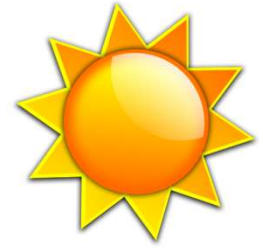


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BEDFORD FUMC NEWS



Going with Prayers

Well, here we are! My bags are getting packed and, for the most part, I THINK I'm ready to go. But I have one more request from all of you before I completely move to my new calling in Franklin. (Go ahead and roll your eyes as you think, she's ALWAYS asking for one more thing!). My first appointment as a Licensed Local Pastor was to St. John's United Methodist Church in Evansville. When I left Evansville for Crawfordsville, the congregation at St. John's gifted me with a chair that has a little compartment under the seat. (Photos on back page.) They wrote prayers for me and my ministry and put them in that compartment. The congregations of the two churches I served in Crawfordsville did the same thing when I left them in 2018. Now it's your turn. I would be truly grateful to add the prayers of this congregation with the others that reside in that compartment. Just saying . . .

I believe that things are looking up for Bedford First. You are a great congregation filled with faithful servants of the Lord. It has been an honor and a privilege to be with you these last seven years.

Blessings,
Pastor Judi

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Next Generation

On Sunday June 7, we will be recognizing our three high school graduates and others who are transitioning from one educational setting to another. Kayeh, Madison and Abby are amazing young women who are destined to make the world a better place.

- ❖ Abby will be attending Ivy Tech in Terre Haute with the goal of obtaining her paramedic license.
- ❖ Madison will be attending Ivy Tech in Bloomington studying early childhood education.
- ❖ Kayeh has enrolled at Indiana University-Bloomington and will study psychology.

On April 30, Madison and Kayeh were awarded several scholarships each. Madison received the Mary Joe Bolton Armstrong memorial, Ward and Evalyn McCoy memorial and Ronnie Smith memorial scholarships. Kayeh received the Clarence J Donovan memorial and Marcia Lynn Terrell memorial scholarships.



Soul Food



Ladies of the church, you are all invited to attend Soul Food Book Club. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30 AM in the Friendship Classroom. We all read the same book and then discuss it at our meeting. In addition, we always go somewhere local for lunch and fellowship following our meetings. The book club runs from 10:30 to 11:30, then we vote on a place to go for lunch. It is a great time to get to know each other on a more personal level.

Our June 3rd book is *Death in the Details* by Katie Tietjen. Karyn Price will lead the discussion.

Our July 1st book is *Twice* by Mitch Album, with Sherry Hardesty leading the discussion.

Any questions, contact Linda Schoonmaker bill.schoonmaker@comcast.net

Appreciation Brunch

June 28 will be Pastor Judi's last Sunday with us. In appreciation of her seven years as our pastor, we will hold a brunch in her honor following worship on the 28th. The congregations of Erie UMC, Grace UMC and Wesley Chapel have been invited to gather with us to wish Judi well on her next chapter of life. Please bring a prayer card of Pastor Judi to open at a later date. For more information, please contact Janet Jackson or Judy Quyle.



~Janet Jackson

Special Charge Conference



We will hold a Special Charge Conference directly following worship on Sunday, June 14 to discuss the sale of the parsonage.

Methodist Mountain Mission



The Mountain Mission truck will be at our church on June 15. We are usually one of their first stops, so please have any donations to the church prior to that date. They prefer for items to be boxed rather than bagged so that they can be stacked in the truck.

Current needs include belts, men's shoes and summer clothes, children's shoes and summer clothes, uniforms and scrubs, purses, hats and craft items. A full needs list is posted on the bulletin board in the main hall.



6 Jennifer Wadsworth
7 Liz Collins and Barbara Houston
21 Tabatha Kopp
30 Mae Smoot



Pastor Judi's chair and its secret compartment.



What's Happening

- June 2, Hospitality Committee at 9:00 AM
- June 3, Soul Food at 10:30 AM
- June 6, Graduation Party from 1:00—4:00 PM
- June 10, Administrative Council at 5:00 PM
- June 14, Special Charge Conference at 11:30 AM
- June 15, Mountain Mission Truck at 9:00 AM
- June 28, Pastor Appreciation Brunch at 11:30 AM
- Last Monday of the month, Euchre at 2:00 PM
- Every Tuesday, Men's Breakfast at Denny's at 9:00 AM
- Every Thursday, Fiber Time at 2:00 PM
- Every Saturday, Gideons at 8:00 AM

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