

The Heart Of the Matter



UPCOMING Sermons

June 2, 5

"Why God is Good for You"

Psalm 50:1-8, 14-15, 23

June 9, 12

"God Will Never Let You Down"

Psalm 55:1-8, 22

June 16, 19

"God Will Never Let You go"

Psalm 71:1-6, 14-16

John 4:46-54

June 23, 26

"Remember the Rock"

Joshua 4:7, 24:1-28

June 30, July 3

"Present at the Creation"

Joshua 4:1-7

June Newsletter



Dear friends,

Just a couple of weeks ago, I was listening to the radio in the car. If the radio is on (instead of the playlist from my phone), I am usually listening to Air1 radio, a Christian radio station. That particular day, the station played a promotion for "Pearls," a podcast by Kristi McLelland. What struck me was the description of the podcast. Talking about the Bible: "Each story [of the Bible] is like a pearl, beautiful and of great price on its own. But what's more beautiful is stringing the biblical pearls together."

There is always the temptation to quote specific verses or passages in the Bible as if they stand by themselves. In fact, if done for the wrong reason, that can be called proof-texting – taking a single verse or passage and using it to prove a point we are trying to make. We must guard against doing that – we need all of the stories of the Bible – we need to string them together to get the true picture. How much more valuable is a strand of pearls compared to a single pearl?

Let me give you an example. In the Old Testament particularly, God's people are told many times to remember what God had done for them in times past. Isaiah 43 is one such passage. The LORD reminds the Israelites how He made a way through the waters for them as they left their slavery in Egypt. Then in Isaiah 43, verse 18, the LORD says "But forget all that..." (NLT) Wait a minute! Did God just say, "remember...oh never mind?"

I don't think God meant to really "forget all that." I think what God meant was for the Israelites not to live in the past, not to "rest on their laurels" so-to-speak. Verse 19 helps us understand. The LORD continues, "For I am about to do something new."

I think another way to say this is that God is not done yet. You think what He did in the past was good – just wait until you see what is coming!

I think God's words for the Israelites long ago pertain to us today. I would caution us all not to literally forget the past. Remember the past. See how God has provided in the past. But know for sure the best is yet to come.

The past might be a pearl, or maybe several pearls. But continue stringing your strand of pearls with the stories to come, and you will truly have something beautiful and of great value.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug



Hospitality Needs You!

Some of you may have noticed that coffee is back more consistently and fellowship cake is served on the first Sunday of the month. I would like to explain the goal for these amenities. I took it upon myself months ago to reimplement coffee hour. As we slowly move forward from pandemic status to what ever normal is now, I am asking for assistance.

Coffee hour is abbreviated as we have eliminated one service on Sunday during the pandemic. Coffee hour is now only between the first and second service. Coffee will be removed and cleaned up around 11:00 am. Coffee will not be available after the 10:30 am service.

Additionally, we are no longer asking for monthly commitments. If you wish to serve monthly that is incredible. There will be quarterly schedules available continuously so if you find you have a Sunday you are able to assist with coffee your service will be much appreciated. You can sign up for as many or as few times as you wish.

We will have two "crews": set up and clean up. Set up will be making coffee and putting it and all the needed paraphernalia out before 8:30 am service is over. It really doesn't take long I have been doing it myself and it only takes about 20 minutes. Clean up occurs around 10:45 am or 11:00 am (whatever is convenient for the volunteers). Clean up consists of taking everything back to the kitchen washing up the pots and letting them air dry and putting everything else away. Again it doesn't take very long only about 20 minutes.

I will be available as needed. If it is your first few times doing coffee hour, I will absolutely make myself available. I started this on my own. As more people are returning to church I am finding I am needed in other areas. However, I do think coffee hour is a very important area of fellowship for our entire congregation. It creates an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones as we continue to see more new faces return to us.



Harvest Table Hours

Sunday: 10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday: 6:00pm-7:00pm

*Wednesday Harvest Table hours may be delayed a week or two depending on availability of produce.

Thank you to everyone who helped build the new structure for the Harvest Table. It was great to see so many people work together to see this project to completion. The Band of Brothers men's group and Women in Christ prayer groups joined with the Harvest Table team to get the gazebo and raised bed's completed in under a week. I know it will be put to good use by the Harvest Table and hopefully for other things too.



Meet our new
Guitarist, Terry!



Terry has shared the stage and/or performed with artists such as Jon McLaughlin, Poco, and Sandi Patty. In addition to live appearances in many countries and throughout the US, he has done session work in studios in Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Nashville, Chicago, and South America. His studio experience also includes arranging and composing commercial music. Terry is active in church music and has served throughout the Indianapolis area in many different capacities. He currently works in the audio industry and has worked as a recording and live sound engineer. Terry also performs as a solo guitarist and with various groups around Indianapolis.

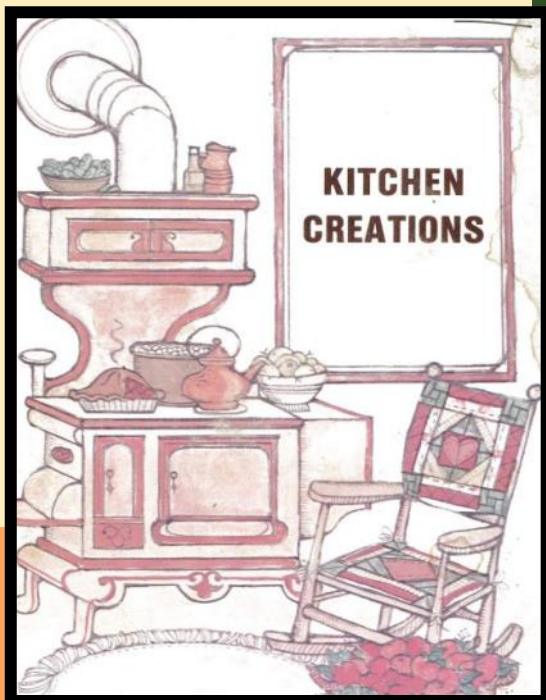


We had a great evening at *Night Without a Bed*. We are grateful to the church, Family Promise and Pioneers for making the night amazing. Those attending and some who could not join us contributed both financially and through other donations. The check from the church put us over the top in our goal.

There were a total of 12 of us participating and the photos help show the fun, learning and fellowship enjoyed by all. We had four activities that lead to great insightful discussion and learning. We've already been asked to do it again next year and possibly another event sooner. Cots were available although most chose not to use them, it made it possible for some to stay that might not have been able to without them.

Thanks again for supporting children and their families in housing transition.

-Maggie Lucas



Enjoy this recipe from our Cookbook that was created in 1983!



ITALIAN PASTA SALAD

1/3 c. oil	6 oz. linguini, broken in halves
3 Tbsp. red wine vinegar	2 c. cooked roast beef strips
1 tsp. salt	1 c. sliced celery
1/2 tsp. basil leaves	1 c. coarsely chopped, seeded, unpeeled cucumber
2-3 drops hot pepper sauce	2 medium tomatoes, peeled and coarsely chopped
1 clove garlic, minced	
2 (2 1/2 oz.) jars whole mushrooms, drained	

In large bowl, beat together oil and vinegar until well-mixed. Add salt, basil, pepper sauce and garlic. Set aside to blend flavors. Cook linguini to desired doneness as directed on package. Drain and rinse with cold water. Add linguini, roast beef, celery, cucumber, tomatoes and mushrooms to dressing. Toss lightly. Cover and chill several hours or overnight. Makes 6 servings.

Judy Henry

Women's News

The Women's Rebekah circle will take the summer off and resume meeting in September. Enjoy your summer with family and friends. We might have a surprise in the works for the fall.

WINGS

Women in God's Spirit (WINGS) is a study group that reads and discusses various books by Christian authors as a way to help us grow in our faith. We met twice a month at the church from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Our next book will be "The Best Yes" by Lisa TerKeust. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Peggy Boyll, Maggie Lucas, or the Church Office.

ALL CHURCH Work Day

June 4th
8:00am-1:00pm



Facebook is a great way to follow everything happening at SUMC! Make sure to Like and Follow!



Subscribe to SUMC on YouTube to keep up with all of our online services and special videos!

SAVE THE DATE!

September 24th
3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

We have some big plans in the works! Details to come soon!

Feed A Need (F.A.N.) Ministry

Thanks so much for your support of this ministry. We are drawing near to completing our second year of feeding many housing challenged individuals. The "Tear Down the Walls" ministry is still helping us get 50 sack lunches out each month to those in downtown Indy.

That totals to some 960 meals out in the last two years!

The sacks contain a protein, fruit, vegetable, chips, granola bars, water, cookies, and candy. A team of people buy the items we pack and a team of some 5-8 ladies pack the lunches each month on the Thursday before the second Saturday at 1 p.m. at the church. **Next bagging date is June 9th at 1p.m. at church.**

Pastor Doug's Retirement Celebration

Please join us and celebrate Pastor Doug Shinkle's retirement, Thursday, June 23 and Sunday, June 26.

We will have a brief reception with refreshments after the 6:30 pm Thursday worship with an opportunity to show our gratitude to Pastor Doug and wish him well in his upcoming retirement.

Refreshments will be served between the 9:00 and 10:30 services on Sunday with a cake reception in the Gathering Place following the last worship.

A Love offering will be collected along with cards and notes and can be placed in a special basket in the Gathering Place. AND Pastor Doug is looking forward to experimenting and enjoying the art of food preparation during his retirement. As an added surprise we invite everyone to bring a copy of your favorite recipe and include it with your Love Gift and note.

We are blessed with two of God's most faithful servants, Pastor Doug and his lovely wife, Bernie. The Shinkles came to SUMC in 1983 and while raising their family they served the church and community in many ways. Doug was a leader in several ministries as well as teaching Bible study and adult classes. Teaching is one of his God-given gifts and passion. He became a Lay Servant Speaker and then studied to be a Local Pastor. Doug was officially appointed pastor to SUMC four and a half years ago.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

Food Pantry

There has been an increase in need for food at the local Hunger, INC food pantry located on Epler Ave. off Madison Ave. and behind Kim's Cakery. (By the way Kim's donates leftover treats every day to the pantry to hand out to the clients coming to the pantry. These are many yummy treats!!!)

The next opportunity to support the pantry is to participate in the **Southport Rd. Meijer Simply Give Program** from April 3rd thru Saturday, July 2nd. You may get a card at the Meijer store or some will be provided at the church welcome desk. When you scan the card and donate \$10, Meijer matches it with \$10. This money is held at Meijer and then the pantry is able to purchase items like crackers, beef stew, canned chicken, canned tuna, and canned pasta items.

June news for the pantry: On June 18th Meijer's on Southport Rd is offering to double your \$10 donation. You donate \$10 and it will become \$30...WOW. So to help out with the need, if you want to donate \$10 and cannot get to the Meijer store, you can donate the \$10 to the church in an envelope labeled "Food Pantry Campaign" and someone from the church will take the money to Meijer and make the donation for you!!!! How easy is that!!!

Thanks so much for the peanut butter, tuna, and potato packages for the month of MAY. You are such a blessing to the pantry each month. Since the Meijer campaign is going on in June we will skip collecting food at the church. Watch for the info on how you can help in July.

Movie Outing



Youth



May was a great month for our group.

These 4 young ladies made the decision to be confirmed and join the church.

Confirmation day was May 15th. Congratulations Ladies, we are all so proud of you! Lila Copeland, Lydia Hiller, Nora Allen, and Tabytha Hite.



We try to do at least one fun activity each month. For April and May's event we went to an Escape Room. This group did so well at working together to solve the clues that we were able to get the puzzle solved with 9 and ½ minutes to spare. After that, we went for Ice Cream. It was a great afternoon spending time together.



Virtual Financial Peace

Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! It's never too early or too late to start your Financial Peace journey. Join our SUMC virtual *Financial Peace University* class and learn to make a budget you'll actually stick to.

Have you wanted to attend FPU in the past, but couldn't fit a weeknight class into your schedule? We meet online, so you won't even have to leave home.

Visit fpu.com/1149348 to sign up for the class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace! Class starts **Saturday, June 4, 2022** at 10am and will meet online once a week for 9 weeks.



The Creation Care ministry is continuing to encourage you to always think GREEN. There are many things you can do over the summer to help keep our EARTH clean and beautiful.

RECYCLE, REUSE, and REDUCE.

- Recycle anything that has a triangle on the bottom of the container. Bins are located at the city containers north of the church on Madison Ave. in front of Bandy's Auto Repair store.
- Reuse containers for many things and buy reusable containers rather than throw away ones.
- Reduce the amount of plastic you use. Like using your own bags at the grocery store, buying glass/metal containers, and buy in bulk and not individually wrapped items.

Think Green and make it happen!

IMAGINATION *Station*

Imagination Station has been blessed with a “Build, Grow, and Learn Stabilization Grant”. This grant is designed to provide short-term funding to early care education and out of school programs that have faced challenges brought on by the COVID pandemic, allowing them to stabilize and build capacity for the future.

As we continue through this year and into 2023, we will be able to improve specific areas that are positive for Imagination Station Children and their families. A side benefit is that some of the work we do will be related to the church building and facilities which our members and our community will see.

As you may have seen, we have already made some improvements to the playground (mulch, tree removal, walkway to playground etc..) as well as the previous playground getting a facelift (mulch and pergola to be installed). Imagination Station will be using this as an outdoor classroom. It will also be a great area if other ministries, children’s church, or our youth classes want to take advantage of the new facilities as well.

In addition, carpet replacement, outdoor curb appeal, new learning supplies and equipment are improvements to see in the future. We will also recognize Imagination Station staff for their hard work, love, and kindness they express daily to the children.

The Preschoolers had a lovely end of year celebration! Their cars turned out great!



Finance

Several years ago, there was a great preacher named D.L. Moody. One evening, someone asked him if anyone made decisions for Christ after his sermon. Moody responded, "Two and half people."

The person replied, "Oh, two adults and one child." Moody answered, "No two children and one adult. The adult has already lived much of their life...the children still have most of theirs to follow Jesus."

Each Sunday we have 30-40 youth & children in Sunday school classes. Each week we have another 40-50 children in our building with Imagination Station, our preschool & childcare. We're not babysitting those kids – we're teaching them to know Jesus, love Jesus and follow Jesus with their whole life.

This month four of those young ladies were confirmed into membership of our church.

When you give you're giving so that children can learn to love Jesus. And when you serve you're serving so that they can see what it looks like to follow Jesus.

You're helping us lead children to love God – investing in the next generation who will be here longer than we will be here. What an incredible opportunity. Thank you so much for your generosity. And the nearly 70-90 kids that are here each week thank you too.

Church	Apr-22	2022 Year To Date
Income		
Offerings	\$41,436	\$193,343
Other	\$26	\$538
Imagination Station "Tithe/offering"	\$3,803	\$14,590
Church Expenses		
Conf. & Dist. Support	(\$1,190)	(\$23,913)
Administration	(\$17,270)	(\$65,297)
Maintenance & Utilities	(\$11,919)	(\$56,426)
Connect, Grow, Serve	(\$23,847)	(\$91,837)
Youth & Child Ministry	(\$1,080)	(\$4,374)
Net	(\$10,041)	(\$33,376)
Imagination Station		
Income	\$54,248	\$174,029
Expense	(\$33,241)	(\$116,433)
"Tithe/offering" to Church	(\$3,803)	(\$14,590)
Net	\$17,205	\$43,006
All Together		
Total Incomes	\$95,710	\$367,910
Total Expenses	(\$88,547)	(\$358,280)
Net	\$7,164	\$9,630

Name(s) _____
Address _____
Phone _____
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Lord, I present this commitment to you, acknowledging that everything I have and everything I am is a gift from you. I pray that you will grant me wisdom and strength and that you will bless and use the gifts that I humbly present to you. Amen

What If...

First time Pledge
\$ _____

Additional Commitment
\$ _____

You could make **What if** become **What Is?**

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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SERVICE TIMES

Online

Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Traditional

10:30 a.m.- Contemporary

Thursday

6:30 p.m.— Casual Service

*Everyone is sharing God's love and grace through Jesus Christ in their everyday, 24 x 7 lives.
So that...we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and the world.*