



# The Lighthouse

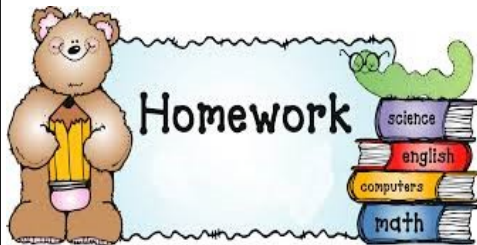
## July, 2018

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

### Serving the Community!

We are so proud to serve the community through **The Learning League**. The comments from the LL parents are huge "pats on the back" for the services we provide. We have been told by parents of LL students, that even though the Boys and Girls Club also picks up children from Kenwood School, they prefer the quiet workplace that The Learning League provides. The parents value the fact that their children are in a non-chaotic program! The best part for them is that their children get their homework *completed* at the LL. The parents are so appreciative of the LL results, that they often ask to register their children for the summer! Although we are not open during the summer, we are greatly encouraged by the parents' appreciation for the LL.

The Learning League has had many successes over the years. Last year, one child came to us with a project that had to be turned in the next day. We stayed and helped her complete the project so that it could be turned in on time. She proudly showed us her award certificate which she won. This year she had a project mandated by the State of Indiana that required a report, an essay, posters as part of a display, dressing like the subject **and** playing the part in a school program. This time, she asked for help immediately so she could research and complete it ahead of time.



Another child came in with an "F" on a homework paper. Written on the homework paper was the message, "Did not go to the Learning League on this day". The sister had helped her. The parent said that if she had come to the LL, she would have understood her homework and not gotten an "F".

Another child took it upon *himself* to write us a letter about the LL and why he loves the program!

The children usually don't know 90% of their spelling words on Monday; however, by the end of the week, they pass the test with 100% A+.

Another parent thanked us profusely for helping her *four* children who she said would never have made it through Kenwood School without the Learning League!

Yes, we are proud and thankful that we have been given the opportunity to positively affect the lives of these Kenwood families!

*Co-directors of the Learning League,*

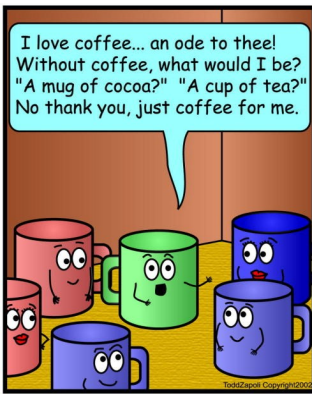
*Susan Alcazar and Josie Hawkins*



### **Deadline For Newsletter Articles**

If you are interested in submitting an article for the August newsletter, please bear in mind you must turn in your submissions to Karen Little or Sue Robertson by July 20th. Any articles received after July 20th will be held until the September issue of the newsletter. Thanks for your cooperation!

*Karen Little and Sue Robertson, Editors*



... a note from your lead pastor

**Leadership** is so important in the church (and in every organization), that without leadership, the church would flounder and die. In the church, entering into a leadership role as a Christian is entering into a partnership with God. (p7, Leadership Essentials)

The church needs experienced leaders and novice leaders – folks who are interested in leadership, and folks who will be a leader someday. We all need a Jethro and Joshua. Moses was a great leader. One of his mentors was Jethro, his father-in-law. Jethro went to Moses one day and said, “You will wear yourself out! Develop leaders to share the responsibility.”

**Exodus 18:13-18**

<sup>13</sup> The next day Moses sat as a judge for the people, while the people stood around Moses from morning until evening. <sup>14</sup> When Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, “What’s this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people are standing around you from morning until evening?”

<sup>15</sup> Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to inquire of God. <sup>16</sup> When a conflict arises between them, they come to me and I judge between the two of them. I also teach them God’s regulations and instructions.”

<sup>17</sup> Moses’ father-in-law said to him, “*What you are doing isn’t good. <sup>18</sup> You will end up totally wearing yourself out, both you and these people who are with you. The work is too difficult for you. You can’t do it alone. <sup>19</sup> Now listen to me and let me give you some advice. And may God be with you!*”

Moses also had a Joshua – someone to pass on the mantle of leadership.

**Exodus 24:13** So Moses and his assistant **Joshua** got up, and Moses went up God’s mountain.

**Numbers 11:28 Joshua**, Nun’s son and Moses’ assistant since his youth... it was Joshua, *Moses’ assistant*, that led the people into the Promised Land.



For our continued leadership development and preparation of a new generation of leaders, our summer study is: *Leadership Essentials – Practical Tools for Leading in the Church.* This study is designed for: those serving in a leadership position, those who have served in a leadership position, and those who will serve someday. *This is a study for anyone.* We will learn together by sharing our experiences and knowledge, and discussion of the book and scripture. I will expect to see current leaders and staff (some already have their books!).

The dates we will meet are, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.:

July 11-18-25 and August 1. We *may* also meet August 15.

What do you need to do? **Indicate your interest by July 1**, so that we may order a book for you. In preparation for our first meeting, July 11, there will be a reading assignment and some prep work *to be completed before our first class.* I will enjoy learning with you! Oh yes, we will learn – *and we will have fun, too!*

Looking forward to seeing you in worship and around the church!

*Pastor Mary*

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**WE LIVE ON A BLUE PLANET THAT  
CIRCLES AROUND A BALL OF FIRE  
NEXT TO A MOON THAT MOVES THE  
SEA, AND YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN  
MIRACLES?**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



We would like to thank those who are volunteering to teach junior church for one or more Sundays this summer. There is still a need for more volunteers and for substitutes in the nursery. If you feel called to teach one or more Sundays during the summer, please contact Pastor Mary, Cheryle, or Niki. It is a wonderful way to get to know our children. You will be blessed!

The scripture verse for July is, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Our Sunday School is going to focus on 3 each week. Won't you join us in this challenge?

*Cheryle Seljan*



Don't pray for rain if you intend to complain about the mud.

**Isn't it weird that we have one hand that knows how to do everything And then one hand that just sits there like "I don't know how to hold a pencil"?**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 was a big hit this year as the children of our church learned how to follow the Spirit and grow in God's love and grace. Twenty-eight children and more than fifteen volunteers enjoyed dinner, crafts, games, Bible stories, and mission projects together each evening during the week. The children were especially fond of the *Mission Africa* project time, during which they worked to create clothing, jewelry, and toys for Pastor Mary to bring to Burkina Faso on her next mission trip. The children took their mission to share God's love with others very seriously as they designed items that would encourage the children of Burkina Faso to say their prayers, show love and kindness, and to know they are loved by God. Our children also diligently studied the Fruits of the Spirit and how they can apply them in their own lives beyond VBS. The children are grateful to all the adults who prayed for, donated to or volunteered for this ministry. All of us are already planning for VBS 2019!

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## KIDS' CLUB REMINDER

Kid's Club will not meet during the summer. Our next Kids' Club program is Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help at Kids' Club 2018 -- helpers are needed for preparing and serving food to children, welcoming/registering children, and assisting with completing crafts and other projects. Other Kids' Club dates for 2018 are September 26, October 31 (Trunk or Treat) and November 28.

.....Niki Avina

*“Good is something you do, not something you talk about. Some medals are pinned to your soul, not to your jacket.” - Gino Bartalli*

When Mr. Rogers was a little boy, his mother would always say to him (whenever there was some kind of disaster) “look for the helpers. Always look for the helpers.”

Did you know that there are a multitude of helpers (no disaster here!) at First Church? All you have to do is look for them. Many go unnoticed, which is how they like it. All they want to do is help, and so they faithfully do their job without any expectation of recognition. Well, this month, without naming names, I am going to highlight these “secret agents of good” and the many necessary, and very helpful things they do which make First Church run so smoothly....things we usually don’t notice, unless they don’t get done, that is!

A few of these nameless people and their tasks include, those who:

- Tend the gardens around the building. Unless you are a gardener, you do not realize all the work it takes to keep the church grounds looking so beautiful
- Quietly replenish the attendance cards in the pews and tidy up the chapel and sanctuary
- Sneak into the nursery and children’s areas to do extra cleaning
- Pick up children from Kenwood after school for the Learning League
- Work at the Food Pantry, not only distributing food that nourishes the body, but nourishing the soul by being kind, cheerful and friendly
- Keep the church records/files updated in the computer
- Record worship attendance
- Bring batteries, eyeglasses, clothes, old ink cartridges, magazines and plastic lids for distribution to various worthwhile projects.

Although this is only a small sample of the many people who are working behind the scenes at First Church on a daily basis, there are many others. Thanks be to God for each and every one of them! Without their willingness to share their time and talents for the greater good, so many things would not be getting done. So, next time you are at church, do as Mr. Rogers’ mother suggested, “Look for the helpers.” You won’t have to look hard. (Well, some are more elusive than others!) But if you take the time to look, you will see them. (They are going to be so mad at me! *smiley*) And if YOU are ever feeling led to join their ranks, go ahead. There are plenty of things that need to be done around the church!



Blessings,  
*Pastor Donna*



**RELAX**  
We’re all crazy  
It’s not a competition

**Don’t wear headphones while vacuuming....  
I’ve just finished the whole house and realized  
The vacuum wasn’t even plugged in.**

Dear mother in law:  
Please do not tell me how to raise my kids.  
I’m married to one of yours and he still needs some work.

Teaching school is like having jumper cables hooked  
to your brain, draining all the juice out of you.

Stephen King

## A Note from Your Mission Team



Hello once again, Hammond First Church family! This July, the fight against Human Trafficking will be our “Second Mile Giving” project. I believe this will be the third year we have collected for *this cause*. It is also one of the many projects of the United Methodist Women. Human Trafficking is something in which children are taken advantage of and are exploited for sex. Many people are not aware of this. Think about this -- it’s horrible! Here are two organizations the UMW supports that are raising awareness of Human Trafficking. They are called, “Reclaim 13” and “S.O.A.P”.

“**Reclaim 13**” was created to be sure vulnerable children know that they are not alone. This organization does its best to make sure children know that they deserve to feel safe and loved, and that people do care.

“**S.O.A.P.**” is an organization that uses bars of soap which volunteers label. The labeled soap is put mainly in hotels and motels. The labels show the national human trafficking hotline number for a person to call for help if they are being trafficked. The money we raise will be used to help these two organizations.

Now let me share with you a few statistics about Human Trafficking.

- Human trafficking is the second leading crime in the world.
- An estimated 1.3 million people go missing in the U.S. every year and 33,000 remain missing at any given time.
- If a missing or homeless child is not recovered within the first 48 hours, there is a 1 in 3 chance they will be trafficked or solicited for sex.
- 12 to 14 years of age is the average age of entry into child “prostitution” in the U.S.
- 77% of all child trafficking victims will go on to participate in adult prostitution.
- With the money that **S.O.A.P.** has collected they have been able to distribute nearly 1 million labelled bars of soap nationwide.
- S.O.A.P. is a simple, effective, hands on way to mobilize volunteers who want to make a difference by fighting human trafficking in the U.S.

*Co-chair of the Mission Team,  
Richard Miller*

*Editors’ note: One of these bars of soap was seen recently in a ladies’ room at Community Hospital. SDR*

**“We all live downstream of something.”  
...Unknown**

## ***Actions Speak Louder Than Words***

Everywhere we go, our behavior matters. It is like a neon sign, Twitter, or Facebook that reflects our values—our true self!

I was brought up in the Apostolic Christian Church which had a lot of rules and regulations. I knew I loved God and believed in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but I was looking for a different Christian church. At Indiana University, another freshman girl was always doing nice things for people and never expected pay backs like the other students. I observed her behavior over a period of time and finally asked her to which church she belonged. She said, “Methodist”. Then that’s the church for me because her actions spoke loudly to me!

I have observed that teens may not listen to what we say, but they sure “listen” to our actions. *Philippians 2:1-4* reads, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” Therefore, I’m thinking that I can help make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world if my actions are kind, loving, caring and helpful. We never know who or how we influence others!



God bless and thank you, Jesus!

..... *Pauline Luthi, Lay Leader*



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Malane Young 7/04

Dave Metzger 7/05

James Ortiz 7/07

James Tapper 7/07

Betty Boyer 7/10

Marty Hawkins 7/10

Charlotte Moore 7/11

Pat Showers 7/13

Pam Stahl 7/15

Anna Barnes 7/16

Johan van Wijk 7/21

Mary Hinshaw 7/22

Carol Odom 7/22

Anthony Bell, Sr. 7/24

Brittany Wicklund 7/24

Martha Jones 7/25

Sandy Koester 7/25

Ralph Schauer 7/26

Fran Miklos 7/27

L. E. Mosley 7/30

We want to celebrate your birthday by including your name on this list. If your special day is in this month, and your name is not listed, please let us know. Please pass along information about others in your household as well.



## Three Words By Beatrice Drummond

Three words - which mean the world to me,  
Whose contents reach from sea to sea,  
We all help form her destiny --  
“America, my home!”

This land was made for me and you  
Whose emblem's the old “Red, White and Blue”  
And to her, we should all be true --  
“America, my home!”

Her shores have been a harbor strong  
To those escaping from the wrong,  
Her name inspiring many a song --  
“America, my home!”

She has her faults, the same as we,  
Yet still her merits we all can see,  
And God help us always keep her free --  
“America, my home!”

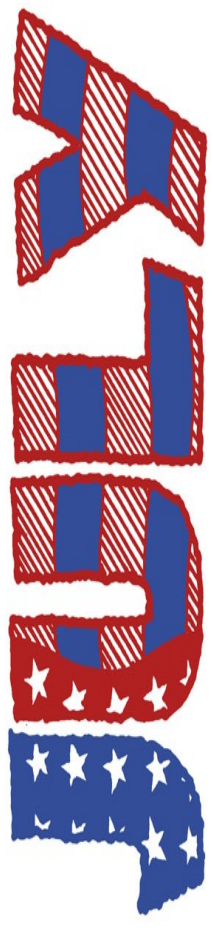
God help her always, as of old,  
To ere remain as strong and bold  
As the early settlers there foretold --  
“America, my home!”

Her beauty is so rich and rare,  
We see God's blessing everywhere!  
And an eagle soaring through the air  
Means, “America, my home!”

I would not live elsewhere on earth  
Than in the land which gave me birth;  
God help me always see her worth --  
“America, my home!”

I thank You, God, for letting me  
Live in this land of opportunity,  
And precious words to me -- these three --  
“America, my home!”

# Prayer and Scripture Calendar- 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Psalm 130	2 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	3 Mark 5:21-43	4 2 Corinthians 8:7-15	5 2 Kings 2:1-12, 6-14	6 Galatians 5:1, 13-25	ic7 Luke 9:51-61
Norm MacKay	Dick & Sondra Mackin	Sue Mayberry	Bill & Pat McCoy	J Mejia Family	C. Merrick Family	Dave Metzger Family
8 Psalm 48	9 2 Corinthians 12:2-10	10 Mark 6:1-13	11 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	12 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	13 2 Kings 5:1-14	14 Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
Fran Miklos	Richard Miller	Jim Moery	Dave & Beth Moll	David & Irma Mora	L. Mostley Family	Pat Mostley
15 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	16 Psalm 24	17 Ephesians 1:3-14	18 Mark 6:14-29	19 Amos 7:7-17	20 Ephesians 5:1-20	21 Luke 10:25-37
Dick Nelson	Don Nelson Jr	Bernie Newell	Helen O'Mara	Carol Odom	James Ortiz	Jan Pazdur
22 Psalm 89:20-37	23 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	24 2 Samuel 7:1-14a	25 Ephesians 2:11-22	26 Colossians 1:15-28	27 Luke 10:38-42	28 Amos 8:1-12
Mary Jo Peters	Tim & Brenda Petty	S. Preda Family	Katy & Jen Province- Garza	Jenna Province	Beryl Puckering	Jerry Rados
29 2 Samuel 11:1-15	30 Psalm 14	31 John 6:1-21				
Joe Ramirez	Charlotte Moore	John Reed				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Jul 1</b> BROWN BAG SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-Chapel 9:00am Breakfast-Kitchen 9:15am Bible Study-various 10:30am Worship-Sanctuary	<b>2</b> 12:00am Office Closed	<b>3</b> 12:00am Office Closed 7:00pm Adam's Rib-Parlor	<b>4</b> 12:00am Building Closed (Observance of Independence Day)	<b>5</b> 1:00pm AA (women)-1 1:00pm Knit/Crochet-Parlor	<b>6</b> Closed except for scheduled events	<b>7</b> Closed except for scheduled events
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