

April 2018 Harbinger

It Is No Secret

Billy Graham's ministry was launched in the Rose Bowl in 1949 with a marvelous response. He returned with another crusade in November 2004 on the 55th anniversary of that historic event.

Before the event in 1949, Billy was a guest speaker on a radio show hosted by songwriter/performer Stuart Hamblen. The radio host urged his listeners to attend the meetings at the Rose Bowl. Before leaving the studio, Bill asked Hamblen to go to the service, too. Stuart was not a Christian (his wife was) but he consented anyway.

On the night he attended, Hamblen did not go forward with others to claim Christ as Lord and Savior. His spirit was restless, so later that night he went to Graham's hotel. He told the evangelist of his churning spirit and with Billy's witness and prayers, he gave his heart to the Lord.

Shortly afterward, the actor John Wayne saw Stuart and said, "Stuart, what's this I hear about you hitting the sawdust trail?"

Stuart responded, "That's no secret, John, what God has done for me. He can do it for you or anyone else."

John Wayne said, "That sounds like a song, Stuart. Why don't you write one?" And that's how Stuart came to write, "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)."

Hamblen went on to write other Gospel songs and once said, "I try to write music with a spiritual uplift instead of a moral downbeat."

If the Lord Wishes - Bible Quiz

When James wrote his letter to his fellow Christians, he wanted them to remember that they were totally dependent on God. He said that when they spoke of their plans they should first say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:15, NRSV).

James pointed out that life can be cut short. He used one of the following illustrations. Choose which one.

- A. "You are like a candle in the wind which can be quickly extinguished."
- B. "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."
- C. "You are like leaves in the autumn turning from green to red to brown and then dropping to earth."

The answer is in James 4:14, NRSV.

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Please let Amy King know if you have a graduate from high school or college this year. Also let her know if your graduate would be able to come to a graduation celebration/pitch-in meal after church on May 20th. You can call or email Amy at 825-1270 or alking722@yahoo.com

Thank you for your help. Amy

MATERNITY COVERAGE

With Pastor Kara gone and on maternity leave until May, Pastor Frank Oakman at First UMC in Connersville will cover pastoral needs like hospitals and surgeries. If you have a need, you can contact First UMC at (765) 825-8506 or email him at Pastor@connersvillefirst.org.

Do you want to attend the Indiana Annual Conference meetings this year?

Have you ever wondered what the Indiana Annual Conference meeting is? If so, this might be the year for you check it out!

The Indiana Annual Conference is a regional body, an organizational unit, and a yearly meeting. Each year at the annual conference meeting in Indianapolis, an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference. This year, the conference is June 7-9 at the downtown Indianapolis Convention Center. These days include worship, learning, breakout sessions, reports of past and ongoing work of United Methodist churches in Indiana, adoption of future goals, programs and budget, ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders, and election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings.

We are looking for a layperson here at Grand Avenue to attend this year to represent our church and vote on important issues. The church offers parking and mileage reimbursement and will also pay for the registration. If you are interested in going as our church's representative, please let Pastor Kara know.



Our April Mission of the Month is UMCOR – (United Methodist Committee on Relief).



The Piecemakers Quilters group is back in session. If you want to join this fun group, show up in the Education Wing at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday. If you have any questions, contact Connie Robb at 825-8663, Sandy Brown at 825-7206, or call the church office at 825-8192.



PRINCESS PARLOR

The Princess Parlor in the church office building will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon on Saturdays in April. If you know of any girls who would like to have a free prom dress and accessories, send them to the Princess Parlor!



We have a new online calendar and it can be viewed at our website at

www.grandaveumc.com



April 2nd – Joe Reeve

April 6th – Barb Fishel

April 12th – Steve Mahuron

April 20th – Lauren Hodson

April 21st – Hannah Fishel

April 27th – Jean Ullery

Just a Little Humor

1. Randy Pausch was a renowned computer science professor, but that didn't carry much weight with his mother. After he got his PhD, she introduced him to friends by saying, "This is my son. He's a doctor, but not the kind that helps people."
2. You didn't have to be a brain surgeon to figure out that a customer at our post office was an off-duty mail clerk from another plant. He'd written on his package, "Fragile: Toss Underhand."



Thank You

Dear Pastor Kara and congregation,

Thank you for participating in our annual baby bottle drive! We celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life every January through our baby bottles. Your church raised \$343.37 for our Center! Thank you! The total amount for baby bottles collected from the community is \$5,376.02. Your generous donation will go towards bringing hope to our community through parenting classes, mentoring, and testing and treatment services.

God Bless You,

Tracy Wells, Development Director

Dear Lori Dickerson and the UMC ladies,

Thank you for taking the time, effort, care and love it takes to make the amazing pies for us. It may not seem like a very big thing to you, but to us it is huge. It shows us that regardless of our mistakes, there are still people that care about us. Really thank you and God bless you.

Fayette County jail inmates



Mark your calendars for the Men's Golf Outing
June 22-24. If you have any questions, contact
Roger Mapes at rmapes@comcast.net

Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of
the world.

**Lost
People
Matter**

**Jesus
Christ
Centered**

**Love
Hospitality
Unity**

Vision: To be an avenue of hope leading to Jesus Christ

1. JESUS CHRIST-CENTERED.

We believe Jesus Christ is our center and the head of the church. Thus, everything we do is about inviting people into a relationship with Him, drawing people closer to Him, and transforming them into disciples. Therefore, everything we do should tie in and be aligned with Jesus Christ as our center as we are on mission for the Great Commission.

(John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:15-20, Colossians 2:10, Ephesians 1:22)

2. LOST PEOPLE MATTER.

We believe lost people matter to God, therefore they matter to us and the church. We believe Jesus has called us to help them be found in Him. So we will work to be intentional to make our church relevant and outwardly focused to minister to those lost souls just as Jesus did.

(John 3:16, Luke 5:30-32, Luke 19:10, Matthew 18:14,
1 Corinthians 9:19-23, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12)

3. LOVE, HOSPITALITY, AND UNITY.

We believe loving relationships should permeate every aspect of church life. We welcome all to our church with open arms as we desire our church to demonstrate and live out Christ-like selfless love, encouragement, and unity with others.

(1 Corinthians 13, John 13:34-35, 1 Peter 4:9-10, Matthew 22:37-39, James 2:14-17)