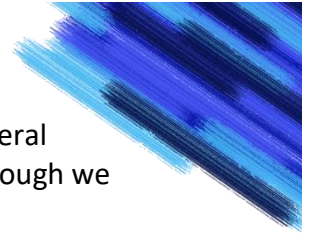
Heva Espay will be using this section of this newsletter to talk about issues or events concerning our children. It might be fun for the congregation to pose questions to the children, or allow the children to ask questions about the church, or about God. We can also update everyone on events the children will be doing such as Vacation Bible School, etc.

Note from our Pastor:

Grace and Peace to all. Welcome to the “New” Bridge monthly Newsletter. I want to thank Terri Harmon for being willing to put this all together for this month, and hopefully for many months to come. I want to thank Dave Pearson for the many years of service doing this job and helping Terri to get started. I also want to thank Joyce Pierce who has been instrumental to help us to restart this monthly informational publication.

Bridgeport continues to be a place that is welcoming to all people in our community. We have added at least 20 + people to our roles as members in last two years. We have 3 different languages being spoken here every Sunday in Worship. We had an outstanding Easter Season, and look forward to continue to be a Beacon of Hope to those God sends here.

So much has happened here in just the past 4 months. Joy Spurgin has agreed to lead Missions, and is helping to bring us all together at BUMC. Thank you Joy! We have been continuing our missional works with Donations to the Food Pantry and distribution to several places. The Lebanon Children's Home just received a \$1500 donation from BUMC even though we didn't have our spring garage sale. Our next garage sale will hopefully be in September.



We continue to serve the community offering small group Bible Studies, sharing in fellowship with our second Saturday monthly prayer breakfasts, visiting Cumberland Trace in Plainfield, and doing a monthly service there. We had an excellent successful inaugural event, A Ladies Tea Party. We hope to post a video of that event to our website soon.

We now hope to host a Weekend of Hope Event June 2nd through June 4th. This event, weather permitting, will be featuring Bobby Hayden of Cardboard Box Ministries on Friday evening, along with our own "Milk and Honey" trio starting around 7pm on Friday. There will be food, fun and camping if *It Be God's Will* (James-4:15). I want people to please contact me directly if you plan on being there. This is the first of hopefully many times that we at BUMC get back to the tradition of utilizing our beautiful grounds and facility, hoping to draw more people to Jesus Christ with camping and cookouts celebrating the Love of Neighbor through the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ. People can start to set up their camp on Friday June 2nd at 4pm. Please invite others to join in this community event. Worship and music on both nights and come even if you don't plan to camp out and again the service on Friday will start around 7pm. Bring your own lawn chairs.

Also Scheduled for June/July:

- Indiana United Methodist Annual Conference, June 8th through June 10th, Ball State University, Muncie Indiana
- Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast June 10th
- Book Club June 10th 9am
- Berkshire Lakes Homeowners Association June 20th 6pm to 8pm
- IMPD Sunset Lake Crime Watch Group 6pm to 8pm June 28th
- Vacation Bible School July 9th through July 12th, Times (tbd)
- BUMC Garage Sale benefitting the Lebanon United Methodist Children's Home September (tbd)

I praise thank Father God in Heaven in The Holy Name of Jesus Christ for The Holy Spirit at BUMC!
Amen

-Pastor Ken



Prayer Requests

Continued prayers:

Max Morris, Jacob Morris, Andrew Adkins, Billie Meyer, Jordan Smyth, William Clayton II, Kelly Mathis, Joshua Bates, Alex Passarella, DJ Otis, Chris Truchon, Sean Napier, Francis DeLaPaz, Shawn Wells, Linda and Charlie Baker, Alex Heaton, Iain Spurgin, Jean and Gary Smith, Jeff Catt, Jennifer Hall, Kayte Winstead, Kenneth Turpin, Patti Mendel, Sherry Bryant, Sherry Barnett, Pat and Bob Martin, Jim Hargrave, Ray and Nancy Griffith, David Engles, Betty Catt, Pat Adkins, Birk William, Tyler Swope, Jill Jones, Elena Dix, Janice Sedam, Judy and Al Shays, Colton Gist, Henry Tipps, Wanda Sipe and Judy Stanley

Military:

Please pray for all veterans and military men and women.

Homebound:

Janet Jones, Leonard Prator and Kevin O'Neal

Ways to Give:

Missions:

- Monetary donations are always welcomed for yarn.
- Please bring nonperishable food donations on Sunday.
- Indiana United Methodist Children's Home
- Operations Christmas Child
- Fletcher Place
- Allies/Purchased Human Trafficking



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