
The Parish Voice

Nappanee United Methodist Church



May 2024

Celebrate 50 years!



On May 5th we will be celebrating 50 years in our sanctuary. Please join us and many of our past ministers at this celebration. Reverend Terry Rhine will be giving the message. Former pastors Jay and Marilyn Morris, David Harrold, Mary Hubbard, David and Pam Schrader, and of course the Rhines have said that they will join us. We will also have our new pastor, Chris Stephens, joining us as well. Following the service, we will have a reception and a time to visit in Fellowship Hall.



NUMW of Faith

Reminder that our group has volunteered to donate a dozen cookies each, for the refreshment time after the special church service May 5th, which is a celebration for 50 years of existence of our church sanctuary. Please have the cookies in the kitchen no later than 10 o'clock May 5th. Make sure they are marked for the church so there is no confusion with any you might donate for the preschool graduations. Thanks for your help with this project.

Sue Matthews, President NUMWof Faith



Donation Deadline

The \$4,000 matching grant for the Parsonage Improvement project has been met! Thank you to all who have donated thus far and to the individuals who are making the matching donation. As a recap: \$20,000

funding came from the sale of the Youth House and \$20,000 from undesignated memorials. The Thrift Shop purchased the new refrigerator and stove. New Beginnings Sunday School class donated and the Certificate Fund-raiser has committed as well. Add all this to our generous individual donations plus the matching grant, and you've got a successful campaign thus far. Kudos to all of you for helping welcome our new pastor and his family with open arms. We are so close to our initial goal and will continue to accept designated offerings for the Parsonage through the end of May. If you are planning to give, do so soon to help us achieve our funding goal.



Special Dates in May

- May 2—National Day of Prayer
- May 9—Ascension Day
- May 12—Mother's Day
- May 19—Pentecost
- May 26—Trinity Sunday
- May 27—Memorial Day

Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known

Kris Best passed away April 11th .

Kirby Miller passed away on April 11th.



With Sincere Sympathy

Graduation

If you or a family member is graduating this year, please contact the office for a Graduate Recognition form to fill out and return to the office.

WOW Meal

By: Sue Matthews

Karen, the kitchen crew that has been so faithful to help, and I will take a break for the summer. The last WOW meal will be May 8th beginning at 5:15pm. The meal will be macaroni and cheese with smoked sausage, green beans, and dessert. Please don't forget to sign up. We have had several visitors come on these Wednesday nights, which is a great outreach, but it really helps us if you could let us know by signing them up as well. Thanks. We have enjoyed the fellowship time, as well as the making the meal, etc.



CPR Class

Nappanee Elementary School, on Jackson St, is conducting a CPR class on May 6th from 4:30-6:00pm. The cost is \$40, and your license would be valid for 2 years. This might be a great idea for anyone working with children, babies, or adults. I'm thinking of nursery workers and Sunday school teachers especially. Let Sue Matthews know if you are interested.

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Finance Update

By: Jenni Wysong



March offerings were \$21,682, 8% over last year, but we did have 5 Sundays in 2024 and only 4 in 2023. YTD offerings are still ahead of 2023 by 15% or \$10,457.

March expenses were \$14,705 (including \$2,351 of Conference Tithes and Apportionments) compared to \$22,749 in March of 2023. Pastor payroll and utilities were the accounts that provided the savings. YTD our expenses are down \$19,053 or 27%. When our new pastor begins in July, the full expense of his salary, pension, and insurance will kick back in.

We transferred \$20,000 from the proceeds of the youth house and property sale to the Parsonage Rehab Fund. The remaining \$107,940 is carved out in a Capital Fund (restricted to expenses of a capital nature) and is in an interest bearing Money Market fund at Lake City Bank. The interest income can be used for General Fund purposes.

- 01 Dave Gilley
- 04 Zoran Sipic
- 04 Ronna Swartz
- 07 Karen Berger
- 08 Jill Ervin
- 08 Joyce Riley
- 14 Brian MacGowan
- 16 Don Truex
- 17 Brian Middaugh
- 19 Ruth Young
- 19 Sloan VanVoorst
- 20 Kendall Wiggins
- 21 Dave Cunningham
- 21 Candi Tobias
- 25 Mary Miller
- 27 Eden Wiggins
- 27 Linda Hartzell

In-Person Worship

March 31	82
April 7	82
April 14	75
April 21	87
April 28	87

On-Line Worship

March 31	32
April 7	36
April 14	34
April 21	20
April 28	20

Sunday School Attendance

March 31	—
April 7	37
April 14	37
April 21	43
April 28	35



- 10 Jim & Linda Hartzell
- 15 Kenton & Jill Ervin
- 22 Mario & Julie Mast
- 26 Harold & Betty Collins
- 28 David & Ronna Swartz
- 29 Keith & Collette Knepp
- 31 Dave & Janice Cunningham

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Helping Children Blossom...

By: Dorothy Haney



The saying, "April showers bring May flowers" makes me think about the children at Bashor Children's Home. God uses the showers in April to wash away the dirt and grime that the cold

and stormy winter has left behind. These warm rains also moisten the soil and provide nutrients that help the flowers and trees come into full bloom. When this transformation takes place, it seems as if the whole world changes. People begin to smile more, they are outside talking to their neighbors, and begin cleaning around their homes. It's a time of renewal and optimism.

At Bashor Children's Home, we nurture God's most precious gift: His children. We work with children who have been through horrendous storms in their lives. They may have been abused, neglected, have addiction problems, or have no family to take care of them. As a result, they have become withdrawn, angry, or guarded. The "dirt" they have encountered in their young lives is with them when they come to Bashor.

Every day we work with these children to help them wash away this dirt and help them discover their true beauty beneath it. We help children to love themselves, trust others, and care about the world around them. We help children find joy and a sense of peace. We do this by showing them unconditional love.

These children talk about their past. They talk about things that would make you cringe from even the thought of it happening to someone in your family. We have an opportunity to make a difference in their lives and give them "Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow". You can help us transform the lives of these children like a beautiful flower blooming in the springtime by participating in our spring campaign. Show our children how much the community cares about them.

Dorothy's confession: I copied this directly from a letter from Sean McCrindle asking for our prayers and support for the children at Bashor. I thought it was worth sharing. This mission in Goshen that is so near in distance to each of us, needs to be supported by us. Just indicate on your offering envelope the amount you want to give to Bashor. These children who have suffered so much already in their lives need to learn and experience the love of God through Bashor Children's Home. Give your support to this place that we know and trust.

Work Day

The Nappanee UMC will be helping with a work day/clean up at Camp Adventure, North Webster on Saturday, May 11th. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office. Contact Rick Jenkins with any questions: 574-903-3688



Wanted: Grass Cutters

The Trustees are looking for volunteers to mow the church lawn. The mowing schedule starts in May. Please sign up for the weeks you are available or call the church office and we'll sign up for you. Responsibilities would include cutting the grass, checking for weeds and trimming where needed. If you have questions, contact Tom Parciak at (630) 935-9573.



The donation item needed at Open Door for May is cereal!

