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From the Pastor:

Greetings Family and Friends of Bridgeport United Methodist Church. It is now November of 2021. This is a month for Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for. Thankfulness is a spirit and attitude of sharing one’s love and appreciation for something that we have received.

So first and foremost, I am Thankful For God Our Father in Heaven and His Son Jesus. I am Thankful for The Holy Spirit who now guides and comforts us. I am thankful for my family and our church family at Bridgeport United Methodist Church, BUMC.

Again, so many blessings which we sometimes can take for granted. Let us remember to celebrate our lives with Thanksgiving and with thankful hearts. We focus our attention on God and His people, the reason and purpose of our lives. God, family, and neighbors are the things that make life meaningful. Thank you Jesus Christ. We are Thankful!

So, let us take time to celebrate those who are reading this newsletter and that we have survived 2021. Let us prepare for the season of Advent which will begin on November 28th as we start the Christmas Season of Hope and Holidays and look forward to 2022.

We will celebrate The Thanksgiving Holiday with a dinner at BUMC on Saturday November 20th at 1:00 PM. Roland Bottroff is our generous host and is providing everything with the help of our Kitchen Crew led by Carol Warwick. You are to bring yourselves and guests if you want Bring no food as everything is being provided. Thank you Roland and Carol.

The only thing we ask is that you sign up on the sheet on the table in the main lobby so we can get a headcount and make sure we have enough food and seats for everyone. We ask you to sign up by November 8th and by the 14th at the very latest. (Con’t. on Pg. 3)

November 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



At Our Church

Choir Practice 8:30 AM
 Fellowship Time 9:15 AM
 Sunday Services 10:00 AM
 Bible School 11:30 AM
 Christ Int'l Church 12:30 PM

Food Pantry Reception

Saturday's 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Amazing Grace's

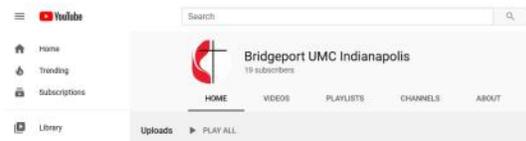
3rd Thursday @ Noon

Prayer Breakfast

2nd Saturday at 9:00 AM

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

Click here for Bridgeport UMC YouTube - [Bridgeport UMC Indianapolis](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC156261224432213)



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

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Alex Heaton, Bill & Jackie Clayton, Carol Warwick, her brother Jerry Belcher, Chuck Franklin & Family, Corina Pitchford, Dave & Debbie Balder, David Parr & Family, Ed Brown, Eileen Parker, Iain Spurgin & Family, Janet Jones, Jean & Gary Smith, Jeff Catt, Jenni Rober, Jennifer Hall, John Haynes, Kayte Loudenback, Kenneth Turpin, Larry & Mary Lou Schabeth, Leonard Prator, Mike Sams Family, Pam Reinbold, Pat Adkins, Patti Mendel, Scott Cline, Sherry Bryant, Paula Cody, Steve Shulmeyer, Velma Boyer, Wanda Sipe & Family, Raelee Rutter, Sherry Barnett, Pat & Bob Martin, Jim & Shari Hargrave, Dennis Batalis, Ray Griffith, John Raub Family, Howard Farrand, Candice Johnson, Sandi Cooper.

If there is someone you would like to have added to the prayer chain, just give their name to Julie Bright. Also, for various reasons a name which has been on the list may need to be removed to keep the prayer chain current. Again, if there is someone's name which needs to be removed, please contact Julie (317-409-7498).

"YELLOW TRASH BAG"

See Linda Baker. She always has them in her car ready to hand out. \$10.00 per roll. Remember...\$2.50 per roll will be given to the Children's home in Lebanon. The Yellow Bag sale replaces the Fall Women's Garage Sale.

NOVEMBER Birthdays

Ethan Shoemaker 11-3

Jayda Strom 11-5

Kyle Bandy 11-6

Pat Adkins 11-10

Charlene Swank 11-22

Melanie Hall 11-23

William M. Huffer 11-24

Peg Lindsey 11-25

Mary Jane Dickhaus 11-29

Kristen Bright 11-30



(Con't from Pg. 1)

We say the sooner the better.

Another reason we are thankful is we will have our 11th second Saturday Prayer Breakfast of 2021 at 9:00am on Saturday November 13th. We start in the sanctuary at 9:00 with a half hour of prayer and then move into the kitchen for fellowship and food until 10:00am.

At 10:00am on the 13th we will have our second membership class in preparation for bringing in new BUMC members and this class should last about 30 minutes this time. If you are not a current BUMC member and are considering membership we would ask you to attend.

As we finish off the Christian Calendar of 2021 Ordinary Time and begin our New Season, at the End of the Month, of Advent let us remember that the Bible says in **Philippians 4:4-7**

The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

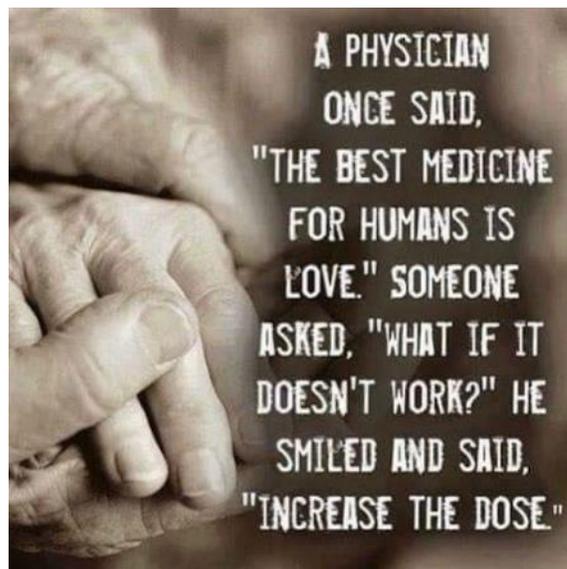
So with thankful hearts we will remove all fear and anxiety and petition God to allow us to continue to do His will at BUMC with cheerfulness and joy.

We hope to see you all at Church for our Thanksgiving meal, prayer breakfasts and our Sunday Worship. We hope to see others at our membership class. Let us finish this year strong and make a path for new members as well as the seasoned members of BUMC for Worship, Fellowship and Love.

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.

Love, Grace, Peace and Thanks,

Pastor Ken



Instant Church Directory

Dear Church Family ,

Our church directory is available to view on any web browser! Instant Church Directory — the program we used to build our church directory — has a free website to view our directory online and a Smart Phone App for Apple and Android devices for church members to view our directory on their phones.

To view the directory online, go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> to log in.

To download the app to your Apple device, click here: [Instant Church Directory on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#)

To download the app to your Android device, click here: [Instant Church Directory - Apps on Google Play](#)

You will be asked to enter in your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Dave Pearson know (pearson_david_b@yahoo.com , 317-523-1768) so it can be added. Once you enter your email address follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.

The first time, click on the "Create a login now" under the Sign In button. Enter your email address and set up a password to be sent an email confirmation. Click on the link inside that email to confirm your email and log in with the password you just created.

After you login, the directory will be downloaded to your device if you are using an Apple or Android Phone. Any time updates are made, they will update on your device too. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email and text right from the app. More information can be found at <http://www.InstantChurchDirectory.com/app>.

Once all of the information has been updated, we can create a PDF version of the directory and print it for those who don't use email or a smart phone device.

Where Do You Live?

A man who resided near the border of two states had been told for years his house was in Minnesota. But when a new survey revealed that he actually lived in Wisconsin, he proclaimed, "Thank goodness! I never could bear those cold Minnesota winters."



Defining where we live certainly affects our attitude. Followers of Jesus, or saints, consider their true home to be in God's dynamic presence. St. Paul was so connected to God through prayer that mystical experiences left him not knowing whether he was in or out of his body (see 2 Corinthians 12:1-10). Living with one foot in heaven and the other on the way there, Paul could know peace. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's," he concludes (Romans 14:8). Christian saints who are still living on earth can rest assured: Our true home is always with the

Lord.

The Subversive Table

"The Lord's Supper [is] a profoundly subversive political event in the lives of the participants," writes Richard Beck in *Unclean*. "The sacrament brings real people — divided in the larger world — into a sweaty, intimate, flesh-and-blood embrace where 'there shall be no difference between them and the rest.'" Beck is quoting Walt Whitman, for whom "them" refers to "the wicked and the righteous."

In our day, I think of political conservatives and liberals who receive equally the grace of God through Christ's body and blood. I think of the man in a church I pastored, who took pride in stirring up controversy. I didn't like him. But at the Lord's table, though "divided in the larger world," we shared a sacrament with no difference between us.

I think of my former parish near an Air Force base. Many members were military personnel and surely knew one another's rank. But in church — at the conference table, the din-

ner table and especially the communion table — no difference existed between a colonel and a captain, a commissioned officer and an NCO. It was a beautiful example of God's kingdom subverting the world's tendency to divide.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Charter Recognition

Emily Reece, Director of Church Development, presented two newly-chartered churches:

– Disciples Korean UMC (West Lafayette) – January 2020

– Abundant Vida Nueva UMC (Indianapolis) – December 2019

Children Matter Most

Emily Krach presented one of our new Missional Offerings: Children Matter Most

– Indiana has the 2nd highest in infant mortality rates in the midwest.

– Indiana has the highest rate in the country of teens who have considered suicide and the second-highest of those who have attempted it.

– Compared to neighboring states, Indiana has the highest rates of children in the foster care system.

The Children Matter Most Team's goal is to inspire churches to partner with

schools and invite children to camp.

Celebration of Ministry

Fifty-seven retirees were honored for their 1,705 years of combined service. Rev. Cheryl Garbe addressed members as a representative of the retiring class.

Cheryl interviewed some former retirees and shared a few of their words of wisdom for the Retiring Class of 2020:

"Retirement is a time to let go of that which has served you so well in the past to make room for that which will serve you so well in the future."

– "Travel as much as you can for as long as you can."

– "Give yourself a sabbath from ministry."

Rev. Dr. Aleze Fulbright opened the Celebration of Life Service with prayer and scripture. Rev. Dave Neckers preached on Proverbs 13:22, challenging the Conference to leave an inheritance through investing in

the



MISSIONS



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child packing party is on November 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Please mark your calendar to join in on the fun. Thank you to all who gave cash donations and for the items purchased. We have everything we need. Now we will be working on separating items into age groups. Looking forward to the "Packing Party".

"PURCHASED"

We still have plenty of jewelry to sell. With your help we have raised over \$300.00. All sales from the jewelry will go to "PURCHASED" to help stop Human Trafficking. Purchased is now called Allied. Human Trafficking is not just in other countries. It happens right here in the USA. Let us each do our part to help stop this horrible crime against women, girls and boys.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is still collecting food. Please bring your food donations on Sunday or you can call Charlene Swank and she will meet you at the church. Every month food is then collected and delivered to Barns United Methodist Church for their food closet distribution. 317-506-5462

Fletcher Place

Christmas is just around the corner. Each year we send new toys, clothing, items for parents and etc. Many stores have marked down their summer items to bring in the winter. Shop now and get the good bargains to help those who have less.

Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



Thanksgiving In Action

Thanksgiving is a spiritual exercise, necessary to the building of a healthy soul. It takes us out of the stuffiness of ourselves into the fresh breeze and sunlight of the will of God.

Elisabeth Elliot, *Keep a Quiet Heart*



To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch heaven.

—Johannes Gaertner



Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.

—Maya Angelou



For Laughs (or groans) Around Your Table

Knock knock. Who's there? Arthur.

Arthur who? Arthur any leftovers?

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?

It had 24 carrots.

If you use boxed mashed potatoes ...

... Great-Grandma will turn over in her gravy.

My family said, "No more Thanksgiving jokes." ...

... but I said I couldn't just quit cold turkey.

A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.

What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt

What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.

PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

PUZZLE

GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

continually,

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

David &	_____○_____	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa &	○_____	Acts 25:13
Naomi &	○_____	Ruth 1:22
Paul &	_____○_____	Acts 16:25
Joshua &	_____○_____	Numbers 14:6
Peter &	_____○_____	Luke 5:8-10
Job &	○_____	Job 2:11
Elijah &	_____○_____	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar &	_____○_____	Job 2:11
Jonathan &	_____○_____	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter &	_____○_____	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus &	_____○_____	John 11:20
Jesus &	_____○_____○_____	John 11:5
Timothy &	_____○_____	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus &	○_____	John 11:5
Mary &	_____○_____	Luke 1:39-40
Job &	_____○_____	Job 2:11
Aaron &	○_____○_____	Exodus 4:27

“ _____ ”

PROVERBS 17:17a

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bildad, Elisha, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses; A friend loves at all times.

Please by the 20th of each month.
 To submit articles or stories please send to
 Dave Pearson
 Pearson_david_b@yahoo.com
 Or
 Liz Hollinger
 lizhollinger17@gmail.com

Bible Quiz

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from a psalm of thanksgiving: "Bless the LORD, O my _____, and forget not all his benefits."

A. people B. soul
 C. heart D. children

Answer: B (See Psalm 103:2, ESV)